

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 5, 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, and Marilyn Clark. Present from the public was Bruce Plomborg, Dave Dunklee and Don Peters. Also present were Board 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. Projected ending balances of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget were discussed by the Board. A projected ending balance of \$1,300.00 was projected by the Director. The Board instructed the Director to spend down the budget as close as possible without going over budget. Possible expenditure items included IACCB dues, uniforms, from tires for the 1070 tractor, Board Member Mileage, foot plot bill, fuel, and work completed by Roger Mohn.

Lansing Mayor Don Peters discussed the Columbus Bridge property with the Conservation Board. Mayor Peters conveyed to the Board his support for the construction of the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center at the Columbus Bridge Property site. Mayor Peters informed the Board that an individual city council members action do not represent those of the City of Lansing. Mayor Peters informed the Board he will assist the Conservation Board with their efforts in the development of the Columbus Bridge Property.

The Conservation Board expressed concern regarding Zoning Administrator Tom Blake's recommendation to the Board of Adjustment not to approve the variance for parking on County Road Right of Way. The Board and the Director had meet with Blake on a number of occasions to discuss the variance. The Conservation Board decided to remove the variance request for consideration after reading Blake's recommendation to the Board of Adjustment not to approve the Conservation Board's variance request. The decision to remove the variance request was discussed by the County Attorney, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, the project engineer, and Allamakee County Conservation Board members. The main issue and concern regarding Blake's recommendation not to approve the request was that his action was opposite of what he indicated to the Conservation Board and the Board Director on a number of occassions.