

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
September 1, 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, Greg Oldsen, Jerry Ratliff, Tristan Hunt, and Liz Ventling

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 8:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 27-18. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 regular meeting and the August 14, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 27-19. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Amazon	\$28.89	0001-22-6100-000-26000
Amazon	\$2.15	0001-22-6100-000-26000
Amazon	\$9.62	0001-22-6100-000-26139
Earl May	\$49.67	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Hach	\$224.22	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$83.67	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$17.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$11.88	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$10.88	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$11.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$16.65	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Authorize.net	\$18.30	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Amazon	\$129.00	0001-22-6100-000-48000
Walmart	\$11.83	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Amazon	\$7.28	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Huffaker Trucking	\$282.96	0001-22-6110-000-21200
IRUA	\$185.70	0001-22-6110-000-21249
Theisens	\$56.29	0001-22-6110-000-21942
Menards	\$39.95	0001-22-6110-000-21942
Theisens	\$80.62	0001-22-6110-000-21942
Theisens	\$106.91	0001-22-6110-000-21942

Amazon	\$38.35	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Walmart	\$47.40	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Jasper County Engineer	\$4,315.66	0001-22-6110-000-25000
Acme Tools	\$498.00	0001-22-6110-000-29000
Lynnville Historical Society	\$87.50	0001-22-6110-000-41046
Bob's Septic	\$463.50	0001-22-6110-000-41046
US Cellular	\$200.32	0001-22-6110-000-42080
Key Cooperative	\$194.24	0001-22-6110-000-43043
Alliant Energy	\$172.61	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$609.67	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$132.54	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$82.38	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$27.46	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$54.32	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$25.29	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Alliant Energy	\$213.19	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Mid-American Energy	\$123.67	0001-22-6110-000-43144
Alliant Energy	\$70.00	0001-22-6110-000-43145
IRUA	\$37.15	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$32.97	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$42.18	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$45.85	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$63.53	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$40.47	0001-22-6110-000-43242
Amazon	\$69.00	0001-22-6110-000-43265
Amazon	\$65.33	0001-22-6110-000-43265
Theisens	\$2.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Magnum Automotive	\$428.45	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Theisens	\$21.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Theisens	\$33.95	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	\$19.95	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Theisens	\$25.99	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Ryan's Tire & Auto	\$1,708.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	\$13.50	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	\$247.35	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Arrow Pest Control	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Arrow Pest Control	\$90.00	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Menards	\$220.57	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Amazon	\$36.09	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Van Wall Equipment	\$36.76	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Van Wall Equipment	\$99.72	0001-22-6110-000-44300

P & P Small Engines, Inc	\$314.95	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Sprayer Specialties	\$33.62	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Menards	\$25.44	0001-22-6110-000-63700
Theisens	\$13.16	0001-22-6110-000-63700
Theisens	\$9.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Sprayer Specialties	\$44.60	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Amazon	\$45.18	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$37.37	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$118.11	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$70.90	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Musky Fool Fly Fishing Co.	\$929.96	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls	\$3,854.46	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Studio MELEE	\$2,760.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
GTG Construction	\$113,394.70	0028-22-0210-000-60000
GTG Construction	\$24,735.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Earl May	\$170.06	0028-22-0210-000-60000
PAC Bow Archery	\$11,750.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$953.92	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$92.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Menards	\$948.46	0028-22-0210-000-60000
The Home Depot	\$4,342.88	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Howrey Construction	\$903,180.67	1555-22-0220-000-60100
Snyder & Associates	\$7,854.62	1555-22-0220-000-60100

Total: \$1,088,056.96

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 27-20. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the August 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A naturalist report was given by Oldsen, Cantu and Ventling. Reports were also given by Ratliff and Hunt.

DESTINATION IOWA COMPLEMENTARY AWARD APPROVAL- ACTION 27-21. Jasper County Conservation was awarded a Destination Iowa Complimentary Award of \$27,000 to complete the greenhouse project at the Nature Center. Motion by Herbold second by Yeager to accept the Destination Iowa Complimentary Award of \$27,000 and to complete the project by November 15, 2026. Motion carried unanimously

TRAFX DATA PLAN RENEWAL- ACTION 27-22. Van Zante presented an updated TRAFx data plan to continue service for use counters in our parks and

on our bike trails. The data plan renewal is for a three-year contract totaling \$595. Motion by Herbold second by Stone to approve the three-year contract renewal for the TRAFx data plan totaling \$595. Motion carried unanimously

UHLENHOPP POND CHANGE ORDER- ACTION 27-23. Van Zante presented a final change order for the Uhlenhopp Pond project to include jetty erosion stone and an extended length of pipe to complete the project. The total cost of the project will now be \$32,703.45. Motion by Herbold second by Yeager to approve a change in the project to include a jetty and an extended amount of pipe making the total project \$32,703.45. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER #2 AND #3. ACTION 27-24. Van Zante presented change order #2 and change order #3 for the Red Rock Prairie Trail Phase 2 project. Change order #2 includes paving to cross S 60th Ave W, totaling \$17,517.50 and change order #3 includes adding a farmer's field entrance and trail crossing and also reducing the length of another farm crossing totaling \$17,170.55. Motion by Herbold second by Stone to approve change order #2 in the amount of \$17,517.50 and change order #3 in the amount of \$17,170.55. Motion carried unanimously.

WAGAMAN MILL PORTAGE PATH ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH SNYDER AND ASSOCIATES AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE A SURVEY- ACTION 27-25. Van Zante met with Snyder and Associates on site to review the Wagaman Mill Portage Path project that is an ongoing project from FEMA mitigation of 2024. It was determined that a survey is needed to create the best design for the project since a large amount of sediment had been deposited upon the area after the flooding. The survey will add \$1,488.00 to the project. This project is funded by FEMA, so the survey would also come out of that same funding. Motion by Stone second by Yeager to approve \$1,488.00 to complete a survey by Snyder and Associates for the Wagaman Mill Portage Path mitigation project. Motion carried unanimously

NATURE CENTER CONCERT PROPOSAL FOR OCTOBER 2027- ACTION 27-26. Jeff and Jodi King have requested to have a cystic fibrosis walk and a concert by the Weary Ramblers on October 3rd, 2027, at the Nature Center. The event will be to bring awareness about cystic fibrosis and current research, and the concert will be a gift to the public following the event. Motion by Stone second by Yeager to approve the October 3rd, 2027, cystic fibrosis walk and Weary Ramblers concert at the Nature Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Other. Board members discussed projects to complete in the Mariposa Campground with remaining ARPA dollars. Priority was given to replace fire rings and a playground or shelter. Hunt indicated he has had requests for a playground in the area. Hunt will get updated playground quotes for the next meeting. Ratliff discussed the need to replace fencing on the CVT and Van

Zante passed along the need to replace several leaking water lines at Uhlenhopp. These will all be fall 2026 projects completed by staff.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 27-27. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold, second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 9:04 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary