

**SPECIAL MEETING  
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
Conservation Office, Armory Building  
September 18, 2023, 12:15 P.M.**

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

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante

With a quorum present, the special meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herbold at 12:15 pm.

**CMaR INTERVIEW SCORING AND SELECTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT- ACTION 24-14.** Interviews were held with the top 5 scorers: Neumann, Stahl, Greiner, Hansen, and DCI on September 13 and 14, 2023. Board scoring criteria was based upon:

- Cost and qualifications: 10 pts (we felt this had already been scored as a part of the RFP as well)
- Compatibility (with board members, staff and needs of project): 40 pts

Overall scores were:

Greiner: 50 pts

Newman: 20 pts

Hansen: 17 pts

Stahl: 13 pts

DCI: 10 pts

Though all groups were well qualified and would have been great to work with, and costs were nearly even between all groups, JCCB members thought Greiner was the most compatible with the project needs and with the staff and board members. The scoring weighed heavily on how attentive the firms were to the JCCB project and how we could reach our educational and sustainability goals. The interview group had many things they notated between the first and second place finishers:

- **Donated services:** all groups had different answers about how they would handle donated services. Greiner spoke most in depth about this and was willing to take the challenge and time to navigate how this would fit in to the CmaR process. Neuman did not seem to like the idea and seemed least likely of all to be helpful with this item, which we know will be an important part of this community project.
- **When GMP is set:** All groups, with the exception of Neuman, said that the GMP would be set after bids are received. Neuman suggested that only an “estimated update will become available after the GMP is set”.

- **Overages:** Specifically, Greiner said they would give any and all overages back to JCCB and Neuman said they would split overage with JCCB.
- **Solar Panels:** Neuman said solar panels “might be on our own to get them”. This was concerning board members.
- **RFP:** Neuman spoke in depth about utilizing “virtual design and construction” but when asked about it from a board member, they brushed it off and acted like they didn’t know when was being asked of them.
- **Self-performing work:** Neuman said they would be bidding on constructing parts of the project themselves at the same time as managing the project. This, along with their vague 10% fee, did not seem transparent to board members.
- **Personal connections:** Greiner took the time during the interview to speak about our project specifically and told us how they would add educational components, even during the construction phase project. They had ideas about adding sustainable elements to the project that we hadn’t thought about yet and enunciated each of their personal connections to nature. Board members and staff felt an immediate connection to them.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 24-15.** With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT – 1:30 p.m.**

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Bill Henninger, Secretary