

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday December 7, 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. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, 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 Weymiller, second Clark, 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.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding funding of the Water Recreational Access Grant that had been submitted for the acquisition and development of the Howe/Ryan property on the Upper Iowa River. The grant had been funded for 75% of the project total of \$38,370.00. The grant contract was presented to the Board for approval totaling \$28,778.00, a motion was made by Carroll to approve the grant contract, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed replacing the flat bottom boat which has been shared with the Sheriff's Department with funding from the American Rescue Plan funds. The current boat was funded with grant money and is twenty years old. It hasn't been determined if funds from the American Rescue Plan would qualify for replacing the boat. The Director will continue to research the possible use of the funds and keep the Board updated.

Department updates were provided to the Board and included education program summaries, Village Creek Boat Landing dredging, grant and permit updates, and winterizing of facilities.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget by line item. A motion was made by Weymiller to submit the budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Informational items discussed by the Board included Board Member appointment for Jesse Delaney, REAP funds received totaling \$10,235.00, updates to the commercial fishing display and other mounts being completed for display at the education center, recent webpage updates, and Board Member mileage. Other informational items included the possible future visit to the Driftless Center by Congresswomen Ashely Hinson. Other items included the passing of David Svenson and Dr. DeGowin who both named the Driftless Center as recipients of their memorials. Submitting a Allamakee Community Foundation Grant for a handicapped kayak and canoe launch at Village Creek Boat Landing was discussed and will be placed on the January agenda.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 4, 2022.

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