

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of June 8, 2026, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

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

Present were Board Members: Megan Manternach, Dean Zimmerman, John Carlson, Jon Zirkelbach and Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:32pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests: John Schlarmann, Jones County Board of Supervisor

Approve the Agenda:

Megan made a motion to accept the June agenda. Seconded by Jon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the May 11th Meeting Minutes:

Jon made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. 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 Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

Wapsi Trail and Central Park Concrete Replacement Bid Review. Russ made a motion to approve the Wapsi Trail and Central Park concrete replacement bid by Fairview Concrete for \$4,610, and an additional two concrete bench pads for \$1,850. Seconded by Megan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Campground – Review Potential for Implementing Cashless Payments. Jon made a motion to approve the Central Park Campground implementation of cashless payments. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Beach Umbrella Acquisition Review. Megan made a motion to purchase two Central Park beach umbrellas for \$310. Seconded by Russ.

Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge Inspection, Load Rating, and Metal Repair Engineering Bid Review. Dean made a motion to approve the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge inspection, load rating, and metal repair engineering bid of \$4,000. Seconded by Megan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Review of an Opportunity for the Director to Attend a National Association of Counties Artificial Intelligence (AI) Leadership Academy Virtual Training. Megan made a motion to approve the Director attending a National Association of Counties Artificial Intelligence (AI) Leadership Academy virtual training. Seconded by Russ. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approval to Sell the Tilt Bed Trailer and Flatbottom Jon Boat. Megan made a motion to approve the selling of the tilt bed trailer and the flatbottom Jon boat. Seconded by Russ. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Seasonal Employee Start Date Revision Review. Jon made a motion to approve the Rebecca Heinrich starting date change from June 1, 2026, to May 26, 2026. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2027 Salary Resolution Review. Jon made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Salary Resolution with the permanent full-time staff to receive a 3.5% salary increase as previously approved. 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 Central Park Lakeside Trail project grant application from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Governor Kim Reynolds issued an executive order establishing the Iowa Office of Outdoor Recreation, and the creek fish species survey and nocturnal insect survey occurring at Hale Wildlife Area.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm. The next meeting is planned for July 13, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.