

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. September 28, 2012 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. The meeting date for the month of September was moved due to the first Tuesday of September falling near the Labor Day weekend. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marilyn Clark, and Bill Moody. Also present were Board staff members Jim 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.

Claims and revenues were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed a draft correspondence that was being forwarded to Judy Hanley who is a neighbor at the Columbus Property. The Board is asking Hanley to consider selling or entering into an easement for the continuation of stream bank stabilization work that is planned on the Columbus Property's Village Creek stream bank. The Director will coordinate a meeting with Judy Hanley to discuss the project.

The upcoming REAP grant scoring committee will meet in Des Moines on September 11, 2012. The Director will attend the meeting to represent Allamakee County. The composition of the scoring committee is three Conservation Board Directors and two IDNR representatives.

The use of Village Creek Boat Landing for bus parking was discussed by the Board. The Director will make contact with the IDNR to begin communication on the proposal. The Director conveyed to the Board a conversation he had with a member of the Mississippi Valley Sportsman Club regarding perceived negative traffic impacts from the development of the Columbus Property.

The Director informed the Board the meeting with the Kerndt Family regarding the Columbus Education and Visitor Center was productive. The Director was going to follow up with the Kerndt Family after meeting with Judy Hanley.

Conducting a fall field day was discussed by the Board. The Board traditionally holds a fall field day in October to view Conservation Board areas. The Board discussed starting the meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday October 2, 2012. The Director will also notify the Board of Supervisors and invite them to attend. The agenda for the November 6th Board Meeting was discussed by the Board. A program by RC&D on fundraising will be presented to the Board and the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation during the November meeting.

Information was presented to the Board on the upcoming RC&D Annual Barbeque being held September 13, 2012.

Informational items discussed included Power Plant Trail work, use of inmates from Luster Heights, down tree clean up after recent high winds, and the use of the County Home Park for public hunting.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Moody to adjourn, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.