

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 2, 2020 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig and Steve Weymiller. 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 Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Delaney, second Clark all in favor, motion carried. The Director informed the Board a FEMA check had been received for \$51,003.47 and deposited into the Conservation Board's Conservation Reserve Account. The FEMA check covers the Federal share for Disaster# 4421. Upon completion of the damage repair work the State of Iowa will issue the additional 15%. Information on current FEMA projects were provided to the Board. The current 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget had \$51,000.00 budgeted in the construction line item to cover the FEMA repair expenditures. FEMA work completed included Rheim Construction at Ray's Landing, Jim Hanson Construction at Waterville Farm 55 and Clear Creek Park. Szabo Construction will be completing work at the Kolsrud/Halverson Park by the end of the Fiscal Year. Once completed the State of Iowa will begin the close out process for the Disaster and will issue the 10% balance.

The Board discussed the hiring of part-time seasonal. A motion was made by Delaney to hire the following individuals at \$11.00 per hour for Brody Vander Kolk, Gary Krapfl, and Mike Whalen, second Weymiller, all in favor, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director informed the Board information had been conveyed to an IDNR representative from the Canadian Pacific Rail Road their plans were to fence off the fishing access to the public at the Power Plant Fishing Access Area. The Director clarified no direct contact to the Allamakee Conservation Board had been made by the Rail Road. The Director will keep the Board updated on any new developments.

Updated were provided to the Board regarding opening policies, procedures, and employee safety due to COVID-19 at the Driftless Center and other Conservation Board areas. The Driftless Center will open to the public June 03, 2020.

Department updates were provided to the Board and included completing the cleanup of the Quandahl Property, FEMA work completed at Ray's Landing, Clear Creek and Farm 55. Updates were also provided to the Board regarding Social Media education programming, Village Creek Boat Landing dredging and dock replacement progress, and a summary of closing and additional costs on the Garrett Land donation.

The Board left the office to travel to the recently donated Garrett Property to take a group photo for a news release on the donation. The next Board meeting will be July 07, 2020 at the Board Office. After completing the photo there was no additional items or old business and a motion was made by Weymiller to adjourn the meeting, second Delaney, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

