

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday February 3rd, 2015 at 1P.M. in the board office at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marylin Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Present Conservation Board staff members were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Ross Geerdes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims and revenues were reviewed by the Board.

The Conservation Board reviewed the 2015/2016 budget line item by line item. After some discussion pertaining to salaries, a motion to increase Conservation Board employee's salaries by 4% was made by Clark seconded by Moody all in favor motion carried. With 2015/2016 salaries determined a motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Carroll seconded by Koenig all in favor motion carried.

The Board discussed the on going issue of IACCB dues. Allamakee County is the only county in the state that has not paid its dues. After a brief discussion a motion to pay the dues was made by Clark seconded by Carroll all in favor motion carried.

The Director gave the Board a brief update on the Education and Visitor Center. The soil sample boring had been completed. The January 15th meeting in Lansing went well with nearly 40 people attending and everyone in attendance seemingly excited about the project.

The Director informed the Board that he had received some applications for the Office Manager Position. The job posting would appear in the paper this week and the Director fully expected to receive a fair amount of applications, based on the phone calls he had received pertaining to the position.

The topic of ATV trails was discussed, several people from the public had contacted Conservation Board members wanting the Conservation Boards help and support in establishing ATV trails in the county. The Director will place the item on the agenda for the March meeting.

Informational items discussed by the Board included: The addendum to the City of Lansing city water and sewer contract had been approved by the Lansing City Council. The Nobles Island restroom replacement was moving forward and on track. The donation of property along Bear Creek to the Foundation was discussed, the court proceeding will be March 2nd; if the trust is revoked the land and money would be donated to the Foundation. The Foundation would then turn the property over to the Conservation Board, and the money to maintain the property would stay with the Foundation. The possibility of having to move the June meeting date due to scheduling conflicts was discussed.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be March 3rd, 2015 at 1P.M. in the Board Office.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark and seconded by Moody. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M..