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Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. September 3, 2019 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig, and Bill Moody. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg, Francis Garrett, and Dave Stanley. 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 Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

During public comment time Dave Stanley provided additional information to the Board regarding completing archeological survey work in Allamakee County. Stanley would like to provide the Conservation Board a grant proposal that would be submitted to State Historic Resource Development Program for completing additional Native America mounds surveys in Allamakee County. The Board would fund the match for the initial grant for \$700.00. Examples of the finished work to be completed by the grant was reviewed by the Board. The item will be placed on the October agenda for consideration.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved by the Board.

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

Francis Garrett further discuss his plans to donate property to the Conservation Board on Clear Creek on the west edge of Lansing. The twenty-acre property has the cold water stream Clear Creek running the length of the property as well as a large wetland complex. The tax assessment on the property is \$74.00 annually. Garrett informed the Board he would like to donate the property to the Conservation Board and not use an easement. Garrett discussed his plans for a pull off viewing area on the property along South Road and the potential for trail development. The Conservation Board would be responsible for preparing documents and recording of the donation. After discussion on the property a motion was made by Koenig to proceed with the donation of the property from Francis Garrett, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The Director will contact the County Attorney regarding the legal description of the property and drafting the warranty deed for the donation.

The Board discussed the private use of Conservation Board areas for construction activities. Recently the Harpers Ferry Board Landing had construction activities for building docks. The Director informed the Board this type of activity is not allowed from the provisions of the Iowa DNR Management Agreement. Construction activity on the docks were moved off site.

Information was provided to the Board on the possibility of Allamakee County becoming a Bird Friendly County Designation. The applications form for the designation will be available in the near future, becoming certified will assist the Conservation Board for future environmental education grants. A motion was made by Delaney to proceed with the application for becoming an Iowa Bird Friendly County, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried,

Updates were provided to Board on the Village Creek construction activities. The handicapped boat transfer station had been let and awarded. The project should be completed by November 1, 2019.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 1st and will be followed by the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation. 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.

