

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of December 11, 2023, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dave Tabor.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, and John Carlson. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:32pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Jerry and Kim Sorgenfrey

Approve the Agenda:

John made a motion to accept the December agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Dean made a motion to accept the Expenditures and Revenues as presented. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Russ made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Hale Wildlife Area Invasive Tree Removal Discussion – Jerry Sorgenfrey Will Address the Board.

Jerry Sorgenfrey addressed the Board regarding the Hale Wildlife Area tree removal project.

2024 Central Park Campground Firewood Vendor Selection. Russ made a motion to approve Matt Lorenzen as the 2024 Central Park campground firewood vendor. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Preliminary Fiscal Year 24 and 25 Budget Discussion. The Board discussed the preliminary Fiscal Year 24 and 25 Budget.

January Board Meeting Possible Date Change. The January board meeting will remain on January 8th, 2024, but will begin at 6pm instead of 6:30pm.

Additional Items:

Educational Event Updates: Educational event handouts were provided to the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on the Hale Wildlife Area invasive tree removal project, Grant Wood Trail – Martelle tree removal, and Wapsi Trail boundary fence installation and repair to the damaged portion of the chainlink fence and retaining wall.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm. The next meeting is planned for January 8th, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Central Park.