

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
November 9, 2021, 4:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Robyn Friedman, Andy Stone, and Doug Smith

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Greg Oldsen, and Jerry Ratliff

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Friedman at 4:45 pm. Minutes of the October 14, 2021, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 22-14. Motion by Smith, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$227.16	
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$66.16	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$194.41	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$32.52	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$167.80	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$197.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$33.84	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00	
City of Newton	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$10.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$10.08	
Priority Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$360.00	
Iowa Association of Nat. Sully Electric and Controls	0001-22-6100-000-42239	\$60.00	
	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$700.00	
Saak Inc,	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$390.00	
ISU Extension	0001-22-6110-000-42200	\$35.00	
Friends of CVT	0001-22-6100-000-4000	\$50.00	
Dodd's	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	
Newton Daily News	0001-22-6100-000-42500	\$142.00	
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$11.99	C
Bently Ridge Tree Farm	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$743.99	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$63.70	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$26.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$174.99	C
Pauls Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$26.98	C

Hyvee	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$9.08	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$35.87	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$6.26	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$117.38	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$37.26	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$63.59	C
Smith Quality Rental	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$180.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$31.93	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$19.69	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$29.88	C
Hickenbottom	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$894.62	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$81.94	C
Truck Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$388.24	C
Sign Pro	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$177.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$18.98	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$31.95	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$13.98	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$20.54	C
	0001-22-6100-000-21939	\$151.87	C
Pauls Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$26.98	C
Pauls Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$48.96	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$70.48	C
Interstate Battery	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$59.80	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$19.76	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$74.27	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$122.10	C
Hickenbottom	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$169.75	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44542	\$76.68	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44542	\$39.65	C
Premier	0001-22-6110-000-40200	\$111.94	C

\$7,094.23

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Oldsen and Ratliff.

FARM LEASE BIDS- ACTION 22-15. Sealed bids were opened for a 3-year contract lease for the Nature Center hay ground and for the Lillian Johnston

farm ground. Only 1 bid was received for each of the properties: Jordin Van Wyk for the 47 acre Lillian Johnston Farm for \$245/acre and Randy Ray for \$75/acre for the 10 acre Nature Center Area hay ground. Motion by Smith, second by Stone to accept the bids as received, Jordin Van Wyk for the Lillian Johnston Farm for \$245/acre and Randy Ray for \$75/acre for the Nature Center Area hay ground. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC COUNTERS- ACTION 22-16. Ratliff presented options for purchasing traffic counters for our bike trails and parks. This would mean having 2 on the Red Rock Prairie Trail, 2 on the Chichaqua Valley Trail (we already have 1), and one each at Ashton, Uhlenhopp, Krumm and Mariposa (7 total counters needed). The TRAFx system package includes 3 counters, a dock and field case, data network, cables, manuals, and tech support at a cost of \$2,215.00. Four additional counters would be \$520/each for a total of \$2080. The entire package together would cost \$4,295.00. Motion by Smith, second by Stone to purchase the TRAFx System and 4 additional counters for a total cost of \$4,295.00 and utilize REAP funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Chichaqua Valley Trail Damage. Ratliff presented photos of damage to the Chichaqua Valley Trail from Indian Creek to 108th St. The cracks and shifting base are making for dangerous conditions. We have received advice from Snyder and Associates expert Rich Volker that it would be best to remove the surface and open the trail up to get moisture into the base. Ratliff will get costs from Manatt's and DENCO and report back to the board.

FISH HABITAT GRANT- ACTION 22.17. Van Zante presented a fish habitat grant application to do shoreline stabilization and rock outcroppings for fish habitat at Mariposa. Fish Habitat grants provide 90% cost share. Motion by Stone, second by Smith to approve the fish habitat grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants. A Water Recreation Access grant had been received for a new restroom at the boat ramp at Mariposa Park. Bill Yeager is working on a donation program to purchase a UTV to give park tours to people with accessibility issues

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Nothing identified.

Nature Center. A Caring for Conservation auction of being planned for April 2, 2022 at Sugar Grove Vineyards.

Other. The Honor Project for Senator Black is coming together and will be completed with a dedication in mid-December.

Board Member Concerns. Nothing reported.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 22-18. With no further business appearing, motion by Smith second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:29 p.m.

Doug Smith, Secretary