

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 3, 2014 at the Columbus Property located at 1944 Columbus Drive Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Present from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Sherry Strub and 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.

The Board reviewed claims, revenues, and fiscal year balances. The Director informed the Board that budget amendments for FEMA, fuel tax, and Fish Habitat Grants reimbursements had been completed. The projected ending balance of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget was \$36,500.00. The Director also informed the Conservation Board that funds from the Board of Supervisors for payments for the Scenic Byway Grant had been received and were being placed into the Conservation Reserve Account.

The Board discussed possible expenditures for the end of the fiscal year. These items included the following: paving of the Columbus fishing access sidewalk, Stone Brooke Park concrete sidewalk and information Kiosk, gravel at various Parks, tractor and loader payment, power point projector, chain saw replacement, and any other claims. The Board instructed Director to leave a \$2,000.00 – 3,000.00 balance in the 2013-2014 ending Fiscal Year Budget.

Board members submitted mileage from January – June 2014.

The Board reviewed price quotes for a front deck mower tractor and a loader for the John Deere 4120 utility tractor. The Board will trade a John Deere 1070 utility tractor. Prices were submitted for Kubota and John Deere equipment. The price of the combined equipment purchase with a trade for the John Deere 1070 utility tractor were as follows; Kubota \$15,826.92, John Deere \$16,406.16. A motion was made by Carroll to purchase the John Deere mower and loader, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director provided the Board with development updates on the Columbus Property and the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Financial audits from IDOT for Martin Gardner Architecture and Fehr Graham have been completed; the audit for Split Rock Studios is not completed.

The Board reviewed a draft of the vehicle turn around easement located .8 miles down Columbus Road. The easement has to be approved by the Board and the landowner. The Board viewed the turn around area.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Columbus Property at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday July 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Clark to adjourn the meeting, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

