

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of November 13, 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, John Carlson, Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach and Russ VonBehren. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the October Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

Megan 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 Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Central Park Land Rental Agreement Review. Dave made a motion to approve the Central Park land rental agreement and to rent the land to Nic and Virgil Weers for another year. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lost Canyon Wildlife Area Land Lease Agreement Review. Russ made a motion to approve the Lost Canyon Wildlife Area land lease agreement and addendum with the Eastern Iowa Conservation Foundation. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acquisition of Black Crappie for Central Park Lake. Dave made a motion to approve the purchase of black crappie from Bjornsen Pond Management for \$3900. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Truck Dash Camera Acquisition. Megan made a motion to approve the purchase of a law enforcement truck dash camera from Keltek for \$8000. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Possible Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (l) (j) to Discuss the purchase or sale of a particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The Board discussed the purchase of a particular real estate.

FY26 Budget Planning and Discussion. The Board discussed FY26 budget planning.

Additional Items:

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

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on the 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 in which both received grant funds, and the review of the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge evaluation from the engineer.

Adjournment: Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by John. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is planned for December 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.