

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
April 1, 2025, 10:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, and Willie Yeager

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

Guest Present: Jozy Gillespie

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 8:34am. Minutes of the March 11, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 25-73. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 25-74. Motion by Stone second by Kramer to approve the bank statement showing the monthly digital and online transactions and ACH transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A naturalist report was presented by Cantu and Oldsen.

JOZY GILLESPIE- BEE KEEPING- ACTION 25-75. Jozy and his wife are local beekeepers and they are interested in keeping a hive at the nature center area for educational purposes. Josy would like to present public beekeeping programs for conservation, as well as donate honey that could be sold at the nature center. The county attorney has asked that he have liability insurance, so that is his limiting factor, until he finds out the cost for this. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to allow the hives at the nature center area contingent upon Jozy getting the liability insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

GREINER CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER #2- ACTION 25-76. Change Order #2 removes the architectural design fees being charged by Studio Melee from the Greiner GMP contract, as we already have a separate contract with Studio Melee. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to remove the \$157,700 architectural design fees from the GMP Greiner contract. Motion carried unanimously.

GREINER CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER #3- ACTION 25-77. Change Order #3 adds the elevator (\$110,664.00) and living wall millwork (\$4,825.37) to the Greiner GMP contract. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to add the \$115,489.37 total of the elevator and living wall millwork to the GMP Greiner contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Planning Priorities. Van Zante presented the staff ranking of the park planning ideas created during the fall of 2024 by board members and staff. Topping the list are a playground and shelter at the Mariposa Bison Ridge Campground, as well as a new pit toilet and Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve. Since staff schedules are overwhelmed with projects for spring and summer, the board will revisit this list at the August meeting to determine the next improvement project.

Other. The next nature center meeting with the architect and construction manager will be held on site April 10 at 1:30pm.

Board Member Concerns. Nothing identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 25-78. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:50 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary