

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
May 11, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

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

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

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 10:00 am. Minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 21-34. Motion by Friedman, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$208.81
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$75.03
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$57.29
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$107.55
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$21.81
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,721.60
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$199.00
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$45.81
Skunk River Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00
Priority Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$360.00
Snyder & Associates	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$5,394.90
Keri Van Zante	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$160.95
ICCS	0001-22-6100-000-48000	\$1,000.00
Central Iowa Distributing	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$748.00
Realm Companies LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$580.00
HI-VIZ Safety	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$2,000.00
	0001-22-6110-000-21247	\$500.00
	0001-22-6110-000-21446	\$127.00
DC Sports	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$564.00
	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$201.00
Martin Marietta	0001-22-6110-000-21244	\$226.18
City of Newton Landfill	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$758.34
Swank Motion Pictures	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$1,280.00

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Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$12.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$140.46	C
Clip champ	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$324.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$15.27	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-20300	\$43.96	C
Menards	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$2,438.71	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$533.32	C
La Crosse Seed	0001-22-6110-000-20300	\$518.34	C
P & P Small Engines	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$26.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$1,997.40	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$13.04	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$1.79	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$92.94	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$119.99	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$17.22	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$7.94	C
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$32.98	C
Ion Exchange Inc	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,575.00	C
Hickenbottom	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$134.37	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$54.99	C
Kids Books	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$126.60	C
Kids Books	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$165.00	C
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$24.90	C
ACME	0001-22-6110-000-41546	\$2,165.00	C
Dove Connection	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$373.47	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$12.09	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$59.98	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$65.25	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$8.55	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$6.87	C
Sprayer Specialties	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$105.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-41546	\$565.74	C
Van Vall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44600	\$444.95	C
		\$28,829.77	

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JASPER COUNTY'S SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COVID-19 RELIEF RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL- ACTION 21-35.

Whereas, the Jasper County Conservation Board is a valid and functioning entity of Jasper County; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program provides funding at the state level to local jurisdictions for the development of eligible projects; and

Whereas, the program is administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation which prioritizes and ranks all project applications; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD THAT:

1. Jasper County Conservation Board supports and approves the application made for COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program
2. Jasper County Conservation Board hereby commits to the Iowa Department of Transportation to secure matching monies as required by the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program.
3. Jasper County Conservation hereby commits to accepting and maintaining these improvements for a minimum of twenty (20) years following the completion.
4. The Jasper County Conservation Director is hereby authorized to approve and execute the application and award agreement on behalf of Jasper County Conservation Board.

Motion by Smith, second by Stone to approve the resolution authorizing Jasper County's submittal of an application for funding for the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program for the funding of the development of the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

UHLENHOPP CABIN MINI SPLIT BIDS- ACTION 21-36. Vander Pol presented bids for the mini split heating and cooling unit at the Uhlenhopp Cabin. Brookwood bid a Daikin unit for \$5600, Brooker \$3500 for a Durastar and \$4890 for a Fujitsu, and Gerald Nook \$3995 for Bosch. Board members discussed the differing quality of each brand that was bid. Motion by Smith, second by Stone to select Gerald Nook with the Bosch unit for \$3995. Motion carried unanimously.

E-Bike Policy. Van Zante and Ratliff researched surrounding counties who already have E-bike policies in place. Ratliff presented a policy from Dickinson County, but reported that Polk and Story do not have them in place at this time. Van Zante spoke to the MPO and they are working to write a statewide adoptable policy. Board members asked to see that policy when it is completed, and they will discuss adopting it for Jasper County.

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 CONSERVATION PAY PLAN- ACTION 21-37. A new pay plan was presented for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The pay plan includes a 2% cost of living increase as well as step increases for staff not at the top of their steps. Motion by Stone, second by Friedman to approve the 2021-2022 Conservation Pay Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants. Oldsen is completing an IDALS grant for the floating wetland project, Van Zante will submit the CARES ACT grant for the Red Rock Prairie Trail project, as well as the Prairie Meadow Grant for the yurt project. Board members asked Van Zante to include a \$10,000 match for the Prairie Meadows grant.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Nothing identified.

Nature Center. Nothing identified.

Other. Staff is working on developing a new entry sign for Ashton Park for the Wilcox Memorial. We will also be naming the open grassy area at Ashton after Wilcox. Van Zante will ask Wilcox's family to name the grassy area and then a memorial rock will be made and the area will be referred to as the Wilcox name now as events are scheduled there at Ashton Park.

Board Member Concerns. Smith asked for an update on visiting the sawmill in Marshall County. Van Zante will follow up with the Marshall County Director, but said he mentioned they would have it up and running early this summer.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 21-38. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Smith that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:27 p.m.

Doug Smith, Secretary