

January 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 5, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, Dennis Koenig, and Steve Weymiller. Attending from the public was Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, Bruce Palmborg and Dennis Blocker. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olsen.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved upon a motion by Delaney, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried.

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

The Board conducted election of Officers for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Clark for Delaney to serve as Chairperson of the Allamakee County Conservation Board, second Weymiller, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Weymiller to have Clark serve as Vice-Chairperson for the Allamakee County Conservation Board, second by Delaney, all in favor, motion carried.

Dennis Blocker representing the Allamakee County ATV/UTV Club discussed a number of items with the Board. Items included information on a recent meeting regarding the development of an ATV/UTV Park in Allamakee County. Representatives from the State of Iowa ATV group indicated there should be funding available to purchase land in Allamakee County for an ATV park. Blocker also said the group thought there was a possibility of funding a staff person for developing and maintaining the ATV park. The Club was working on a number of locations for an ATV/UTV Park in Allamakee. Blocker will keep the Board updated on Club activities.

Installing an electrical vehicle charging station at the Driftless Center was discussed by the Board. Assistant Director Olson discussed recent funding for the installation of charging stations in Clayton County that were submitted to and funded by the Clayton County Gaming Commission from the Clayton County Energy District. The Board will continue to research the design and cost of a charging station for the Driftless Center. Discussion from the Board included charging stations are becoming more common and that having one at the Driftless Center would be a positive amenity.

COVID 19 procedures and recent record exposer rates were discussed by the Board. The Director voiced concerns for possible staff exposer due to the number of visitors. The Board discussed the status of other similar County, State, and Federal facilities. The Director informed the Board the majority of facilities were closed or open by appointment. After discussion of National, Regional, and Local COVID 19 infection rates the Board will evaluate reopening the Driftless Center during the February 2001 monthly meeting.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding public input about the possibility of the Board purchasing some property on the Upper Iowa River for a canoe access off Red Bud Drive. The Director informed the Board he had been in contact with landowners and they were receptive to selling and donating some area for a possible canoe access. The Board would like the Director to follow up with the landowners to obtain the amount of area needed, possible purchase cost, development cost, and obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors. The Director informed the Board the project should move forward and there would be some grant opportunities to cost share the project.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. It was conveyed to the Board that schools in the County will hopefully be less restrictive and will be allowing education programs back in person soon.

Informational items discussed by the Board included the Fish Habitat Grant for the Garret Property being funded for \$39,496.00, scheduling a budget review with the Board of Supervisors, collecting Board member mileage, recent Conservation Foundation donations, River and Ridge Outdoors owner Mark Peterson donating food for all the live animal displays, updates on dredging at Heytman's Landing and Village Creek Boat Landing, dock purchasing, the donation of flying squirrels and a bob cat pelt to the Driftless Center, and the replacement of a air exchanger motor for the HVC system.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 2, 2021.

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 3:15 P.M.

February 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 5, 2021 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 Doris Huinker, and Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved upon a motion by Weymiller, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

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

The Board discussed the design and cost share of a proposed Driftless Area Scenic Byway Hub to be placed at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Staff from RC&D had presented to the Board about the placement of the information hubs at various locations along the Driftless Area Scenic Byway in a past Board meeting. RC&D has asked the Board to provide a \$1,000.00 match for the construction and installation of the information hub at the Driftless Area Education Center if the grant submitted to the Allamakee County Community Foundation is funded. A motion was made by Carroll to approve the funding request to RC&D for the grant match should the grant be funded, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

COVID 19 procedures and planning for reopening the Driftless Center were discussed. The Director recommended opening the Driftless Center up in the next week. Mask mandates and reduced capacity policies will remain active.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding the purchasing of property on the Upper Iowa River for a canoe access off Red Bud Drive. The Director informed the Board he had been in contact with landowners and the Mohn surveying. The survey work is in the process of being completed. The Director also noted that he had ordered a site survey and development plan for completing grant work and the permitting process.

