

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met with the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation in special session at 4:00 P.M. Thursday November 13, 2014 in the Kerndt Brothers Community Room in Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeannie Carroll, and Marilyn Clark. Board staff in attendance included Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Ross Geerdes. Present from the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation were Clem Schulte and Jane Reagan. Present from the public were Laura Olson, Bruce Plomborg, Justin Tolan, and Wendy Scardino.

The minutes from the October 28, 2014 Board meeting were read and approved.

Claims and Expenditures were reviewed and approved by the Board.

A discussion was held regarding the presentation by Tom Hazelton. The Iowa State Associations of Counties is being held currently and any decisions on paying of the IACCB dues would be postponed until after the ISAC meeting. Discussion is being held at ISAC as to allowing Allamakee County into the Director's Association.

The Director and Lyle TeKippe met with People's Services in Lansing. TeKippe feels the city is asking for equipment in the water and sewer system to the Education and Visitor's Center is unnecessary. City of Lansing agreed a 6" water line was good and a 2" sewer line would be sufficient.

The board reviewed the proposal of the Split Rock Studios for the educational displays at the Education and Visitors Center. Everyone was in agreement that information regarding the initial court proceedings in Allamakee County at the Columbus Property needed to be included in the display material.

Wendy Scardino and Justin Tolan presented the findings of the feasibility study by Amperage. Findings were based off of interviews that were conducted with individuals from around Allamakee County. Questions were asked regarding the fundraising for the Education and Visitors Center. It was recommended that the board seek letters of recommendation from the school districts in Allamakee County and that the Foundation increase its membership.

Members of the Board asked questions regarding the study presentation including the timeframe best to start the project, possibility and amounts of grant opportunities, and if a line item bill was available.

A meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation was set for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 4p.m. in the Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be December 2, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the headquarters in Harpers Ferry.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clark and seconded by Carrol at 5:45 p.m.