

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Conservation Office, Armory Building**  
**February 4, 2025, 8:30 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, Chris Herbold, Robyn Friedman and Willie Yeager

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante, Tristan Hunt, Katie Cantu, Ethan VanderPol, Greg Oldsen, and Jade Read

**Guests Present:** Bill Yeager, Dennis Simon, Christopher Braunschweig, and John Parsons

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 8:30 am. Minutes of the January 7, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written. Herbold requested to amend the agenda to include the HVAC Bids for Mariposa Shop. Amended agenda was approved by all board members.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-46.** Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$150.24	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$251.90	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$330.12	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$24.70	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$149.68	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$34.52	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$53.82	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,198.24	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$213.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$41.87	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$55.00	
Dodds Trash and Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$80.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-44142		
US Cellular	0001-22-6110-000-42080	\$349.12	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$2,177.37	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$71.47	
Central Iowa Distributing	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$1,269.00	
Studio MELEE	0023-22-0210-000-6000	\$2,570.00	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$1,210.00	
Van Wall	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$141.12	C
Iowa Assoc. County Conserv.	0001-22-6100-000-48039	\$100.00	C

Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44600	\$65.00	C
4 Seasons	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$259.79	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$266.94	C
Truck Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$133.00	C
Ryan's Tire & Auto	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$119.00	C
menards	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$198.34	C
O'Reilly Auto Parts	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$193.97	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$10.41	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$136.55	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$6.67	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$39.55	C
Etsy	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$1,015.50	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$16.98	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$90.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$24.87	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$380.08	C
Capital City equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$428.19	C
Kruseman Implement	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$65.34	C
menards	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$258.21	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$44.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$13.98	C
Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$12.75	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63700	-\$55.30	C
Prairie Moon Nursery	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$42.50	C
Truck Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$228.73	C
Pauls ace hardware	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$12.57	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$23.13	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$48.03	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$126.53	C
menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$21.99	C
Walmart	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$17.74	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$139.00	C
Van Wall	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$80.10	C
National Notary Association	0001-22-6100-000-42239	\$48.86	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$7.89	C
Etsy	0001-22-6100-000-29139	-\$66.50	C
IACCB- MyCountyParks	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$59.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$48.25	C
Van Wall	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$743.02	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$195.34	C

\$15,987.13

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-47.** Motion by Herbold second by Stone 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 Cantu, Oldsen, Hunt, VanderPol, and Read.

**Lillian Johnston Property- John Parsons.** Parsons spoke to the board about the Lillian Johnston Property and his displeasure about the way that it is managed. He does not feel that any of it should be cropped, while board members believe the idea of cropping non-highly erodible land with cover crops after harvest is a perfect way to manage a wildlife refuge, as there is food on the site year-round. Yeager read a letter aloud, written to Parsons from the Jasper County Attorney, stating that the Conservation Board management of the property was well within the Iowa Code and the attorney is satisfied with our management of the property both fiscally and in the spirit of Lillian Johnston's Will. Board members thanked Parsons for his input.

**MARIPOSA COTTAGE FOUNDATION BIDS- ACTION 25-48.** VanderPol presented bids for the foundation at the Mariposa Cottage: Firm Foundations \$20,687, Poured Foundations \$30,390, and Chad Seals no bid. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the bid from Firm Foundations for \$20,687. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA COTTAGE ELECTRICAL BIDS- ACTION 25-49.** VanderPol presented bids for the electrical work at the Mariposa Cottage: Sully Electric \$11,597, Van Maanen Electric \$14,368, and Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$10,214. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the electrical bid from Terpstra Plumbing and Heating for \$10,214. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA COTTAGE HVAC BIDS- ACTION 25-50.** VanderPol presented bids for the HVAC work at the Mariposa Cottage: Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$13,460, Nook Heating and Cooling \$13,985, and Reeves Heating and Cooling \$15,197. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the HVAC bid from Terpstra Plumbing and Heating for \$13,460. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA COTTAGE PLUMBING BIDS- ACTION 25-51.** VanderPol presented bids for the plumbing work at the Mariposa Cottage: Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$9,100, Nook Heating and Cooling \$8,295, Royal