Supervisor Mark Reiser conveyed his concerns about the Allamakee County Conservation Board's management of Iowa DNR areas and the County paying for a roof replacement on the maintenance shop in Harpers Ferry. The Board will have the Director check with the Iowa DNR regarding any available funds to help with the roof replacement and management of areas.

The Board discussed the construction of a concrete observation deck at the Harpers Ferry Boat Landing. The project would allow for a 15' x 50' area built on the high-water portion of the landing which over-looks Harpers Slough and both the upper & lower boat ramps . The area receives considerable use as public meeting and picnic area.

The Board discussed the placement of a swing set at Stonebrook Park. The Foundation recently received a \$2,500.00 donation from Debra Masek whose father was longtime Conservation

Board member Chuck Fishback. The Director suggested the swing set be paid by the donation in memory of Chuck Fishback. A motion was made by Koenig to proceed with the swing set purchase and installation, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board that he has programs scheduled in the schools for later in the current week.

The Board discussed helping the Allamakee County Historical Society construct a small shelter house for the Waukon Iron Mine coal car display. The Historical Society will pay for the materials to construct the shelter. Board staff discussed the timing of completing the project which depends on when permits are approved for other projects. The Board approved helping the Historical Society and instructed the staff to coordinate completing the project.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday February 2, 2021.

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 3:15 P.M.

March 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday March 2, 2021 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 Francis Garrett, Bruce Palmborg, Lynn Strong, Bill Moody and Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M., the agenda was approved and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Weymiller, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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

During public comment time Reiser voiced his opinion he would like to see the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation pay the County \$25,000.00 per year for the operation of the Driftless Center, he would also he would like to see an admission charge. Francis Garrett discussed potential development plans he envisioned for the Garrett Recreational Area.

Prices submitted by contractors for work to be completed on the Garrett Property and the Red Bud Canoe Access were opened by the Board. The following was a summary of the prices:

Contractor	Garrett Property	Red Bud Landing
Jim Hanson	\$24,700.00	\$6,860.00
Nick Jones	16,890.00	4,675.00
Riehm	17,045.80	8,050.00
Szabo	17,769.50	9,150.00
Donlon	16,624.00	6,796.00
Sommer	18,882.00	8,490.00
Bacon	24,462.00	8,200.00
Strong	21,535.00	No Price

A motion was made Delaney to award both projects to Nick Jones Construction, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed part-time summer position hourly wages. A motion was made by Clark to set the hourly rate of pay at \$12.00 per hour, second Carroll, and in favor, motion carried. The

positions have been posted in the Courthouse, the ICCS website, the Department Facebook Page, and local papers.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board that he has programs scheduled in the schools for later in the current week.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates regarding staff and the Driftless Center. All staff will have received their first round of the Covid 19 vaccination by the end of the current week. Visitation at the Driftless Center has been busy and increasing as the weather has improved. Visitors have been happy to have the Driftless Center open, mask compliance has not been an issue.

Informational items discussed by the Board included County Informational Technology (IT) survey work that recently had been completed, IDNR not having funding for the shop roof replacement, dredge permit updates at Village Creek, basement rentals at the Center, and progress on the acquisition of the Red Bud Canoe Access. The Board discussed the May meeting being hosted as a joint meeting with the Conservation Board and the Foundation Board on May 4, 2021.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board that he has programs scheduled in the schools for later in the current week.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday April 6, 2021.

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 3:15 P.M.

April 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday April 6, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, and Dennis Koenig. Attending from the public was Bruce Palmborg, Lynn Strong, and Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M., the agenda was approved, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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

There were no comments during public comment.

