

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 1, 2022 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig and Steve Weymiller. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg and Raleigh Buckmaster. 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 and minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board upon a motion by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

During public comment time Bruce Palmborg updated the Board on Lansing being a host ending town for RAGBRAI 2022. More planning details will be available soon.

The Board discussed the hiring procedure for part-time seasonal positions. The motion was made by Weymiller to approve the hiring of the returning temporary part-time seasonal positions for the upcoming year to include Brody Vanderkolk, Gary Krapfl, Charlie Waters, and Andrew Osmonson at \$12.00 per hour, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding the permit for the Red Bud Canoe Access, the permit was recently approved by the IDNR Flood Plains Division, a permit for the County Home Park will be submitted soon. The grant to the Allamakee County Community Foundation for the handicapped kayak launch has been completed and submitted. The Director noted there will be additional costs from Mohn Surveying for completing the Red Bud Permit due to numerous additional information request from the IDNR Flood Plains Division. The Director also noted there will be a need for additional fill for the driveway and restroom location at the canoe access.

August of this year is the five-year anniversary of the opening of the Driftless Center. The Allamakee County Conservation Foundation is planning an event to recognize the anniversary. A tentative date has been set for Thursday August 11th. The plan is to have an open house for the public and invite donors. There will be refreshments, a short program, and some auction items. Planning details will be discussed further as planning for the event gets closer.

The Board discussed an ongoing heat problem in the main floor men's and women's restroom in the Driftless Center. During extreme cold periods the waterline to the restroom will freeze. A meeting had been held between the architect, building contractor, and the heating and cooling engineer. A written summary of options had been submitted addressing the problem and corrective measures. Cost and who will be responsible for payment has yet to be determined.

Informational items and old business items were discussed. Raleigh Buckmaster discussed his efforts in securing a video camera for the Driftless Center that would also serve as a KWWL TV weather and webcam. Additional information will follow. Other items discussed included easement work with the County Attorney, completing department insurance schedules, and ordering of the restroom for Red Bud Canoe Access

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

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 2:00 P.M.