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Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday October 7, 2014 in the Allamakee County Courthouse located at 110 Allamakee Street Waukon, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeannie Carroll, Bill Moody, and Dennis Koenig. Allamakee County Supervisors present were Larry Schellhammer and Sherry Strub; also present Allamakee County Auditor Denise Beyer. Conservation Board staff present were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Ross Geerdes. Present from the public were Paul Melsha, and Bob Beach.

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

FEMA reimbursement updates were provided by the Director. The reimbursement claims should be finalized and waiting for final authorization.

IACCB dues were discussed by the Director; he will coordinate a meeting for the next Board meeting.

Updates on the Columbus Property were provided. The handicapped accessible fishing access has been completed, including cement to stabilize and protect the sidewalk in case of future flooding.

Fehr Graham has begun work on the site plan for the Education and Visitors Center. They have asked for clarification if the right-of-way setbacks will be from the building edge or the end of the soffits.

The director requested the approval of hiring a part time, temporary office assistant to help with website development, social media postings, media releases, and administrative support. A motion was made by Koenig to approve the posting of the position, second Carroll, the motion carried on a 3/1 vote.

The Board departed the Courthouse and began the field day tour. The Conservation Board toured the following areas: Stonebrooke Park, Volney Park, and Kolsrud's Park.

The completion of construction on the shelter house and kiosk were viewed at Stonebrook Park. Also, the seeding of the native prairie and the tree plantings that were completed during the spring were viewed.

At Volney the Board viewed woody vegetation release from the canoe access rock outcroppings, and the possible location of a new shelter house. The current shelter house uprights are beginning to deteriorate and repair options were discussed. The Director would like to salvage the roof structure and replace the log uprights. Staff will further research the best method and the type of materials to use.

The board then viewed the donated Halverson property that is continuous to the donated Kolsrud Property. A location was discussed for a new shelter house and for a driveway leading to the shelter house. The existing shelter house was also viewed as the wooden uprights are deteriorating.

The Director is coordinating the next Board meeting with the engineer, architect, and interpretive display consultants. The Board instructed the Director to adjust the Board meeting date if necessary.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carroll, seconded by Moody, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

