

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
August 6, 2024, 8:30 A.M.**

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Greg Oldsen, Tristan Hunt, Jerry Ratliff, and Jade Read

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 8:30 am. Minutes of the July 2, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-08. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$205.64	
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Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$174.89	A
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$238.09	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$96.04	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$65.64	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$187.21	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$132.98	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$2,111.87	A
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,655.82	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$149.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$52.56	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$47.00	
Dodds Trash and Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-44146		
	0001-22-6110-000-44142		
US Cellular	0001-22-6110-000-42080	\$173.96	
Town & Country Services	0001-22-6110-000-43265	\$760.00	
City of Newton Landfill	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$51.84	
Martin Marietta Materials	0001-22-6110-000-21200	\$1,383.73	
Strom Motorsports	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$16,006.49	
Riggs Printing	0001-22-6100-000-26339	\$480.00	
Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,120.40	
	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$583.70	

T/C Town Country Service	0001-22-6110-000-43265	\$760.00	
Bjornsen Pond Management	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$4,980.00	
Arrow Pest Control	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$80.00	
Huffaker Trucking	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$102.55	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$7.81	
Martin Marietta Materials	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$306.69	
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$39.96	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$86.51	C
Neimann Ace	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$23.38	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$78.93	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$164.87	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$31.30	C
walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$8.56	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$11.91	C
Lockridge	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,940.78	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$540.96	C
Spahn & Rose	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$97.64	C
CDW	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$1,061.98	C
amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44600	\$216.40	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$188.99	C
amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44600	\$23.84	C
Bob's Septic	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$585.00	C
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Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$22.75	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$22.76	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$13.40	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$7.97	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$21.19	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$18.90	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	-\$57.48	C
walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$29.51	C
walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$263.04	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$12.04	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$156.28	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$17.40	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$18.50	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$51.23	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$13.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$13.49	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$18.97	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$59.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$47.11	C

walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$4.18	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$3.97	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$35.94	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$11.73	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$213.08	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-41546	\$20.16	C
Menards	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$432.94	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$55.95	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$26.94	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$13.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$10.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$37.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$17.97	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$51.97	C
amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$103.00	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21546	\$352.96	C
Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$9.13	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$15.69	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$11.16	
		\$40,671.54	

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-09. Motion Yeager second by Herbold to approve the bank statement showing the monthly digital and online transactions and ACH transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Ratliff, Hunt, Oldsen, Read and Cantu.

Nature Center Bid Update. Matt with Geiner Construction joined the meeting to discuss the rebid of several items after conducting value engineering to try to reduce the cost of the project. Re-Bids are due back August 15. At that time, JCCB will need to decide if they want to approve an initial GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) to include just the earthwork, utilities, structural steel and concrete, and then continue fundraising, or if they want to approve the full GMP.

SNYDER AND ASSOCIATES CONSULTANT AGREEMENT RRPT PHASE 2- ACTION 25-10. Van Zante presented a consultant agreement for Snyder and Associates to complete preliminary survey and preliminary engineering design for the Red Rock Prairie Trail Phase 2 project. Motion by Herbold, second by

Kramer to accept the consultant agreement from Snyder and Associates for Phase 2 of the RRPT Project. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDIO MELEE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PHASE 2 CONTRACT- ACTION 25-11. Van Zante presented a contract from Studio Melee to complete the design and drawings by the end of 2024 and bidding spring 2025 for Phase 2 of the Environmental Education Center Project. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to accept the agreement for Phase 2 of the Environmental Ed Project from Studio Melee. Motion carried unanimously.

Farm Lease Notification and Rebid. Van Zante certified mailed out the farm lease cancellation notices for both the Nature Center Farm and Lillian Johnston Farm. The Nature Center Farm will not be rebid, but the Lillian Johnston Farm will be posted for bid in November.

Nature Pass. Van Zante presented an idea utilized by Polk County for a Nature Pass that would allow for a free camping coupon book if park users qualified at a certain income with in-county residency. More research will be done for the next meeting.

REAP APPLICATION- CITY OF NEWTON- ACTION 25-12. The City of Newton is hoping to apply for a REAP grant to install a dock and a partially paved trail to connect to the exiting trail at Cardinal Pond. Total amount of the project is \$251,420 and the REAP grant ask is \$125,00. Motion by Yeager, second by Herbold to accept the \$125,000 REAP application from the City of Newton. Motion carried unanimously.

Krumm/Nature Center Area Grazing Idea. Oldsen presented a prairie management idea of introducing cattle to an area at Krumm and the Nature Center Area to manage cool season grass growth. The plan would call for burning and flash grazing for approximately 45 days. This would provide different heights of habitat for different species, as well as setting back the cool season grasses. Van Zante and Oldsen will also present the idea to Talsma and will report back next month.

2025 Golf Tournament. Read asked for guidance regarding planning of a golf tournament fundraiser in 2025. Last year we raised \$12,000 with the golf fundraiser. All board members agreed to move forward with the planning of the event for 2025.

Ashton Park Plan. Ratliff will move from Ashton Park at the beginning of December 2024. Board members will bring ideas to the next meeting about what will happen with the park house after he moves.

Other. Nothing identified

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-13. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:04 a.m.

Carol Kramer, Secretary