

REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Dana King Ceretti Environmental Education Center, Newton, Iowa
August 4, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Katie Cantu, Greg Oldsen, 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 27-07. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 27-08. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone, that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

GTG Construction	\$87,917.41	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Studio MELEE	\$2,760.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
IRUA	\$51.67	0001-22-6110-000-43244	A
IRUA	\$10.46	0001-22-6110-000-43244	
IRUA	\$38.37	0001-22-6110-000-43244	A
IRUA	\$9.95	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$36.48	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$7.04	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$25.81	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$11.45	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$41.96	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$9.47	0001-22-6110-000-21249	
IRUA	\$34.70	0001-22-6110-000-21249	A
IRUA	\$110.05	0001-22-6110-000-21249	
IRUA	\$95.37	0001-22-6110-000-21249	A
IRUA	\$8.44	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$30.93	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$7.27	0001-22-6110-000-43242	
IRUA	\$26.67	0001-22-6110-000-43242	A
IRUA	\$71.56	0001-22-6110-000-43245	
IRUA	\$214.69	0001-22-6110-000-43245	A
IRUA	\$10.59	0001-22-6110-000-43243	
IRUA	\$22.37	0001-22-6110-000-43243	A
IRUA	\$20.77	0001-22-6110-000-43243	

IRUA	\$43.86	0001-22-6110-000-43243	A
GTG Construction	\$40,740.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Howrey Construction, Inc	\$579,701.88	1555-22-0220-000-60100	
MidAmerican Energy	\$115.19	0001-22-6110-000-43144	
ClearSpan	\$12,500.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Skunk River Sanitation	\$59.00	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
Prairie Ag Supply	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
Prairie Ag Supply	\$40.04	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
Monarch Watch	\$15.00	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Capital City Equipment	\$532.72	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
My County Parks	\$352.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000	
Ace Hardware	\$45.85	0001-22-6110-000-23200	
Theisens	\$91.96	0001-22-6110-000-29000	
Walmart	\$8.56	0001-22-6110-000-20142	
Van Wall Equipment	\$108.12	0001-22-6110-000-24100	
Amazon	-\$70.89	0001-22-6100-000-48039	
Bob's Septic	\$463.50	0001-22-6110-000-41046	
Dodd's Trash & Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44146	
Dodd's Trash & Hauling	\$78.80	0001-22-6110-000-44142	
Hickenbottom, Inc.	\$2,369.36	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Canva	\$14.99	0001-22-6100-000-40000	
Walmart	\$101.76	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Walmart	\$83.43	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Theisens	\$99.99	0001-22-6110-000-63800	
Amazon	\$22.95	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Amazon	\$74.99	0001-22-6110-000-44000	
Baxter Heating & Air	\$310.33	0001-22-6110-000-44144	
SCI Communications	\$420.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	A
ClearSpan	\$2,227.00	0028-22-0210-000-60000	A
TEAM Services	\$991.86	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
US Cellular	\$3.93	0001-22-6110-000-42080	A
Arrow Pest Control	\$80.00	0001-22-6110-000-44142	A
Newton Classic Car Wash	\$19.26	0001-22-6110-000-44000	A
Pella Precast LLC	\$235.50	0001-22-6110-000-44542	
Van Wall Equipment	\$208.98	0001-22-6110-000-44000	
Nameplate & Panel Technology	\$288.50	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Hickenbottom, Inc	\$154.57	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Hickenbottom, Inc	\$281.73	0028-22-0210-000-60000	
Ryan's Tire & Auto	\$306.00	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
4 Seasons Trailer & Equipment, Inc.	\$8.28	0001-22-6110-000-44300	
Amazon	\$11.39	0001-22-6100-000-26139	
Amazon	\$174.75	0001-22-6100-000-26139	

Amazon	\$35.99	0001-22-6100-000-26000	
Amazon	\$197.95	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Amazon	\$23.97	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Amazon	\$69.95	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Amazon	\$46.99	0001-22-6110-000-23200	
Scheels	\$250.46	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Walmart	\$46.62	0005-22-6100-000-29280	
Walmart	\$85.42	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Walmart	\$24.65	0001-22-6110-000-20142	
Walmart	\$9.91	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Acme Tools	\$499.00	0001-22-6110-000-24100	
Ace Hardware	\$15.27	0001-22-6110-000-21942	
Bass Pro Shops	\$119.99	0001-22-6110-000-21943	
Theisens	\$103.90	0001-22-6110-000-63700	
Theisens	\$16.99	0001-22-6110-000-21942	
Theisens	\$10.44	0001-22-6110-000-21944	
Theisens	\$39.92	0001-22-6110-000-63800	
Jasper County Engineers	\$2,826.72	0001-22-6110-000-25000	
My County Parks	\$356.00	0001-22-6100-000-40000	
Authorize.net	\$19.35	0001-22-6100-000-40000	
Theisens	\$31.46	0001-22-6110-000-21942	
Napa Auto Parts	\$59.97	0001-22-6110-000-44000	
Theisens	\$318.34	0001-22-6110-000-23200	
Theisens	\$71.96	0001-22-6110-000-29300	
Theisens	\$238.94	0001-22-6110-000-21946	
Martin Marietta	\$722.14	0001-22-6110-000-21200	
Forbes	\$135.76	0001-22-6100-000-40200	
Forbes	\$640.36	0001-22-6100-000-26339	
Forbes	\$64.00	0001-22-6100-000-26000	
IRUA	\$51.67	0001-22-6110-000-43244	
Amazon	\$47.95	0001-22-6100-000-29139	
Alliant Energy	\$240.31	0001-22-6110-000-43145	A
Alliant Energy	\$21.96	0001-22-6110-000-43143	A
Alliant Energy	\$0.73	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$54.40	0001-22-6110-000-43142	A
Alliant Energy	\$1.81	0001-22-6110-000-43142	
Alliant Energy	\$143.90	0001-22-6110-000-43143	A
Alliant Energy	\$4.80	0001-22-6110-000-43143	
Alliant Energy	\$301.50	0001-22-6110-000-43142	A
Alliant Energy	\$101.80	0001-22-6110-000-43142	A
ClearSpan	\$32,461.50	0028-22-0210-000-60000	A
Mid American Energy	\$26.77	0001-22-6110-000-43144	A
Walmart	\$68.24	0001-22-6100-000-26000	

Walmart	\$24.75	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$18.99	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$11.18	0001-22-6100-000-40200
Amazon	\$24.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$1.98	0001-22-6100-000-29139
Amazon	\$21.33	0001-22-6100-000-29139

Total: \$775,760.39

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS- ACTION 27-09. Motion by Stone, second by Herbold to approve the August 2026 digital transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A naturalist report was given by Oldsen, Cantu and Ventling.

GREENHOUSE CHANGE ORDER- ACTION 27-10. Van Zante presented a change order for the greenhouse in the amount of \$7,573.31 for electrical controls that were not included by ClearSpan in the original bid. Motion by Herbold, second by Yeager to approve the greenhouse change order in the amount of \$7,573.31 for electrical controls. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRAIRIE TRAIL PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER #1- ACTION 27-11. Van Zante presented a change order for tree grubbing and clearing in the amount of \$20,800. The contractor required more of the root balls removed to excavate to the depth that was needed for the trail. The grant funding has additional money in it to cover this change order. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to approve the Red Rock Prairie Trail change order for tree grubbing and clearing order in the amount of \$20,800. Motion carried unanimously.

WAGAMAN MILL PORTAGE PATH ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH SNYDER AND ASSOCIATES- ACTION 27-12. Van Zante presented a contract with Snyder and Associates for engineering of the FEMA Wagaman Mill Portage Path Mitigation Project in the amount of \$9,750.00. This contract covers plan development and construction assistance for the project. Motion by Herbold, second by Nearmyer to approve the contract with Snyder and Associates for the engineering of the FEMA Wagaman Mill Portage Path Mitigation Project in the amount of \$9,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RED ROCK PRARIE TRAIL DIRT THEFT ACTION OPTIONS- ACTION 27-13. The county attorney proposed several options to the conservation board for dealing with the dirt theft on the Red Rock Prairie Trail:

1. Do nothing

2. Seek the \$3,500 for the resurvey
3. Seek the \$3500 for the resurvey plus the additional construction cost as estimated by the engineer (\$1240 ditching and 1000 trail grading= \$2240) for a total of \$5,740.00
4. See the full amount (\$3,500 + Dirt Cost)

Board members discussed all options and settled upon option #3. Motion by Stone, second by Yeager to seek the \$3,500 for the resurvey cost plus the additional construction cost as estimated by the engineer (\$1240 ditching and 1000 trail grading= \$2240) for a total of \$5,740.00 for the theft of dirt of the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

28E AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – ACTION 27-14.

Motion by Yeager, second by Nearmyer to table the discussion of the 28E agreement with the Jasper County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Other. Nothing identified

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT– ACTION 27-15. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone, second by Yeager that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT 9:03 a.m.

Thad Nearmyer, Secretary