

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of May 12, 2025, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman and Megan Manternach were present. John Carlson attended via telephone. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:39pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Brandon Klass, Mi-Tech Services Inc.

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the April Meeting Minutes:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Review of a Request to Hold Farmers Markets on Conservation Board Land. Dean made a motion to allow the Director to authorize a special use permit for a 1-year trial season for potential vendors at a Farmer's Market within Central Park. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review Interstate Power and Light Company's Request for an Underground Electric Line Easement Along the Olin Section of the Grant Wood Trail – Brandon Klass, Senior Power Distribution Technician/Special Projects Plans to Attend. Dean made a motion to accept the Interstate Power and Light Company's request for an Underground Electric Line Easement along the Olin Section of the Grant Wood Trail. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Updates to the Central Park Rules and Regulations. Russ made a motion to approve the updates to the Central Park Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Designate Particular Department Staff as Police Officers Who Shall Have All the Powers Conferred by Law on Police Officers, Peace Officers, or Sheriffs in the Enforcement of the Laws of this State and the Apprehension of Violators Upon All Property Under the Board's Control Within and Without the County. Russ made a motion to remove Brad Mormann and Dillon Peyton from being designated Police Officers. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Possible Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (I) (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 have to pay for that property. The Board discussed the purchase or sale of a particular real estate.

Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Abutment Replacement Engineering and Cost Estimate Review. The Board reviewed the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge abutment replacement engineering and cost estimate.

Review of a Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Project Potential Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Grant Opportunity and Associated Official Endorsement. The Board reviewed the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Project potential Federal Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program grant opportunity and associated official endorsement.

Trash Pump Acquisition Review. Russ made a motion to approve the purchase of a trash pump with attachment hoses up to \$1200. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Boat Motor Acquisition. Dean made a motion to approve the purchase of a Mercury 5hp boat motor for \$1685. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring. Russ made a motion to approve the seasonal staff hirings of Joseph Chambers start date of 5/5/25 \$15.84/hr., Jeremy Streets start date 5/12/25 \$15.84/hr., Lucy Maddock start date of 5/19/25 \$15.84/hr., and Dana Hansen start date 6/2/25 \$15.84/hr. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

June Monthly Board Meeting Possible Date Change. The Board discussed and did not change the June monthly board meeting date from June 9, 2025.

Additional Items:

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

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Updates provided on purchases for FY25 year end, Central Park shower house plumbing, lighting and door projects, and the food plot spraying and maintenance.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm. The next meeting is planned for June 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.