

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 3, 2023 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 was Jack Knight. Conservation Board staff members attending was Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, and James Janet.

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.

There were no public comments.

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

The Director informed the Board reimbursements had been received and deposited totaling \$39,496.00 for the Garrett Property Fish Habitat Grant and will be included in the upcoming budget amendment. The Fish Habitat Grant submitted for the Upper Iowa Fishing Access secured \$10,909.00 of the \$22,000.00 acquisition cost. The Board discussed funds that could be used to make up the \$11,000.00 difference. The Director was instructed to contact the owner regarding any possible price adjustments. The following amendment items were presented to the Board: IDNR Fish Habitat (County Home) \$19,507.00, MRAC Grant (Red Bud Landing) \$28,778.00, IDNR Fish Habitat (Garrett Clear Creek) \$38,067.44, MRAC (Kayak/Canoe Launch) \$15,165.00. Total Grant reimbursements to be amended \$101,517.44

Updates on personnel matters were provided to the Board. Applications for the Director position were reviewed by the Board. The Board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday January 10, 2023 at the Board office to conduct interviews. The Director informed the Board he had not set a retirement date and would stay with the Conservation Board during the transition of hiring and training the new Director.

Informational items discussed by the Board included the status of the aquarium purchase, the Foundation has secured \$75,000.00 of the \$85,000.00 for the project. An anticipated delivery and installation time of the aquarium is February or March. The Board discussed the black mold growing on some of the masonry of the Ed. Center, the Director will check on possible options for removing the mold.

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 7, 2023.

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 2:20 P.M.

