

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
May 5, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante and Tristan Hunt

Guests Present: None

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Herbold at 8:00 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 26-106. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 regular meeting and the April 17, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 26-107. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Greiner Construction	\$109,714.29	0028-22-0210-000-60000
IRUA	\$57.96	0001-22-6110-000-43243
IRUA	\$358.37	0001-22-6110-000-43244
IRUA	\$124.39	0001-22-6110-000-21249
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$29.51	0001-22-6110-000-43242
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IRUA	\$31.43	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$28.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242
IRUA	\$28.86	0001-22-6110-000-43243
Hometown Press	\$70.00	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Van Diest Supply Company	\$890.00	0001-22-6110-000-20200
Van Diest Supply Company	\$276.80	0001-22-6110-000-20200
Van Diest Supply Company	\$490.00	0001-22-6110-000-20200
Newton Classic Car Wash	\$66.50	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	-\$118.52	0001-22-6110-000-44542
Alliant Energy	\$44.75	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Ziegler Companies	\$487.04	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Barlow's Tackle	\$150.81	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$12.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000

Amazon	\$16.79	0001-22-6100-000-26000
Amazon	\$31.59	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$25.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Jasper County Engineer	\$2,012.50	0001-22-6110-000-25000
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$109.86	0001-22-6110-000-44000
O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$73.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Walmart	\$11.91	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$14.76	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Walmart	\$12.60	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Amazon	\$124.44	0001-22-6110-000-44542
Amazon	\$94.99	0001-22-6100-000-41200
Central Iowa Distributing	\$1,109.00	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Ziegler Companies	\$86,600.52	0001-22-6110-000-63100
Theisens	\$49.90	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Greiner Construction	\$33,633.39	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Van Wall Equipment	\$608.51	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Foliage Design Systems	\$3,240.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Huffaker Trucking	\$104.65	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Huffaker Trucking	\$106.53	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Huffaker Trucking	\$103.49	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Amazon	\$20.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$46.82	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Theisens	\$92.99	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Amazon	\$219.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Amazon	\$104.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Municipal Supply, Inc	\$723.00	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Hickenbottom, Inc	\$275.00	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Theisens	\$140.93	0001-22-6110-000-21943
Theisens	\$18.97	0001-22-6110-000-23200
4 Seasons Trailer & Equipment	\$103.50	0001-22-6110-000-24100
Theisens	\$4.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Premier 1 Supplies	\$1,380.00	0023-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$24.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Theisens	\$52.25	0001-22-6110-000-21943
Theisens	\$18.99	0001-22-6110-000-21944
Theisens	\$32.97	0001-22-6110-000-43044
Amazon	\$29.99	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Ace Hardware	\$13.12	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Scheels	\$2,249.75	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$53.98	0001-22-6100-000-29539
Amazon	\$74.00	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Central Iowa Distributing	\$110.00	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Arrow Pest Control	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142

Menards	\$19.71	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Theisens	\$52.99	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Amazon	\$798.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Pottery Barn Kids	\$513.28	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Martin Marietta	\$306.94	0001-22-6110-000-21244
Martin Marietta	\$1,219.32	0001-22-6110-000-21244
Menards	\$125.68	0001-22-6110-000-21944
Prairie Ag Supply	\$161.52	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Prairie Ag Supply	\$162.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Colfax Tractor Parts, Inc	\$300.00	0001-22-6110-000-44300
Amazon	\$228.52	0005-22-6100-000-29280
Amazon	\$149.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$149.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
School Outlet	\$8,108.38	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Forbes Office Solutions	\$637.98	0001-22-6100-000-26339
Walmart	\$36.55	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$16.91	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$54.82	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$30.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Walmart	\$8.56	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Amazon	\$17.10	0001-22-6110-000-20142
Menards	\$96.72	0001-22-6110-000-44144
Theisens	\$19.92	0005-22-6100-000-29280
TEAM Serivices, Inc	\$1,580.11	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$45.50	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$158.84	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$17.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$42.94	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$42.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$298.20	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$9.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$159.99	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$24.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$12.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800
Cline's Spray Foam	\$1,200.00	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Menards	\$319.87	0031-22-0210-000-44142
Amazon	\$15.18	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Hewitts Service Center	\$404.00	0001-22-6110-000-44000
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Theisens	\$139.99	0001-22-6100-000-29400
Alliant Energy	\$127.03	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Alliant Energy	\$330.54	0001-22-6110-000-43142
Studio MELEE	\$1,380.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000

