

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
March 8, 2022, 10:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, Robyn Friedman, and Chris Herbold

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Jade Read, Dennis Cooling, Jerry Ratliff, and Ethan Vander Pol

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Friedman at 10:30 am. Minutes of the November February 8, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 22-33. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$250.07
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$58.45
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$62.60
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$23.59
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$53.55
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,110.10
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$173.00
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$45.01
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00
Saak	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$928.00
Krampe Welding And Fab.	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$440.32
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$164.53
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$625.38
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$222.60
DC Sports	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$447.00
Jerry Ratliff	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Kent Dunsbergen	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Ethan Vander Pol	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Greg Oldsen	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Katie Cantu	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Keri Van Zante	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00
Dennis Cooling	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00

Jade Read	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$105.00	
Van Maanen Electric	0001-22-6110-000-21446	\$158.20	
Dodds Trash Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	
Forbes Office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-26339	\$407.60	
Dennis Cooling	0001-22-6110-000-42200	\$15.00	
Snyder & Assoc	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$17,874.68	
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$11.98	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$0.60	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$21.84	C
Roth Sugar Bush	0005-22-6100-000-41200	\$64.00	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$21.95	C
Smoky Lake Maple Prod.	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$749.50	C
Smoky Lake Maple Prod.	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$55.00	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$839.03	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$19.86	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$62.41	C
Menards	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$640.78	C
Sprayer Specialties	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$319.98	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$79.65	C
Pauls Ace Hardware	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$34.94	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$11.88	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$8.24	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$161.76	C
Burger Shef	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$20.00	C
Iowa Taproom	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$40.00	C
Spare Time	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$53.00	C
Giovannis	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$30.00	C
La Cabana	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$25.00	C
PJ's Deli	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$10.00	C
Dairy Queen	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$5.00	C
Moo's BBQ	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$40.00	C
Menards	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$87.70	C
Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$21.15	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$112.38	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$63.97	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$220.54	C
	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$17.98	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$85.33	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$150.16	C
Iowa Assoc. CC	0001-22-6100-000-48039	\$40.00	C
Hotels.Com	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$200.00	C
Murphy	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$146.17	C

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Rk Dixon/Premier	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$201.00	C
	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$221.06	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$720.99	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$34.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$12.85	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$46.44	C
Northern Tool Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$1,999.99	C
Iowa Dept. Of Ag	0001-22-6110-000-42200	\$15.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$199.99	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$265.69	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$69.57	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63800	\$139.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$159.22	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$33.56	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$102.36	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$225.95	C
RK Dixon-Premier			
Printing	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$131.41	C
Prairie Ag Supply	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$240.54	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$3.79	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$43.38	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$57.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$64.60	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$66.74	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$16.94	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$6.98	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$53.22	C

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Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Ratliff, Cooling, VanderPol, and Read.

WAGAMAN MILL MANAGEMENT PLAN- ACTION 22-34. Herbold, Ratliff, Vander Pol and Dunsbergen met at Wagaman Mill to discuss required maintenance to keep the mill in operation. Sand and debris have to be removed from to inside pit every few weeks and trees have to be removed from the dam after nearly every high-water event. Both actions are very dangerous

for staff to accomplish. Board members would like to meet with Lynnville Historical Society members to discuss these safety concerns, along with concerns regarding how the building will be maintained in its deteriorating conditions. The existing lease agreement identifying JCCB as managing the wheelhouse expired in May 2023. Van Zante will meet with county attorney to discuss this lease. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer that staff cease the maintenance in the pit of the mill and on the dam outside the mill due to safety concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

NATURE CENTER REDESIGN CONTRACT- ACTION 22-35. Board members felt they now have a thorough understanding of the nature center re-design contract from Studio Melee. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the nature center re-design contract form Studio Melee. Motion carried unanimously.

CVT Bike Trail Damage Plan. Herbold visiting the damaged section of the bike trail with an engineer and contractor. From that meeting, he suggested we choose a section of damaged trail to excavated and investigate what is happening underground. Herbold will work with staff to do this later this spring.

CITY OF MINGO BIKE TRAIL SIGN REQUEST- ACTION 22-36. Gary Bartles, the Mayor of Mingo, contacted Van Zante about placing school district signs along the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Board members were supportive of the idea, as we partner with school districts for several projects already. Ratliff will attend the council meeting to discuss specifics regarding sign size and distance off the trail. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to allow two Colfax Mingo school district signs on the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Lillian Johnston Wildlife Area Bioreactor. Herbold suggested looking at the potential for a bioreactor on the Lillian Johnston Property to help with ground water management and denitrification. Herbold and Van Zante will visit the site together in the next few weeks. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to begin the process of installing a bioreactor on the Lillian Johnston Wildlife Area. Motion carried unanimously.

Cabin Cleaning. Board members suggested getting some costs for someone other than staff to clean the cabin at Uhlenhopp. Van Zante will get some bids and bring back to the board next month.

ATV ACCESSIBILITY/MOBILITY PROJECT- ACTION 22-37. Van Zante presented a project that volunteer Bill Yeager has initiated. He would like to see an ATV available to give tour of our parks to people with mobility issues. Van Zante as spoken to the county attorney about volunteers leading these tours and have now worked through the process. Fundraising is underway

and \$6,000 has been committed so far to purchase a 4-door machine with a cab that could be used for this and for work purposes. The ATV at Uhlenhopp is not reliable any longer, so this machine could serve a dual benefit. Cost estimates have ranges between \$17,000 and \$25,000. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to commit up to \$5,000 for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants. Van Zante applied for the FLAP, TAP, and Wellmark Foundation grants for the Red Rock Prairie, as well as a Prairie Meadows grant for Yurts at Ashton Park. Cantu is applying for a build with Bags grant for new benches at Mariposa.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Nothing identified.

Nature Center. A Caring for Conservation auction of being planned for April 2, 2022 from 6:00-9:00 pm at The Thunderdome, and a Caring for Conservation Slipstream Concert will be held at Ashton Park on June 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 22-38. With no further business appearing, motion by Kramer second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 11:55 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary