

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board meet in regular session Thursday March 7, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. in the Conservation Board Office located at 427 North 1st ST. Harpers Ferry, Iowa. The meeting date had been moved to this date from Tuesday March 5th due to weather conditions. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marilyn Clark, Dave Carroll, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Dennis Koenig from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was in attendance. Attending from the public was Jeanie Carroll and Kristy Sheldon. Also attending were Board 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, revenues, and current budget account summaries were provided to the Board.

Kristy Sheldon with the 2013 Falcon River Trip asked the board to make a \$300 donation for a project she was helping to coordinate in May. There was some concern as to where the money was going so the matter was tabled till the April Meeting.

Dave Carroll gave the Conservation Board an update on the Frac Sand Mining. The current 18 month moratorium is set to expire on July 1st 2014. The Allamakee County Protectors have a list of 63 ordinances ready to be presented once the moratorium expires. Carroll said one of the biggest concerns is the threat to the areas extremely permeable water table.

The director informed the Board of the need to start the process of posting requests for proposals (RFP's). In order to be reimbursed by the Scenic Byway Grant, RFP's would need to be written. These proposals are then sent out to a list of approved vendors at which time a committee would interview and select a contractor for the work to be done.

The Director updated the Board on the naturalist position. The job opening would be posted in the local papers, as well as several state newsletters, and websites. It was the director's intention to get applications by the first week in April, conduct interviews in April and have the selected candidate start the first part of May.

The Director presented the information to the Board that Tekippe Engineering had done concerning water and sewer at the Columbus property. To run 3" sewer and water lines from the City of Lansing to the Columbus property with a lift station at the Columbus property would cost approximately \$163,950.00. The Board instructed the Director to make contact with Tekippe to see what the cost would be to put in larger lines if the City of Lansing wanted to extend services South of the Columbus property, at the city's expense. The Board instructed the Director to set a date with Tekippe to attend the second City Council meeting in April to ask about hooking up to city water and sewer.

The Director informed the Board that he had been contacted by two landowner asking about conservation easements. The Director informed the individuals they would need to draw up the easement proposals at which time the board would review them and then make a decision.

The Director informed the board that he was still waiting on permits from the Iowa DNR on the Morgan Bridge Site.

The annual filings for the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation had been completed and the Director would be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

The Director recommended to the Board touring other County Conservation Boards Nature and Visitor Centers. The Director would schedule tours of area centers and any Board members that wanted to go along were welcome to attend.

The Director informed the Board that the Auditor's Office had received two applications for Conservation Board Members, one from Jeanie Carroll of New Albin and one from Sue Stirn of Lansing. The Supervisors will choose the appointment. Dave Carroll said he was stepping down, but wanted to volunteer in any capacity he could for the Columbus Property.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Soper to adjourn the meeting, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.