

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 4, 2020 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig and Bill Moody. Also attending was newly appointed Conservation Board Member Steve Weymiller and Board of Supervisor Dan Byrnes. Attending from the public was Dennis Blocker, Bruce Palmborg and Paul Melsha Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved upon a motion by Delaney, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Moody, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. Salaries for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget were discussed by the Board. The Director conveyed to the Conservation Board the Board of Supervisors approved a 3% salary increase, any other additional increases would have to be lowered from the Conservation Board budget. A motion was made by Moody to approve an additional 2% raise for Conservation Board staff for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried.

Newly appointed Conservation Board Member Steve Weymiller was welcomed to the Board and was given a brief orientation to the Board.

Election of officers for the Conservation Board were discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Koenig to have the current Chairperson Jeanie Carroll and current Vice Chairperson Marylyn Clark remain the same for the next year, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried.

Bill Moody reflected on his 31 years of serving on the County Conservation Board. Moody did inquire about use of ATV's on public lands, the item will be placed on the March 2020 Agenda.

Upcoming programs and activity items were presented and discussed by the Board. The Ice Harvest scheduled for last weekend was canceled due to poor ice conditions. Other upcoming programs included the Harpers Ferry Youth Ice Fishing program and Fly Tying at the Ed. Center.

Informational items discussed by the Board included Historical Society activities, snow plowing requests at Stone Brook Park, process report on dredging Village Creek Boat Landing, Francis Garrett land donation progress, construction projects to be completed during the upcoming season, and REAP Congress and IWILL funding updates.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday March 3, 2020 in the Board Office.

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