

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at the Board Office, located at 1944 Columbus Rd 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, James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Bruce Palmborg, Gary Krapfl, Paul Melsha, and Dan Halverson.

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: placing of stone welcome sign, media area book shelves on second floor, and installation of educational displays. Items completed at the Visitor Center include: installation of phone and internet system, exterior grading, landscaping, and painting of parking lines. The Board reviewed and approved the Cresco Builder's Construction claim, totaling \$14,601.42. A motion was made to approve payment of \$14,601.42 to Cresco Builders by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed and reviewed the claim from Bob Modersohn for his pictures taken of the Visitor Center. The Board advised the director to ask for a finished portfolio before this claim is submitted for payment.

The Board review the two management agreements for Village Creek Boat Land and Harpers Ferry Office. The Board reviewed and approved the Harpers Ferry Office revised Management Agreement. A motion was made to approve the revised Harpers Ferry Office Management Agreement by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The Board advised the Director to assure the DNR's intent is to make capital improvements to Village Creek Boat Land before the Board agrees to the present this current Management Agreement for the Board of Supervisors approval.

The Board has no comment on planning study of the replacement of the Black Hawk Bridge. They support the Board of Supervisors and County Engineers statements supporting this matter.

The Board discussed Ragbrai planning for the Visitor Center. The staff and volunteers will be passing out bottled water and the Board welcomes any volunteers during this event.

The Board discussed upcoming events and event planning for the Center. The following events and meetings are scheduled: CSS meeting, soft opening on August 10th, public grand opening on August 12th, Transportation department, McElroy Board, CAT Board, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, PEO Chapter FT, River Rumble, and Conservation's District Meeting.

Other informational items discussed include: the Board agreed to display a local benefit gun in the center requested by Dan Halverson, Clear Creek FEMA permits have been received for bridge reconstruction project that will be done by Brennan Construction, and Waterville Farm 55 received an in-kind donation of a memorial tree.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Thursday, August 1st, 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 3:00 P.M.