

**REGULAR MEETING
 JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
 Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
 March 3, 2026, 8:00 A.M.**

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, and Liz Ventling

Guests Present: None

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Herbold at 8:00 am. Chairperson Kramer arrived at 8:10 am and took leadership of the business meeting at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 26-89. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 26-90. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Walmart	\$26.52	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Menards	\$94.09	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$19.90	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	\$23.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Walmart	\$38.66	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	\$17.46	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	\$44.95	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
Authorize.net	\$12.70	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
Forbes Office Solutions	\$72.04	0001-22-6100-000-40200	
Forbes Office Solutions	\$119.59	0001-22-6100-000-40200	
IDALS	\$15.00	0001-22-6100-000-42200	C
My County Parks - IAN	\$196.00	0001-22-6100-000-42239	C
Amazon	\$26.99	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$45.97	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$51.94	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Walmart	\$26.35	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Walmart	\$12.84	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
IRUA	\$149.73	0001-22-6110-000-21249	
Gralnek-Dunitz Co	\$30.00	0001-22-6110-000-21943	C

Skunk River Sanitation	\$55.00	0001-22-6110-000-21944	
VanWall Equipment	\$44.33	0001-22-6110-000-24100	C
Jasper County Engineer	\$1,599.62	0001-22-6110-000-25000	
Theisens	\$28.49	0001-22-6110-000-29000	C
Amazon	\$16.95	0001-22-6110-000-29300	C
US Cellular	\$324.52	0001-22-6110-000-42080	
AmeriGas	\$319.29	0001-22-6110-000-43044	
AmeriGas	\$647.24	0001-22-6110-000-43044	
AmeriGas	\$30.90	0001-22-6110-000-43044	
AmeriGas	\$488.64	0001-22-6110-000-43044	
Alliant Energy	\$788.35	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$243.63	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$30.76	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$306.77	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$21.99	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
IRUA	\$31.75	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$29.70	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$29.08	0001-22-6110-000-43243	
IRUA	\$59.60	0001-22-6110-000-43243	
IRUA	\$29.31	0001-22-6110-000-43244	
Dodd's Trash and Hauling	\$889.93	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
The Home Depot	-\$250.00	0001-22-6110-000-44146	C
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Van Wall Equipment	\$187.72	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Capital City Equipment	\$90.90	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Capital City Equipment	-\$90.90	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Van Wall Equipment	\$6.98	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Prairie Ag Supply	\$203.01	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Theisens	\$94.96	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
VanWall Equipment	\$224.84	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Napa Auto Parts	\$39.31	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Napa Auto Parts	\$34.97	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Prairie Ag Supply	\$4.20	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Capital City Equipment	\$206.16	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Prairie Ag Supply	\$103.31	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Theisens	\$21.26	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C
Theisens	\$6.38	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C
Theisens	\$12.98	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C
Menards	\$185.71	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C

Theisens	\$25.58	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C
Theisens	\$47.00	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Walmart	\$36.00	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Menards	\$94.10	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Amazon	\$38.34	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Walmart	\$89.58	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
CrawDaddy Outdoors	\$2,141.26	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Theisens	\$46.15	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Shive Hattery Achitecture + Engineering	\$4,511.30	0027-22-0210-000-60000	
Studio MELEE	\$3,047.29	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Studio MELEE	\$1,230.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Architectural Arts Millwork LLC	\$4,183.17	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Art by Karen King	\$1,050.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Nameplate & Panel Technology	\$350.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
GTG Construction LLC	\$20,855.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Hawkeye Lock & Security	\$117.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Ace Hardware	\$35.98	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Home Depot	\$1,211.75	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Menards	\$847.52	1580-22-0220-000-62542	C
Ace Hardware	\$167.80	1580-22-0220-000-62542	C
Sprayer Specialties	\$68.17	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C

Grand Total: **\$48,695.57**

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-91. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the February 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A report was given by Cantu and Ventling.

MARIPOSA TRUCK PURCHASE- ACTION 26-92. 4 bids were received from Gregg Young Automotive Group: 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500HD 4wd double cab work truck \$49,580, 2026 Ford F250 Super Cab XL Trim 4wd \$50,652.68, 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4wd double cab \$51,315, and a 2026 Ram 2500 Crew Cab Tradesman 4wd \$55,055. Adding all-weather mats will add \$350 and a spray in bedliner will add \$600 to each bid. Trade in for the 2018 Ford F250Xl is \$12,000. Motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500HD 4wd double cab work truck from Gregg Young Automotive Group in Newton for a total cost of \$38,530, including

the all-weather mats, spray in bedliner, and the vehicle trade in. Motion carried unanimously.

SEASONAL MAINTENACE TECHNICIAN POSITION- ACTION 26.93- Van Zante requested guidance regarding advertising and hiring for the seasonal maintenance technician position. The funding for the position was included in the budget for this year and next fiscal year. Motion by Yeager, second by stone to move forward with advertising and hiring for the seasonal maintenance technician position. Motion carried unanimously.

Other. Van Zante met with Ira residents asking with help managing Ira Park or suggested donating Ira Par, that is located along the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Conservation staff currently mow that park. Van Zante and Herbold with meet in Ira with that group in April and report back. Van Zante will also meet with Greiner on Friday 3/6/26 to discuss final punch list items, final cleaning, and final billing for the nature center. Basement plans for the nature center will be emailed out to board members.

Board Member Concerns. Non identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-94. With no further business appearing, motion by Yeager, second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary