

**SPECIAL MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
January 8, 2026, 10:00 A.M.**

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

Board Members Absent: Thad Nearmyer

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

Guests Present: Jamie Malloy and Michael Stanley

On January 6, 2026, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors voted to reappoint Chris Herbold to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term, expiring December 31, 2030.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- ACTION 26-71. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone, that a unanimous ballot be cast for the officers of the Conservation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol Kramer, Chairperson
Chris Herbold, Vice Chairperson
Thad Nearmyer, Secretary

With a quorum present, the special meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kramer at 10:00 am.

Opening of Bids for Nature Center Phase 2: Land Stewardship Lab. Malloy and Stanley, of Studio Melee, helped to facilitate the bid opening for the Land Stewardship Lab Project, notating a bid bond present and the 5 addenda accepted:

Accurate Commercial \$713,000
Eick & Day Construction \$747,900
Graphite Construction \$600,093
GTG Construction \$680,000
Hildreth Construction \$730,000
Keystone Construction \$925,000

The low bidder will be required to provide 24-hour information as put forward in the bid documents including:

- List of subcontractors and suppliers of labor and materials.
- Any substitutions not approved in bid documents or addenda

- Background Information including qualifications, resources, staffing, previously completed work and references
- Confirmation of any pending claims on former work and confirmation that any claims would not impair your ability to perform or finance the proposed work.
- Proof of insurance

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR NATURE CENTER PHASE 2: LAND

STEWARDSHIP LAB- ACTION 26-72. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer to table the approval of the general contractor for the Phase 2 project until the next scheduled meeting and after the 24-hour information has been submitted and deemed acceptable. Motion carried unanimously.

*****Board meeting will now be moved (at 10:45 am) to the Environmental Education Center located at 5284 Liberty Ave, Newton, Iowa 50208.**

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-73. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 12:15 p.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary