

SPECIAL MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center
April 17, 2026, 8:30 A.M.

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

Guests Present: Josh Miltenberger, Greiner Construction

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

With a quorum present, the special meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 8:30 am.

NATURE CENTER PARKING LOT GRAVEL CHANGE ORDER- ACTION 26-103. Josh Miltenberger, with Grenier Construction, discussed a \$23,648.57 change order that is pending for 317.61 tons of rock that was delivered to and placed in the parking lot of the nature center. Miltenberger said the gravel was needed to bring the lot back up to the correct elevation after winter weather conditions. Board members argued that they were never made aware of this and would have utilized a local contractor for the project to make it more affordable. Van Zante presented a rock bill from a local contractor who was hired to haul and spread rock at Wagaman Mill at the same time this rock was placed. Instead of \$75/ton, as billed by Greiner, this contractor charged \$28.27/ton. Motion by Herbold second by Yeager to pay Greiner for the rock at the rate of \$28.27/ton, for a total cost of \$8,978.83. Motion carried unanimously.

28E Agreement with Jasper County Board of Supervisors. Board members discussed the 28E Agreement that was presented at the Board of Supervisors work session on April 7, 2026. The agreement has several inaccuracies, and board members agreed that it seems like the topics that were covered, including maintenance at the nature center and protection of camping and cabin fees, could easily be handled without the agreement. Board members will plan to attend the work session as a group after the next regular conservation board meeting on May 5, 2026.

KRAMER CLASSROOM FURNITURE- ACTION 26-104. Cantu presented several options for tables and chairs for the Kramer Classroom. Staff preference was to purchase school quality laboratory tables and school stacking chairs. Costs were presented from Amazon and from additional Office Furniture Companies, but staff felt the school quality items would be most fitting for their uses. The bid from School Outlet included 8 laboratory tables, a lectern on wheels, and 36 chairs for a total of \$8,108.38. Board members

agreed that the school quality furniture items would best fit naturalist needs. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve the cost from School Outlet to purchase 8 tables, a lectern on wheels and 36 stacking chairs for \$8,108.38. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-105. With no further business appearing, motion by Yeager second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:40 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary