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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 October 5, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Jesse Delaney. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, and James Janett.

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 Clark, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

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

The Board discussed allowing commercial operations and vending at County areas. Board policy has been not to allow commercial operations and vending at County Areas. The Board reviewed the letters prepared by the County Attorney and the Iowa DNR that outlined the permitting procedure and possible loss of future grant eligibility should the Board decide to allow commercial operations and vending on County owned and management areas. Insurance requirements for allowing commercial operations were also discussed by the Board. A motion was made Carroll to not allow commercial and vending operations on areas owned and managed by the Board, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director provided information to the Board regarding submitting Fish Habitat Grants for two projects. The projects included fishing improvements at the County Home Pond and Nobles Island bank stabilization. The Director estimated cost for each project being in the \$10,000.00 to 12,000.00 ranges. The grants are 90% cost share and due by the last working day of November. A motion was made by Clark to approve submitting Fish Habitat Grants for the upcoming grant cycle, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The Director conveyed that possibly only one grant would be filed based on the number of grants submitted near the grant deadline.

The Mc Elroy Foundation recently held their Board Meeting at the Driftless Center. The Mc Elroy Foundation Board made a \$5,000.00 to the Conservation Foundation to be used for education. A possible grant to the Mc Elroy Foundation for a webcam upgrade to the Driftless Center was discussed.

Field operations and education updates were provided to the Board.

Informational items discussed by the Board include preparation for the annual audit report, Village Creek dredging schedule, American Rescue Funding possibilities, shop roof being completed at Harpers Ferry, and recent display donations. Staff provided information on new wildlife mounts being added to the Driftless Center which included commercial fishing species, Mountain Lion, Badger, Bobcat Kit, and a Trumpeter Swan. The Board approved a request from the Allamakee County ATV/UTV Club for \$100.00 add to be placed on their map.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday November 2, 2021.

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 2:15 P.M.

