

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 21st, 2016 at the Board Office, located 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. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Ross Geerdes, James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Bruce Palmborg.

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 summaries were reviewed and approved by the Board.

2015-2016 fiscal year budget ending projections were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Updates on current grants, fundraising, and construction for the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center were provided to the Board. The campaign to build the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center will continue fundraising by moving into the public phase of the campaign. Work completed this month included: exterior stone work continues, insulation the building has begun and continues, and all windows are installed. The Board reviewed and approved the eighth contractor claims, totaling \$271,562.25.84 to be reimbursed by the National Scenic Byway Grant. A motion was made to approve Cresco Builder's claim for \$271,562.25.84 by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the Community Attraction Tourism (CAT) contract. A motion was made by Carroll, second by Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the submittal of an Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission Grant. A motion made by Koenig, second by Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the submittal of an REAP Grant. A motion was made by Carroll, second by Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Information on the bridge replacement and off road access on South Road near Lansing Clear Creek Park was provided to the Board. No expenditures are expected for this project, IIW Engineers will be sending more information on the project in the near future.

Board member mileage was collected.

The Board discussed their upcoming press conference hosted with the Foundation Board on June 22nd, at 3:00 pm, announcing the Beyond the Plateau campaign to the public.

Informational items discussed by the Board included IACCB dues, the director invited the Board to tour Split Rock Studios facility in July, Nobles Island restroom is complete and open to the public, Clear Creek Fish Habitat project is currently waiting for permits to continue work on project, Governor, Terry Branstad, visited and toured the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center on June 16th, and Deb MCGeough asked the Director if she may plant a memorial tree at the Waterville Farm 55 Park.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Tuesday, July 5th, 2016 at 1:00 P.M in 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 Koenig; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.