

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2026, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by John Carlson.

Present were Board Members: Jon Zirkelbach, Dean Zimmerman, and John Carlson. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:31pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the March 9th Meeting Minutes:

Dean made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Seconded by Jon. 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 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:

Hale Wildlife Area Property Acquisition – Habitat Stamp Grant Application Approval. Russ made a motion to approve the following resolution.

Hale Wildlife Area North Addition Habitat Stamp Grant Resolution

WHEREAS, the Jones County Conservation Board is interested in acquiring wildlife habitat by means of the Hale Wildlife Area North Addition, AND Wildlife Habitat Stamp funds are required for the project,

NOW THEREFORE, the Jones County Conservation Board does hereby make application for assistance, AND further agrees to abide by all the covenants of Section 110.3, Code of Iowa 1981, and Chapter 23 (290), Iowa Administrative Code.

Seconded by Dean. Ayes: John, Russ, Dean. Nay: Jon. Motion carried.

Hale Wildlife Area Property Acquisition – Appraisal Acquisition. Dean made a motion to approve the Hale Wildlife Area property acquisition – appraisal acquisition. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wapsi Trail and Central Park Concrete Lifting Bid Review. The Board tabled the Wapsi Trail and Central Park concrete lifting bid review.

County Electronic Media & Technology Policy Remote Access Approval. As an initial step in the process, with the Board of Supervisors making the final decision, Russ made a motion to support permanent staff's ability to utilize remote electronic media and technology access. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Universal Pallet Fork Acquisition Bid Review. Jon made a motion to approve the Bodensteiner Implement Company bid of \$1200 for the purchase of a universal pallet fork. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Seasonal Employee Hiring. Dean made a motion to approve Shelby Wegener \$16.32/hr with a start date of April 6, 2026, Kyra Dobbins, \$16.32/hr with a start date of May 26, 2026, and Rebecca Heinrich \$17.11/hr with a start date of June 1, 2026. 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 Nature Center sidewalk project, the Central Park Historic Bridge abutment project proposed timeline, the controlled burning of prairie areas, pulling of invasive trees, and potential maintenance equipment repairs.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm. The next meeting is planned for May 11, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.