

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
October 6, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Thad Nearmyer, Carol Kramer, and Willie Yeager

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 27-31. Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 regular meeting and the September 17, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS - ACTION 27-32. Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Howrey Construction, Inc	\$563,481.45	1555-22-0220-000-60100
Sign Pro	\$1,730.40	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Key Cooperative	\$1,311.03	0001-22-6110-000-43043
Lowe's	\$2,118.98	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Mid American Energy	\$136.01	0001-22-6110-000-43144
T-Mobile	\$104.40	0001-22-6110-000-42080
Theisens	\$34.46	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Menards	\$369.05	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$13.96	0001-22-6110-000-21942
Amazon	-\$42.08	0001-22-6110-000-43265
Amazon	\$12.23	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$61.40	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$32.79	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Spahn & Rose Lumber Company	\$151.96	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$53.19	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Newton News	\$143.00	0001-22-6100-000-48000
R.P. Lumber	\$4,325.76	0031-22-0210-000-44142
R.P. Lumber	\$5,407.39	0031-22-0210-000-44142
R.P. Lumber	\$1,657.21	0031-22-0210-000-44142

Amazon	\$15.99	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Ryan's Tire & Auto	\$52.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Walmart	\$71.52	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Ace Hardware	\$61.18	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Snyder & Associates	\$28,313.92	1555-22-0220-000-60100
Theisens	\$12.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Menards	\$182.99	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Napa Auto Parts	\$74.46	0001-22-6110-000-44000
T Mobile	\$196.39	0001-22-6110-000-42080
JDAWG Fabrication	\$6,956.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Huffaker Trucking	\$111.75	0001-22-6110-000-21242
Amazon	\$46.96	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$7.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$64.58	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$119.95	0001-22-6110-000-44146
Prairie Ag Supply	\$92.39	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Bob's Septic	\$463.50	0001-22-6110-000-41046
JDAWG Fabrication	\$3,500.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
4 Seasons Trailer	\$10.35	0001-22-6110-000-44300
P&P Small Engines, Inc	\$320.00	0001-22-6110-000-24100
TEAM Services	\$1,771.96	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$14.00	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$412.39	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Iowa Natural Heritage	\$250.00	0001-22-6100-000-48000
Home Depot	\$425.12	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Van Wall Equipment	\$23.48	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Amazon	\$52.37	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Theisens	\$93.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Sarah Paul	\$525.00	0001-22-6110-000-45400
Jerry Ratliff	\$105.00	0001-22-6100-000-41400
Greg Oldson	\$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
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
Bjornsen Pond Management	\$265.38	0005-22-6100-000-29280
City Supply Surcharge	\$83.25	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Forbes Office Solutions	\$270.00	0001-22-6100-000-40239
Martin Marietta Materials	\$341.62	0001-22-6110-000-21242
Shive Hattery	\$6,871.70	0027-22-0210-000-60000
Scheels	\$203.85	0005-22-6100-000-29280

Napa Auto of Colfax	\$5.88	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Theisens	\$42.48	0001-22-6110-000-20300
The Home Depot	\$46.65	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Alliant Energy	\$172.61	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$95.45	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$69.30	0001-22-6110-000-43145
Alliant Energy	\$144.27	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Alliant Energy	\$59.13	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$21.93	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Dan Cohen	\$173.28	0001-22-6100-000-41341
Jasper County Engineer	\$3,111.12	0001-22-6110-000-25000
Arrow Pest Control	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142
IRUA	\$286.25	0001-22-6110-000-43245
IRUA	\$48.19	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$370.92	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$6.74	0001-22-6110-000-43244
Authorize.net	\$18.70	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Jack's Small Engines	\$30.98	0001-22-6110-000-63800
My County Parks	\$115.00	0001-22-6100-000-42200
Walmart	\$44.31	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$24.85	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Theisens	\$76.46	0001-22-6110-000-21943
Theisens	\$58.87	0001-22-6110-000-63700
Theisens	\$10.98	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Theisens	\$30.15	0001-22-6110-000-63700
EWI	\$32,703.45	0027-22-0210-000-60000
Synder & Associates, Inc	\$28,366.93	1555-22-0220-000-60100
TRAFX Research, Ltd	\$595.00	0001-22-6110-000-21446
My County Parks	\$400.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Amazon	\$263.37	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Amazon	\$69.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Theisens	\$43.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Walmart	\$14.90	0001-22-6110-000-20142

Total: \$701,996.29

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 27-33. Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer to approve the September 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A written naturalist report was distributed.

Nature Center Phase 1 and Phase 2 Construction Update. Van Zante updated that the basement at the Nature Center is coming along with the ceiling nearing completion and the cabinetry installation. Next up is HVAC extensions in this ceiling and the ceiling clouds. The Phase 2 project has just been awarded a certificate of occupancy, and the final walkthrough has been completed. Only a few small items remain to be finished, and the project will be finished.

Red Rock Prairie Trail Construction Update. Van Zante updated that the last three items remaining for this project include ditch reshaping, seeding and trail signage. The ditch reshaping has been slow with the wet weather, and there are still about 7 to 10 working days left for that item, but it should be completed by the end of the week of October 23rd. Seeding has not been completed yet and the sign crew is heading there in the next week. The contractor is anticipating being finished by the last week of October. November 3rd will be the final walkthrough with the contractor and the engineer.

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 27-34. With no further business appearing, motion by Nearmyer, second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 8:32 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary