

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board meet in regular session Tuesday May 3, 2011 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Dave Duncklee, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Also present from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Sherry Strub and Conservation Board staff members Jim Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. A moment of silence in remembrance of Cloy Kuhse was conducted. Minutes from the previous meeting were read approved.

Claims, revenue summaries and current fiscal year budget summaries were provided to the Board. The Board discussed the budget amendment status. A recent issue with the Auditors Office regarding the reimbursement of Fish Habitat Grant funds into the Conservation Board Budget was discussed. The issue dealt with reimbursements of money from the REAP Account with Fish Habitat Grant Funds. Accountants from Hacker Nelson indicated the Board could specify where grants funds were reimbursed back into the budget as long as the grant funds were an allowable use of the money. The Conservation Board indicated it didn't matter which account the funds were reimbursed back into as long as the funds did not revert back into the general basic account. The Fish Habitat Grant Funds will be reimbursed back into the REAP Account. The recent check from the Allamakee County Community Foundation will be placed into the Conservation Reserve Account. Donations from the Dennis Blocker Family will be transferred to the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation.

Vehicle bids for replacing the 2004 Dodge truck were reviewed by the Board. Bid summary were as follows: Decorah Auto Center \$26,255.00 and allowing \$10,100.00 for trade, R.W.Pladsen \$29,164.00 and allowing \$10,879.00for trade, Torkelson's priced two vehicles (1). 26,745.00 and allowing \$10,000.00 for trade (2).\$23,164.00 and allowing \$10,000.00 for trade. A motion was made by Soper to process with purchasing either of the two Dodge Trucks, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The Board also instructed the Director to omit the plastic slide in bed liner and have a bed liner sprayed in the truck.

The Board discussed the recent loss of Board of Supervisors Cloy Kuhse. The Board will plant a tree at Waterville Farm 55 and have a plaque placed on the Memorial Tree Planting Board. The Board also discussed having a memorial plaque placed in the shelter house at the recently purchased Stonebrook Property.

The Director informed the Board that Rory Schlitter from Pheasants Forever had been in contact with him regarding a possible \$2,000.00 tree planting. The tree planting was in memory of Steve Hager and is to be planted at the County Home.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding the possible land donation from the Rose Zoll Family on the Upper Iowa River near the Morgan Bridge. A motion was made by Carroll to proceed with the possible land acquisition, second Duncklee. The Director will be checking on any possible zoning or drainage district commission restrictions that could be considerations due to the property being less than three acres.

The Board was presented with a draft of the historical sign text to be produced by Iowa Prison Industries for the County Home. The sign will be placed at the site of the old cabin and stone cristerm.

The Director informed the Board that Bill Burke from the City of Lansing had called a meeting regarding trail development in the Clear Creek Corridor in the Lansing area. Burke is hoping for cooperation from the Conservation Board regarding use of the Lansing Clear Creek Park Property.

The use of the heavy equipment on site at Stonebrook Park was discussed by the Board. Skyline Construction owns the equipment and is on site finishing grade work for the Engineers Office. It was estimated most of the work would be completed in less than two days. A motion was made by Blocker to proceed with Skyline Construction with the clearing project not to exceed over \$3,000.00 second Soper, all in favor, motion carried.

The Conservation Board discussed the time and date of the June meeting. The Conservation Board would like to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss grant writing and fund raising for the Columbus Bridge Property. The Conservation Board moved to hold its June meeting on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> after meeting with the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. The Director will get on the Board of Supervisors agenda and forward the meeting time to the Conservation Board. The Conservation Board also discussed getting on the Lansing City Council's agenda after meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Blocker, second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.