

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 at 1P.M. in the board office at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Present Conservation Board staff members were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Ross Geerdes. Present from the public was Bruce Palmborg of Lansing.

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 by the Board.

The Board reviewed the applications for the Office Manager position. 28 applications had been received. The Board selected seven applicants for interviews, Board members Moody and Carroll expressed interest in sitting in on the interviews. Conservation Board Staff would notify the applicants and schedule interviews in the near future.

The Board opened the bids for the concrete work to be completed at the Halvorson/Kolsrud and Harpers Slough properties. The Bids for the cement shelter pad at the Halvorson/Kolsrud property came in as follows: Kelly Concrete \$2,392.00, Teddy Walleser \$3,495.00, Meyer Concrete \$4,350.00 Ron Heim \$5620.00, Bobby Henkel \$5,640 and Rolling Hills Concrete at \$6,920.00. A motion to accept the low bid of \$2,392.00 from Kelly Concrete for the construction of a cement shelter pad at the Kolsrud/Halvorson Property was made by Carroll seconded by Moody all in favor motion carried. The bids for the cement handicapped fishing walkway at the Harpers Slough Area were reviewed. Those bids were as follows: Ron Heim \$12,200.00, Teddy Walleser \$12,425.00, Kelly Concrete \$17, 742.00, Meyer Concrete \$19,100.00, Rolling Hills Concrete \$33,600.00, Bobby Henkel did not submit a bid for the walkway project. A motion to accept the low bid of \$12,200.00 from Ron Heim for the construction of a cement handicapped fishing walkway at the Harpers Slough Area was made by Koenig seconded by Clark all in favor motion carried.

The Director updated the Board on the Nobles Island restroom replacement. The project is still moving forward and we are waiting for approval of the project by the Iowa DNR engineer.

The Board discussed the use of ATVs and UTVs on County roads. Board Chairman Dennis Blocker commented that currently most ATV owners go to Wisconsin to ride, as northeast Iowa really has no place to ride. After some discussion no one on the Conservation Board had any strong feelings against ATVs using County roads, and would be willing to assist in getting the topic discussed at the State level. It was the thought of the Director to invite the County Engineer and Sheriff to a meeting to discuss the topic further. No decisions were made at this time.

The Director updated the Board on the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Items the Director had discussed with Lyle Tekippe included, how deep the well had been capped, the removal of trees on the property and road closers and material placement once construction began. Other items pertaining to the center that were discussed included; the turnaround area on the Kerndt property, first reimbursement had been received for the Scenic Byway Grant, DOT

report work, and the need for line item changes on the Scenic Byways Grant. The Director had also received a price quote for an underground L.P. tank for the Columbus property.

Other items discussed by the Board included; coordinating secondary roads to move the historic Monsrud bridge out of Yellow River State Forest and on to the Kolsrud property. Allamakee County Economic Development Coordinator Laura Olson resigning. The Director had written a letter of support from the Conservation Board in support of the Lansing Trail. Shelter materials being prepared by Luster Heights were completed. There would need to be a tree order this spring for plantings at Halverson's, Stonebrook, and Farm 55. The Director had closed out on the last FEMA disaster. The Bear Creek Land donation was still progressing. Naturalist Ross Geerdes gave an update on his previous and upcoming programs.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be April 7th, 2015 at 1P.M. in the Board Office.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Koenig and seconded by Clark. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.