

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
April 2, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Robyn Friedman, Andy Stone, and Willie Yeager

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante and Jade Read

Guest Present: Dennis Simon

On March 26, 2024, Jasper County Board of Supervisors appointed Willie Yeager to take the place of Bill Henninger on the Jasper County Conservation Board, who resigned on March 5, 2024.

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 8:30 am. Minutes of the March 5, 2024 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 24-58. Motion by Friedman, second by Yeager that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$7.89
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Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$73.70
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$104.97
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$132.98
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$92.66
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$155.00
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$29.10
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$94.00
Iowa Sportsman	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$250.00
DC Sports	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$305.30
Manatts	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$724.00
Team Services	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$4,670.00
Riggs Printing	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$254.50
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$182.39
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$157.34
Forbes	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$59.40
	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$253.20
Midwest Patch	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$866.00
Redoy Roofing & Siding	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$5,202.00
Sully Electric	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$13,376.88

Theisens	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$69.63	C
Diamond Vogel	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$18.03	C
Facebook Meta	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$41.80	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$390.22	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$18.99	C
CDW	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$2,025.72	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$33.04	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$25.55	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$13.29	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$462.48	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-42080	\$559.92	C
Spahn & Rose	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$304.20	C
Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$37.93	C
Arnold Motor Supply	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$11.96	C
Hewitts Service Center	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$470.00	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$26.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$6.79	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$139.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$110.65	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$9.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$35.66	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$34.77	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$85.80	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Menards	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$182.43	C
Menards	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$652.83	C
Menards	0031-22-0210-000-44142	\$541.95	C
Paul's Ace Hardware	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$25.99	C
Sherwin Williams	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$113.98	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$7.45	C

\$33,467.15

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A staff report was presented by Read.

APPROVAL OF HIRE AND PAY FOR TRISTAN HUNT- ACTION 24-59. Van Zante reported that 38 applications were received for the position at Mariposa. Van Zante, Kramer, Stone, Ratliff and VanderPol conducted interviews with the top 4 applicants. Tristan Hunt was selected for the position. Tristan worked

with Jasper County Conservation for the last 2 summers and his work was top notch. He will graduate from Central College on May 10 and will start May 13. Board members discussed pay and suggested a start at Step 3 of the Maintenance 2 pay scale, \$23.35/hour. Motion by Friedman, second by Yeager to approve the hire of Tristan Hunt at Step 3, \$23.35 for Maintenance Tech 2 at Mariposa Park. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ROCK ENGRAVING AT MARIPOSA CAMPGROUND- ACTION 24-60. Two bids were received to engrave the rock at the entrance of Mariposa Campground. T&J Flooring bid \$2500 and Mingo Products bid \$850. Motion by Friedman, second by Yeager to accept the low bid of \$850 from Mingo Products. Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH SKUNK WILDLIFE AREA- ACTION 24-61. Van Zante reported that she has been receiving complaints regarding hunting access at the landlocked North Skunk River Wildlife Area. People would like to hunt the area but surrounding landowners will not give access. Board members discussed how it is not the intention of the board to have inaccessible hunting areas, but that those areas should be managed as wildlife habitat. Motion by Friedman, second by Yeager to change the North Skunk Wildlife area to a no hunting wildlife preserve. Motion carried unanimously.

Mariposa Campground and Cabin- Cabinet and countertops are finished in the cabin. Still need to do flooring, decks, shower house partitions and a bit more seeding before the June 1, 2024 opening date.

Nature Center. Plans for the nature center have been completed and Greiner is now working on bid packages to be let so prices and budget can be determined.

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 24-62. With no further business appearing, motion by Yeager second by Friedman that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:35 a.m.

Carol Kramer, Secretary