

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. August 6, 2019 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, and Bill Moody. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg, and Francis Garrett. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cuban, 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 read and approved upon a motion by Delaney second Moody, all in favor, motion carried.

There were no comments during public comment time.

Claims and revenues, were reviewed by the Board.

FEMA and flood clean up progress on areas were discussed by the Board. About half the areas have been completed. Areas yet to be completed are Nobles Island, Harpers Slough, Kolsrud Park, Ray's Landing, and Clear Creek Park.

The Board approved the hiring of a temporary part-time position for the department. A motion was made by Delaney to hire Joseph Manning for a temporary part-time position averaging 8 hour a week starting at \$11.00 per hour, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried.

Francis Garrett presented to the Board possible development plans for property their family owns on Clear Creek on the west end of Lansing. The family is interested in pursuing an easement or possible donation of the property. The property has the cold water stream Clear Creek which runs the length of the property and a large wetland complex on the property. It is the family's intent to construct a roadside pull off overlooking the property in memory of his late wife Cecilia Garrett. The Board will further discuss the proposal at the September Board meeting.

Reproducing the Upper Iowa Canoe map was discussed by the Board. The cost for 1000 maps was \$467.00. A motion was made by Moody to approve ordering the maps, second, Delaney, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board on Village Creek Boat Landing activities. Items included the construction of the handicap loading station, the project being let for bid within the next month, and addressing boat trailers being left at the landing for prolonged periods of time.

Informational items discussed by the Board included a painting of Chief Blackhawk that was donated to the Board by Ric and Betty Zarwell, the use of Village Creek Boat Landing and New Albin Roadside for an organized bike ride August 10th, and Volney Canoe Access improvements.

The Board then participated in the Driftless Scenic Byway art dedication that was hosted at the Driftless Center.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Moody to Adjourn the meeting, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.