

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
November 5, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

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

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

Guests Present: Natalie Moorman, Katie Petermeier

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 8:30 am. Minutes of the October 1, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-25. 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	\$75.00
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Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43143	\$141.73
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$72.73
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$211.19
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$18.47
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$82.57
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,877.73
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$190.00
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$47.97
	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$320.00
Spahn & Rose	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$1,400.00
Spahn & Rose	0001-22-6110-000-46200	\$13,738.51
Huffaker Trucking	0001-22-6110-000-21244	\$219.84
martin Marietta Materials	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$457.54
Manatts	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$894.98
Manatts	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$1,399.05
REDOY Roofing	0001-22-110-000-46200	\$28,678.00
Amerigas	0004-22-6110-000-43044	\$164.22
Studio MELEE	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$5,192.00
ATC Group Services	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$1,495.00
Forbes office Solutions	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$60.28
Arrow Pest Control	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$80.00
Iowa Outdoors	0001-22-6100-000-26139	\$15.00
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$109.29

	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$150.00	
Manatts	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$979.37	
ISU Extension	0001-22-6110-000-42200	\$45.00	
Newton Daily News	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$142.00	
Studio MELEE	0023-22-0210-000-60000	\$3,855.00	
	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$7,817.00	
Pella Precast Products	0001-22-6110-000-44542	\$158.46	
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$22.85	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-25400	\$12.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$95.98	C
Jasper Construction Serv	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$246.64	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$308.41	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$534.38	C
Smith Quality Rental	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$75.00	C
Spahn & Rose Lumber Co	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$513.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$66.04	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26139	\$5.57	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$37.05	C
	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$79.48	C
Amazon	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$90.00	C
Iowa Assoc. CC	0001-22-6100-000-42239	\$147.00	C
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Jasper Construction Serv	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$266.00	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$21.28	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$267.07	C
Authorize.net	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$19.15	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	-\$84.19	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$84.19	C
Jasper Construction Serv	0001-22-6110-000-49160	-\$17.40	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$1,204.39	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$78.46	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$145.96	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$181.32	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$6.94	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$78.68	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$54.97	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$25.99	C
Walmart	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$49.30	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$53.91	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$8.56	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$85.85	C
Bass Pro Shop	0005-22-6100-000-29280	\$152.14	C

Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$71.80	C
Bobs Septic	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$585.00	C
Smith Quality Rental	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$75.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$21.20	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$46.00	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$164.74	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$27.98	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44143	\$109.99	C
Newton Public Landfill	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$30.03	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$872.17	C

\$77,457.44

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-26. Motion Herbold second by Yeager to approve the bank statement showing the monthly digital and online transactions and ACH transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Cantu, Oldsen, Vander Pol, and Read.

Baxter Initiative Update. Natalie Moorman and Katie Petermeier discussed a plan to update Baxter Mainstreet and downtown, part of which includes the trailhead of the CVT. Board members asked to be kept informed about project ideas and for the group to bring proposals that involve conservation managed areas to the board for approval.

LILLIAN JOHNTON FARM BID- ACTION 25-27. One bid was received for the cropland at the Lillian Johnston farm for a 3-year contract. Jordin Van Wyk bid \$245/acre or \$11,543.60 annually for the 47.08-acre farm rent. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to approve the bid of \$11,534.60 from Jordin Van Wyk for the Lillian Johnston Farm. Motion carried unanimously.

MARIPOSA HOUSE AND SHOP DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL BIDS- ACTION 25-28. Three bids were received to demolish the house and garage at Mariposa, as well as complete asbestos abatement. DeCarlo Demolition bid \$29,500, Earth Services and Abatement bid \$31,900, and then August Enterprises bid \$6,030, but only for the asbestos abatement and not demolition. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to award to bid to DeCarlo Demolition for \$29,500. Motion carried unanimously.

MARIPOSA HOUSE AND SHOP AREA GRADING BIDS- ACTION 25-29. 4 bids were received for the Mariposa house and shop area grading project from DeCarlo Demolition, Lanphier, Earthworks Inc, and Sully Construction. However, upon reading the bids, it appears the contractors all took different

approaches to a few items the board thought needed additional guidance, including proper grading and disposal of concrete and trees, as well as an updated completion date for the project. Motion by Yeager, second by Herbold to reject all bids and add additional specifications to the bid form and then accept the same company bids back in 2 weeks (Nov 19 @ 8:30 am). Motion carried unanimously.

FRIENDS OF CVT TRAILHEAD INFORMATION HUBS- ACTION 25-30. The Friends of CVT are looking for approval to move forward with fundraising for new information hubs to be placed at Baxter, Mingo, and Valeria. Motion by Yeager, second by Herbold to approve support for the Friends of CVT encouraging the group to peruse quotes and begin fundraising for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashton Park Plan. Ratliff will move from Ashton Park November 15, 2024. Zoning states that there would need to be at least 10 acres split off that parcel if it was decided to sell the house without requesting a zoning variance. Herbold reported that a variance is not possible, and Van Zante showed a map of what 10 acres would look like split off the 13.3-acre parcel. Members were not favorable of cutting off that much land around the shop and observatory, but are still unsure what the best plan might be for the area. In an effort to learn more, the board will travel to Ashton Park as a part of a special meeting on November 19, 2024, at 8:30am. The board will look at the house and walk the 13.3-acre parcel so that discussions about its future will be clearer.

Donor Wall. Van Zante printed out photos of ideas for a donor wall at the nature center and presented to board members. No discussion was held, and this topic will be on the agenda again in December.

Other. Oldsen submitted a grant for a skid loader forestry head and Vander Pol talked about a skid loader purchase being discussed with the Board of Supervisors. Vander Pol also informed the board that he will be starting the 2nd cabin construction at Mariposa during Spring 2025.

Board Member Concerns. Stone requested an end of the year camping report so that board members can see the benefit of cabins and upgraded camping. Read will prepare this for the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-31. With no further business appearing, motion by Yeager second by Herbold that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:22 a.m.

Carol Kramer, Secretary