

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2025, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

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

Present were Board Members: Dean Zimmerman and Jon Zirkelbach. Russ VonBehren participated via phone. **Staff present were** Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Jon made a motion to accept the October agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the September 8th Meeting Minutes:

Russ made a motion to accept the September 8th meeting minutes. Seconded by Jon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Review of the Rose Wildlife Area Management and Shoreline Erosion. The Board discussed Rose Wildlife Area management and shoreline erosion.

Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program Grant Review and Commitment. Jon made a motion to apply for the Iowa Forest Resiliency Partnership Program Grant and commit to the required maintenance period. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of 2026 Central Park Campground Host. Russ made a motion to approve Dan and Mary Grolemond as the 2026 Central Park Campground Host. Seconded by Jon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Nature Center Sidewalk Project Contractor Bid Review and Selection. Jon made a motion to approve the low bid from Valentine Construction Company for \$22,300. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Bridge Abutment Bid Document Review. Russ made a motion to approve the Central Park bridge abutment bid documents. Seconded by Jon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring. Jon made a motion to approve Ian Taylor as a 9-month seasonal employee at \$15.84/hr., with a retroactive start date of October 6, 2025. 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 the drone videos of Conservation Areas, the work completed on the retaining wall and trail at Pictured Rocks, the upcoming 2026 Fall ICCS Conference that Jones County is a partner in hosting with Linn and Benton counties, and

discussions held with the County Attorney on County Conservation land custody, control and management.

Dean Zimmerman shared the upcoming Breen Prairie Seed Harvest on October 21, from 2-4pm.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jon. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm. The next meeting is planned for November 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.