

**REGULAR MEETING  
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
Conservation Office, Armory Building  
February 7, 2023, 4:30 P.M.**

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

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante, Jerry Ratliff, Greg Oldsen, and Ethan VanderPol

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Stone at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular meeting were approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 23-30.** Motion by Kramer, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$37.53	
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Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,515.25	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$160.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$28.09	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$47.00	
4 Seasons Trailer and Equ.	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$7,805.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$1,095.00	
Heatronics Infa-Red, Inc.	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$253.70	
Snyder & Associates	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$11,709.19	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$54.00	
	0001-22-6100-000-26339	\$1,000.00	
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$167.97	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$156.55	
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Liberty Hardwoods	0001-22-6110-000-21945	\$750.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$59.50	
Howrey Construction	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$73,367.00	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$54.00	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$991.33	
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$428.76	
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$159.87	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$47.00	
Roth Sugar Bush Co.	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$67.43	C
Smokey Lake Maple Co.	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$607.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$89.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$8.99	C

Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$27.47	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$40.32	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$50.18	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$79.98	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$567.06	C
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$36.00	C
CDW-G	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$176.29	C
My County Parks	0001-22-6100-000-42200	\$300.00	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$234.99	C
Connection	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$413.83	C
ACME Tools	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$97.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$176.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$1,261.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$110.69	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$46.31	C
	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,000.00	C
Hy-Vee	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$25.88	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$28.46	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$30.00	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$140.00	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$497.00	C
Practical Farmers	0001-22-6100-000-42200	\$55.00	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$43.44	C
	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$27.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$119.96	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$128.36	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$139.00	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$618.32	C
4 Seasons Trailer	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$440.00	C
My County Parks	0001-22-6100-000-42200	\$40.00	C
Practical Farmers	0001-22-6100-000-42200	\$50.00	C
Facebook Meta	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$31.52	C
ACME Tools	0001-22-6110-000-44145	\$500.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$336.72	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$25.82	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$400.37	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$373.96	C
Dodds	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$408.38	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$139.16	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$4.28	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$18.94	C

	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$6.98	C
	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$13.76	C
Theisens	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$23.98	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$18.98	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$53.91	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$13.44	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$5.88	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$5.30	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$109.66	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$195.30	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$726.62	C
The RO Bucket	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$770.00	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$26.00	C
		\$112,842.25	

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Staff reports were presented by Oldsen, VanderPol, and Ratliff.

**APPROVAL OF CHICHAQUA VALLEY TRAIL REPAIR PROJECT DOCUMENTS – ACTION 23-31.** Van Zante presented construction plans, cost estimates, specifications, and notice to bidders documentation prepared for the Chichaqua Valley Trail repair project by Snyder and Associates. Motion by Friedman, second by Kramer to approve the Chichaqua Valley Trail repair project documents, including plans, cost estimates, specifications and notice to bidders. Motion carried unanimously.

**SETTING OF MARCH 7 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CVT REPAIR PROJECT- ACTION 23-32.** Motion by Friedman, second by Kramer to set the public hearing for the Chichaqua Valley Trail repair project for March 7, 2023 at 4:30 pm at the Jasper County Conservation Office, 1030 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St S in Newton. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET- ACTION 23-33.** Van Zante presented the 2023-2024 budget for approval by board members. Budget line items were reviewed for clarification. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors asked all departments to plan for an insurance cost increases and salary line items were increased by 6.0% (though likely to be cut before final approval by the Board of Supervisors). Motion by Friedman, second by Kramer, to approve the budget as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**MyCountyParks Update.** Read provided a written update regarding the MyCountyParks reservation and payment platform. Board members suggested staff zoom with MCP staff to make sure they understand responsibilities of joining the platform and report back to the board. Van Zante will work with Read to set a virtual meeting.

**Grants.** Van Zante will write and submit a Prairie Meadows grant for the Nature Center Project. Oldsen is working on a tree planting grant for several different parks.

**Camping and Cabin Planning Review.** VanderPol presented final plans for 2 cottages and the showerhouse at Mariposa. A budget will be finalized in the next few weeks.

**Nature Center.** A Caring for Conservation golf tournament will be held on May 20, 2023 and a Caring for Conservation Auction will be held November 4, 2023.

**Other.** Nothing identified,

**Board Member Concerns.** None identified.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 23-34.** With no further business appearing, motion by Friedman second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT - 6:05 p.m.**

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Bill Henninger, Secretary