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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 March 2, 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. Attending from the public was Francis Garrett, Bruce Palmborg, Lynn Strong, Bill Moody 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 Weymiller, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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

During public comment time Reiser voiced his opinion he would like to see the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation pay the County \$25,000.00 per year for the operation of the Driftless Center, he would also he would like to see an admission charge. Francis Garrett discussed potential development plans he envisioned for the Garrett Recreational Area.

Prices submitted by contractors for work to be completed on the Garrett Property and the Red Bud Canoe Access were opened by the Board. The following was a summary of the prices:

Contractor	Garrett Property	Red Bud Landing
Jim Hanson	\$24,700.00	\$6,860.00
Nick Jones	16,890.00	4,675.00
Riehm	17,045.80	8,050.00
Szabo	17,769.50	9,150.00
Donlon	16,624.00	6,796.00
Sommer	18,882.00	8,490.00
Bacon	24,462.00	8,200.00
Strong	21,535.00	No Price

A motion was made Delaney to award both projects to Nick Jones Construction, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed part-time summer position hourly wages. A motion was made by Clark to set the hourly rate of pay at \$12.00 per hour, second Carroll, and in favor, motion carried. The positions have been posted in the Courthouse, the ICCS website, the Department Facebook Page, and local papers.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board that he has programs scheduled in the schools for later in the current week.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates regarding staff and the Driftless Center. All staff will have received their first round of the 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 County Informational Technology (IT) survey work that recently had been completed, IDNR not having funding for the shop roof replacement, dredge permit updates at Village Creek, basement rentals at the Center, and progress on the acquisition of the Red Bud Canoe Access. The Board discussed the May meeting being hosted as a joint meeting with the Conservation Board and the Foundation Board on May 4, 2021.

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The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday April 6, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.