

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. June 4, 2019 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Attending from the public was Bob Wasson, Brooke Wasson and Bruce Palmborg. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cuban, James Janett, and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved upon a motion by Delaney second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

There were no comments during public comment time.

Brooke Wasson was introduced to the Board, she the recipient of the 2019 Allamakee County Conservation Foundation Scholarship. A picture was taken with the Board for a news release.

The Board reviewed claims, revenues, and the projected ending balances for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. The Board combined discussion with agenda item number 6 regarding the recent approval of Disaster Declaration #4421 IA. The Director projected an ending balance of from the current fiscal year budget at \$ 30,089.00 and had a projected expenditure balance of \$51,735.00 which included some items from the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget and FEMA damage repair cost estimates. A motion was made by Clarke to proceed with the FEMA declaration process, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. The Director discussed the budget process for payment and reimbursement of FEMA damages repairs. The Director will work on closing the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget with current expenditures and will plan on leaving an ending balance in the budget.

The Board discussed the hiring process for part-time temporary positions for the Department. The Auditors Office is requiring each part-time temporary position fill out all new reporting even when the employee is returning from the past season. A motion was made by Koenig to approve the hiring of last season temporary part-time employee Gary Krapfl at the rate of \$11.00, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Various programs hosted by the Conservation Department were presented and discussed by the Board. Over 30 programs had been conducted in the last month covering over 2000 students. Programs were hosted at the Driftless Center, in the area schools, and in outdoor settings. The Driftless Center hosted a visit from Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds. Other programing included assistance from Iowa Humanities Consul in hosting Iowa Public TV personality Dan Kaercher.

Informational items discussed by the Board included approval for the Director to attend ISAC in August, approved a request for the placement of 3” rock near the Ellingson Bridge on the Upper Iowa River, and the approval from the Iowa DNR for the construction of a handicapped boat loading station at the Village Creek Boat Landing. Other items discussed included the Foundation receiving \$1,988.00 on the Great Give Day and submitting Board member mileage.

There being no additional business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Delaney, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.