

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 1st, 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 were as follows: Bruce Palmborg and Paul Melsha.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year summaries 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. Work continues in the Driftless Center with exterior cement pouring for sidewalks, trim work, baseboard heaters, electrical work and main road grading. The first building inspection is set for December 9th, 2016. The Board reviewed and approved the twelfth contractor claim, totaling \$176,777.99. A motion was made to approve Cresco Builder's claim for \$76,528.20 by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve Skyline Construction claim for \$100,249.79 by Carroll, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

REAP funding updates were provided to the Board with \$14,322.00 received for 2017 Fiscal year.

FEMA declaration updates were provided to the Board. Project repairs have been submitted to FEMA for flood damaged parks.

Updates were provided on the tour of Camp Tahigwa. The camp has many structures ranging from restrooms, cabins, shelters, lodges, and horse barn. Updates will be provided to the Board as they develop.

2017-2018 budget was discussed by the Board. The Board will discuss the budget in December and approval to follow in January.

Field operation updates were provided to the Board. All park restrooms are shut down for the winter, Split Rock Studios will be meeting on November 16th to compile artifacts for the Visitor Center, the Director will be preparing a draft management agreement for Village Creek Landing, the campaign fundraising mailer will be sent out to Allamakee County and surrounding towns in November.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 1:00 P.M in the Board Office. There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark, second by Moody; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.