

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:

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

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	
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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	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$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

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