

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of July 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: Megan Manternach, John Carlson, and Jon Zirkelbach. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:34pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Dillon Peyton, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

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

Review & Approval of the June 8th Meeting Minutes:

Jon made a motion to accept the June 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 Jon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business Item:

Review a Resolution Designating the Place at Which Notice of Meetings of the Jones County Conservation Board Shall be Posted. Russ made a motion to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SHALL BE POSTED

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has amended Iowa's Open Meetings statute to require every governmental body to designate annually a prominent and conspicuous place for posting notice of its meetings.

WHEREAS, beginning on July 1, 2026, such notice must be visible at all times for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting for which notice is being given; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR JONES COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. At least one full business day prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Jones County Conservation Board from August 10, 2026, through January 2027, the Jones County Conservation Board shall post a meeting agenda, including the time, date, and place of the meeting, on the front door of the Central Park Nature Center.

Section 2. At its January 2027 meeting, and at every January meeting thereafter, the Jones County Conservation Board shall designate the place at which notice of its meetings shall be posted for the following year.

Seconded by Megan. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Tractor Acquisition Quote Review. Russ made a motion to approve purchasing a new tractor from the list of quoted tractors not to exceed \$98,695 with warranty and service options. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hale Wildlife Area North Addition Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant Application Resolution Review. Megan made a motion to approve the following resolution:

HALE WILDLIFE AREA NORTH ADDITION REAP GRANT RESOLUTION

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Jones County Conservation Board does hereby make application for Assistance.

Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Seasonal Employee Hiring. Jon made a motion to approve hiring seasonal employees Jacob Alger with start date of July 6th at \$16.32/hr. and Cooper Sterk with a start date of July 20th at \$16.32/hr. Seconded by Megan. 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 grant and timeline for forest management at Eby's Mill Wildlife Area, the Fall ICCS Conference hosted by Linn, Jones and Benton counties, the installation of 2 benches along the Wapsi Trail, sidewalk repair at the Wapsi Trail bridge approach and the Central Park vault toilet, and the potential for Endeavor Engineering to complete the final repairs on the Central Park Historic Bridge abutments.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm. The next meeting is planned for August 10, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.