

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday December 3, 2013 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeannie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Present from the public was Paul Melsha and Bruce Plomborg. Board staff in attendance was as follows: Ross Geerdes, Jarrod Olson and Jim Janett.

The minutes from the December 3, 2013 Board meeting were read and approved.

Claims and Expenditures were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Currently with 41.92% of the fiscal year complete 54.10% of the budget has been used. This is 12.18% over budget. NO FEMA reimbursements have been received. The FEMA reimbursement will be completed in the next several weeks. Annual REAP funds had been received and deposited totaling \$14,931.00.

The Porta Potty claim at the Columbus Property has been settled. The value of the unit was established at \$1,600.00. The agreement reached with EMC to pay Hackett's Porta Potty \$1248.86. The Allamakee County Conservation Board is paying \$351.14. This is \$148.16 less than the deductible of \$500.

Board members turned in mileage from July-December 2013.

Field operations items were discussed. Updates on construction at Ray's Landing and Stonebrook were provided. The major of work has been completed at both locations, minor finish work and dirt work has yet be completed. Other items discussed were regular maintenance and preparing equipment for winter.

Phase I and a portion of Phase II of stream bank stabilization at the Columbus Property is near completion. The project has taken more material and machine time from the original engineers project. A projected increased cost on the project is \$6,000.00. The actual cost is close to the amount estimated in the grant. A small portion of Phase II had also been completed. The Director will be completing the Fish Habitat Grant reimbursements soon as possible.

The Director discussed part-time summer positions with the Board. One of the current summer positions is interested in returning depending on possible full time employment. Other individuals have been in contact with the Director regarding part-time summer positions for college students.

The Director anticipated receiving 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget information soon. The Board will view a draft budget during the January 2014 monthly meeting.

Information was provided to the Board regarding Village Creek Boat landing. The IDNR is looking at making some capital improvement to the facility. Possible improvements include paving, rest rooms, and a handicapped transfer station.

The Lansing City Council has passed the water/wastewater agreement for extending services to the Columbus Property. The Board passed the agreement during their regular October monthly Board

meeting. Board members discussed the procedure listed in the agreement should services ever be extended past the property.

Board Member appointments were discussed. Bill Moody will be up for appointment in January.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be January 7, 2014 at 1 p.m.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark and seconded by Moody. The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.