

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board
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The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 at the Board Office, located at 1944 Columbus Rd Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Ross Geerdes, James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Gary Krapfl.

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

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

Updates on current grants, fundraising, and construction for the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center were provided to the Board. Split Rock Studios installed all of the educational displays. Private viewing for the campaign donors will be held August 10th, with the grand opening to the public being held on August 12th.

The Board reviewed all 2017-2018 fiscal year budget amendments for both revenue and expenditure sides.

The Board discussed upcoming events and event planning for the Center. The following events and meetings are scheduled: CSS meeting, Transportation department, McElroy Board, CAT Board, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, PEO Chapter FT, River Rumble, and Conservation's District Meeting.

Other informational items discussed include: success of Ragbrai, keeping record count of all visitors, upcoming tours for the Great River Rumble, waiting on permits from the DNR for Clear Creek stream bank stabilization project, contract signed for the office transferred to the DNR, Village Creek Management Agreement hasn't made any progress on stating capital improvements to the wordage, change of office address, organizing our volunteer program, upcoming steps to get the gift shop started, tree memorial planted at Waterville park, and FEDS offered an eagle to the board to then have mounted at the Center.

The Board viewed all interpretative displays.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Thursday, September 5th, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, in the Board Office, at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Moody, second by Clark; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.