

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday April 6, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Dennis Koenig. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg, Lynn Strong, and Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, 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., the agenda was approved, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

There were no comments during public comment.

The Board reviewed and approved the Fish Habitat Grant Agreement for the Garrett Recreational Area upon a motion by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding permitting for Red Bud Canoe Access and the Garrett Green Belt Recreational Area. The permits for the Garrett Property have been submitted and awaiting approval. The Red Bud Canoe Lansing site planning work isn't complete. Once the site plan is complete the permit will be submitted. The plat's for the Red Bud Canoe Access are at the Abstractor and should be ready for the County Attorney to draft the deeds for both properties.

The Director provided information to the Board regarding the use of the parking lot of the Bluffview Park located on Old Highway 364 on the west edge of Harpers Ferry for a temporary rural recycling and drop off location. The location will be used for the next fourteen weeks for five hours on Wednesday afternoon while the B25 Lansing Harpers Bridge is being replaced. The recycling coordinator will check the collection site and pick up any trash.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board programs scheduling have increasing.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates regarding staff and the Driftless Center. All staff will have received their Covid 19 vaccination by the end of the current week. Visitation at the Driftless Center has been busy and increasing as the weather has improved. Visitors have been happy to have the Driftless Center open, mask compliance has not been an issue.

Informational items discussed by the Board included new docks being delivered to Village Creek the first part of the month, applications returned for part-time seasonal, New Albin restroom mechanical issues, Stone Brook Park flag pole and swing set donations. The Board discussed the May meeting being hosted as a joint meeting with the Conservation Board, Board of Supervisors, and the Foundation Board on May 4, 2021.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday May 4, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.