

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

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Greg Oldsen, Ethan VanderPol and Jade Read

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 8:30 am. Minutes of the June 4, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-01. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$140.33	A
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$83.58	A
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$92.66	A
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$179.39	A
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$78.24	A
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000		
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$149.00	A
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$66.11	A
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$94.00	A
US Cellular	0001-22-6110-000-42080	\$173.96	A
Studio MELEE	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$2,550.00	A
The Flower Court	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$55.90	A
Arrow Pest Control	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$80.00	A
Dodds Trash Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$160.00	A
	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	A
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$67.80	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$32.51	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$58.97	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$8.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$32.97	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$34.38	C
Dodds Trash hauling	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$410.00	C/A

Van Wall	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$381.78	C/A
ACME	0001-22-6110-000-29000	-\$255.73	C/A
ACME	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$239.00	C/A
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$109.98	C/A
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$27.14	C/A
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$7.94	C/A
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$54.99	C/A
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C/A

\$5203.88

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Ratliff, VanderPol, Oldsen and Cantu.

GEISLER-PENQUITE FOUNDATION DONATION AND NAMING RIGHTS-ACTION 25-02. Geisler-Penquite Foundation has generously donated \$700,000 to fully fund the Phase 2 Land Stewardship Lab portion of the nature center project. Motion by Herbold second by Friedman to accept the \$700,000 donation and to grant naming rights of the building, so it will officially be named Geisler-Penquite Land Stewardship Lab. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAILER PURCHASE- ACTION 25-03. VanderPol presented bids for a new gooseneck trailer for the skid loader. The current trailer is overweight when hauling the skid loader and any attachments. 4 Seasons Trailers bid \$23,151.94, and Thomas Bus Sales bid \$22,130. Motion by Friedman second by Herbold to accept the bid from Thomas Bus Sales for the gooseneck skid loader trailer for \$22,130. Motion carried unanimously.

MOWER PURCHASE- ACTION 25-04. A new mower was budgeted for purchase this FY. We will trade in an older Scag mower from Ashton Park and purchase a new Scag Cheetah 61". A bid was received from Prairie Ag for \$8,269, including the trade in. Motion by Herbold, second by Friedman to accept the bid from Prairie Ag to purchase a Scag Cheetah 61" for \$8,269. Motion carried unanimously.

UTV PURCHASE- ACTION 25-05. A new UTV was also approved in this FY budget. VanderPol presented bids for a Polaris Ranger 1000 from Stroom Powersports for \$16,006.49 and Van-Wall Equipment for \$16,495. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to purchase the Polaris 1000 from Stroom Powersports for \$16,006.49. Motion carried unanimously.

UHLENHOPP WEDNESDAY POND PROJECT CHANGE ORDER- ACTION 25-06. Van Zante got an additional bid to the already approved bid from Sully Construction to do this project. The additional bid is to add a jetty for school group programs. The \$8,465.87 bid was for the earthwork, erosion stone at the waterline, and fabric and crushed limestone on top. Motion by Herbold, second by Friedman to approve the bid of \$,8465.87 from Sully Construction add the jetty into this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Bike Trail Signage/Development Guidance. Board members determined they would not make a policy at this point regarding signage on the bike trail. However, in practice, we will not allow advertising or promotional signage along our trails. JCCB philosophy is that the trail is public space where we avoid private entities profiting off public land. The other side to this argument is that, if we want to promote our trails as tourism destinations, we need to have signage to navigate people to local attractions. This is a legitimate argument that we do see value in. The opinion is that these signs are fine when in the towns. However, when outside towns, we don't permit these signs or much development. We view the trail as wildlife corridors set aside for wild plants/animals where we try to keep the trails as natural as possible where we draw a hard line between JCCB and the city.

Nature Center Bid Update. Studio Melee and Geiner joined the meeting to discuss the bid outcome. Bids came in more than \$400,000 over bid, but Greiner and Studio Melee will meet to work on VE (Value Engineering) to see what can be removed from the bid while keeping the integrity to the building design. A meeting will be scheduled as soon as this process is complete.

Other. Nothing identified

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-07. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Friedman that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:06 a.m.

Carol Kramer, Secretary