

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 at the Board Office, located at 1944 Columbus Rd Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Marilyn Clark, and Dennis Koenig. Conservation Board staff members present were as follows: Ross Geerdes, James Janett, Jackie Jellings, and Jarrod Olson. Present from the public was Brian Stark, Lyle Tekippe, and Bruce Palmborg.

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.

The Board reviewed all 2017-2018 fiscal year budget amendments for both revenue and expenditure sides.

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: electrical switches, exterior web camera, fire hydration reimbursement, additional light sensors, sign placed on exterior rock, gift shop permits, and buying products for gift shop. A motion was made to approve final payment of \$10,696.05 to Cresco Builders by Koenig, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the retaining fee of \$95,693.95 to Cresco Builders by Clark, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the construction payment of \$28,059.20 to Skyline Construction Company, by Clark, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the Skyline Construction Company's change order number six by Koenig, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed upcoming events and event planning for the Center. The following events and meetings are scheduled: McElroy Board canceled due to scheduling conflicts, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, PEO Chapter FT, public volunteer meeting, and the Conservation's District Meeting.

Other informational items discussed include: one seasonal employee is still currently working two times during the week, waiting on permits from the DNR for Clear Creek stream bank stabilization project, office in Harpres Ferry has been completely moved out of and utilities have been transferred to the Iowa DNR, Heytmans Landing project has been let, and corrections and additions will be made to the donor wall at the Visitor Center.

There was no further additional information or old business to discuss.

The next meeting of the Allamakee County Conservation Board will be Thursday, October 3rd, 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 Koenig; all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.