

Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February, 2014 in the Board Office located at 427 North First Street Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Jeannie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Bill Moody. Present from the public was representative from the Board of Supervisors Dennis Koenig and Paul Melsha. Board staff in attendance included Jim Janett, Jarrod Olson, and Ross Geerdes.

The minutes from the January 7th, 2014 Board meeting were read and approved.

Claims and Expenditures were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Director presented a contract from the Iowa DNR to the Board. The contract would allow the Board to possibly receive monetary compensation, if there were ever any environmental violations in the County, which resulted in the responsible parties being fined. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Moody to sign and enter into the contract. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2014-2015 fiscal year budget was reviewed line item by line item by the Board, with some additions and deletions. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Carroll to submit the proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the payment of IACCB dues. It was the feeling of several Board members that the costs of the dues versus the benefits received from the IACCB were not equal, and that the dues were too high. The Director recommended paying at least the lowest membership amount of \$700. A motion was made by Moody and seconded by Clark to not pay any dues. All in favor, motion carried.

Operations updates were given to the board.

The Director updated the Board on the Columbus Property. The Director was still waiting for the consulting contract which was being reviewed by the Iowa DOT for approval. The Director had spoken to Jim Kerndt about the possibility of some off-site parking and a bus turnaround area. Mr. Kerndt seemed open to the idea and the Director would keep the Board informed on the matter. The issue of the parking variance was discussed. It was the feeling of the Board to have the possibility of off-site parking resolved before seeking the parking variance.

Informational items discussed by the Board included, a full moon snowshoe hike on Road 527 South of the power plant, the idea of placing paid ads for programming on KNEI radio, upcoming budget review with the Board of Supervisors, and receipt of the fish habitat reimbursement.

The next Board meeting will be March 4th, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at the Board Office

There being no additional information or business a motion to adjourn was made by Clark, second Moody, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.