

**REGULAR MEETING  
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD  
Conservation Office, Armory Building  
January 11, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Andy Stone, Carol Kramer, Chris Herbold, and Doug Smith

**Staff Present:** Keri Van Zante, Jade Read, and Katie Cantu

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS- ACTION 22-23.** Motion by Herbold, second by Stone, that a unanimous ballot be cast for the officers of the Conservation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Robyn Friedman, Chairperson  
Doug Smith, Vice Chairperson  
Chris Herbold, Secretary

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Smith at 10:00 am. Minutes of the November December 14, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 22-24.** Motion by Herbold, second by Stone that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Staff reports were presented by Cantu and Read.

**APPROVAL OF FLAP GRANT APPLICATION- ACTION 22-25.** Van Zante presented a grant application for the Federal Lands Access Program for the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to approve the FLAP grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TAP GRANT APPLICATION- ACTION 22-26.** Van Zante presented a grant application for the Transportation Alternatives Program for the Red Rock Prairie Trail. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to approve the TAP grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PRAIRIE MEADOWS GRANT APPLICATION- ACTION 22-27.** Van Zante presented an application for the Prairie Meadows grant for yurts at Ashton Park. Motion by Herbold, second by Stone to approve the Prairie Meadows grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 BUDGET- ACTION 22-28.** Van Zante presented the 2022-2023 budget for approval by board members. Budget line items were reviewed for clarification. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors asked all departments to plan for an insurance cost increase and salary line items were increased by 4.0%. Motion by Kramer, second by Herbold, to approve the budget as written with a 4% increase pending supervisor approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set Meeting with Nature Center Architect.** Van Zante spoke to the nature center architect, and he is out of the office until January 13. She will ask for several openings in his schedule for a meeting to update the nature center plan.

**Grants.** Katie will be applying to the GEMS grant for the Mariposa Playscape to add “music and movement” items including a pebble harp, stage, and a music fence.

**Camping and Cabin Planning Review.** Van Zante will hire a pest control agency to investigate the fly issue at the Uhlenhopp cabin.

**Nature Center.** A Caring for Conservation auction of being planned for April 2, 2022 from 6-9:00 pm at Sugar Grove Vineyards.

**Other.** Ratliff will be deployed to Kuwait during 2022 beginning in July-February 2023.

**Board Member Concerns.** None identified.

**ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 22-29.** With no further business appearing, motion by Kramer second by Herbold that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT – 11:36 a.m.**

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Chris Herbold, Secretary