

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 8, 2012 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Gary Soper, Bill Moody, Dave Carroll, Dennis Blocker and Marilyn Clark. Present from the public was Bruce Plomborg, Dave Dunklee and Jeannie Carroll. Also present were 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 director informed the board of the annual fall IACCB Conference Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at The Iowa DNR's Honey Creek Park on Rathbun Lake in Appanoose County. The Director informed the board that if any of them wanted to go that the board would reimburse board members for mileage and pay for lodging.

Field operations items were presented to the board. Items included trail work, County Home Park road work, tree plantings watering, machine work at Stonebrook, information Kiosk at New Albin, and roofing materials for the shelter and restroom at Bluffview Park.

Several informational items were discussed by the board. The director informed the board that the county had meet its certification for REAP with a .27757 per capita, and that the paperwork had been filed by the auditors office.

The Director had met with the Iowa DNR engineer in regards to the ramp extensions at Nobles Island and the possible replacement of the pit latrines there. The Board informed the director to place the project requisition for the restroom replacement with the proper DNR department and to see what the turnaround time would be to replace the restrooms.

Stream bank stabilization projects at Volney and Columbus were also discussed. The board discussed whether to bid the rock and machine time separate or combined, as permits for both projects had been obtained, the board instructed the director to let bids for the projects the best way he saw fit.

The director informed the board of a news release that would be in the paper this week pertaining to the 1.3 million dollar National Scenic Byway Grant that the board had received for the Driftless Area Interpretive Center at the Columbus property. The director also informed the board of several other news releases on other projects and items that may be released in the future.

A motion was made by Soper for the director to write and submit a REAP grant in the amount of \$600,000.00 for the Driftless Area Interpretive Center, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The director informed the board that he would hand deliver the

grant at the REAP meeting in Des Moines next week. The Director informed the board that they should know by mid September if the grant is funded or not.

The director informed the board that he would like to schedule a joint meeting between the Conservation Board and the Foundation to discuss future fundraising for the Driftless Area Interpretive Center. Executive Director Laura Friest of RC&D had offered to come to the meeting and discuss fund raising strategies with the board. The Board instructed the director to get in contact with Gardner Architecture to see about them providing fundraising and informational pamphlets to the board.

The director informed the that he had been in contact with the Iowa DNR about a possible Bridge over Village Creek and a boardwalk trail leading from the Village Creek boat landing to the Columbus property. The director was also going to get in contact with adjoining landowner Judy Hanley to discuss the upcoming stream bank stabilization project and the possibility of purchasing additional ground.

The Director discussed an upcoming meeting he had scheduled with Kerndt Family to discuss the Columbus Property Education Center. The Director will keep the Board informed regarding the meeting.

The next Conservation Board meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 28, 2012 at the Conservation Board Office.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Clark, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M..