

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday August 4th, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in the Board office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marylin Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Jeanie Carroll. Present Conservation Board staff members were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Jackie Jellings. Present from the public was Bruce Palmburg.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year account balances were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Updates were provided on the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. The Director informed the Board that approval from the State DOT and Federal Highway Administration for the project bid specifications had been received. With the approval of the bid a Notice to Bid will be published in the official publications section of the County Papers. Interested bidders would have three weeks to submit bids. The bid opening process was discussed; the Director advised having a joint meeting with the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors to open the bids. There will be a pre-letting contractor meeting prior to the bid submittal date on September 1st, 2015 at the Kerndt Brothers Community Center, Lansing, Iowa. The Board will have forty five (45) days to accept or reject the bids. The Director also gave an update on the progress of the USDA, REAP, and CAT Grants. The Director asked for a motion to submit a REAP Grant application. A Motion was made by Marylin Clark to submit a REAP Grant for the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Second by Jeanie Carroll all in favor, motion carried. The Director also discussed the possibility of asking for a 30 day extension from the DOT on the Scenic Byways Grant.

Updates were provided on field operations and construction projects. The Director gave the Board an update on placements of benches at the Columbus property. The Harpers Slough Fishing Access Area concrete sidewalk project was near completion, cost overruns were noted due to additional rock needed to complete the project.

Other informational items discussed by the Board included the submitting of a Fish Habitat Grant for stream bank stabilization work at Clear Creek Park in Lansing, a park dedication at Stone Brooke, and the recent Lansing City Council discussion on the possible donation of water and sewer to the new center.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be September 1st, 2015 at 1:00P.M at the Kerndt Brothers Community Center, Lansing, Iowa.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Koenig, second by Clark, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 P.M.