

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Marilyn Clark, Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Jackie Cooper, Ross Geerdes, James Janett, and Jarrod Olson.

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

Claims and revenues were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget ending projections.

The Board reviewed field of operations updates and those included the following: Harpers Slough handicap fishing access is complete, the dead elm tree at Rossiville Park was cut down, three of the four summer positions have been filled, installing welcome sign on the Centers entrance rock, Clear Creek Park stream bank stabilization bridge has been set, set roadway to connect to new shelter house at Halverson Park, improvements to Village Creek Boat landing, replacing the roof at New Albin Roadside park, and streambank stabilization project at Clear Creek Park.

Upcoming events and activities at the Center include the following: Allamakee Clayton Electric hosted a full day meeting, hunters education, Eastern Iowa Tourism meeting, Birding Fest event in November, and coordinating with main street Matters with three public canoe outings.

The Director updated the Board on completing the submission on closing out of the National Scenic Byways Grant.

The Director updated the Board on the status of ongoing FEMA projects and close out process.

Other informational items discussed included the following: still contacting barge companies to coordinate with IPTV to videotaping a barge traveling through Lansing to be displayed at the Center, adding a Commercial Fishermen memorial plaque at the Center, developing the easement for the Driftless trail, repainting parking lines, get exterior web camera operational, replace exterior naming plaques to a more durable material, volunteer program has started, adding a falcon display to the center, blinds installed, and discussing bench styles for the upper and lower decks at the Center.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 in the Board Room, at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark, second by Koenig; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.