

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday September 10, 2013 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Present from the public was Dave Carroll and Gary Graffel. Also attending was Dennis Koenig from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors and Board Staff Members Ross Geerdes, James Janett, and Jarrod Olson.

The Board reviewed and approved claims, revenues, and fiscal year balances.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft agreement with the City of Lansing for water and waste water services at the Columbus Property. No motion was passed for the contract due to uncertainty of waste water line diameter. The Director will work with the County Attorney on adding the necessary language in the agreement to clarify concerns.

The portable restroom rented by the Conservation Board at the Columbus Property from Hackett Portables has been recently stolen. The County Attorney had read the monthly statement from Hackett's Portables and felt the County would be liable for the replacement of the stolen unit. The County's insurance company had requested a statement of the purchase cost of the unit from the owner. The value of the unit will be prorated from the date of purchase. The County insurance deductible is \$500.00. The cost difference between the value of the unit and the deductible will be paid out from the Conservation Board budget.

Updates on the Columbus Property stream bank stabilization and culvert installation were discussed by the Board. The main concern was that the culvert crossing Columbus Road remains functional. After viewing the site with Mohn Engineering and Brenann Construction it was determined that the stream bank stabilization work could be completed with the culvert remaining in place. The old culvert crossing the road will be replaced when the new culvert and storm water intakes are installed.

Updates were provided to the Board on flood damage activities and the FEMA declaration process. Invoices were being received from Nick Jones and Ron Weymiller. Once the work is complete the FEMA reimbursement process will begin.

Updates were provided to the Board on equipment breakdowns and equipment purchases.

Informational items presented to the Board included upcoming staff member vacation, field operations, education programs, the upcoming County audit, and submitting a REAP Grant for the Columbus Property.

The October Board meeting date was set for Tuesday October 8, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Soper to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.