

**REGULAR MEETING
 JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
 Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
 April 7, 2026, 8:00 A.M.**

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Greg Oldsen 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 26-97. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 regular meeting and the March 9, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 26-98. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Amazon	\$20.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$149.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$78.82	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Ruggable	\$599.00	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Walmart	\$7.43	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$25.72	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$9.89	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$34.91	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$17.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$(13.57)	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$269.97	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Amazon	\$108.60	0001-22-6100-000-26000	C
Walmart	\$17.78	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Walmart	\$149.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	-\$11.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	\$23.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Theisens	\$42.97	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Walmart	\$9.94	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Walmart	\$29.85	0001-22-6100-000-29139	C
Merit Motion Pictures	\$55.00	0001-22-6100-000-29539	C
Authorize.net	\$13.35	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C

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My County Parks	\$68.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
Authorize.net	\$13.30	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
My County Parks	\$52.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000	C
Forbes Office Solutions	\$72.13	0001-22-6100-000-40200	
Jerry Ratliff	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Tristan Hunt	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Keri Van Zante	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Katie Cantu	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Liz Ventling	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Greg Olsen	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Ethan Vander Pol	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Kent Dunsburgen	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$22.71	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$41.64	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$41.64	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$22.73	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$41.64	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Eastern Iowa Publications	\$41.64	0001-22-6100-000-42500	
Amazon	\$19.98	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Walmart	\$7.31	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$47.99	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$7.98	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$8.89	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Walmart	\$8.75	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Amazon	\$19.27	0001-22-6110-000-20142	C
Theisens	\$119.99	0001-22-6110-000-20300	C
Martin Marietta	\$308.25	0001-22-6110-000-21242	
Hi-Viz Safety by Midwest Patch	\$914.00	0001-22-6110-000-21400	
Hi-Viz Safety by Midwest Patch	\$251.00	0001-22-6110-000-21446	
Theisens	\$75.97	0001-22-6110-000-21943	C
Skunk River Sanitation	\$55.00	0001-22-6110-000-21944	
Napa Auto Parts	\$34.21	0001-22-6110-000-21944	C
Plumb Supply Company	\$93.58	0001-22-6110-000-21944	C
Theisens	\$11.88	0001-22-6110-000-21944	C
Amazon	\$568.64	0001-22-6110-000-23200	C
Ace Hardware	\$50.51	0001-22-6110-000-23200	C
Theisens	\$19.97	0001-22-6110-000-23200	C
Theisens	\$9.48	0001-22-6110-000-24100	C
Theisens	\$61.98	0001-22-6110-000-24100	C
Menards	\$177.25	0001-22-6110-000-24100	C
Menards	\$297.84	0001-22-6110-000-24100	C

Jasper County Engineer	\$1,380.79	0001-22-6110-000-25000	
US Cellular	\$51.63	0001-22-6110-000-42080	
Key Cooperative	\$461.50	0001-22-6110-000-43043	
AmeriGas	\$436.71	0001-22-6110-000-43044	
Alliant Energy	\$168.45	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$36.57	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$403.60	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$28.63	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$195.43	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$776.03	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$213.19	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$21.05	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$226.28	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$24.26	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Theisens	\$71.97	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Prairie Ag Supply	\$376.74	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Napa Auto Parts	\$43.86	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Van Wall Equipment	\$104.99	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Amazon	\$14.95	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Theisens	\$83.97	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Van Wall Equipment	\$6.01	0001-22-6110-000-44000	C
Arrow Pest Control	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142	
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Dodd's Trash Hauling and Recycling	\$317.24	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
Menards	\$56.97	0001-22-6110-000-44144	C
Newton Landfill	\$26.25	0001-22-6110-000-44144	C
Huffaker Trucking	\$1,160.31	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
La Crosse Seed	\$451.36	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
Martin Marietta Materials	\$1,949.44	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
EWI Earth Works Inc	\$4,800.00	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
Van Wall Equipment	\$104.49	0001-22-6110-000-44300	C
Amazon	\$118.52	0001-22-6110-000-44542	C
Theisens	\$12.48	0001-22-6110-000-63700	C
Walmart	\$54.61	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Theisens	\$27.98	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Menards	\$187.36	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Bjornsen Pond Manag. & Services	\$199.30	0005-22-6100-000-29280	C
Finch Livestock	\$576.78	0023-22-0210-000-60000	
Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls	\$2,034.04	0027-22-0210-000-60000	
Shive Hattery	\$5,096.04	0027-22-0210-000-60000	
Shive Hattery	\$3,499.60	0027-22-0210-000-60000	
MELEE, LLC (dba: Studio Melee)	\$1,380.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	

GTG Construction	\$52,797.10	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Martin Marietta	\$602.25	0031-22-0210-000-44142	
Menards	\$391.68	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Acme Tools	\$448.93	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Menards	\$1,211.27	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Sherwin-Williams	\$270.60	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Menards	\$47.96	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Menards	\$63.48	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Menards	\$594.82	0031-22-0210-000-44142	C
Snyder & Associates	\$3,350.46	1555-22-0220-000-60100	

Grand Total: **\$93,214.03**

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-99. Motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer to approve the March 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A report was given by Oldsen, Cantu and Ventling.

SNYDER AND ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT TO RESURVEY AND ASSESS VANDALISM ON THE RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL- ACTION 26-100. Van Zante presented an agreement in the amount of \$3,500 to resurvey and assess damage caused by a neighboring landowner who disturbed about a mile of the railbed on the Red Rock Prairie Trail, removing dirt and transporting it to his own farm. Pictures of the damage were shared. After the damage is assessed, there likely will be a second agreement and additional cost to redesign the trail in the disturbed area. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to approve the Snyder and Associates \$3,500 agreement to resurvey and assess vandalism on the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FISH HABITAT GRANT AGREEMENT #26-02F: UHLENHOPP ARBORETUM SUNDAY POND RENOVATION- ACTION 26-101. A fish habitat grant in the amount of \$46,500 was received from Iowa DNR to renovate the Sunday Pond a Uhlenhopp Arboretum to improve fish habitat, trap sediment, prevent erosion, and provide recreational opportunities. Motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer to approve Fish Habitat Grant #26-02F in the amount of \$46,500 to renovate the Sunday Pond at Uhlenhopp Arboretum. Motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) Complaint Dismissal Order. Van Zante received an order from the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) dismissing the complaint about a meeting violation due to lack of probable cause.

Mariposa Septic Pumping Bids. Hunt gathered bids for septic pumping at Mariposa, however he couldn't attend the meeting because of a scheduled prairie burn. Board members had questions on the bids that Van Zante could not answer, so they were tabled until the May meeting.

Nature Center Basement Plans and Project Bidding. Final plans have been received from Studio Melee for the nature center basement finish project. Board members advised moving forward with publicly bidding the job as a whole, instead of breaking it down into individual trades.

Seasonal Maintenance Position Update. Van Zante reported that 3 applications had been received for the seasonal maintenance position. Interviews will be set up for the week of April 13, 2026 to select the best candidate for the job.

Other. Board members discussed that one representative (along with Nearmyer) will attend the Board of Supervisors work session after the meeting, as their agenda identifies a topic of "28E agreement with conservation". Herbold and Van Zante will attend and report back to the board at the May meeting. Board members looked at all 4 of the entry doors at the nature center to understand if floor mounted door stops or interior doorstops are needed at each location.

Board Member Concerns. Non identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-102. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone, second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary