

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board meet in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday July 2, 2013 in the Board office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Present from the public was Paul Melcher. Also present was Allamakee County Board of Supervisor Dennis Koenig, Board staff members Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson and Ross Geerdes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The 2012-2013 ending fiscal year budget summaries were provided to the Board. The Board ended the fiscal year turning \$23,620.00 back into the General Basic account. The Board reviewed the claims submitted to close the fiscal year totaling \$20,152.00

The Director informed the Board that the 2007 Chrysler Courthouse van had been transferred to the Conservation Board.

Allamakee County conducting a public auction was discussed by the Board. A number of items that the Conservation Board would like to have on the auction included the old aluminum bumper hitch trailer, radial arm saw, electric drills, and jig saw. A date had not been set for the auction and the Board staff will continue to review equipment inventories for items that could go to the auction.

Recent flooding was discussed by the Board. A summary of damage was provided to the Board regarding the following areas; Bridge Sixteen, Bluffview , Clear Creek, Road #527, Farm 55, Kolsruds, Kumph's Bridge, Nobles Island, Harpers Slough Fishing Access Area, Wilds Landing, Heytman's Landing. The cleanup and repair process on the areas will take the remainder of the season. The Director's approach on prioritizing the order of the recovery process depends on whether or not a FEMA Disaster Declaration will be issued. The areas that can be recovered by the department staff have begun. Larger cleanup projects will have to be completed by local contractors. The Allamakee County Secondary Roads Department will also assist after public safety exposer concerns have been addressed. Not all areas have been totally accessed; the projected cost estimate is currently at \$35,000 – 40,000 and is expected to increase.

Information on the IDNR Storm Water Discharge Permit process for the Columbus Bridge Property was presented to the Board. A permit will be necessary for the construction of the Education and Visitor Center as well as the stream bank stabilization project. The Director advised that one permit should be filed for all phases of the project. Issuing the permit for a three year period for \$375.00 was recommended by the Board.

Stream bank stabilization work to be completed on Village Creek at the Columbus Property was discussed by the Board. The project had been awarded to Brennan Construction through bids at a previous Board meeting. Based on terms and condition of the Flood Plains Permit, the start time on the project hinges on having low water conditions. The Director provided information regarding culvert removal and replacement that needs to be addressed during the stream bank project. More information will be provided during the August meeting.

An update was provided to the Board on the possible funding and replacement process for the Nobles Island Restroom. The IDNR Fisheries Division is checking to see if funding for the project maybe available sooner than 2014-2015 year budget through the Marine Fuel Tax Grant Program.

The City of Lansing providing water and waste water to the Columbus Property was discussed by the Board. The Director indicated from his conversations with the Mayor the City is willing to provide services to the site but would like to have larger sized service provided to the location to handle future expansion. The City of Lansing is looking for funding opportunities for the difference in cost to install larger service lines. The Director will contact the Mayor regarding creating a memorandum of understanding between the Board and the City of Lansing regarding providing services to the Columbus Property.

The next Conservation Board meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 6, 2013 in the Board office.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Moody to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.