

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session on February 5, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. in the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors Office on the 1st floor of the Allamakee County Courthouse located at 110 Allamakee Street Waukon, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Bill Moody. Also present for the meeting were Allamakee County Board of Supervisors members Dennis Koenig and Larry Shellhammer. Also present was Allamakee County Auditor Denise Beyer. Attending from the public was Paul Melsha and Board Staff Member Jim Janett.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The proposed 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed by the Conservation Board. After reviewing the budget line items some adjustments were made. Funding from the National Scenic Byways Grant for the Columbus Property was discussed. Possible project starting dates and reimbursement procedures were discussed. The Board decided to budget \$100,000.00 of REAP revenue to pay for reimbursable expenditures from the National Scenic Byway Grant. Projected billing cycles from expenditure to reimbursement are approximately three to five weeks. The Board noted and conveyed to the Board of Supervisors the Conservation Board 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget may have to be amended for the Scenic Byway Grant revenue should billing occur during that fiscal year. The Board of Supervisors also discussed the possibility of leasing vehicles for the County. A cost comparison between leasing, leasing with a buy out option, or straight purchase will be reviewed.

The Conservation Board discussed the letter the County had received from Alliant Energy not supporting public access on road #527 and requesting closure. A motion was made by Moody to inform the Board of Supervisors the Conservation Board would like to have road #527 remain open, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director informed the Board the Official Notice for a Conservation Board Member Vacancy had been placed in both the Postville Herald-Leader and Waukon Standard. The form "To Serve on a County Board" can be picked up at the Allamakee County Auditor's Office. A submission deadline for the form was set for March 1, 2013.

The Allamakee County Auditor discussed some revenue line item changes to prevent going over budget in our FY14 budget.

A letter received from the IDNR Parks Division was provided to the Board approving the use of a small area in the Village Creek Boat Landing for temporary bus parking once the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center is completed.

Information was provided to the Board on the recent (ASAP) Allamakee Substance Abuse Program meeting regarding gaining compliance on grant requirements. Conducting some law enforcement

efforts focusing on underage drinking on Allamakee County interior rivers during peak usage periods was discussed and approved. The proposal will be submitted to their grant review panel for approval.

The March Conservation Board meeting was discussed by the Board. The Board will have a program presented to them regarding proposed FRAC Sand Mining operations.

Information was provided to the Board on TeKipe Engineering activities relating to a public water supply for the Columbus Property. Research on the history of an adjoining private well and State of Iowa public regulations for wells are being completed.

The Director informed the Board that MRT (Mississippi River Trail) bids for the project from Hwy 76 to Harpers Ferry will be let in the near future.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Carroll to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.