

**SPECIAL MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
July 15, 2025, 8:30 A.M.**

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 8:45am.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-08. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to approve the June 2025 digital transaction report. Motion carried unanimously.

GEISLER-PENQUITE LAND STEWARDSHIP LAB BIDS- ACTION 26-09. Bids were received for the 5 bid packages that were advertised for the Phase 2 project of the Environmental Education Center. Bid Package 1 (Site Prep and Concrete): Absolute Concrete \$421,088, Jensen Builders \$361,000, Bid Package 2 (Site Utilities): Con-Struct \$136,765, Bid Package 3 (Building Shell): Edge Commercial \$350,269, Keystone Construction Services \$500,000, Bid Package 4 (Plumbing and Mechanical): Warnick Inc, \$160,440, All Iowa Mechanical \$169,900, Reliable 1, \$195,121.08, Modern Piping \$198,575, Proctor Corporation, \$209,578, Dickerson Mechanical, \$245,000, and Pleva Mechanical, \$267,773, and Bid Package 5 (Electrical): Sully Electric and Controls \$66,258.95, Integrity Electric LLC \$72,602, and \$72,695 Van Maanen Electric. All of the low bids together (\$1,030,092) came in well over the estimated budget and the amount of funding in hand for the project (\$700,000). Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to reject all bids and to work with Studio Melee to simplify the project and put it out for rebid as soon as possible for Fall 2025, or likely, Spring 2026 construction. Motion carried unanimously.

GEISLER-PENQUITE LAND STEWARDSHIP LAB GREENHOUSE BIDS- ACTION 26-10. Van Zante presented quotes for the greenhouse portion of the Phase 2 project of the Environmental Education Center: GrowSpan bid \$45,298.93, Wisconsin Greenhouse Company bid \$88,120.16, and Albert Lauer Inc bid \$196,641. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to accept the low bid from GrowSpan for \$45,298.03. Motion carried unanimously.

NAMING OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER BUILDING- ACTION 26-11. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to officially name the Environmental Education Center “Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center”. Motion carried unanimously.

NAMING OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PARK- ACTION 26-12. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to officially name the Environmental Education Center Park “Kramer Park”. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Shirley ICCS Presentation Request. Shirley would like to visit to give a presentation to the conservation board and to the board of supervisors regarding county conservations in Iowa. Van Zante will ask if Shirley could attend an August 5 meeting. Van Zante will invite the board of supervisors to participate, as well.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-13. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:32 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary