

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
July 7, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante and Liz Ventling

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- ACTION 27-01. Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting and the June 24, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 27-02. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

GTG Construction	\$102,892.75	0028-22-0210-000-60000	A
IRUA	\$45.94	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$34.37	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$52.78	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$32.32	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$36.28	0001-22-6110-000-43243	A
IRUA	\$130.01	0001-22-6110-000-21249	A
IRUA	\$61.67	0001-22-6110-000-43243	A
IRUA	\$58.38	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$33.67	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
Amazon	\$24.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	
Walmart	\$22.13	0001-22-6100-000-29139	A
Walmart	\$49.05	0001-22-6110-000-63700	
Walmart	\$7.05	0001-22-6110-000-20142	
Alliant Energy	\$101.80	0001-22-6110-000-43142	A
Alliant Energy	\$301.50	0001-22-6110-000-43142	A
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$73.93	0001-22-6110-000-44142	A
Dodd's Trash Hauling	\$73.93	0001-22-6110-000-44146	A
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000	A
IRUA	\$286.25	0001-22-6110-000-43245	A
Amazon	\$15.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139	A
Amazon	\$50.56	0001-22-6100-000-29139	A
Amazon	\$297.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	

Amazon	\$131.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$46.49	0001-22-6100-000-26000
Amazon	\$36.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Lauren Roush	\$3,800.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000
DC Sports	\$214.00	0001-22-6100-000-29400
Howrey Construction, Inc	\$7,081.00	1555-22-0220-000-60100

Total: 116,008.79

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 27-03. Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer to approve the June 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

HOUSE FILE 2490 OPEN RECORDS AND OPEN MEETING LAW- ACTION 27-04. House File 2490 Open Records and Open Meetings Laws was signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds on May 15, 2026, amending Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22 by modifying public meeting notice requirements, expanding the categories of employment-related information subject to disclosure, and creating a new judicial procedure permitting governmental bodies to seek injunctions against certain “vexatious” public records requesters.

To comply with this law, motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer, that The Jasper County Conservation Board will post their meeting agenda in the window of the north main entrance door located at the Conservation Office at 5284 Liberty Ave, Newton, and on the Jasper County Website (www.jasperia.org) following the posting requirements. If an agenda that was previously posted needs to be amended, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting, it will be marked with the word “Amended” and will identify the amended provisions. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL SOUTH EXTENSION TO MARION COUNTY- ACTION 27-05. Marion County requested a letter of support to extend the Red Rock Prairie Trail south into Marion County. Discussion was held regarding Jasper County Conservation not having available funding to put into the project, or funding for maintenance, but that there is support for trails and trail extensions. Motion by Yeager, second by Stone to provide a letter of support to Marion County for the trail extension of the Red Rock Prairie Trail from Monroe into Marion

County, to eventually connect with the existing trail at Lake Red Rock. AYE: Herbold, Kramer, Yeager, Stone. NAY: Nearmyer. Motion carried.

E-Bike Policy. Board members reviewed Iowa Code Chapter 321.235B. Jasper County Conservation follows this as an E-bike policy for our facilities.

Other. Revisions to the 28E agreement with Board of Supervisors will be discussed at the August meeting

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 27-06. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone, second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 9:22 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary