

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
September 3, 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, 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 August 6, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-14. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

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| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43142 | \$91.53 |
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| Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc | 0001-22-6110-000-43244 | \$73.30 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$174.96 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc | 0001-22-6110-000-21249 | \$189.29 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc | 0001-22-6110-000-43213 | \$73.77 |
| Jasper County Engineer | 0001-22-6110-000-25000 | \$538.91 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$190.00 |
| | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$61.70 |
| Skunk River Sanitation LLC | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$47.00 |
| Dodds Trash and Hauling | 0001-22-6110-000-44146 | \$80.00 |
| | 0001-22-6110-000-44142 | \$160.00 |
| US Cellular | 0001-22-6110-000-42080 | \$347.92 |
| Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls | 0027-22-0210-000-60000 | \$897.40 |
| Prairie Ag Supply | 0001-22-6110-000-63100 | \$8,269.00 |
| Scott nickkel Trucking | 0027-22-0210-000-60000 | \$43,175.00 |
| Saak Inc. | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$25.00 |
| Jerry Ratliff | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Keri Van Zante | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Katie Cantu | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Greg Oldsen | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Tristan Hunt | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Kent Dunsburgen | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Ethan Vander pol | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Jade Read | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |

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| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-44142 | \$90.46 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-44142 | \$21.99 | C |
| NAPA | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$47.45 | C |
| Menards | 0027-22-0210-000-60000 | \$550.02 | C |
| Crawdaddy Outdoors | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$900.00 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$1.24 | C |
| Canva | 0001-22-6100-000-40000 | \$14.99 | C |
| Capital City Equipment | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$213.80 | C |
| Capital City Equipment | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$336.26 | C |
| Prairie Ag Supply | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$162.94 | C |
| Prairie Ag Supply | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$148.86 | C |
| Prairie Ag Supply | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$78.00 | C |
| Duncraft | 0027-22-0210-000-60000 | \$389.85 | C |
| Smith Quality Rental | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$55.34 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6100-000-26000 | \$35.70 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6110-000-44144 | \$74.97 | C |
| Authorize.net | 0001-22-6100-000-40000 | \$20.45 | C |
| Manatts | 0001-22-6110-000-21246 | \$1,000.00 | C |
| | 0001-22-6110-000-21200 | \$185.01 | C |
| Bob's Septic | 0001-22-6110-00-41046 | \$585.00 | C |
| Magnum Automotive | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$399.10 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21943 | \$24.99 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$65.40 | C |
| Walmart | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$30.23 | C |
| Menards | 0001-22-6110-000-29000 | \$119.99 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-23200 | \$83.70 | C |
| Walmart | 0001-22-6110-000-23200 | \$59.80 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$18.97 | C |

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Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-15. Motion Herbold second by Kramer 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, Oldsen, Read and Cantu.

GREINER CONSTRUCTION: NATURE CENTER BID AND GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP)- ACTION 25-16. Geiner Construction joined the meeting to again discuss the rebid of several items after conducting value

engineering to try to reduce the cost of the project. The all in cost for the project is now \$2,918,470. Matt asked for the board to either 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 of \$2,918,470. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to approve the full Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,918,470. Motion carried unanimously.

UHLENHOPP POND PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2 -ACTION 25-17. Board members discussed having the contractor dig out the pool area of the pond at Uhlenhopp to create more depth. After it was drained, it was clear that it had only about 5 feet of depth. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to spend up to \$6,500 additional dollars to dig out the pool area of the pond at Uhlenhopp. Motion carried unanimously.

KRUMM AND CARE FACILITY GRAZING PROJECT- ACTION 25-18. Oldsen presented additional information about prairie management by introducing cattle to an area at Krumm and the Nature Center Area/County Care Facility Area to manage cool season grass growth. Oldsen also proposed the idea of having goats brought in to manage invasive woody species at Ashton Park and perhaps the Nature Center Area. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to move forward with a grazing plan at the County Care Facility. Motion carried unanimously

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION GRANT APPROVAL- ACTION 25-19. Oldsen presented a grant he wrote to purchase a Fecon Drum Mulcher. This skid loader attachment would be used to manage woody vegetation and promote the growth of turkey (as well as other wildlife) habitat and food sources. Supervisor Talsma wrote a letter of support for the application stating that if the grant is successful, he would support the purchase of a new skid loader for the conservation department. Motion by Kramer, second by Herbold to spend up to \$14,000 to match other dollars in the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashton Park Plan. Ratliff will move from Ashton Park at the beginning of December 2024. Zoning states that there would need to be at least 10 acres split off of that parcel if it was decided to sell off the house. Van Zante and Herbold will look into the possibility of a variance to this rule and will discuss more options at the October meeting

Other. Board members discussed the upcoming bond issuance on the next election ballot and how it will positively impact conservation. The donor wall at the Nature Center was also discussed. Van Zante will gather additional ideas for this project.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-20. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:20 a.m.

Carol Kramer, Secretary