

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Conservation Office, Armory Building**  
**September 8, 2020, 12:30 P.M.**

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

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante, Greg Oldsen, and Katie Cantu

**Guests Present:** Brandon Talsma

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 12:30 pm. Minutes of the August 11, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 21-08.** Motion by Herbold, second by Friedman that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$71.68	
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$92.77	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$48.42	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$32.52	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$79.10	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,274.35	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$199.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$41.53	
Priority Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$300.00	
Van Maanen Electric, Inc.	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$138.72	
Newton News	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$104.00	
Iowa National Her. Assoc	0001-22-6100-000-48039	\$150.00	
Van Maanen Electric, Inc.	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$386.61	
Smith Quality Rental	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$42.04	
John Halferty Electric	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$518.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$694.00	
Skunk River Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00	
Lacaeyse Trailer Sales	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$2,495.00	
IACCB	0001-22-6100-000-48000	\$1,000.00	
Priority Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$300.00	
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26139	\$37.10	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$12.36	C

Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$21.67	C
Premier-RK Dixon	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$53.19	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$35.99	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$10.00	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$229.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-21546	\$8.07	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$5.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-21546	\$247.95	C
Murphy Tractor	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$26.32	C
Capital City Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$607.39	C
Kruseman Implemet inc.	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$110.42	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$84.00	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$40.57	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$87.70	C
True Value	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$13.49	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$167.92	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$756.97	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	-\$119.98	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$80.30	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$10.67	C
P&P Small Engines	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$1,296.94	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-29300	\$29.96	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$26.78	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$221.62	C
		\$12,340.12	

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A naturalist report was presented by Cantu and by Oldsen.

**Derecho Storm Update.** Van Zante presented about damage that was done by the storm. Most damaged parks are Ashton, Krumm, Mariposa and the Chichaqua Valley Trail. The house roof at Ashton and Mariposa were damaged, as well as the interior and exterior of the Ashton Observatory. Loads of tree and debris removed is being done. Staff had to purchase 3 new saws and a grapple bucket for the tractor for park cleanup and are renting an excavator for a month in an effort to clean off the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Bridges on the CVT and at Krumm Preserve were damaged. Insurance will cover portions of the damage, but FEMA funds were applied for as well.

**SCHOOL AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS- ACTION 21-09.** Cantu and Oldsen talked about challenges involved with school and public programming. Friedman mentioned that Newton schools are following public health guidelines so those might need to be considered. Stone said he would rather us not do kayaking programs because cleaning boats, paddles and life jackets in between each student would be difficult and time consuming. Board members also instructed staff to hold off on teaching hunter education as multiple DNR officers and instructors contracted COVID after summer class sessions. Jasper County Conservation will help Pheasants Forever promote the Youth Mentored Hunt, though it will be only PF members leading the hunt this year. Naturalist staff will continue to do video learning for teachers to use with students. Currently, they utilize a free video editing program, but would like to purchase an annual subscription to ClipChamp for \$324.00. ClipChamp would allow enhanced video effects and easier editing. Motion by Freidman, second by Herbold to purchase the ClipChamp editing subscription for a year. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARIPOSA WATER SERVICE-ACTION 21-10.** Iowa Regional Utilities Association provided a bid of \$2,000 to install a rural water pit at Mariposa to operate the hydrants at the park. After the water quality project, they are not operational. Motion by Kramer, second by Freidman to install the rural water pit for \$2,000 and connect to existing lines. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mariposa House.** Van Zante and Talsma spoke about the deteriorating condition of the house at Mariposa after a visit this summer. The house has several structural issues (settling and has cracking foundation), has knob and tube electric and is actually two cabins fused together. After the derecho, debris damage occurred to the roof and insurance suggested that the entire roof be replaced. Talsma indicated that the Board of Supervisors had no intentions of putting any further money into the house. Van Zante will work to get the house inspected and will report back to the board.

**Grants.** REAP grant was submitted in August and awaiting results.

**Camping and Cabin Planning Review.** Nothing new to report.

**Nature Center.** Discussed possible ways to have nature center auction-virtual, drive in theater or drive through. Van Zante and Read will gather information and bring back to the board

**Other.** A truck was stolen and driven into the lake at Krumm Preserve. An oil spill and garbage was left behind and cleaned up by staff members. The campground at Ashton will stay closed the rest of this season so that staff can shape and reseed the campground and so that new restrooms can be installed.

**Board Member Concerns.** Nothing identified.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 21-11.** With no further business appearing, motion by Kramer second by Herbold that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT - 2:23 p.m.**

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Robyn Friedman, Secretary