

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
January 6, 2026, 8:30 A.M.**

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

Board Members Absent: Chris Herbold

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Greg Oldsen, and Liz Ventling

Guests Present: Dennis Simon

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yeager at 8:30 am. Minutes of December 2, 2025, regular meeting was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS - ACTION 26-64. Motion by Kramer, second by Nearmyer, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

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| Walmart | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$70.67 | C |
| Walmart | 0001-22-6100-000-29139 | \$29.32 | C |
| Walmart | 0001-22-6110-000-20142 | \$8.56 | C |
| Walmart | 0001-22-6110-000-20142 | \$18.04 | C |
| Smokey Lake Maple Products | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$626.00 | C |
| Smokey Lake Maple Products | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$414.00 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$31.98 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-24100 | \$73.99 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$92.93 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$30.15 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21943 | \$93.54 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-21943 | \$48.99 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$41.97 | C |
| Theisens | 0001-22-6110-000-63700 | \$28.97 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6100-000-26000 | \$21.10 | C |
| Amazon | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$430.10 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$205.69 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$22.99 | C |
| Amazon | 0001-22-6100-000-26000 | \$13.60 | C |
| Amazon | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$979.51 | C |
| Amazon | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$1,291.32 | C |

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| Menards | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$114.72 | C |
| Menards | 0001-22-6110-000-21946 | \$26.99 | C |
| Menards | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$21.15 | C |
| Menards | 0001-22-6110-000-21946 | \$68.66 | C |
| Napa Auto Parts | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$79.09 | C |
| Napa Auto Parts | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$247.50 | C |
| Napa Auto Parts | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | \$247.99 | C |
| Napa Auto Parts | 0001-22-6110-000-44000 | -\$36.00 | C |
| Authorize.net | 0001-22-6110-000-40000 | \$12.70 | C |
| Smith Quality Rental | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$41.69 | C |
| Newton Landfill | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$27.87 | C |
| Capital City Equipment | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$476.50 | C |
| Truck Equipment Inc | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$468.00 | C |
| Kruseman Implement Inc | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$589.02 | C |
| Metrowaste Authority | 0001-22-6110-000-44144 | \$22.00 | C |
| Roth Sugar Bush | 0005-22-6100-000-29280 | \$148.39 | C |
| Canva | 0001-22-6110-000-40000 | \$14.99 | C |
| My County Parks | 0001-22-6100-000-48000 | \$100.00 | C |
| My County Parks | 0001-22-6100-000-42200 | \$380.00 | C |
| Van Wall Equipment | 0001-22-6110-000-44300 | \$13.05 | C |
| Dodds Trash and Hauling | 0001-22-6110-000-44146 | \$79.84 | |
| Dodds Trash and Hauling | 0001-22-6110-000-21942 | \$90.15 | |
| Mid American Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$117.00 | |
| Mid American Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$53.63 | |
| Mid American Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$117.00 | |
| Mid American Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43144 | \$36.86 | |
| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43142 | \$137.75 | |
| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43143 | \$188.70 | |
| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43142 | \$37.15 | |
| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43143 | \$21.68 | |
| Alliant Energy | 0001-22-6110-000-43142 | \$112.75 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43244 | \$39.05 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43243 | \$61.22 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43243 | \$47.42 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-21249 | \$72.09 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$33.60 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$539.86 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$38.63 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$35.83 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$27.36 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$30.79 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43244 | \$25.92 | |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43243 | \$50.34 | |

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| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43243 | \$25.35 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-21249 | \$107.37 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$26.13 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$26.04 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$31.56 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$28.49 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$27.19 |
| Iowa Regional Utilities | 0001-22-6110-000-43242 | \$26.86 |
| Studio Melee | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$738.00 |
| Studio Melee | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$1,990.00 |
| Studio Melee | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$1,520.00 |
| Studio Melee | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$2,520.00 |
| Huffaker Trucking | 0001-22-6110-000-21200 | \$264.22 |
| Manatts Inc | 0023-22-0210-000-60000 | \$1,158.50 |
| Jasper Co Engineer | 0001-22-6110-000-25000 | \$1,752.83 |
| Jasper Co Engineer | 0001-22-6110-000-25000 | \$1,870.58 |
| Forbes Office Solutions | 0001-22-6100-000-40200 | \$136.57 |
| SCI Communications | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$37.00 |
| Arrow Pest Control | 0001-22-6110-000-44142 | \$80.00 |
| Botanical Designs | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$8,548.00 |
| Secretary of State | 0001-22-6100-000-42200 | \$30.00 |
| Lauren Roush | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$3,790.00 |
| Terpstra | 1580-22-0220-000-62542 | \$20,000.00 |
| US Cellular | 0001-22-6110-000-42080 | \$175.16 |
| Riggs Printing | 0001-22-6100-000-26339 | \$632.07 |
| McDowell Agency | 0001-22-6100-000-42500 | \$82.50 |
| Newton Clinic | 0001-22-6100-000-42000 | \$44.95 |
| Cline's Spray Foam | 0031-22-0210-000-44142 | \$2,300.00 |
| Kent Dunsbergen | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Ethan Vander Pol | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Greg Oldsen | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Katie Cantu | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Keri Van Zante | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Tristan Hunt | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| Jerry Ratliff | 0001-22-6100-000-41400 | \$105.00 |
| ICCS | 0001-22-6100-000-40000 | \$114.00 |
| Key Cooperative | 0001-22-6110-000-43043 | \$464.98 |
| Skunk River Sanitation | 0001-22-6110-000-21944 | \$55.00 |
| Martin Marietta Materials | 0001-22-6110-000-21243 | \$317.18 |
| Martin Marietta Materials | 0001-22-6110-000-21200 | \$376.00 |
| Greiner Construction | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$323,863.68 |
| Greiner Construction | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$306,495.69 |
| Greiner Construction | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$51,650.37 |

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| Boardsafe | 0028-22-0210-000-60000 | \$32,012.64 |
| Snyder & Associates, Inc | 1555-22-0220-000-60100 | \$6,700.92 |

Total: \$780,387.18

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-65. Motion by Nearmyer, second by Kramer to approve the December 2025 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A report was given by Oldsen and Ventling.

SHIVE-HATTERY PUMP WETLAND CONTRACT APPROVAL – ACTION 26-66.

Motion by Nearmyer, second by Kramer to approve the Engineering and Surveying services contract #JAS801724C with Shive-Hattery for the pump wetland project at Uhlenhopp Arboretum. Motion carried unanimously.

NATURE CENTER HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE DOCK PURCHASE APPROVAL- ACTION 26-67.

Van Zante provided several dock options to the Curt Jackson trustees for the nature center area. Van Zante and Jane Meyer chose the Boardsafe aluminum dock with an accessible ramp and platform for \$64,025.25. Staff will install the dock this spring after it is delivered to site. Motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer to purchase the Boardsafe Handicapped accessible dock for the nature center for \$64,025.25 utilizing the Curt Jackson Trust. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-2027 CONSERVATION PAY PLAN- ACTION 26-68. Simon discussed the pay plan with board members, explaining BOS approved a 2% increase for salary employees and 3% for hourly employees. The pay plan provided by the auditor's office needs updated before approval. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to table the approval of the pay plan until more information is available from the auditor's office. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-2027 CONSERVATION BUDGET- ACTION 26-69. The conservation budget needs the pay plan information added to it for its completion. Motion by Stone, second by Kramer to table the approval of the Conservation Budget until the pay plan has been updated and can be added to the total. Motion carried unanimously.

Nature Center Grand Opening. Staff are working towards a tentative grand opening on April 18, 2026. More information to follow after the construction work at the center is completed.

Land Stewardship Lab Bid Opening January 8 @ 10:00 am. Board members were reminded of the Phase 2 project opening on January 8 at 10:00 am at the conservation office.

Other. Board members would like Van Zante to request an onsite meeting with Greiner Construction at the nature center directly after the bid opening on January 8 at 11:00am.

Board Member Concerns. Board members discussed that they will hold the February meeting at 8:00 am to meet the schedule of all conservation board members.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-70. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:07 a.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary