

**SPECIAL MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
August 25, 2025, 1:00 P.M.**

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

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

With a quorum present, the special meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Kramer at 1:00 pm.

RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE ALL FUNDING NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT FOR DESTINATION IOWA GRANT- ACTION 26-18. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve a resolution stating that all funding will be provided by the Jasper County Conservation Board to fully complete the environmental education center project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT POSITION- ACTION 26-19. Board members discussed several scenarios for replacing the vacancy that has been created with Read not returning to her full-time admin/env ed position. Cantu and Oldsen are currently meeting with schools to plan field trips and classroom programs and have had to reduce their offerings to the schools because of this absence. Home school programs, as well as nursing home, library and day hab programs have also been cut due to less time availability with one fewer educational staff member. The funding for this job remains in the Jasper County Conservation budget, as it was approved by the Jasper County Board of Supervisors for this fiscal year. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to move forward and advertise to fill the existing full-time position of administrative/environmental education assistant. Motion carried unanimously

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. Nothing identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-20. With no further business appearing, motion by Herbold second by Stone that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 1:48 p.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary