

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 at the Board Office, located at 1944 Columbus Road Lansing, 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, Jackie Jellings, and James Janett. Present from the public was Bruce Palmborg.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the minutes from March 7th, 2017 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year summaries were reviewed and approved by the Board. The Director will be asking the Board of Supervisor for a budget amendment on our special projects account to allow more revenues into the account.

Updates on current grants, fundraising, and construction for the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center were provided to the Board. Final items yet to be completed at the Visitor Center include: connecting permanent phone lines to the Center, exterior grading, landscape, paving of main line road and parking area, painting of exterior railings, installation of educational displays, and correct flooring on main level and main level decking material. The Board reviewed and approved the fifteenth contractor claim, totaling \$3,882.45. A motion was made to approve Shawver Well Company's claim for \$3,882.45 by Moody, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Mississippi River Parkway Commission nomination application form. A motion was made to approve submittal of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission's "Great River Road Network of Museums and Interpretive Centers Nomination Form" by Koenig, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the scheduled photo opportunity on April 18th with all of those that helped with the Campaign to build the Driftless Center with The Foundation of Greater Dubuque for their Annual Report. The conflict with this scheduled event is the current upcoming paving of the main line road and parking area, the Board suggested to ask if The Foundation of Greater Dubuque would be willing to reschedule once construction of the main line road and parking lot areas are complete for full access to the Center or potential bus attendees from the Village Creek Boat Landing. The Director will update the Board on the final details for this event.

The Board reviewed and approved of truck pricing and purchase. A motion was made to purchase a 2017 Chevy 2500 truck for \$14,599.00 by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed all applicants that applied for the part-time seasonal summer positions. A motion was made to rehire Matt Manning for the third year, with a .50 raise for a total of \$9.50 hourly wage by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to hire Joe Friden and Chris Miller with compensation at \$9.00 an hour by Clark, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried.

Other informational items discussed were: all bids for the bridge resetting for Clear Creek Park have been collected with the lowest bid awarded to Brennan Construction, streambank stabilization construction with Ryan Construction will continue once all permits are collected for project at Clear Creek Park, and once weather and water level conditions allow work will continue on handicap fishing access at Harpers Slough.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, in the Board Office, at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark, second by Carroll; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.