

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the Kerndt Brothers Community Center, Lanisng, Iowa. Board Members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marilyn Clark, Dennis Koenig, Bill Moody and Jeanie Carroll. Present Conservation Board staff members were Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, Ross Geerdes and Jackie Jellings. Present from the public was Bruce Palmburg, Lyle Tekippe, Karen Andrews, Alex Biggs, Rich Johnson, Ron Cunningham, Brian Stark, Ken Modeen, Martin Brennan, Brian Ridenour, Julie Yahrle, Abby Wieser, Raleigh Buckmaster, Teresa McGee, Gary Krapfl, Craig White, and Ray Peterson.

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

The bid opening process was presented to the Board by Lyle Tekippe and Brian Stark. All Bids met the bid submittal date and time. All bids were opened, and read aloud. The Board received six bids for the construction of the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center Building, the bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Bond</b>	<b>Add.</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	MDF Cover Plates <b>Alt A-1</b>	LED Light Fixtures <b>Alt E-1</b>	Aluminum Feeders <b>Alt E-2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brenton Builders Monona, IA	5%	1,2	\$2,120,00.00	\$8,000.00	\$34,000.00	-\$1,600.00	\$2,160,400.00
Cresco Builders Cresco, IA	5%	1,2	\$1,899,985.00	\$2,775.00	\$33,065.00	-\$1,660.00	\$1,934,165.00
ECCO Cons. Hastings, MN	5%	1,2	\$2,385,000.00	\$16,900.00	\$31,400.00	-\$1,600.00	\$2,431,700.00
Larson Cons. Independence, IA	5%	1,2	\$2,559,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$32,000.00	-\$1,600.00	\$2,597,900.00
Olympic Builders Holmen, WI	5%	1,2	\$1,918,568.00	\$3,700.00	\$30,700.00	-\$1,600.00	\$1,951.368.00
Weiser Bros. La Crescent, MN	5%	1,2	\$2,424,000.00	\$8,973.00	\$31,715.00	-\$1,660.00	\$2,463,028.00

The Board received one bid for the Geothermal well drilling from Shawver Well Company of Fredericksburg, IA for \$77,649.00. The Board also received one Bid for the civil package of the project from Skyline Construction of Decorah, IA for \$797,378.87. The Board then discussed the submitted bids. Brain Stark of Martin Gardner explained the bid process to come. The bids will be recorded and then sent to the Iowa DOT and Federal Highway Administration for their review. Once the DOT and FHA give their approval the Conservation Board may award the contracts. Stark stated that he would recommend when the time came to go with Cresco Building

Service's bid. Stark also suggested going with the Alternate E-1 package at an additional cost of \$33,065.00 for full LED lighting in the building, and that it was the Board's choice as to whether or not they wanted to go with Alternate A-1 which concerned covering the metal plates on the exposed floor joists and rafters, and Alternate E-2 which entailed using aluminum or copper feeders in the wiring of the building. Members of the Board expressed some concern as to the civil package bid being just over \$132,000.00 higher than estimated Tekippe said he would look at the bid closer and see where the increase was coming from. Stark informed the Board that there would be rebates from Alliant Energy for the geothermal system and the LED lighting, but did not know what those amounts would be at this time. The Board asked if there were possible rebates for the type of insulation or windows that were going to be used, Stark did not know, but would look into the matter. Stark informed the Board that once the contract was awarded that the bidder's subcontractors and suppliers would then be divulged.

The Director gave an update on the progress of the REAP, and CAT Grants. The Director will be attending the REAP Grant review on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines.

The Director informed the Board that the Foundation had received a verbal commitment of \$50,000 from Farmers Merchants Bank of Waukon for the campaign fundraising, and would be speaking with Waukon State Bank next week.

Field operations updates were provided to the Board. The Harpers Slough Fishing Access Area concrete sidewalk project was near completion, Nick Jones had been contacted to assist in placing riprap along the front of the walkway. A hunter education class had been scheduled for the first part of October. The Staff would also be running a couple of inmates from Luster Heights in the next couple of weeks to help out with remaining fall projects.

Other informational items discussed were setting a date for the park dedication at Stone Brooke. Contact from citizens in Harpers Ferry trying to improve access to Harpers for visitors by placing transit docking at the boat landing in Harpers Ferry. The Director informed the Board on the appraisal for the Columbus property which was \$250,000.00. The value of the property would not be able to be used as match in the CAT grant but would definitely be able to be showed as County support for the project.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 P.M at the Board office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Moody, second by Koenig, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.