

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
March 11, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante

Guests Present: Katie Petermeier, Bunny Churchill, Natalie Moorman

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 10:00am. Minutes of the February 4, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-63. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$57.83	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$588.15	
Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$465.90	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$142.77	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$151.94	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$41.46	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$64.57	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$2,673.70	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$181.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$42.77	
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	\$524.28	
Newton Daily News	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$32.67	
Forbes Office Solution	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$65.34	
Snyder & Associates	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$48,518.67	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$185.88	
Enhanced Exteriors & Designs	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$450.00	
Horizon Buildings	0001-22-6110-000-44143	\$13,000.00	

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Jerry Ratliff	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Keri Van Zante	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Katie Cantu	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Greg Oldsen	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Tristan Hunt	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Kent Dunsburgen	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Ethan Vander pol	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Jade Read	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Jasper Comm Development	0001-22-6110-000-44143	\$619.00	
Jasper Comm Development	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$986.00	
DC Sports	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$110.00	
Friends of CVT	0001-22-6110-000-41546	\$1,000.00	
Jasper Comm Development	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$420.00	
Arrow Pest Control	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$80.00	
Prairie Ag Supply	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$2,994.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$9,254.25	
Newton Daily News	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$47.67	
	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$12.67	
Studio MELEE	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,285.00	
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$3,195.00	
Newton Daily News	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$12.67	
Forbes Office Solution	0001-22-6100-000-402000	\$65.34	
Griner Construction	0031-22-0210-000-60000	\$60,649.90	
	0031-22-0210-000-60000	\$339,350.10	
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$102,468.82	
Stuewe & Sons	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$264.40	C
Iowa Assoc. of County Conser	0001-22-6100-000-42200	\$15.00	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$22.34	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26139	\$104.01	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$179.80	C
Smoky Lake Maple Products	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$264.00	C
Premier 1 Supplies	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$1,435.00	C
The RO Bucket	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$152.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$13.96	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$57.65	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$326.67	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$31.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$75.33	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$295.47	C

Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$57.83	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$99.97	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$450.26	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$34.99	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$7.99	C
Hewitts	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$911.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$32.97	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$5.99	C
Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$49.22	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$213.99	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-21944	-\$27.00	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$160.02	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$10.18	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$36.22	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$63.92	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$80.10	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$68.79	C
	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$10.49	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$32.60	C
Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$13.45	C
Canva	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$36.00	C
Meta- Facebook	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$55.29	c
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$14.99	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$6.99	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$59.98	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$59.98	C
Lucy's Soil Source	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$257.17	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$33.96	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$65.27	C
Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$4.16	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$41.06	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$41.97	C
Menards	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$134.91	C
Menards	0005-22-6100-000-29280	-\$10.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$49.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$32.18	C
Meta- Facebook	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$2.26	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$23.72	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$35.82	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$119.41	C

Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$39.99	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$10.33	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$37.63	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$87.16	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$808.03	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$40.78	C
Capital City Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$100.99	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$88.54	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$10.99	C
		\$633,567.47	

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-64. Motion by Stone second by Kramer to approve the bank statement showing the monthly digital and online transactions and ACH transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A written naturalist report was distributed to board members.

EQUIPMENT BID OPENINGS- ACTION 25-65. Only one bid was received for the equipment auction. Yeager opened the sealed bid for the 2006 Kawasaki Mule from Ethan Vander Pol for \$300. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the bid for \$300 from Ethan Vander Pol for the 2006 Kawasaki Mule. Motion carried unanimously.

BAXTER CVT ARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL- ACTION 25-66. Katie Petermeier, Bunny Churchill, and Natalie Moorman, all representing Baxter Economic Development (BEDCO), presented a plan to build a welcome arch on the CVT by the shelterhouse in Baxter. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone, to allow the project to move forward to build a welcome arch along the CVT in Baxter. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET 2025-2026- ACTION 25-67. Van Zante presented the 2025-2026 budget, that includes new shops at Mariposa and Krumm, a second cabin at Mariposa, the nature center, the start of phase 2 of the RRPT, and a skid loader and mower purchase. Also included is a 2% increase for all staff. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

REAP PLAN- ACTION 25-68. Van Zante presented an updated 5-year plan for the Jasper County REAP program. Board members reviewed the plan with no additional questions or input. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve the 2025 5-year REAP plan for Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

TILLAGE TOOL PURCHASE- 25-69. Vanderpol researched tillage equipment that would be more efficient than the disk that we have that is beginning to fall apart. Staff would like to propose to the BOS utilizing FEMA dollars that have been reimbursed to purchase an Unverferth Perfecta 8' Tillage tool to be used for new plantings and food plots. The cost of the tool is \$6,650, and FEMA reimbursements currently total \$7003.05. Board members agreed that the implement is needed. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to move forward with requesting the dollars from the BOS to purchase the Unverferth Perfecta 8' Tillage tool for \$6650. Motion carried unanimously.

LILLIAN JOHNSTON PROPERTY- ACTION 25-70. Board members discussed the Lillian Johnston property and agreed that development is complete and that they would like to utilize rent money from the property for continued maintenance on the property, but also to complete additional conservation projects located throughout Jasper County. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to present to the BOS a proposal to utilize rent dollars collected from the Lillian Johnston Property for continued maintenance on the property, but also to complete additional conservation projects located throughout Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

Wagman Mill Pedestrian Bridge. Board members discussed the Wagman Mill pedestrian bridge and would like to turn over any past or present ownership to the Lynnville Historical Society. Van Zante will work with the county attorney, BOS, and Lynnville Historical Society to create and MOU for this transfer.

NATURE PASS AGREEMENT- ACTION 25-71. Van Zante presented an agreement with IMPACT to provide a nature pass in Jasper County that will provide for 7 days of free camping for income qualified individuals. This is a no-fee contract that is valid for one year beginning April 1, 2025 on a trial basis. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to approve the nature pass contract with IMPACT that will provide 7 days of primitive camping to income qualified individuals on a trial basis for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Member Concerns. Herbold emphasized the need to continue asking for funding to fix the CVT. He and supervisor Nearmyer will look at the bike trail together this spring.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-72. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:15 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary