

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday March 3, 2020 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 Steve Weymiller. Attending from the public was Dennis Blocker. 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 Delaney, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The Director informed the Board a FEMA Check had been received for \$51,003.47 which 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 obligated contractor work and work the Board will receive price quotas on were discussed by the Board.

The Board discussed the possibilities of submitting grants through the National Scenic Byway Grant program for constructing a pedestrian foot bridge across Village Creek. The National Scenic Byway Grant Program had been recently been reestablished and should be funded in the near future. Prior to submitting any grants for the project some preliminary engineering would need to be completed. The Director will make contacts regarding necessary design work and costs for submitting grant and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed specifications for price quotas for FEMA construction repair projects. The locations included Waterville Farm 55 and Clear Creek Park. Both projects included stream bank shaping and placement of rip rap rock. The request for prices will be sent out area contractors. The Director advised that according to Iowa Code that the Board is required to take bids for goods and services totaling more than \$75,000.00 Other repair projects that contractors committed to complete from fall of 2019 included Ray's Landing and Kolsrud/Halverson Park.

Updates on activities and programs included full moon winter hikes, hunter education programs, school programs, and a scheduled gypsy moth program on their activity in Allamakee County.

Dennis Blocker representing the Allamakee County ATV/UTV Club provided a history of the organization's activities and their future plans. The Allamakee ATV/UTV club would like to apply for various grants to purchase and develop an ATV/UTV Park in Allamakee County. Blocker asked the Board would draft a letter to support their grant writing efforts. After discuss on the request a motion was made by Delaney to draft a letter of support for the Allamakee ATV/UTV Club, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 7, 2020 in the Board Office.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.