The Board reviewed and approved the Fish Habitat Grant Agreement for the Garrett Recreational Area upon a motion by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding permitting for Red Bud Canoe Access and the Garrett Green Belt Recreational Area. The permits for the Garrett Property have been submitted and awaiting approval. The Red Bud Canoe Lansing site planning work isn't complete. Once the site plan is complete the permit will be submitted. The plat's for the Red Bud Canoe Access are at the Abstractor and should be ready for the County Attorney to draft the deeds for both properties.

The Director provided information to the Board regarding the use of the parking lot of the Bluffview Park located on Old Highway 364 on the west of edge of Harpers Ferry for a temporary rural recycling and drop off location. The location will be used for the next fourteen weeks for five hours on Wednesday afternoon while the 825 Lansing Harpers Bridge is being replaced. The recycling coordinator will check the collection site and pick up any trash.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board programs scheduling have increasing.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates regarding staff and the Driftless Center. All staff will have received their Covid 19 vaccination by the end of the current week. Visitation at the Driftless Center has been busy and increasing as the weather has improved. Visitors have been happy to have the Driftless Center open, mask compliance has not been an issue.

Informational items discussed by the Board included new docks being delivered to Village Creek the first part of the month, applications returned for part-time seasonal, New Albin restroom mechanical issues, Stone Brook Park flag pole and swing set donations. The Board discussed the May meeting being hosted as a joint meeting with the Conservation Board, Board of Supervisors, and the Foundation Board on May 4, 2021.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday May 4, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

May 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday May 4, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. The May meeting was the annual joint meeting with the Allamakee County Conservation Foundation. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, and Dennis Koenig. Additional Foundation members present were as follows: Dennis Blocker, Dave Duncklee, Gary Krapfl, Clem Schulte, and Jane Regan. Attending from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors was Mark Reiser and Larry Shellhammer. Attending from the public was CEO Tom Hazelton from the Iowa County Conservation Board System, Bruce Palmborg, Steve Casterton, Raleigh Buckmaster, Val Reinke, and Ric Zarwell. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M., the agenda along with the minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Carroll, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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

There were no comments during public comment.

The Board reviewed the temporary part-time positions to be hired for the upcoming season. A motion was made by Carroll to approve the following temporary part-time positions at the rate of \$12.00 per hour: Gary Krapfl, Brody Vanderkolk, Andrew Osmonson, and Charles Waters, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed pricing for replacing the Kubota zero turn mower. Jarrod Olson provided the Board with models and pricing of a John Deere and Kubota zero turn mower. Pricing was as follows: John Deere Z994 \$8,500.00 and Kabota ZD \$8,900.00. After discussion on the mower purchase, a motion was made by Delaney to purchase the Kabota ZD for \$8,900.00 along with the current Kabota zero turn mower as a trade, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Items discussed by the Foundation and the Conservation Board included financial statements, insurance status for the Foundation, State of Iowa Permits, and tax preparation. Other discussions included the intent of the Foundation to maintain the original plan to allow the Foundation Endowment to remain with the Greater Dubuque Area Foundation and to let it grow to maximize future returns. A question presented from a donor asked if there were plans on transferring funds from the Foundation to the Allamakee County General Basic account, the Foundation responded there was not a plan to transfer any funds from the Foundation. It was noted that donors would not be supported of transferring any funds and it wasn't the intent of donors when they made past or future donations.

Tom Hazelton CEO from the Iowa County Conservation System presented information to the Board's about the County Conservation Board System in the State of Iowa, and the relationship between the Conservation Board and Conservation Foundations or Friends Groups. Hazelton's

presentation included the history of the County Conservation Board system in the State of Iowa how it was the first in the nation and how Iowa's program was used to shape other County Conservation Systems though out the nation. Other items discussed included the economic impacts of outdoor recreation in Allamakee County and the State of Iowa.

Updates were provided to the Board by Ross Geerdes on education programs and scheduled field days at the Ed. Center.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates, activities at the Driftless Center were nearly back to normal with masks usage being encouraged. New guidance from the State of Iowa is expected soon.

Informational items discussed by the Board included new docks being delivered to Village Creek the first part of the month, New Albin restroom mechanical issues, Stone Brook Park flag pole and swing set donations.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 1, 2021.

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 2:45 P.M.

June 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday June 1, 2021 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. Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, James Janett 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 Weymiller, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Koenig, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The Board reviewed the current fiscal year budget expenditures and projected ending fund balances. An ending balance of \$12,800.00 was projected with approximately \$29,000.00 in expenditures. The Board instructed the Director to pay out as many expenditures as possible out of the current fiscal year budget.

Updates were provided to the Board on education programs and performing remote education programs. Ross Geerdes informed the Board school programs are scheduled at the Driftless Center well into June.

Updates were provided to the Board regarding Village Creek Boat Landing dredging and new docks. New docks have arrived. Parts of the dock were back ordered and should be delivered in the next two to three weeks. The bid letting for the dredging at Village Creek had been set for June 17, 2021.

The Board discussed Covid 19 updates regarding staff and the Driftless Center. All staff will have been fully vaccinated for Covid 19. Visitation at the Driftless Center has been busy with increasing numbers. There is no mask mandate in place for the Driftless Center. Over half of the visitors are voluntarily wearing masks. A number of meetings have been hosted or are scheduled at the Driftless Center.

Informational items discussed by the Board included comments received regarding emission standards of discharged effluents from the packing plant in Postville, Iowa DNR Parks Division regarding reduction of staff at Yellow River State Forest, swing set installation at Stone Brook Park, Bob Bulman memorial donation, ISAC Magazine and zoom program on the County Conservation Board System in the State of Iowa, real estate closing on Canoe Access on Red Bud Landing, and upcoming meetings beheld at the Driftless Center.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday July 6, 2021.

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 1:45 P.M.

August 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 3, 2021 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. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors and Bruce Palmborg were attending . Also attending were Conservation Board staff members James Janett 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 Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

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

John Hanson who is coordinating a program named The Black Bear Friendly Iowa Program presented information to the Board. Information included the history of Black Bears past, present, and possible future in the region. His discussion included what would need to occur legislatively should Black Bears become permanent residents in Iowa. The presentation had been provided to other Northeast Iowa County Conservation Board's. Hanson will keep County Conservation Board's updated on his activities.

The Board opened bids submitted for various dock sections. The high bid summary was as follows:

Unit 1-\$119.00, 2-\$956.00, 5-\$212.00, and 6-\$212.00 Chad Ness

Unit 3-\$1,228.27 Darrin Nelson

Unit 4-\$685.00 Dennis Trondle

Unit 7-\$600.00 Kevin Becker

A motion was made by Koenig to approve the high bids for the dock section, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. Staff will coordinate payment and loading of the dock sections.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Allamakee County Employee Handbook. A request had been made by Counsel to have all Boards and Commissions adopt the Employee Handbook. Sample language was provided. A motion was made by Weymiller to approve the following motion, The Allamakee County Conservation Board adopts all Allamakee County human resource and personnel polices to include the current Allamakee County Employee Handbook and all future updates to the Employee Handbook and human resource and personnel policies unless the Allamakee County Conservation Board adopts separate policies for specific matters, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the recent grant funding match from Northeast Iowa RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) for information kiosk hub's to be located at the Driftless

Center. The grant was submitted by RC&D to the Allamakee County Community Foundation and was funded. The Board committed \$1,000.00 and labor for the grant match. Kiosk materials had been picked up and concrete work be coordinated at the Driftless Center for the information hub. Other location funded included Waukon, Lansing, and New Albin.

Informational items discussed by the Board include closing on the Rose Bud Canoe Access property, approval of the Board of Adjustment variance for the Rose Bud Property, playground equipment and flag pole installation being completed at Stone Brook Park, and the possibility of having a park dedication at Stone Brook Park. High volume usage at all areas had been experienced and record visitation at the Driftless Center during the summer. Other items discussed by the Board included a personal injury accident at Nobles Island and a workmen's comp claim of a part-time seasonal employee that was exposed to a poison plant. Other items included dredging updates at Village Creek Boat Landing, information to Board Members wanting to attend the State ICCS Annual Conference being held in Ames September 15-17, 2021, and a New Albin resident complaint of a semi livestock truck parking over night at the New Albin State Line Park.