Amazon	\$23.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$24.31	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Canva	\$109.14	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Shive Hattery	\$4,479.00	0027-22-0210-000-60000
GTG Contruction	\$136,915.50	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Amazon	\$23.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$35.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
My County Parks	\$308.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Authorize.net	\$20.75	0001-22-6100-000-40000
Alliant Energy	\$138.78	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Alliant Energy	\$22.69	0001-22-6110-000-43143
Skunk River Sanitation	\$55.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142
Amazon	\$12.59	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Amazon	\$6.69	0001-22-6100-000-41200
La Crosse Seed	\$976.50	0001-22-6110-000-20300
Amazon	\$57.69	0001-22-6110-000-23200
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$82.47	0001-22-6110-000-44142
City Supply-Surcharge	\$6,624.31	0028-22-0210-000-60000
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44146

Total: 416,327.38

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 26-108. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the April 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A written report was provided by Oldsen, Cantu and Ventling.

RESURVEY AND VANDALISM ASSESSMENT ON THE RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL- ACTION 26-109. Van Zante presented the damage assessment from Snyder and Associates that was done because of a neighboring landowner disturbed about a mile of the railbed on the Red Rock Prairie Trail, removing dirt and transporting it to his own farm. The total cost estimate for fixing the ditching and regrading is: \$1,740 - \$2,240. The total cost for the resurvey/evaluation: \$3,500. And the total soil removed from site (including LiDar calculations): 2,125 cy + 1,930 cy= 4,145 cy. Motion by Nearmyer, second by Stone to work with the county attorney and request back from the landowner the cost for resurvey, regrading, and soil theft on the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

ASHTON PARK GOAT GRAZING CONTRACT – ACTION 26-110. Finch Livestock submitted a cost for goat grazing at Ahston Park again this summer.

The fee is \$2.00/goat per month, and \$350 for any death loss. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to accept the cost and approve the contract for Finch Livestock to graze goats in Ashton Park during the summer of 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Krumm Grazing Contract. An additional grazing contract was presented from Erlene Fopma to graze goats at Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve. The contract price was \$40/goat per month. Board members asked for Oldsen to follow up with this contractor to see if the cost could be any closer to the contract price signed with Finch Livestock.

MARIPOSA SEPTIC PUMPNG BIDS- ACTION 26-111. Hunt gathered bids for septic pumping at Mariposa for the campground and boat ramp. Certified Septic Service bid \$630, plus a miscellaneous charge of \$170 if trash needs to be removed by hand. Jody Bestell bid \$800, and Versteegh bid \$2,326. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to accept the bid from Certified Septic Service for \$630 (up to \$800 if trash needs to be removed by hand). Motion carried unanimously.

Nature Center Basement Project Update. A call for competitive quotes has been publicly advertised for the basement finish project due May 21, 2026 @ 3:00 pm and the opening will be held at a special meeting on May 22, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Ira Park Future Plans. Van Zante, Herbold and Ratliff met with the community of Ira at the end of April to look at Ira Park with the possible option for Jasper County ownership. Much was discussed, and community members became revitalized and decided they would like to keep ownership of it for now.

Other. The next regular meeting will be held June 9, 2026 at 8:00 am. A ribbon cutting will be held on May 29, 2026 @ 10:00 am for the Nature Center. A special donor open house will be held at the Nature Center on May 28, 2026 from 3-6pm.

Board Member Concerns. Non identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 26-112. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone, second by Nearmyer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 8:57 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary