

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
January 3, 2023, 4:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, Chris Herbold, Robyn Friedman, and Bill Henninger

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante, Jade Read, Greg Oldsen, and Ethan VanderPol

In December 2022, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Bill Henninger to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term, expiring December 31, 2027 to replace the expiring term of Doug Smith.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- ACTION 23-26. Motion by Herbold, second by Kramer, that a unanimous ballot be cast for the officers of the Conservation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Herbold, Chairperson
Andy Stone, Vice Chairperson
Bill Henninger, Secretary

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Herbold at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the December 6, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 23-27. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$220.77	
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$40.35	
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$62.60	
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$22.25	
Iowa Regional Utilites Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$53.55	
Dodds Trash and Hauling	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	
Pesticide Bureau	0001-22-6110-000-42200	\$60.00	
Midwest Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$609.00	
Riggs Printing	0001-22-6100-000-40239	\$404.82	
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$168.00	
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$31.97	C
Canva	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$14.99	C

Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$35.69	C
Facebook Meta	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$22.95	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$84.63	C
Gregg Young	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$26.00	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$141.62	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$161.03	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$173.99	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$83.74	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$35.86	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$64.79	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$16.40	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$14.88	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$23.99	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$728.27	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$77.72	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$25.86	C
Clip Champ	0001-22-6100-000-40000	-\$114.15	C
Menards	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$14.41	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$205.71	C
		\$3,586.69	

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Staff reports were presented by Oldsen, VanderPol, and Read.

MARIPOSA CAMPGROUND PROJECT- ACTION 23-28. VanderPol presented costs for the showerhouse portion of the campground project, including block, concrete, plumbing, trusses, sheeting, and roofing. He will plan to do the trusses, sheeting and roofing himself, and contract for the rest. The cost should be around \$150,000 as planned for in the Land and Water Conservation grant that is already in place. Discussion was also held regarding the construction work he will be doing for the showerhouse and the 2 cabins. His labor will save at least \$150,000 in costs, but he will need to purchase some tools for the project. VanderPol presented a list of tools needed totaling \$3,500. Discussion was also held regarding where those tools would be kept at the end of each day of work. There will be too many large tools (generator, saws, air compressor, etc) to keep in just one truck. VanderPol priced renting a 20' shipping container (\$260/month for 12 months= \$3,120) or an enclosed trailer (Bids from \$8800-\$9295). The issue with the shipping container would be its placement on site that would be near both the

showerhouse and the cabins- if placed in between each, there would be quite a walk to the container with each use of the tools. Board members suggested the trailer would be a better option, as it will be used for additional construction projects and educational programs. Motion by Friedman, second by Kramer to approve up to \$15,000 for trailer and tool needs for the Mariposa Campground project. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants. Jasper County Conservation was successful in the earmark grant request to Representative Marinette Miller-Meeks and will be receiving \$1.14 million for the Red Rock Prairie Trail.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. VanderPol presented preliminary plans for 2 cottages at Mariposa. Rough estimates for the plan is \$150,000 each. Board members agreed on the 2-bedroom 1 bathroom plan for both cottages.

Nature Center. A Caring for Conservation golf tournament will be held on May 20, 2023 and a Caring for Conservation Auction will be held November 4, 2023.

Other. Van Zante provided an update on the Chichaqua Valley Trail repair project. Project plans will be on the February 7 meeting agenda for approval and the project letting will be planned for March 1, 2023. Van Zante also discussed a potential 40-acre wetland purchase and asked the board to consider a \$10,000 commitment for the project. This will be revisited at the February 7 Conservation Board meeting. Read presented information about the My County Parks online e-commerce platform that will be useful for advertising and public reservations for the new campground and cabins. More on this will be presented at the February 7 meeting.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 23-29. With no further business appearing, motion by Friedman second by Henninger that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:05 p.m.

Bill Henninger, Secretary