

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 4th, 2016 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark and Bill Moody. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Ross Geerdes, James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Dan Byrnes and Paul Melsha were present from the public.

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.

Updates on all current grants, fundraising and construction for the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center were provided to the Board. The Director will be attending the next CAT Board review meeting on February 10th, 2016 in Des Moines. Less work has been completed this month due to weather conditions, but column pads were placed and still progressing with construction. The Board reviewed and approved the third contractor claim, totaling \$40,307.84 to be reimbursed by the National Scenic Byway Grant. A motion was made to approve Cresco Builders claim for \$40,307.84 by Carroll, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The Director made contact with REC and Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank for possible interim financing, no decision has been made on which option to take for interim financing. Dan Byrnes asked the Director if the Board of Supervisors will have to sign for the interim financing. The Director stated that the Board of Supervisors would have to co-sign for the Board to move forward with the interim financing.

The Director will be attending the next Board of Supervisor meeting this coming Monday, February 8th, 2016 to answer questions about the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. The Director asked Dan Byrnes if he would like the Board to address any other items that they may have left out. Byrnes announced that the request for funding of road use moneys and \$100,000 from the Board of Supervisors has not yet be approved or denied.

Field operations and educational program updates were provided to the Board. The progress on posting the Postville Trail Line Property is currently still ongoing. The Director is collaborating with Jill Kistler, Allamakee County Attorney, to finalize public notice. Once the public notice is finalized, it will then be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be March 1st, 2016 at 1:00 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 Carroll, second by Moody; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.