

**REGULAR MEETING  
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
Conservation Office, Armory Building  
November 8, 2022, 4:30 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Kramer, Robyn Friedman, Chris Herbold, and Andy Stone

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante, Ethan VanderPol, and Dennis Cooling

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Friedman at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting were approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 23-18.** Motion by Herbold, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund: Motion carried unanimously.

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| Alliant Energy             | 0001-22-6110-000-43142 | \$180.94   |   |
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| Central IA Water Assoc     | 0001-22-6110-000-43244 | \$67.50    |   |
| Central IA Water Assoc     | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$80.07    |   |
| Central IA Water Assoc     | 0001-22-6110-000-21249 | \$31.30    |   |
| Central IA Water Assoc     | 0001-22-6110-000-43213 | \$71.65    |   |
| Jasper County Engineer     | 0001-22-6110-000-25000 | \$1,931.93 |   |
| MidAmerican Energy         | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$160.00   |   |
|                            | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$55.32    |   |
| Skunk River Sanitation LLC | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$48.50    |   |
| Town and Country Sani      | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$380.00   |   |
| ISU Extension              | 0001-22-6110-000-42200 | \$70.00    |   |
| Premier RK Dixon           | 0001-22-6100-000-40200 | \$55.76    | A |
| Premier RK Dixon           | 0001-22-6100-000-40200 | \$55.76    |   |
| Dodds Trash hauling        | 0001-22-6110-000-44146 | \$75.00    |   |
| Theisens                   | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$50.56    | C |
| Farver True Value          | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$10.78    | C |
| Pauls Ace Hardware         | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$4.78     | C |
| Menards                    | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$123.93   | C |
| Day Glo                    | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$232.78   | C |
| Amazon                     | 0001-22-6100-000-26000 | \$46.20    | C |
| Amazon                     | 0001-22-6100-000-60000 | \$38.23    |   |
|                            | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$113.73   | C |
|                            | 0001-22-6110-000-20142 | \$8.99     | C |
| Amazon                     | 0001-22-6100-000-26000 | \$10.99    | C |

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|                        | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$37.92    | C |
| Metro Waste Authority  | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$37.40    | C |
| Walmart                | 0001-22-6100-000-60000 | \$37.96    | C |
|                        | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$26.86    | C |
| Barney's Services Inc. | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$139.90   | C |
| Barney's Services Inc. | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$194.95   | C |
| Barney's Services Inc. | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$1,083.20 | C |
| Canva                  | 0001-22-6100-000-40000 | \$14.99    | C |
| Facebook- Meta         | 0001-22-6100-000-40000 | \$16.80    | C |
| Smith Quality Rental   | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$125.00   | C |
| Menards                | 0001-22-6110-000-44144 | \$653.09   | C |
|                        |                        | \$6,091.83 |   |

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A written naturalist report was presented, and staff reports were presented by VanderPol and Cooling.

**CENTRAL IOWA WATER PROPOSAL FOR NEW WATERLINE TO MARIPOSA-ACTION 23-19.** Central Iowa Water submitted an updated proposal and contract for \$80,000 to add a new 4” water main to allow for usage the new campground/cabins will require at Mariposa. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve the \$80,000 contract for water service installation to the new campground and cabins at Mariposa. Motion carried unanimously.

**CVT REPAIR PROPOSAL- ACTION 23-20.** Snyder and Associates submitted a proposal for the repair of the Chichaqua Valley Trail (CVT). Van Zante spoke in length with Auditor Dennis Parrott about the project and he said that since Snyder and Associates is the only firm that provides the very specialized services and experience and expertise needed to repair the damages on the trail, then no further bids are required for the design services for the project. Motion by Kramer, second by Herbold to accept the Standard Professional Services Agreement from Snyder and Associates in the amount of \$20,000 for project administration, topographic survey, engineering design, and bid letting for the CVT repair project. Motion carried unanimously.

**FISH HABITAT GRANTS- ACTION 23-21.** Van Zante presented 2 fish habitat grant applications to do shoreline stabilization and rock outcroppings for fish habitat at Mariposa and to rehabilitate the Wednesday Pond at Uhlenhopp Arboretum. Fish Habitat grants provide 90% cost share. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to approve the fish habitat grant applications. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mariposa Campground Planning.** Board members and staff discussed the plan for the campground and cabins at Mariposa. 16 camp sites will be created and 2 cabins to begin with during the spring and summer of 2023. VanderPol will collect bids this winter for all portions of the project so that work can begin after the ground thaws. VanderPol will work as the general contractor on the entire project but will plan to do most construction for the cabins himself. Cooling will be working on the project next summer as well.

**Grants.** Van Zante submitted the Destination Iowa Grant for the Nature Center Project and will be submitting 2 Fish Habitat Grants.

**Camping and Cabin Planning.** Discussed Mariposa Project (see notes above)

**Nature Center.** Nothing identified.

**Other.** Staff will install a fundraising sign at the site of the Environmental Education Center that includes a “fundraising thermometer” showing funds raised compared to funds needed. Bids will be taken at the next meeting for equipment no longer needed. Meeting will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Next meeting will be December 6, 2022.

**Board Member Concerns.** Nothing identified.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 23-22.** With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:35 p.m.**

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Chris Herbold, Secretary