

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday August 6, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Office at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marylin Clark, and Gary Soper. Present from the public were Dave Carroll. Also present from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Dennis Koenig and Conservation Board staff members Ross Geerdes, 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.

Current claims were submitted to the Board for approval. Currently 8.94% of the fiscal year was complete, 6.76% of the FY 2013-2014 budget has been used. This is 1.73% under budget for the fiscal year. There is \$231,209.81 in reserve accounts.

The Director updated the Board on the ongoing flood cleanup and the expenditures. The current amounts of expenditures from the flood are \$7,643.48. The Director will be attending a FEMA rollout meeting on Tuesday August 7, 2013 at 2:00P.M. in Elkader.

Board members were invited to attend the RC&D appreciation dinner Thursday September 13, 2013. Board Members should contact the Director if they would like to attend and he will RSVP.

An update on the Storm Water Discharge permit for the Columbus property was given to the Board. Brennan Construction price for the culvert work was \$26,866. This cost will not be covered by the Fish Habitat Grant. The board asked the Director to research getting the necessary work done for the stream bank stabilization work and save the balance for the Scenic Byway Grant. It was also brought to the attention of the board that Brennan has asked for a contract in writing and Roger Mohn will be writing it. The water levels in the stream will affect the start time for the project. With the recent flooding it was suggested to research the cost of 30" pipe for the culvert work in order to handle heavy rains as we have had recently.

The Lansing City Council discussed extending city services to the Columbus Property at its recent regular council meeting. It was suggested by the Director that the Conservation Board ask for a memorandum of understanding between the Lansing City Council and the Allamakee County Conservation Board stating the plans for extension of city services to the Columbus Property.

Updates were given to Board members on the projects that are currently being worked on. The construction at Morgan Bridge was discussed as well as the shelter at Stonebrooke. The director informed the board that it has been brought to his attention that the property line at Waterville Farm 55 is off and gave an update on the Postville Trail Line as well. Environmental Education programs continue to be developed and will be presented to schools as the teachers come back from their summer vacation. There is a canoe outing for the Upper Iowa River scheduled for August 25.

The need to have a variance at the Columbus Property was discussed. The Director is scheduled to meet with the County Attorney to discuss the previous County Attorney opinion.

Other informational items discussed by the Board included repair work to the 2007 F250 truck, Heytman's Landing depth issue, ramp extensions at Nobles Island, and the upcoming IACCB Conference being held in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The Board discussed and approved the Director to submit a REAP Grant for the Columbus Education and Visitor Center. The Director informed the Board he was going to tailor the grant asking to \$185,000.00

Due to scheduling conflicts the Board discussed moving the next two Board meetings from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday of the month. The next two meetings will be moved from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark and seconded by Carroll. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.