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## Press Release

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The Jasper County Board of Supervisors wishes to clarify the situation regarding a position within Jasper County Conservation that has been circulating in the media and on social media. It is important to us that accurate information is communicated to the public.

The Jasper County Board of Supervisors has not told the Conservation Board that they cannot fill a vacant position. The Conservation Board does have the ability and current funding to fill this position. We have requested a conversation about whether the duties of that position could be handled more efficiently.

Our number one goal is to increase government efficiency and reduce costs for Jasper County taxpayers across each department within county government. Several months ago, the Board of Supervisors sought to initiate a discussion with the Conservation Board regarding the idea of outsourcing certain custodial tasks and combining other office duties with a position in another county department that already performs similar work. Since then, the Conservation Board has been unwilling even to sit down and discuss at length the possibility of this option, what it would entail, and whether it is feasible. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors has clearly communicated and stated that this attempt may not work for one or both departments. If that proves to be the case, we would again consider all options.

Importantly, the vacant position does not affect programs like the fishing club, school naturalist programs, or other community services that some reports have suggested.

As we move forward over the next several years, it is the Board of Supervisors' intent to continue evaluating positions within county government as they become open. We strive to reduce redundancy in positions and job duties, as well as duplication of services, to increase government efficiency.

The Jasper County Board of Supervisors remains committed to supporting Jasper County Conservation while also being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Lastly, we'd like to remind Jasper County citizens that the Jasper County Board of Supervisors holds regular meetings at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at the Courthouse. Anyone can attend those meetings.

You can view all our agendas and minutes, as well as those of other departments, on our website. Additionally, you can receive those agendas in your inbox each week.

**Brandon Talsma, Chairman | Doug Couples, Vice Chair | Thad Nearmyer, Board Member**