

**REGULAR (VIRTUAL ZOOM) MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
February 9, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, Robyn Friedman, and Doug Smith

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Greg Oldsen, Jade Read, Ethan Vander Pol, and Jerry Ratliff.

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 10:30 am. Minutes of the November January 12, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 21-25. Motion by Stone, second by Smith that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$254.54	
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$75.03	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$48.42	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$23.12	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$43.62	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$199.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$25.08	
Iowa DNR	0001-22-6100-000-48039	\$15.00	
Skunk River Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00	
Iowa DNR	0001-22-6100-000-48039	\$15.00	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$331.81	
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$287.05	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$219.00	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$34.13	
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$18.99	C
	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$210.19	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$10.99	C
Gralnek-Dunitz Co.	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$245.53	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$269.68	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	-\$80.00	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$20.00	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$31.96	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$13.16	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$14.81	C

	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$14.67	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$9.99	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$139.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$730.13	C
Gralnek-Dunitz Co.	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$206.13	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$186.98	C
Pauls Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$61.47	C
Theisens	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$38.96	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$127.78	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$80.74	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$13.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$39.95	C
Theisens	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$18.37	C
Iowa Prison Industries	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$298.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$11.74	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$137.28	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$35.95	C
Menards	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$398.80	C
Struthers Bros.	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$339.48	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$19.22	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$27.92	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$3.97	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$29.82	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$15.88	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$27.14	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$130.50	C
Superior Welding Supply	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$1,700.00	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$236.48	C
P&P Small Engines	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$63.98	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$12.00	C
Capital City Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$25.16	C
Harbor Freight Tools	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$109.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$15.64	C
Iowa Prison Industries	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$639.00	C
Premier RK Dixon	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$50.69	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$55.95	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$1,493.93	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26139	\$47.52	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$776.66	C
Smokey Lake Maple	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$1,485.00	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$69.99	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$696.00	C

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Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Reports were presented by Cantu, Oldsen, Read, Vander Pol, and Ratliff.

PURCHASE OF PICKUP- ACTION 21-26. Bids were received from Gregg Young Automotive for a 2021 ¾ ton pickup (including \$9100 allowance for a trade in for existing ¾ ton pickup): Ford F250 priced at \$23,582 and a Dodge 2500 priced at \$19,800. Motion by Friedman, second by Stone to purchase the 2021 Dodge 2500 for \$19,800 (price including trade in). Motion carried unanimously.

UHLENHOPP CABIN PLAN- ACTION 21-27. Vander Pol presented costs for items that could be updated or fixed in the cabin at Uhlenhopp before opening it to for public rental. Board members selected Stone and Smith to meet with Vander Pol on site to determine specific items to fix. Motion by Freidman, second by Stone to approve expenditure of up to \$5,000 for updates to the Uhlenhopp cabin. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashton Park Plan. Van Zante and Ratliff presented an improvement idea for Ashton Park. Adjacent landowners are interested in exploring donation opportunities to upgrade Ashton park. Some ideas include yurts, and obstacle course, boy scout meeting area, a pond, and a bike trial connection to the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Van Zante will keep board members informed of any further developments.

Grants. Cantu is working on a Build with Bags grant for new benches at Mariposa and a Jasper Community Foundation grant for paddleboards. A Prairie Meadows grant will be written for the yurt project at Ashton as soon as the grant cycle opens.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Nothing identified.

Nature Center. Nothing identified.

Other. Van Zante discussed organizing a memorial for Jerry Ratliff's parents, both who passed away in the past month. Van Zante will continue to work with Ratliff and his family to gather ideas for this project, as well as contacting Linda Klepinger and Jared Kingery to get art input.

Board Member Concerns. Freidman offered to request adding naturalists to the schoolteacher vaccination list. She will contact the superintendent and then update staff.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 21-28. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Smith that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:13 p.m.

Doug Smith, Secretary