

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 at the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Marilyn Clark, Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, and Bill Moody. Attending from the public included John Pauley, Dennis Blocker, Dave Duncklee, Maggie Long, Adam Wieser, and Bruce Palmborg. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Ross Geedes, James Janett, and Jarrod Olson.

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

Claims and revenues were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget and ending projections.

Updates were provided on the 20017-2018 budget amendment for FEMA and the Fish Habitat Grant for Clear Creek.

The Director provided updates on advertising for the Office Manager Position and the Part-time Seasonal Positions. A motion was made by Moody to hire temporary part-time employee's Brody VanderKolk at \$9.50 per hour, and Ryan Kuhn at \$9.00 per hour, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The Board discussed filling a temporary part-time position to help at the Driftless Center. A motion was made by Clark to fill a temporary part-time position at the Driftless Center, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The Director will post the temporary part-time position and fill the position.

Field operations updates were provided to the Board. Item's included the Clear Creek Bridge getting set back into place, the opening up of restrooms, dock placement, prairie burns, and tree removal from Rossville Park. The Director informed the Board he had been in contact with David Ryan Construction to discuss price adjustments on the Clear Creek Park stream bank stabilization project due to the project being let two seasons ago. The work wasn't able to be completed due to Iowa DNR permitting issues.

The Board discussed and approved having the Driftless Centers sprinklers system inspected annually. Summit Companies completed the sprinkler system installation; they will provide the annual sprinkler inspection for \$150.00.

Exterior benches at the Driftless Center were discussed. Three of the four benches had been cost shared in Memorial. Additional memorial donations will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Activities and events at the Driftless Center were discussed by the Board.

The June Board meeting will be a joint Conservation Board and Foundation meeting. The Conservation Board will meet on the first Tuesday but later to accommodate Foundation Schedules.

The Board discussed the replacement of past Conservation Board Member on the Foundation Board. Jesse Delaney from the Conservation Board will replace Dennis Blocker's seat on the Foundation Board.

Informational items discussed by the Board included the following: Upcoming Eastern Iowa Tourism Meeting, work on the Driftless Trail Easement, Village Creek Boat Landing letting progress, work needed to be completed by Indi-Com on the Driftless Center, CAT Grant closure, construction of the Peregrine Falcon Eyre on the elevator wall, entrance sign lighting, Donor Wall final updates and changes, visitation number at the Driftless Center, and volunteer participation at the Driftless Center.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Clarke to adjourn, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.