The Board suggested to send a thank you letter to Howes and Ryan for making the property on Rose Bud available for a canoe access.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday August 3, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Weymiller to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

October 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday October 5, 2021 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 were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes, and James Janett.

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 Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

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

The Board discussed allowing commercial operations and vending at County areas. Board policy has been not to allow commercial operations and vending at County Areas. The Board reviewed the letters prepared by the County Attorney and the Iowa DNR that outlined the permitting procedure and possible loss of future grant eligibility should the Board decide to allow commercial operations and vending on County owned and management areas. Insurance requirements for allowing commercial operations were also discussed by the Board. A motion was made Carroll to not allow commercial and vending operations on areas owned and managed by the Board, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Director provided information to the Board regarding submitting Fish Habitat Grants for two projects. The projects included fishing improvements at the County Home Pond and Nobles Island bank stabilization. The Director estimated cost for each project being in the \$10,000.00 to 12,000.00 ranges. The grants are 90% cost share and due by the last working day of November. A motion was made by Clark to approve submitting Fish Habitat Grants for the upcoming grant cycle, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. The Director conveyed that possibly only one grant would be filed based on the number of grants submitted near the grant deadline.

The Mc Elroy Foundation recently held their Board Meeting at the Driftless Center. The Mc Elroy Foundation Board made a \$5,000.00 to the Conservation Foundation to be used for education. A possible grant to the Mc Elroy Foundation for a webcam upgrade to the Driftless Center was discussed.

Field operations and education updates were provided to the Board.

Informational items discussed by the Board include preparation for the annual audit report, Village Creek dredging schedule, American Rescue Funding possibilities, shop roof being completed at Harpers Ferry, and recent display donations. Staff provided information on new wildlife mounts being added to the Driftless Center which included commercial fishing species, Mountain Lion, Badger, Bobcat Kit, and a Trumpeter Swan. The Board approved a request from the Allamakee County ATV/UTV Club for \$100.00 add to be placed on their map.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday November 2, 2021.

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 2:15 P.M.

December 2021 Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday December 7, 2021 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. 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. and the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Weymiller, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Updates were provided to the Board regarding funding of the Water Recreational Access Grant that had been submitted for the acquisition and development of the Howe/Ryan property on the Upper Iowa River. The grant had been funded for 75% of the project total of \$38,370.00. The grant contract was presented to the Board for approval totaling \$28,778.00, a motion was made by Carroll to approve the grant contract, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed replacing the flat bottom boat which has been shared with the Sheriff's Department with funding from the American Rescue Plan funds. The current boat was funded with grant money and is twenty years old. It hasn't been determined if funds from the American Rescue Plan would qualify for replacing the boat. The Director will continue to research the possible use of the funds and keep the Board updated.

Department updates were provided to the Board and included education program summaries, Village Creek Boat Landing dredging, grant and permit updates, and winterizing of facilities.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget by line item. A motion was made by Weymiller to submit the budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried.

Informational items discussed by the Board included Board Member appointment for Jesse Delaney, REAP funds received totaling \$10,235.00, updates to the commercial fishing display and other mounts being completed for display at the education center, recent webpage updates, and Board Member mileage. Other informational items included the possible future visit to the Driftless Center by Congresswomen Ashely Hinson. Other items included the passing of David Svenson and Dr. DeGowin who both named the Driftless Center as recipients of their memorials. Submitting a Allamakee Community Foundation Grant for a handicapped kayak and canoe launch at Village Creek Boat Landing was discussed and will be placed on the January agenda.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday January 4, 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.