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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 August 4, 2020 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 Steve Weymiller. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

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 Koenig, 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 updated the Board on the FEMA #4421 closing status. Work has been complete and ending paper work filed. Once the closing documents are approved the remaining payment balance will be issued.

Submitting an Iowa Fish Habitat Grant for the recently donated Garrett Property was discussed by the Board. The scope of work to be completed has yet to be determined, the Director estimated the combined access improvement and stream bank work would range between 35,000.00-40,000.00. A motion was made by Delaney to approve submitting a Fish Habitat Grant, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed prices submitted for completing a sidewalk at the Halverson/Kolsrud Park. Two prices were submitted for the project: Kelly Concrete for \$4,985.00, Meyer Concrete for \$4,675.00. A motion was made by Koenig to approve the price submitted by Meyer for \$4,675.00, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

COVID 19 procedures at the Driftless Center were discussed by the Board. No significant changes have been made at the Driftless Center. The Board will monitor State of Iowa guidance and make any necessary changes. Providing educational opportunities during COVID 19 was discussed by the Board. Conducting environmental education programs for the general public as well as school groups was discussed. The Board discussed the purchase of a Swivl recording device for \$800.00 that allows for preparing virtual education programs that will be used in schools and placed on various social media platforms. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Clark, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

Informational items discussed by the Board included signage at Halverson/Kolsrud Park, donated benches, signage for the Visitor Center, improvement progress at Village Creek Boat Landing, information kiosk repair, and purchasing a sun shade for the Driftless Center. Other items discussed included the placement of ads in The Big River Magazine, and Driftless Journal.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday September 1, 2020. The Board discussed timing for Board Members to conduct a fall field day to view areas. Board members indicated September would work better for a field day. The September Board meeting will be a field day to view areas. The Director will coordinate the meeting details and include them in the September Board mailing.

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.

