

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
October 15, 2020, 12:30 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: Keri Van Zante and Jade Read

Guests Present: Wes Breckenridge

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stone at 12:30 pm. Minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 21-12. Motion by Kramer, second by Friedman that the following bills be approved for payment from the conservation fund:

Alliant Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43142	\$310.13
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$110.51
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$57.29
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$23.12
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$43.62
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,073.08
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$854.31
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$199.00
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$43.29
City of Newton landfill	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$126.16
Iowa Regional Utilities	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$2,000.00
Jerry Ratliff	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Kent Dunsbergern	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Ethan Vander Pol	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Greg Oldsen	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Katie Cantu	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Keri Van Zante	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Dennis Cooling	0001-22-6100-000-41400	\$120.00
Sarah Paul	0001-22-6110-000-45400	\$525.00
Snyder & Associates	1555-22-0220-000-60100	\$23,790.00
La Crosse Seed	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$585.00
	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$230.00
	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$345.00

Barney's Services Inc	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$70.00	
City of Newton landfill	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$44.38	
Indian Creek Tree Service	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$6,900.00	
Skunk River Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$90.00	
DC Sports	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$337.00	
Scott Nikkel	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$4,687.02	
Nichols Equipment LLC	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$7,434.00	
Priority Sanitation	0001-22-6110-000-41046	\$300.00	
My County Parks	0001-22-6100-000-42239	\$49.00	
Huffaker Trucking	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$538.78	
Diamond Vogel	0001-22-6110-000-44142	\$10.43	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-44144	\$257.70	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$29.26	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$9.10	C
True Value	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$10.59	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$147.35	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$784.80	C
Clipchamp	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$96.70	C
P&P Small Engines	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$1,784.21	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21942	\$36.23	C
True Value	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$69.98	C
Van Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$33.59	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$296.93	C
Jenkins Iron & Steel	0001-22-6110-000-63100	\$2,250.00	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43042	\$48.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$48.00	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-29539	\$62.88	C
	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$3.97	C
Wan Wall Equipment	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$72.20	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$25.62	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$21.38	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$2.60	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21946	\$37.98	C
Quck Supply Co	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$1,059.00	C
Fossil	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$1,442.00	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-24100	\$177.24	C
Facebook	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$4.87	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$5.30	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$12.72	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$20.00	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$26.35	C

Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$149.95	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$129.12	C
	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$194.99	C
Rk Dixon- Premier	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$182.12	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21945	\$15.96	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-26000	\$82.38	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$74.04	C
Murphy Tractor & Equip	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$261.95	C
USPS	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$1.40	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$3.86	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$68.72	C
Menards	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$36.47	C
	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$94.75	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$9.03	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$18.89	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29400	\$42.99	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$86.99	C
		\$62,013.56	

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A naturalist report was presented by Read.

Derecho Storm Update. Van Zante updated about damage that was done by the storm. Park cleanup projects are nearing completion, though some will take a while (roofs on houses, observatory roof and interior). Van Zante is working with insurance and FEMA to assist with funding.

CALVIN WINN MEMORIAL- ACTION 21-13. Kathy Winn brought in \$3,000 for Calvin’s memorial. Van Zante discussed with her about recycling an old corncrib to create a shelter house at Uhlenhopp Arboretum. Kathy thought the project sounded perfect. The project will cost \$6-7,000 after pouring a floor for the shelter, moving the corn crib, and running electricity to the site. Motion by Freidman, second by Kramer to add up to an additional \$3,000 funding to complete the memorial project for Calvin Winn. Motion carried unanimously.

Audubon Society Property Offer. Bob Van Ersvelede, the president of the Tallgrass Audubon Society, sent a message to Van Zante asking if the Jasper County Conservation Board would be interested in taking Blue Point Woods in Poweshiek County, as a donated property. Board members were not interested

in managing a property in a different county, but suggested letting the Audubon group know that we would take the monetary donation if the group decided to sell Blue Point Woods.

REQUEST FOR SCOUTING EVENT AT KRUMM- ACTION 21-14. Mike Sokol troop leader from troop 313 in Grinnell, requested the use of Krumm Preserve on January 16 for a winter Klondike Derby event. Board members were supportive but asked Van Zante to make sure Sokol understood the park would still be open to other visitors. Scouts will need to pay for the \$200 special event permit, but will not be charged to use the shelter house or camp at the park. Motion by Kramer and second by Friedman to allow the Scout 313 Klondike Derby Event at Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve January 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mariposa House. Cooling is gathering bids to replace the roof at the house at Mariposa. This project will be completed utilizing insurance money because it was damaged from the derecho.

Grants. The REAP grant was not successful (only 4 land acquisition projects were funded). The Prairie Meadows grant is next upcoming grant deadline. Board members suggested applying for the yurt project at Ashton.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Van Zante suggested thinking about the classroom at Sugar Creek as an overnight cabin. VanderPol has some design ideas he will share at a later date.

Nature Center. We will have the Caring for Conservation nature center auction as a virtual event on December 5 at 6:00 pm. Updates to follow at next meetings.

Other. Event this Saturday at Ashton Park: Jolly Howl-a-day Lights will be a drive through lighted Halloween/trick or treat event from 6-8 pm. Upcoming meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 10:00 am.

Board Member Concerns. Nothing identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 21-15. With no further business appearing, motion by Friedman second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:00 p.m.

Robyn Friedman, Secretary