

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
July 6, 2023, 9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Andy Stone, Robyn Friedman, and Chris Herbold

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Dennis Cooling, Jerry Ratliff, and Ethan VanderPol

Guests Present: Dennis Simon

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herbold at 9:00 am. Minutes of the May 10, 2023 special meeting and the June 26, 2023, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 24-01. Motion by Friedman, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$270.32	A
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Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$89.01	A
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$93.33	A
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$51.37	A
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$74.51	A
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$2,509.35	A
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$104.00	A
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$45.00	A
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$47.00	
Ahlers & Cooney P.C.	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$460.00	A
Sully Electric	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$3,272.00	A
Studio Melee	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$8,060.00	A
Riggs Printing	0001-22-6100-000-26339	\$411.06	A
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$175.00	A
Dodds Trash Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	A
Bobs Septic	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$567.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$61.97	C/A
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C/A
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$43.96	C/A
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\$16,471.07

Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE REQUESTED ACCOMODATION- ACTION 24-02. Dennis Cooling announced to board members that he will retire April 5, 2024. He requested that he be allowed to move out of Mariposa Park into his new home that is being built before this date. The home is supposed to be completed by November 2023 at the earliest. Board members discussed with Dennis that this is a change to the way he was hired and that, if granted, he will need to leave his county vehicle at the park and drive his person vehicle back ad forth from his home. Board members also stressed that his job duties will remain the same, and evening drive throughs of the park will still be required. Motion by Friedman, second by Stone, to allow Cooling's requested accommodation of moving out of Mariposa Park for a few months before his actual retirement date of April 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MARIPOSA CABIN FOUNDATION BIDS- ACTION 24-03. VanderPol presented three bids for the foundation for the new cabin to be constructed this fall at Mariposa. Poured Foundations bid \$25,000 (poured walls), Jeff Seals Construction bid \$36,000 (block walls), and Pella Concrete Contractors bid \$26,286 (poured walls, but did not include the cost of excavation, as requested). Additional quotes were requested, but not received from Firm Foundations, Pour Boy Construction, Arc Foundations and K&M Concrete. Motion by Friedman, second by Stone to accept the low bid from Poured Foundations for \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants. Van Zante reported that the State Recreational Trails (SRT) grant was submitted for the Red Rock Prairie Trail for the remaining portion between Prairie City and Mitchellville.

Mariposa Campground and Cabins. VanderPol reported that he has laid out 16 campsites, earthwork is completed for the parking lot, roads and camping pads are rocked, dump station is done, shower building is in progress.

Nature Center. Notice of intent was posted, followed by the RFQ for the Construction Manager at Risk (CmaR).

Other. Dennis Simon discussed hail damages to Conservation areas and vehicles.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 24-04. With no further business appearing, motion by Friedman second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:11 a.m.

Bill Henninger, Secretary