

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 4, 2022 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Dennis Koenig. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg. 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 Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director informed the Board that Congresswomen Ashley Hinson will be visiting the Driftless Center after the Board Meeting at 2:00 P.M. to view the Center and to provide information on proposed legislation for the four state Driftless Area region. The Director had also invited the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors to attend the informational meeting.

Claims were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding the funding of a 2022 Iowa Fish Habitat Grant for fish habitat improvements at the County Home Park Pond for \$19,507.00. The Fish Habitat Grant was funded during the December 2021 District 6 meeting. A motion was made by Carroll to approve the Fish Habitat Grant Contract, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Submitting an Allamakee Community Foundation Grant for a handicapped kayak and canoe launch at Village Creek Boat Landing was discussed by the Board. The projected total cost of the project is \$32,000.00, the proposed Allamakee County Community Foundation Grant ask for the project is 7,500.00. The remaining funds for the project will be applied for through the Friends of Pool 9, Allamakee County REAP funds, Allamakee County Conservation Foundation, and the Iowa DNR. A motion was made by Carroll to proceed with an Allamakee County Community Foundation Grant for \$7,500.00, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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 was organized with the architect, building contractor, and the heating and cooling engineer. A written summary of options will be provided to the Board. Initial recommendations have been to add a thermostat in the women's restroom, and to put a row of vented ceiling tile along the exterior walls. Since the problem has been ongoing since the building was complete and it is a design flaw, the Director is asking the Architect to cost share correcting the problem. The Director will keep the Board informed on developments.

Informational items discussed included education program summaries, upcoming employee training, Board Member Jesse Delaney being reappointment by the Board of Supervisors, and County Home bid specifications for the Fish Habitat Grant.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 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.

