

**REGULAR MEETING
JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation Office, Armory Building
February 8, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

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

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

With a quorum present, the business meeting was called to order by Secretary Herbold at 10:30 am. Minutes of the November January 11, 2022 regular meeting and January 26, 2022 special meeting were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – ACTION 22-30. 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	\$337.61	
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Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43244	\$67.50	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43242	\$71.65	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-21249	\$33.18	
Central IA Water Assoc	0001-22-6110-000-43213	\$44.50	
Jasper County Engineer	0001-22-6110-000-25000	\$1,148.97	
MidAmerican Energy	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$197.00	
	0001-22-6110-000-43144	\$23.44	
Skunk River Sanitation LLC	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$45.00	
HI-Viz Safety	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$334.00	
Keri Van Zante	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$172.57	
Iowa Dept of Inspections	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$15.00	
Carol Kramer	0001-22-6100-000-41341	\$12.32	
Chris Herbold	0001-22-6100-000-41341	\$56.00	
Robyn Friedman	0001-22-6100-000-41341	\$12.32	
Andy Stone	0001-22-6100-000-41341	\$87.36	
Doug Smith	0001-22-6100-000-41341	\$4.48	
Crawdaddy Outdoors	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$8,000.00	
Dodds Trash	0001-22-6110-000-44146	\$75.00	
Amerigas	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$987.31	
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$1,346.76	
	0001-22-6110-000-43044	\$857.00	
Menards	0001-22-6100-000-63600	\$699.00	C
The Home Depot	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$656.88	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$45.96	C

	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$509.54	C
Farver True Value	0001-22-6110-000-23200	\$25.33	C
	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$16.28	C
Memards	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$230.28	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$46.99	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$10.95	C
	0001-22-6100-000-41200	\$6.90	C
Walmart	0001-22-6110-000-20142	\$7.94	C
	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$104.79	C
Theisens	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$10.36	C
Theisens	0001-22-6110-000-21944	\$7.58	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$182.12	C
NAPA	0001-22-6110-000-44000	\$12.35	C
Americo	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$750.46	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$736.25	C
Amazon	0027-22-6110-000-60000	\$95.00	C
Amazon	0027-22-6110-000-60000	\$698.17	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$17.98	C
Facebook	0001-22-6100-000-40000	\$53.74	C
O'Reilly	0001-22-6110-000-25400	\$169.99	C
Prairie Ag	0001-22-6110-000-25400	\$82.14	C
Polytek	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$725.13	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$41.63	C
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$170.00	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-49160	\$495.54	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$192.54	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-21943	\$159.46	C
Menards	0027-22-0210-000-60000	\$384.63	C
Walmart	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$4.86	C
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$97.30	C
Menards	0001-22-6110-000-25400	\$64.99	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21400	\$107.28	C
ACME	0001-22-6110-000-29000	\$139.63	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$86.43	C
Amazon	0001-22-6110-000-44300	\$145.13	C
Key Cooperative	0001-22-6110-000-43043	\$465.31	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$20.47	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$6.98	C
	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$137.76	C
Amazon	0001-22-6100-000-26000	\$14.44	C
Rk Dixon-Premier	0001-22-6100-000-40200	\$55.76	C
Amazon	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$47.90	C
Menards	0001-22-6100-000-29139	\$6.19	C

Menards	0001-22-6110-000-63700	\$150.00	C
	0001-22-6110-000-21900	\$438.52	C
Baquara Reclaimed	0028-22-0210-000-60000	\$450.00	C
		\$24,258.96	

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

MOWER REPLACEMENT BIDS- ACTION 22-31. Ratliff presented bids from Prairie Ag for a Cheetah 2 Scag Mower. We will be trading in 3 mowers. With trade in and an upgraded seat, the mower will cost \$6,000. Motion by Kramer, second by Stone to accept the bid from Prairie Ag for a Cheetah 2 Scag Mower for \$6,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnston Farm Management Plan. Board members discussed the current farm plan for the Lillian Johnston Farm, which includes farming the non-erodible ridge top ground with cover crops after harvest, and all of the rest of the ground is seeded down to prairie and shrubs. The intention of the area plan is to intermingle agriculture and wildlife habitat in a cohesive manner. All board members agreed that this is how they want the property to remain to be managed.

Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Plan. After much public input, VanderPol asked if board members would want to consider purchasing a different snowmobile to create groomed trails for cross country skiing at Uhlenhopp and Krumm. Board members were concerned that snowmobile tracks would encourage other snowmobiles in our parks and therefor vetoed the idea.

Naming Rights for a Conservation Area. Van Zante was approached by a park user about how much money it might take to rename a park (Sugar Creek Wildlife Area). Board members said that if the park hadn't been donated with the name attached to it, they might consider the idea. Instead, they asked if the person might be interested in donating and having a cabin named for them at Sugar Creek. Van Zante will follow up.

Grants. Van Zante is applying for the FLAP, TAP, and Wellmark Foundation grants for the Red Rock Prairie, as well as a Prairie Meadows grant for Yurts at Ashton Park. Cantu is applying for a build with Bags grant for new benches at Mariposa.

Camping and Cabin Planning Review. Nothing identified.

Nature Center. A Caring for Conservation auction of being planned for April 2, 2022 from 6-9:00 pm at The Thunderdome.

Other. Nothing identified.

Board Member Concerns. None identified.

ADJOURNMENT- ACTION 22-32. With no further business appearing, motion by Stone second by Kramer that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - 12:01 p.m.

Chris Herbold, Secretary