

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday October 8, 2013 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members who were present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeannie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Present from the public was Bruce Plomborg. Board staff members present were Jim Janett and Ross Geerdes.

The Board reviewed and approved claims, revenues, and fiscal year balances.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft agreement with the City of Lansing for water and waste water services at the Columbus Property. Janett reported that the City of Lansing had retained WHKS Engineering to complete a feasibility study of extending the city services. Jill Kistler, Allamakee County Attorney, made corrections to the language of the contract between the City of Lansing and the Allamakee County Conservation Board. It was noted by board members that if we are going to put 6" water and sewer lines in that the contract should read likewise. Installing and maintaining a grinder pump for pumping solid waste will be the responsibility of the Conservation Board, unless the City of Lansing decides to expand the city boundaries by annexation. At that time they would need to install a lift station and therefore would become the City's responsibility. A motion was made by Carroll to approve the contract and a second Clark, all in favor, motion carried

The Director brought it to the board's attention that he will be reviewing possibilities for a Fish Habitat Grant with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. At this time possible grant opportunities include work on the access area at the Middle Area South of Harpers Ferry. It was noted that concrete work is usually not covered by the Fish Habitat Grant. A fishing float at Noble's Island was another possibility discussed. It was stated that it would be located where the old boat ramp was located, however, that people sometimes use the old boat ramp for launching boats.

A summary of field work that is currently being completed or has been completed was given to the Board. The boat ramp extensions at Noble's Island have a completion date of October 31, 2013 and the bid was won by Dave Ryan Construction of Decorah, IA. The crew will mobilize equipment on or about October 14, 2013 and the work should be completed in 2-3 days.

The construction of the shelter house at Ray's Landing has been completed. Mr. Hitchin's Fence that borders the property will be constructed in the next couple of weeks, however, previous flooding on the Upper Iowa River has formed a sandbar that will require more fence extending onto the neighbor's property. It was noted that we should not construct fence any further than previously agreed upon.

Construction of the shelter at Stonebrook has been started. The pad and the frame of the shelter house have been completed as of this time. The project should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

A representative of EMC Insurance has contacted the Conservation Board in regards to the possible trail at Mt. Ida. He would like to inspect the property within the next week to determine feasibility and liability requirements.

A quote for the portable toilet that was stolen from the Columbus Property was provided to the Board. The toilet was several years old and the amount will be prorated by the Insurance Company. Mr. Cota, owner of the restroom, was not able to provide an original bill of sale for the portable toilet that was at the Columbus Property.

Naturalist, Ross Geerdes, gave the Board an update of education programming that he has been providing. For the month of September there were a total of 7 programs serving 319 individuals. Programs have been provided to all the school districts in Allamakee County and also the Waukon Good Samaritan Home and TASC, INC. Education Programs are being continued to develop with an increase in participation each month.

A field day has been planned for the next board meeting November 5, 2013. Members will meet at the Allamakee County Conservation Board Headquarters at 10 a.m. and will travel to various sites to inspect areas and improvements to them. A picture will be taken for the local newspapers celebrating 25 years of service for Mr. Moody and Mr. Soper.

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