

## **Allamakee County Conservation Board Minutes August 1, 2023**

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session August 1, 2023 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center in Lansing, Iowa. Board members who were present were: Jesse Delaney, Marilyn Clark, Jeanie Carroll and Dennis Koenig. Attending from the Allamakee County Conservation Board staff was Ross Geerdes, Erin Cubbon, and Emma Jacobs. Attending from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Mark Reiser.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and the agenda and minutes from the July 11, 2023 regular board meeting were approved with a motion by Koenig and a second by Clark with all members in favor.

There was no public comment.

The Board reviewed and approved claims and revenues with a motion by Clark and a second by Carroll. All in favor.

A resolution was drafted to prohibit construction of private infrastructure on public property owned or managed by the county. A motion was made by Carroll and a second by Koenig to submit a draft of the rule to the Allamakee County Attorney for review. All in favor.

An update on the recommendations put forth by EMC insurance during their site visit of the Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center. During the site visit the representative recommended a sprinkler system inspection, painting the curb outside the Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center to prevent tripping and a boaters safety course for all employees who may be operating the county boat. Geerdes informed the board that the material has been bought to complete the curb painting and a sprinkler inspection has been scheduled with Elite Sprinklers.

Changing of contractors for the dumpster in Harpers Ferry was discussed. Currently the dumpster is serviced by Waste Management as on call dumpster for \$82 per dump for a 2-yard dumpster. Town and Country Sanitation will provide a 2-yard dumpster with dumping 2 times per month for \$90. The board advised the director to use his discretion on changing the dumpster service for Harpers Ferry.

Staff members Erin Cubbon and Emma Jacobs updated the board on projects they have been working on. Erin Cubbon has held several public programs throughout July and has plans for a public program during the Lansing Fish Days weekend. Emma Jacobs is continuing to adjust to the office manager and assistant naturalist roles.

In informational items and old business Director Geerdes asked the board to clarify from a previous meeting the seasonal fencing at the Morgan Bridge Park. Director Geerdes will work with the adjoining landowner to meet the needs of the county and the landowner. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has asked if the board will be willing to take over the informational kiosks they currently have at some of the Mississippi River landings in the county. The ACCB could do with the kiosks what they wish and use them for their own signage. Sealing the cement relief cuts at the Village Creek Boat Landing was discussed. Delaney suggested that the state of Iowa should have sealed the cracks when the cement was poured. Director Geerdes will reach out to the Iowa DNR to see about sealing the cement relief cuts to prevent damage to the concrete from the roots of the weeds.

The time and date for the next meeting was set for September 5, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center.

With no additional business the meeting was concluded at 1:44 p.m. with a motion by Koenig and seconded by Clark to adjourn. All in favor.