

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
June 9, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Chris Herbold, Andy Stone, Thad Nearmyer, and Willie Yeager

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Jerry Ratliff and Liz Ventling

Guests Present: Cory Van Zante

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Herbold at 8:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 26-116. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 regular meeting and the May 22, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 26-117. Motion by Nearmyer, second by Yeager, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Amazon	\$43.99	0001-22-6100-000-26139
Amazon	\$203.14	0001-22-6100-000-26139
Amazon	\$31.59	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$28.95	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$59.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$1.34	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$23.17	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$22.46	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$11.68	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$7.76	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Authorize.net	\$19.95	0001-22-6100-000-40000
My County Parks	\$420.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Forbes Office Solutions	\$111.69	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Forbes Office Solutions	\$105.73	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Forbes Office Solutions	\$71.87	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Forbes Office Solutions	\$50.00	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Amazon	\$59.98	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Iowa's County Conservation System	\$2,000.00	0001-22-6100-000-48000
Walmart	\$8.56	0001-22-6110-000-20142

Walmart	\$11.68	0001-22-6110-000-20142
IRUA	\$190.82	0001-22-6110-000-21249
IRUA	\$180.22	0001-22-6110-000-21249
Theisens	\$139.92	0001-22-6110-000-21943
Menards	\$153.79	0001-22-6110-000-21944
Amazon	\$43.26	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Prairie Ag Supply	\$367.80	0001-22-6110-000-24100
Jasper County Engineer	\$3,492.38	0001-22-6110-000-25000
Jasper County Engineer	\$2,330.57	0001-22-6110-000-25000
Menards	\$165.59	0001-22-6110-000-29000
Bob's Septic	\$481.50	0001-22-6110-000-41046
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Jasper County SWCD	\$2,100.00	0001-22-6110-000-41546
AmeriGas	\$119.00	0001-22-6110-000-43044
Alliant Energy	\$40.57	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$63.07	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$338.39	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$23.44	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Alliant Energy	\$116.85	0001-22-6110-000-43143
IRUA	\$47.31	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$31.80	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$44.08	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$30.54	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$29.18	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$36.29	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$38.94	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$31.84	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$63.80	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$31.09	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$29.02	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$28.96	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$69.98	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$51.81	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$28.95	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$70.20	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$45.94	0001-22-6110-000-43244
IRUA	\$35.47	0001-22-6110-000-43244
IRUA	\$286.25	0001-22-6110-000-43245
IRUA	\$286.25	0001-22-6110-000-43245
Certified Septic Service	\$630.00	0001-22-6110-000-43265
Napa Auto Parts	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Ziegler Companies	-\$487.04	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	\$71.85	0001-22-6110-000-44000

Ryan's Tire & Auto	\$541.63	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Ryan's Tire & Auto	\$870.32	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Theisens	\$169.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Dodd's Trash Hauling & Recycling	\$82.47	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Theisens	\$80.97	0001-22-6110-000-44143
Skunk River Sanitation	\$110.00	0001-22-6110-000-44144
La Crosse Seed	\$542.50	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Huffaker Trucking	\$908.42	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Dodd's Trash Hauling & Recycling	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Sully Construction	\$42,663.34	0001-22-6110-000-49160
Prairie Ag Supply	\$2.27	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Ace Hardware	\$89.00	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Amazon	\$31.42	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Menards	\$55.24	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Theisens	\$23.94	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Walmart	\$52.04	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$149.93	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$101.86	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory	\$1,000.00	0023-22-0210-000-60000
Shive-Hattery	\$1,860.56	0027-22-0210-000-60000
GTG Construction	\$102,370.75	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Boardsafe	\$32,012.61	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Studio MELEE	\$1,380.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Studio MELEE	\$1,150.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Right Now Powder Coating	\$267.50	0028-22-0210-000-60000
TEAM Services, Inc	\$3,014.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Krampe Welding & Fabrication	\$1,600.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Theisens	\$23.98	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$7.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$66.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Walmart	\$57.08	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Walmart	\$223.86	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Cardinal Frame Shop - Pauli Eades	\$137.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
GTG Construction	\$4,365.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Menards	\$309.96	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Sherwin Williams	\$299.75	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$209.90	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$221.06	0031-22-0210-000-44142

Total: 212,882.03

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-118. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the May 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A written report was provided by Oldsen, Cantu and Ventling. Additional reports were given by Ventling and Ratliff.

FISH HABITAT GRANT SUNDAY POND BIDS- ACTION 26-119. Herbold opened 2 bids that were received for the Sunday Pond Renovation Project. Sully Construction bid \$44,181.55 for the pond and \$9,284.44 for the alternate jetty project. EWI bid \$27,895 for the pond and \$1,200 for the alternate jetty project. Motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer to accept the low bid for the Sunday Pond Renovation from EWI in the amount of \$27,895 for the pond and \$1,200 for the jetty, totaling \$29,095. Motion carried unanimously.

ASHTON PARK TRACTOR BLADE BIDS- ACTION 26-120. Ratliff presented bids to replace his tractor blade. With the new and much larger tractor at Ashton, his blade and the blade from Mariposa have been ruined because of them being too light weight for his tractor. Ratliff priced used 10' blades: 2021 Land Pride blade from Kinion Sales \$3,950, 2020 Land Pride blade from Kromminga Motors \$5,500, and a 2025 Land Pride blade from Nebraska Equipment Inc for \$8,900. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to accept the cost and approve the bid from Kinion Sales for \$3,950 to purchase a 10' 2021 Land Pride Tractor Blade. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION OPEN PUBLIC HEARING- ACTION 26-121. Motion to open public hearing on the phase 2 construction of the Red Rock Prairie Trail made by Stone, seconded by Nearmyer. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING- ACTION 26-122. With nobody present at the meeting for the public hearing on the construction of the Phae 2 Red Rock Prairie Trail, motion by Yeager, second by Stone to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL PHASE 2 BID RESULTS AND ACCEPTANCE- ACTION 26-121. The Phase 2 Construction of the Red Rock Prairie Trail was let for public bid by Iowa DOT on May 19, 2026. Four bids were received: Howrey Construction, Inc \$2,087,870.00, Wicks Construction Inc \$2,274,792.04, Iowa Civil Contracting Inc \$2,441,289.23, and TK Concrete Inc \$2,855,208.05. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to accept the low bid for the Phase 2 Construction of the Red Rock Prairie Trail from Howrey Construction, Inc in the amount of \$2,087,870.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Other. None identified.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-122. With no further business appearing, motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 8:54 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary