

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2025, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach and John Carlson. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:33pm. Dave Tabor attended via phone. Dave left the meeting at 7:39 PM. Staff present was Brad Mormann.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approve the Agenda:

John made a motion to accept the August 18th agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Grant Wood Trail Morley Segment – Construction of a Private Building that Extends on to County Owned Property Review. During this review the Board discussed a decision made last fall, as an aspect of the Grant Wood Trail's management plan, to retain all of the railroad segments in County ownership for a potential future trail. They noted that it is not the Board's desire to be put in the position of considering altering that plan.

As a potential alternative to requiring Chris and Pat Kistler from removing the concrete footing and walls built on County owned land designated for a future trail, Russ made the motion to propose the Kistler's perform the following steps:

1. Deed a 100 foot by approximately 40 foot section of their land to the west of the County's parcel the concrete footings and walls have been built on to the County.
2. Remove the existing 2 bins and concrete bases from County property.
3. Acquire a 30 foot easement through County property to access their building.
4. Pay all associated costs for surveying, attorney fees, and deed adjustments for the footprint of the building on the County's property, the 100 feet of land being deeded to the County, and the new driveway easement.
5. Terminate any uncompleted components in the original Option to Buy agreement created when the land trade between the County (2.94 acres) and the Kistler's (1.07 acres) occurred.
6. If rental of the County's 1.07 acres of land is desired it will be offered at \$500 per acre.

This motion was seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Items:

Conservation Area and Project Updates: None

Adjournment: John moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm. The next meeting is planned for September 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.