

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday March 1, 2022 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, and Dennis Koenig. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, 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.

There were no public comments.

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

The Board discussed adjusting two bids from last season for inflation and increased diesel fuel cost. The projects weren't completed due to IDNR permit issues. A 10% increase would allow for a \$467.00 increase for the Red Bud Canoe access and a \$1,689.00 increase for the Clear Creek stream bank stabilization. A motion was made by Koenig, to approve the 10% increase on the bids, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board opened and reviewed bid's for the County Home pond restoration. Bids submitted were as follows: Jim Hanson \$15,000.00, Nick Jones \$14,475.00, Riehm \$16,000.00, Sommer \$14,950.00, Szabo \$22,010.00, Vorwald \$18,934.92. A motion was made by Carroll to approve low bid from Nick Jones for \$14,475.00, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed some legal work that needed to be completed for different areas. The Director has reached out to the County Attorney for a temporary construction easement for the Garrett Property as well a possible trail easement for better access to the property from South Road.

Informational items and old business items were discussed. Items included preparation of bid specifications for concrete work at different areas, one of the seasonal employees starting mid-April, full moon snow programs attendance, increased amount of fill needed for the Red Bud Canoe Access, heating issue being resolved at the Driftless Center, the Director attending ISAC. Other items discussed included RAGBRAI traveling through Allamakee County and ending in Lansing. More information will be provided as information is released. The Director noted that he had declined requests from the public to use the Driftless Center as a bus parking and pick up area for riders. Village Creek Boat Landing may still have dredge materials on site and week-long event parking will be discouraged.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday April 5, 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.