

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of October 14, 2024, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Dean Zimmerman.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, John Carlson, and Dean Zimmerman. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6.36 pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Lost Canyon Wildlife Area Farm Lease Agreement Review. The Board reviewed the Lost Canyon Wildlife Area Farm Lease Agreement.

2025 Central Park Campground Host Selection. John made a motion to approve Arthur (Dan) and Mary Grolemond as the 2025 Central Park Campground Hosts. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wapsi Trail Wildlife Refuge Designation Review. Dave made a motion to approve the Wapsi Trail Wildlife Refuge Designation per Iowa Code Chapter 350.5, the Jones County Conservation Board hereby designates the County owned portion of the Wapsi Trail along Shaw Road, Anamosa, Iowa as a Wildlife Refuge, prohibiting hunting and trapping per Iowa Code 481A.7, 481A.39 and Chapter 52 Wildlife Refuges, Iowa Administrative Code. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grant Wood Trail Land Management Plan Review. The Board reviewed the Grant Wood Trail Land Management Plan.

Adjust the November Board Meeting Date to Avoid Veterans Day Holiday. The Board agreed to change the November Board Meeting date to Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30pm to avoid the Veterans Day Holiday.

Additional Items:

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

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on a grant application submitted to the Jones County Community Foundation for the Central Park Historic Bridge repairs, and assistance provided for a Twin Rivers Pheasant Forever grant application to the Jones County Community Foundation for development of public area drone videos. Additional updates were provided on the Hale Wildlife Area black locust removal project, the Central Park ash tree removal project, and the Lost Canyon timber stand

improvement work. **A Certificate of Recognition was presented to John Klein for his 25 years of employment with Jones County Conservation.**

Adjournment: John moved to adjourn. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm. The next meeting is planned for November 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.