

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. May 7, 2019 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, and Bill Moody. Attending from the public was RC&D Scenic Byway Coordinator Jared Nielson. 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 public comments during public comment time.

Claims, revenues, and the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget summaries were reviewed and approved by the Board. Budget amendment totals for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget were \$18,579.00 for the Fish Habitat Grant Reimbursement and \$159.00 for FICA totaling \$18,738.00. A motion was made by Moody to approve the budget amendment amount totaling \$18,738.00, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board on the combined efforts of the Conservation and Sheriffs Departments in replacing the flat bottom boat. The Allamakee County Community Foundation Grant did not fund the \$20,000.00 grant request. The Clayton County Gaming Commission Grant totaling \$10,000.00 is currently active with a grant application date of August. Both departments are looking at using some of their current fiscal year budgets discussed at the June meeting.

Having vendors provide a Certificate of Insurance for doing work for Allamakee County was discussed by the Board. The Auditors Office may be able to collect and maintain records for the Certificate of Insurance for the County.

The request from Alliant Energy to install a ground water monitoring well at the Power Plant Fishing Access Area was discussed by the Board. The Director had been in contact with the Iowa DNR, there were no concerns with installing the monitoring well, all local permits had been obtained for the well. A motion was made by Delaney to proceed with the ground water monitoring well, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Equipment disposal by auction was discussed by the Board. Items to be auctioned included items from the Quandahl Property, Vermeer Wood Chipper, and the Chrysler Van. The Director will make contact with Sweeny Auction Service about coordinating a sale time.

Updates were to the Board from RC&D Driftless Scenic Byway representative Jared Nielson, items discussed included Byway wooden post cards, posters, and possible cost share of constructing a Byway Information Hub at the Driftless Center.

A temporary part-time summer position was discussed by the Board. The Director recommended the Board approve the hiring of Mike Whalen for 1 -2 days per week for mowing at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. A motion was made by Moody to hire Mike Whalen for a temporary part-time summer position at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried.

Informational items presented to the Board included the possible sale of some property that adjoins the Driftless Center, FEMA disaster declaration process, and a recent rock slide at the Driftless Center. Activities at the Driftless Center and education program summaries were presented to the Board.

There being no additional business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Clark, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.