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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 June 7, 2022 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 included Dennis Blocker, Dean Anderson, and Jamie Cahalan. Also attending 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. and the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Clark, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

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

End of FY 2021-2022 year budget balances were discussed, it was projected that the department will finish the year with approximately \$2,850.00 to return to general basic.

Updates on the project at Red Bud Landing were given, including the need for additional streambank stabilization and armoring that would not be covered by the original grant. The Board discussed and approved the use of budgeted REAP monies for the work at Red Bud Landing. The Director noted the Board may need to amend the 2022-2023 FYB to use Conservation Special Project to offset increased cost on Red Bud Landing due to IDNR flood plains permit requirements. A motion was made by Weymiller and seconded by Carroll to complete the needed work.

Dennis Blocker, Dean Anderson, and Jamie Callaghan presented updates to the Board as representatives of the Allamakee County ATV/UTV club. The club is in the exploratory stages of acquiring a property in Allamakee County to serve as an ATV/UTV park. If the property is secured, the club would like ACCB to be the owners of the property, while trail design and maintenance would be paid for with state funds. They attended the meeting looking for ACCB support of the project, but it was decided that an agenda item would need to be added to the next board meeting before any official commitment could be made.

Department operations updates were presented to the board, with Jarrod Olson providing a positive review of our seasonal employees and their activities; Ross Geerdes providing updates on finishing out field trips and the school year, as well as public programs scheduled for later this summer. Erin Cubbon provided an update on current visitation numbers. The Director provided updates on security camera issues and repair, fire wall updates completed by Solutions Inc., train derailment south of the Power Plant, five-year anniversary planning activities, and signage efforts with the IDOT for the Driftless Center.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 7, 2022.

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 2:00 P.M.