

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of May 11, 2020 conducted as an electronic meeting due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Russ Von Behren.**

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach and Jeff Pitlik. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, Michele Olson, Curtis Behrens and Jennifer Koopmann.

## **Introduction of Guests:**

### **Approve the Agenda:**

Megan made a motion to accept the May agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review & Approval of the April Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Dave made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:**

Dean made a motion to approve the expenditures and revenues with the addition of an invoice from IIW for engineering for the Central Park Bridge to be paid from Dept. 31 for \$2221.00. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to approve the Director signing the monthly claims from the expenditure report. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports:**

Dean made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Business Item:**

**Review of Steps Taken and Still Needed Due to the COVID-19 State Health Emergency including Campground & Facility Opening and Management Protocols:** The Board reviewed the steps taken due to the COVID-19 State Health Emergency. Dave made a motion to open the campground on May 14, 2020 under the campground and facility opening and management protocols set forth and to allow the Conservation Director and Park Ranger to review and adjust restrictions after June 4, 2020. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of the Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program 2020 General Plan:** Dean made a motion to approve the Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program 2020 General Plan. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Approval to Submit an Application for a 2021 AmeriCorps Naturalist Intern Position:**

Dean made a motion to approve the submission of an application for a 2021 AmeriCorps Naturalist Intern Position. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Items:**

**Education Event Updates:** Due to COVID-19 all educational programming has been canceled but alternative on-line programming has been offered and will continue as an option to engage the community.

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** The concrete projects at Central Park are finished, the campground prep work is being completed, the tree planting at Eby's Mill was done and wildlife food plots are planted. The Grant Wood Trail – Olin Section will have the seeding and planting completed by Fall 2021 based on scheduling with ITC. Acquiring grant funding has become more challenging during the COVID-19 Emergency.

**Adjournment:** Megan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Russ adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.

The next meeting is planned for June 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm via a ZOOM meeting.