



Allamakee County Conservation Board

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The Allamakee County Conservation Board will meet in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 4, 2020 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Road Lansing, Iowa. Board members may attend an optional lunch at 11:45 A.M. at Shep's River Side 10 Front St. Lansing, Iowa.

Agenda

1. Call to order, roll call, and the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Public Comment.
3. Board review of claims, revenues, and the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget.
4. Status of closing FEMA Disaster #4421.
5. Board approval of submitting a Fish Habitat Grant for the Garrett Property.
6. Board approval of price quotes for the Halverson/Kolsrud Park sidewalk project.
7. Board discussion on bench donations at the Driftless Center.
8. Board discussion on conducting a field day on the September or October meeting dates.
9. Department operations updates.
10. Any other informational items or old business.
11. Time and date of next meeting.
12. Adjournment.

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Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday July 7, 2020 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Marilyn Clark, Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig and Steve Weymiller. Attending from the public was Dennis Blocker, Dave Dunklee, Francis Garrett, and Dave Stanley. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, and James Janett.

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

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Delaney, second Clark all in favor, motion carried.

The Director informed the Board a FEMA check had been received for \$51,003.47 and deposited into the Conservation Board's Conservation Reserve Account. The FEMA check covers the Federal share for Disaster# 4421. Upon completion of the damage repair work the State of Iowa will issue an additional 10%. Information on current FEMA projects were provided to the Board. FEMA work completed included Rheim Construction at Ray's Landing, Jim Hanson Construction at Waterville Farm 55 and Clear Creek Park. Szabo Construction will be completing work at the Kolsrud/Halverson Park by the end of the Fiscal Year.

Ending balances of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget were provided to the Board.

COVID 19 procedures and polices were provided to the Board. No significant changes have been made at the Driftless Center. The Board will monitor State of Iowa guidance guidelines and make any necessary changes.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding dredging at Village Creek Boat Landing. The project is in the permitting process and should be let this year. The need to have dredging completed at Heytman's Landing was discussed. There is a possibility that both areas might be included on one letting depending on permitting.

Francis Garrett and the Board discussed different development options on the recently donated property. Submitting a fish habitat grant for access and habitat development will be discussed at the August meeting.

Dave Stanley presented information on updating an archeological site index for Allamakee County. The goal will be to submit a grant for site surveys of select locations in Allamakee County. The cost of completing additional site research and preparing a Historical Preservation Grant would be \$500.00. A motion was made by Delaney to approve \$500.00 to proceed with the Historical Preservation project, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

Information items discussed by the Board included signage at Halverson/Kolsrud Park, donated benches, signage for the Visitor Center, information kiosk repair, and purchasing a sun shade for Driftless Center.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. at the Office.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.