

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2025, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Megan Manternach.

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, John Carlson, and Jon Zirkelbach. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:35pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, Dillon Peyton, Michele Olson, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: Bob Gertsen

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the August 11 and August 18 Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the August 11 meeting minutes. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Discussion Regarding a Rural Legislative Forum Opportunity – Bob Gertsen. The Board was invited to attend the Eastern Iowa Rural Revival & Candidate Forum on September 28, 2025, from 2-4pm at the Cedar County Fairgrounds.

Review of Annual Camping, Cabin and Paddling Equipment Rental Donations Made to Local Organizations for Fundraisers. Dean made a motion to continue to donate (4) 1 night stay at any campsite and (2) 1/2hr watercraft rental gift certificates to local organizations for fundraisers. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Nature Center Sidewalk Engineering Plan. Dean made a motion to approve the Nature Center sidewalk engineering plan by Endeavor Engineering. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Abutment Engineering Plan and Cost Estimate. Russ made a motion to approve the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Abutment Engineering Plan and Cost Estimate and to proceed with the permitting process. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Lakeside Trail Engineering Firm Selection. Russ made a motion to table the Central Park Lakeside Trail Engineering Firm selection. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grant Wood Trail Morley Segment – Construction of a Private Building that Extends on to County Owned Property Review. A discussion was held.

Park Ranger Computer Acquisition Review. John made a motion to approve the \$6397.71 bid recommended by the Jones County IT Department for the Park Ranger Computer acquisition. Seconded

by Russ. 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 drone videoing occurring on conservation areas and the woodland management planning grant opportunity.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is planned for October 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.