

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
September 2, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Greg Oldsen, Jerry Ratliff, Ethan VanderPol, and Katie Cantu

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 8:32 am. Minutes of August 5, 2025, regular meeting and August 25, 2025 special meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 26-21. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$1,501.95	
	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$278.39	
	0001-22-6110-000-44143	\$3,843.03	
	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$1,104.85	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$50.01	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$215.21	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$81.59	
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$90.21	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$2,518.55	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$150.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$64.96	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$55.00	
US Cellular	0001-22-6110-000-42080	\$175.16	
Studio Melee	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,799.00	
Smith Quality Rental	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$1,050.00	
Ace	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$233.99	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$57.98	C
Ziggler Companies	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$168.92	C
Prairie Ag Supply	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$74.88	C
Riggs Printing	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$451.25	
Dodds Trash Hauling & Rec	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$82.47	
	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$82.47	
Terpstra Plumbing & Heating	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$18,500.00	
Studio Melee	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$513.97	A
	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,285.03	

	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$772.81	A
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,932.15	
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$5.78	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$23.49	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$45.05	C
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$65.34	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$134.71	C
Snyder & Associates	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$26,803.68	
Jasper Construction Services	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$567.12	C
Jasper Construction Services	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$248.46	C
Menards	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$35.54	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$18.49	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-1942	\$52.39	C
Menards	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$864.42	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$41.58	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$69.64	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$11.49	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$18.99	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-2919	\$62.64	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$119.94	C
Walmart	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$70.24	C
4 Seasons Trailer & Equip	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$15.53	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$34.97	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$52.25	C
Ryans Tire	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$72.95	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$8.56	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$39.94	C
Prairie Ag Supply	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$277.57	C
	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$93.30	C
Martin Marietta Materials	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$1,038.27	A
	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$297.43	
Bob's Septic	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$450.00	C
Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$18.20	
Huffaker Trucking	0001-22-6110-000-21242	\$89.48	
Lynnville Historical Society	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$87.50	
Spahn & Rose Lumber	0031-22-0210-000-44142	-\$284.97	
	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$2,509.00	
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$156.18	C
	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$19.98	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$56.99	C
Manatts	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$250.50	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$60.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21944	-\$60.00	C

	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$65.87	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$31.99	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$13.86	C
Niemann Ace	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$872.00	C
Hickenbottom	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$450.60	C
	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$87.50	C
Smiths Rental	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$1,250.00	C
Jasper Construction Services	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$208.09	C
Colfax Tractor Parts	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$700.00	C
VanWall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$1,241.00	C
Greiner Construction	0028-22-0210-000-600000	\$179,879.48	
		\$256,491.83	

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-22. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the August 2025 digital transactions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A report was given by Cantu, Oldsen, VanderPol, and Ratliff.

ADMIN/ENV ED ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION- ACTION 26-23. Van Zante presented the full-time job description of the admin/env ed job. Board members would like to see cleaning of the nature center added to the description. Job title will be updated to naturalist/admin assistant, to accurately reflect its duties as 60% naturalist and 40% administrative assistant. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to accept the job description to post for the Naturalist/Administrative Assistant job. Motion carried unanimously.

NATURALIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB POSTING- ACTION 26-24. Van Zante will post the job on the county website, the official Jasper County newspapers, as well as Facebook and My County Parks. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to move forward to post the position for the Naturalist/Administrative Assistant job. Motion carried unanimously.

Geisler-Penquite Land Stewardship Lab Next Steps. Board members and staff discussed best next steps to take since the Geisler-Penquite Land Stewardship Lab project came in overbid. All agreed that bid packages need to be simplified, as do the plans. Van Zante will speak to Studio Melee about doing this, and if they can't do this, if there are any issues if we choose to hire to have it completed. Van Zante will ask Studio Melee about any copywrite

infringement concerns to make sure updates could be made be another source if needed.

Cabin Construction Update. VanderPol reported that he and staff have put up the walls on the new cabin at Mariposa and will be installing trusses this week.

Nature Center. Van Zante reported that siding and interior ceiling work will begin this week on the nature center. Tentative completion is still set for mid-October.

Grants. Van Zante has not had time to work on any new grants since Read left for maternity leave because of increased responsibilities.

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. Yeager would like for it to be considered to change regulations at our county ponds and lakes to release all bass caught so that predator species numbers can increase again. Staff will propose the idea to the fisheries biologist and report back with his advice.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-25. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:49 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary