

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday November 6, 2012 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. The Board conducted the business portion of the meeting between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.; the Board then took a break for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and resumed the meeting at 1:00 P.M. The afternoon portion of the Conservation Board meeting was a joint meeting with the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Bill Moody, and Gary Soper. Also present was Board staff member Jim Janett. Attending from the public were the following: Bruce Plomborg, Jeannie Carroll, ASAP employees Maxine Grotegut & Jean Bossum, RC&D Staff Lora Friest & Jared Nielsen, and Allamakee County Conservation Foundation members Jane Regan & Dave Duncklee.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board. Current fiscal year budget summaries and revenue account balance summaries were also presented to the Board.

Allamakee Substance Abuse and Prevention representatives Maxine Grotegut and Jean Bossum presented information to the Conservation Board about their department and current grant funds. Information was conveyed to the Conservation Board regarding conditions of a current ASAP Board grant. Terms and conditions of the current ASAP grant requires the ASAP Board pass a County Ordinance regarding reduced alcohol consumption. The ASAP Board asked the Conservation Board to consider adopting an ordinance that would prohibit having a keg on Conservation Board properties. The Director provided the Board with Section 350.10 of the Iowa Code stating that 461A.35 through 261A.57 cover lands and waters managed by a County Conservation Board. Also included was Iowa Code Chapter 63 "Keg Beer Rule". The Conservation Board did not want to pass an ordinance prohibiting a keg on County Property. Should a request be submitted to the Conservation Board for a keg of beer, provisions stated in Chapter 63 of the Iowa Code shall be followed. The Conservation Board discussed possible areas they could assist the ASAP Board in gaining compliance for their grant. A suggestion of posting all Conservation Board areas with "No underage age Alcohol Consumption Allowed" was discussed. ASAP staff members informed the Conservation Board this was not an acceptable ordinance. The ASAP members invited the Conservation Board and Director to attend the next ASAP meeting to discuss other possible ordinances that could be adopted.

Department activities were presented to the Board. Items included dock repair, sign installation at Kolsrud Park, Bluffview Park shelter house roof replacement, closing of restrooms, and storing fishing float. Updates were provided on the Nobles Island restroom replacement, permit status, fish habitat grant extension, and billing status from Roger Mohn.

The Board broke for lunch between 12:15 and 1:00P.M.

The Board meeting resumed at 1:00 P.M. with the addition of Allamakee County Conservation Foundation member Jane Regan, RC&D staff members Lora Friest and Jared Nielsen.

RC&D Director Lora Friest presented information on conducting a fund raising campaign for a capital improvement project. After the presentation was complete, Conservation Board and Conservation Foundation Members discussed fund raising opportunities for the Columbus Property Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. The next meeting date for the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation was set for 7:30 A.M. Tuesday November 20, 2012 in the Allamakee County Conservation Board Office located at 427 North First Street.

Informational items discussed by the Conservation Board included the payment of the 2012 IACCB annual dues, the historic County Home cabin site, possible Fish Habitat Grants for 2013, and recent contact with Bill McGee regarding placement of a plaque at the base of the flag pole donated by the McGee Family at the Office Landing.

The Board also reviewed prices submitted for the stream bank stabilization work to be completed at the Volney Park. Riehm Construction was awarded the work for a price of \$13,750. Other prices submitted for the project included Ronald Strong for \$20,600.00 and Nick Jones Construction for \$22,400.00.

The Board was provided information regarding a person who had been staying at the Rossville Park for an extended period of time. Contact had been made with the individual by both Conservation Board Staff and Sheriff Department Staff. The individual has been living out of his vehicle spending nights parked by the Cemetery north of Rossville, Iowa and his days at the Rossville Park. There have not been any laws violated by the individual. A number of neighbors have been in contact with the Director expressing concern about public and his individual safety.

The Director informed the Board that he and Conservation Board Member Dennis Blocker had attended a Lansing City Council meeting the previous evening on November 5, 2012. Members of the Lansing City Council who attended the October Allamakee County Conservation Board meeting had asked the Director to attend a Lansing City Council meeting to discuss the Columbus Property Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Others attending the Lansing City Council meeting included Allamakee County Conservation Foundation members Dave Duncklee and Jane Regan, Allamakee Tourism and Economic Development Coordinator Laura Olson, and Allamakee County Mississippi River Parkway Commission Representative Jane Regan

There being no additional business a motion was made by Clark to adjourn the meeting, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.