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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. Tuesday August 3, 2021 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. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors and Bruce Palmborg were attending . Also attending were Conservation Board staff members James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the agenda and 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 Weymiller, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

John Hanson who is coordinating a program named The Black Bear Friendly Iowa Program presented information to the Board. Information included the history of Black Bears past, present, and possible future in the region. His discussion included what would need to occur legislatively should Black Bears become permanent residents in Iowa. The presentation had been provided to other Northeast Iowa County Conservation Board's. Hanson will keep County Conservation Board's updated on his activities.

The Board opened bids submitted for various dock sections. The high bid summary was as follows:

Unit 1-\$119.00, 2-\$956.00, 5-\$212.00, and 6-\$212.00 Chad Ness

Unit 3-\$1,228.27 Darrin Nelson

Unit 4-\$685.00 Dennis Trondle

Unit 7-\$600.00 Kevin Becker

A motion was made by Koenig to approve the high bids for the dock section, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. Staff will coordinate payment and loading of the dock sections.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Allamakee County Employee Handbook. A request had been made by Counsel to have all Boards and Commissions adopt the Employee Handbook. Sample language was provided. A motion was made by Weymiller to approve the following motion, The Allamakee County Conservation Board adopts all Allamakee County human resource and personnel policies to include the current Allamakee County Employee Handbook and all future updates to the Employee Handbook and human resource and personnel policies unless the Allamakee County Conservation Board adopts separate policies for specific matters, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the recent grant funding match from Northeast Iowa RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) for information kiosk hub's to be located at the Driftless Center. The grant was submitted by RC&D to the Allamakee County Community Foundation and was funded. The Board committed \$1,000.00 and labor for the grant match. Kiosk materials had been picked up and concrete work be coordinated at the Driftless Center for the information hub. Other location funded included Waukon, Lansing, and New Albin.

Informational items discussed by the Board include closing on the Rose Bud Canoe Access property, approval of the Board of Adjustment variance for the Rose Bud Property, playground equipment and flag pole installation being completed at Stone Brook Park, and the possibility of having a park dedication at Stone Brook Park. High volume usage at all areas had been experienced and record visitation at the Driftless Center during the summer. Other items discussed by the Board included a personal injury accident at Nobles Island and a workmen's comp claim of a part-time seasonal employee that was exposed to a poison plant. Other items included dredging updates at Village Creek Boat Landing, information to Board Members wanting to attend the State ICCS Annual Conference being held in Ames September 15-17, 2021, and a New Albin resident complaint of a semi livestock truck parking over night at the New Albin State Line Park.

The Board suggested to send a thank you letter to Howes and Ryan for making the property on Rose Bud available for a canoe access.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 3, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Weymiller to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.