

## Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday November 1, 2022 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 from the public was Kelly Boylen, and Jack Knight. Conservation Board staff members attending was Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janet 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 Carroll, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

During public comment time the Board heard from the following two individuals. Jack Knight spoke to the Board on a number of matters which included the Planning and Zoning Board which he serves on is considering drafting an ordinance relating to ATV/UTV Parks in Allamakee County. Knight discussed the activities of the Conservation Board and spoke positively regarding department operations. Knight also spoke regarding various other Board's he has or is serving on and would like the opportunity to serve on the Conservation Board in the future.

Kelly Boylen addressed the Board on a number of different items. She discussed the activities of the Friends of Yellow River State Forest which have included fund raising for a number of stream bank stabilization projects, tree planting, and trail development. Boylen said the Friends of YRSF is open to working cooperatively with the Conservation Board on future projects. Boylen discussed the possible development of an ATV/UTV Park near her residence on White Pine Drive between Waterville Iowa and Yellow River State Forest. Negative impacts of increased ATV/UTV's usage near their residence included noise and impacts from the gravel road. Other concerns discussed was the possible unauthorized ATV/UTV usage in Yellow River State Forest. Such concerns included non-compatible usage of numerous user groups such as hunters, fishermen, hikers, bikers, bird watchers, and horseback riders. The concern was user impacts from ATV/UTV's would detract and compete with established decade old user activities which has made the area such a unique area to begin with.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year balances and budget summaries were reviewed and approved by the Board upon a motion by Carroll, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The Director informed the Board reimbursements requests had been received and deposited for Red Bud Landing and the County Home projects totaling \$48,281.00. Once a budget amendment is completed funds will be deposited back into the construction line item to cover other budgeted construction projects. The Director noted the Fish Habitat Grant totaling \$39,496.00 for the Garrett Property should be included in the budget amendment. Other projects recently completed that will need to be paid includes the Garrett Property, sidewalks at Red Bud Landing, Kolsrud Park, and the information kiosk at the office.

A request from the Monona and Luana Fire Department's to install a dry hydrant at Volney Park was discussed. Different locations for the dry hydrant at the site were considered as well as

maintaining access during the winter. The Board took not action on the request and will look at creating a policy for dry hydrants on County parks.

Changing the monthly meeting time discussed by the Board. There were no objections. The item will be addressed at the next Board meeting when all Board Members are present.

The Board discussed personnel matters. The Director submitted his written resignation to the Board. His retirement plan from the Department is in two months with an estimated departure date of January 6, 2023. The Board took no action on accepting the resignation letter. The Board moved to have a special meeting to discuss personnel matters at 4:00 P.M. Wednesday November 9, 2022 at the Board office located at 1944 Columbus Road Lansing, Iowa. The board was also informed the assistant director had applied for a different position.

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday December 6, 2022.

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 1:45 P.M.