

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Road Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Bill Moody. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Lyle Tekippe.

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. Final items yet to be completed at the Visitor Center include: installation of wall lighting in stairwells, permanent phone lines, exterior grading, landscape, paving of main line road and parking area, painting of exterior railings, and installation of educational displays. The Board reviewed and approved the Alliant Energy's claim for moving overhead electrical wiring underground, totaling \$30,384.84. A motion was made to approve Alliant Energy's claim for \$30,384.84 by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board disused transferring current office location to IDNR Law Enforcement for seasonal housing for their officers. The ACCB will still manage the upper and lower shops along with the public boat landing and the IDNR will take over all utilities and maintenance of the house. A motion was made to approve the transfer of house usage to the IDNR by Clark, seconded by Carroll, all in favor, motioned

The Board discussed equipment, furnishing, and transitional activities for moving into the Visitor Center. The following items were being worked on; email addresses, stationary, custodial supplies, and permanent phone and internet lines.

The Board discussed 2017 Ragbrai route and activities for Allamakee County. The Ragbrai committee for the town of Lansing will be using the Visitor Center for committee meetings up until the Ragbrai event. The Board discussed marketing and retail items to sell during this event.

Updates were provided to the Board on scheduled activities and reservations for the Visitor Center. They included Lansing Ragbrai Committee, CAT Board, McElroy Trust, IACCB District meeting, IPTV coverage of the Visitor Center and open house for local Winter Fest, Driftless Area Scenic Byway Board, and The Mississippi Parkway Commission Annual Nation meeting.

Other informational items discussed were: awaiting final approval for 2017-2018 fiscal year budget from the Board of Supervisors, ACCB was mentioned in The Iowa County magazine, and the City of Harpers and IDNR would like to put more docks at the Public boat landing in Harpers Ferry for better access.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Moody; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.