

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday July 7th, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. in the Board office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marilyn Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Present Conservation Board staff members were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, Ross Geerdes and Jackie Jellings.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year account balances were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Updates were provided on the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. The Director is waiting for approval from the State DOT and Federal Highway Administration for the project bid specifications. Once the bid specifications are approved a Notice to Bid will be published in the official publications section of the County Papers. Interested bidders will have three weeks to submit bids. The bid opening process was discussed, the Director advised have a joint meeting with the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors to open the bids. There will be a pre-letting contractor meeting prior to the bid submittal date. The Board will have thirty (30) days to approve the bids. The Director also gave an update on the progress of the USDA, REAP, and CAT Grants. The Director also discussed the possibility of asking for a 30 day extension from the DOT on the Scenic Byways Grant. The Board viewed the completed case statements and campaign DVD.

Updates were provided on field operations and construction projects. The Director gave the Board an update on a heavy use 4th of July weekend, with constant use of parks and boat ramps. Jarrod Olson updated the Board on placing the interpretative sign at Stone Brook Park and finishing up on small projects. Ross Geerdes updated the Board on various education programs.

Other informational items discussed by the Board included; the Director informing the Board on the IACCB 60th annual fall conference in Linn County, and inviting any Board members that would like to attend. The County having an article in "The Iowa County" Magazine for Allamakee County's County Government week, all permits are in place for the Columbus Property.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be August 4th, 2015 at 4:00P.M in the Board Office at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark seconded by Koenig, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.