

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of February 12, 2024, held at the Central Park Nature Center.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dean Zimmerman.**

**Present were Board Members:** Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, John Carlson, and Megan Manternach. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann, Michele Olson, John Klein, and Dillon Peyton.

**Introduction of Guests:** Andy McKean

**Approve the Agenda:**

Dave made a motion to accept the February agenda. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review & Approval of the January Meeting Minutes:**

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

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

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

**Staff Reports:**

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

**Business Item:**

**Discussion of Iowa Natural Resource Issues – Andy McKean.** Andy McKean and the Board had a discussion on Iowa Natural Resource Issues.

**Review of Environmental Education Program Annual Report.** Michele Olson and the Board reviewed the Environmental Education Program Annual Report.

**Central Park Master Plan Implementation Discussion.** The Board discussed the Central Park Master Plan implementation.

**Retroactive Approval of the Natural Resource Manager, Dillon Peyton, With a Start Date of February 5, 2024.** Dave made a motion to approve the Natural Resource Manager, Dillon Peyton, with a start date of February 5, 2024. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval to Allow Restricted Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting in Central Park in Fall/Winter 2024-2025.** Dave made a motion to approve Restricted Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting in Central Park in Fall/Winter 2024/2025. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring.** Megan made a motion to accept the seasonal hiring of Troy Olson at \$19.69/hr with a start date of March 4, 2024, and Emelie Ahrendsen and Josie Brady at \$15.75/hr with a start date of March 18, 2024, and Rebecca Close at \$15.75/hr with a start date of June 10, 2024. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Items:**

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

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** Updates provided on the Central Park Fremont Bridge future maintenance and engineering, trail planning efforts near Scotch Grove, emerald ash borer and derecho affected tree cutting within Central Park, and a potential land donation.

**Adjournment:** Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by John. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is planned for March 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.