

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday March 6, 2012 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Gary Soper. Present from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Sherry Strub. Present from the public was Linda Lynch from the Riverland Conservancy and Laura Olson from the Allamakee County Economic Development and Tourism Office. Also present was Board staff members Jim Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members of the Allamakee County Conservation Board and staff members welcomed newly appointed Conservation Board Member Marilyn Clark to the Board.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board. Current fiscal year budget and revenue summaries were presented and discussed.

A brief over view on the history and current operations of the department were presented to new Board Member Marilyn Clark.

The 10% reduction in the Conservation Board's budget by the Board of Supervisors was discussed. The Director informed the Board that 10% budget cuts were not made by other departments. The construction line item was removed from the department budget. The construction of a shelter house at the Stone Brook Park, Volney Park, and pouring of cement sidewalks at Harpers Slough will not be completed. Board of Supervisor Sherry Strub informed the Board that the budgeting process was difficult this year and the Supervisors had to make budget decisions based on revenue projections provided by the Auditor's Office.

The variance request to the Allamakee County Board of Adjustments was discussed by the Board. The Director was waiting for information to be completed by the Engineer Roger Mohn. The item will be placed on the Board of Adjustments agenda for consideration when the request information is complete.

The County Attorney was reviewing options for the Conservation Board to resolve the Postville Trail Line ownership issue. The item will be discussed during the April Board meeting.

Summer part-time position posting were reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Director will forward the postings to Allamakee County Schools, Allamakee County Papers, Allamakee County Courthouse, and the Allamakee County Web Page.

The County Road south of the Lansing Power Plant was discussed by the Board. The development of a hiking trail on the County owned property had been discussed at past Conservation Board meetings. Linda Lynch from the Mississippi River Valley Conservancy discussed options the Board might consider in developing a hiking trail. The County road adjoins Conservancy holdings.

Updates were provided to the Board on the closing of the Zoll Property. The property will be used as a canoe access on the Upper Iowa River. The Director informed the Board that permits had been submitted for development of the property, and some additional permit work would be necessary due to the location of the property being within the Upper Iowa River Drainage District.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Clark to adjourn the meeting, second Soper, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.