

Draft Minutes

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 Tuesday October 4, 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. Attending from the public was Bruce Plomborg. Also present was Board staff member Jim Janett.

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

Updates were provided to the Board on the Zoll Property donation on the Upper Iowa River. The map showing the proposed donation had been reviewed by the Zoll Family. The Board discussed the use of outside council to complete the land donation. The Director informed the board the County Attorney had been contacted and there was no issue with the use of outside counsel. The Director will contact Winke Law Office to get a cost estimate on completing the transaction. Ericson Surveying had completed the last survey for the property; the Director will contact Ericson Surveying to complete the survey and plat of the property. The Board discussed the need to have a report of liens for the property. The Director will check with Palmer Abstract regarding any recent work completed on the property from previous transactions. The Board also instructed the Director to research shoreline ownership.

Fish Habitat Grants for the 2011 Fish Habitat Grant cycles were discussed by the Board. Two projects for consideration were submitted to the Board. The projects included stream bank stabilization on the Yellow River at Volney Park with a estimated cost of \$12,000.00 , and Phase II of stream bank stabilization and shaping of a fishing access sidewalk at the Columbus Bridge Property with a estimated cost of \$65,000.00. The Fish Habitat Grants require a 10% local match. A motion was made by Carroll to proceed with submitting both proposed Fish Habitat Grants, second Blocker, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, current fiscal year budget summary, and revenue summaries were provided to the Board.

Field operations items and informational items were presented to the Board. Field operation items included pouring a boat ramp sidewalk, grounds maintenance, progress on Nobles Island repair, and grading and rock on roadway at Stone Brook Park. Informational items were discussed by the Board. Items included computer purchase price, the need for an opinion from the County Attorney on submitting a variance request to the Board of Adjustment, and work recently completed by IIW Engineering for the Columbus Property. The Director informed the Board the annual audit for Allamakee County will be conducted during the month of October.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Blocker to adjourn the meeting, second Duncklee, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.