Plumbing \$10,000, and Warnick Mechanical \$9,700. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the plumbing bid from Terpstra Plumbing and Heating for \$9,100. Though not the lowest bid, board members determined the ease of the project would be increased with Terpstra doing the plumbing, as they were already doing the electrical and HVAC. In addition, they did the first cabin work, and the job went well. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA SHOP BUILDING BIDS- ACTION 25-52.** VanderPol presented bids for the construction of the Mariposa Shop: Pro Line Buildings (included concrete in the bid) \$142,592, Horizon Builders \$98,275, and Schwartz Construction \$94,750. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the building bid from Schwartz Construction for \$94,750. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA SHOP CONCRETE BIDS- ACTION 25-53.** VanderPol presented bids for the concrete for the Mariposa Shop: Poured Foundations \$21,600, Firm Foundations, no bid received, and Chad Seals, no bid received. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the concrete bid from Poured Foundations for \$21,600. This number, plus the building number from Schwartz Construction, is lower than the Pro Line building bid that includes concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA SHOP PLUMBING BIDS- ACTION 25-54.** VanderPol presented bids for the plumbing work at the Mariposa Shop: Snook \$5,880, Royal Plumbing \$8,200, Warnick Mechanical \$6,298, and Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$4,590. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the plumbing bid from Terpstra for \$4,590. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA SHOP ELECTRICAL BIDS- ACTION 25-55.** VanderPol presented bids for the electrical work at the Mariposa Shop: Sully Electric \$17,430, Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$17,896, and Van Maanen \$35,305. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the electrical bid from Terpstra for \$17,896. Though not the lowest bid, board members determined the ease of the project would be increased with Terpstra doing the plumbing, as they were already doing the electrical, especially with only a \$466 difference in cost from the low bid. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA SHOP HVAC BIDS- ACTION 25-56.** VanderPol presented bids for the HVAC work at the Mariposa Shop: Reeves Heating and Cooling \$6,619.75, Nook Heating and Cooling \$8,900, and Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$19,458. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the HVAC bid from Reeves Heating and Cooling for \$6,619.75. Motion carried unanimously.

**KRUMM SHOP BUILDING BIDS- ACTION 25-57.** VanderPol presented bids for the construction of the Krumm Shop: Pro Line Buildings (included concrete in

the bid) \$102,995, Horizon Builders \$61,450, and Schwartz Construction \$65,500. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the building bid from Horizon Builders for \$61,450. Motion carried unanimously.

**KRUMM SHOP CONCRETE BIDS- ACTION 25-58.** VanderPol presented bids for the concrete for the Krumm Shop: Poured Foundations \$25,920, Firm Foundations, no bid received, and Chad Seals, no bid received. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the concrete bid from Poured Foundations for \$25,920. This number, plus the building number from Horizon Builders, is lower than the Pro Line building bid that includes concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

**KRUMM SHOP ELECTRICAL BIDS- ACTION 25-59.** VanderPol presented bids for the electrical work at the Krumm Shop: Sully Electric \$11,648, Terpstra Plumbing, Heating and Electrical \$9,500, and Van Maanen Electric \$11,773. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to accept the electrical bid from Terpstra for \$9,500. carried unanimously.

**CABIN DAY RENTAL- ACTION 25-60.** Read spoke with Polk County Conservation about cabin day rentals and they do not do them because they outsource cleaning and it would add too much to their work load. Read would like to try it on a trial basis for the rest of 2025. Motion by Kramer second by Stone to allow the day rental of cabins, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00am until 3:00 pm, charging the daily rental rate of a stay at each cabin (Uhlenhopp \$150 and Mariposa \$200) and only available by calling the office. Motion carried unanimously.

**NATURE PASS- ACTION 25-61.** Read and Van Zante met with Polk County Conservation and IMPACT about how to offer a nature pass to provide camping coupons on an income qualifying basis. Read and Van Zante would like to offer a 7-day primitive camping pass, though a qualification with the IMPACT program, on a trial basis in 2025. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to offer a nature pass for 7 days of primitive camping on a trail basis for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other.** The next nature center meeting with the architect and construction manager will be held on site February 13 at 1:30pm.

**Board Member Concerns.** Nothing identified.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-62.** With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:58 a.m.**

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Chris Herbold, Secretary