

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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: James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Bruce Palmborg, Lyle Tekippe, and Jesse Delaney.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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, installation of phone and internet system, exterior grading, landscaping, finishes on paving, painting of parking lines, and installation of educational displays. Items completed at the Visitor Center include: bus turn around area, main line paving, and purchase of second floor furnishings. The Board reviewed and approved the Skyline Construction's claim, for paving of main line road, totaling \$160,031.43. A motion was made to approve payment of \$158,702.20 department by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve payment of \$1,329.23 by the Conservation Board by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. Project engineer, Lyle Tekippe, asked the Board for an extension on the project's completion date to the end of June. A motion was made to approve extension of completion date to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed upcoming events and event planning for the Center. The following events and meetings are scheduled: CSS meeting, soft opening, public grand opening, Transportation department, McElroy Board, CAT Board, Ragbrai Lansing planning committee, Gundersen Health System Patient Family Advisory Council, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, PEO Chapter FT, and Conservation Board District Meeting.

The Board discussed purchasing a diesel fuel barrel and pump. The Board advised the Director to price out local sellers, to find best price.

Other informational items discussed include: the Iowa DNR requested to install an additional boat dock for DNR use to the current management agreement, what events will be allowed for reservation at the Driftless Center and if there will be a charge for profit events, and the Director received a request for payment from Bob Modersohn for his photography service, the Board requested an itemized bill for review.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Thursday, July 11<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 Carroll, second by Moody; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.