Jones County Board of Adjustment **October 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

John Hinz
Kathy McDonell
Sarah Tate
Roger Kistler

Members Absent:

Stan Reiter

Staff present:

Whitney Amos – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Scott Story	Larry Minnaert
Gene Andresen	Brittney Minnaert
Troy Minnaert	Joshua Knorr

Hinz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Tate was seconded by McDonell to approve the agenda. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tate seconded by Kistler to approve the meeting minutes for the September 15, 2026, meeting.

Motion by Kistler seconded by McDonell to open the public hearing at 4:00 for property owners Scott & Kimberly Story who have applied for a Special Permitted Use within the A-Agricultural zoning district described as W 15A Lot 4 N of Rd FRR 10.43 Acres (parcel 15-14-100-011) in Section 14 of Hale Township generally located at 8638 Jungletown Rd., Oxford Junction. More specifically, the proposal is for a recreational campground to be brought into compliance with the Jones County Ordinance.

Amos noted that the Board received the copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. Amos noted here were multiple written comments received.

Story stated that originally this campground opened to just family and friends and then word of mouth spread and there were more people wanting to come.

There were questions about human waste, Story advised that all guests are required to take out all waste and garbage when they leave, nothing is left behind and that him and his wife monitor things very closely.

The Minnaerts all stated that this has affected them and that some family members will not come to visit due to the worry of seeing nude people, they are concerned for the grandchildren that live there as well seeing nude people. Them being neighbors feel that they should not have to worry about seeing nude people. Minnaerts did advise that Story puts up a sunscreen that runs along the property to block the view. The sunscreen has been removed and trees are planted.

Motion by Tate seconded by McDonell to close the public hearing at 4:10pm.

There was much discussion about the property lines and the utilization of old riverbed, which is owned by the State of Iowa. According to the application it appears this is where most of the campsites are located. Tate had concerns about this turning into a nuisance where others cannot enjoy their own property in fear of seeing nude people. There was also concern about parking. Story did advise that they do have room for parking and that has never been an issue.
Kistler had concerns about this being a clothing optional campground bordering public property (river) and that the applications states it is a family friend campground. Story advised that when children are present, they do try to keep things more modest.

It was also stated that hand sanitizer is available to campers and rainwater showers.

Motion by Tate seconded by McDonell to deny the special use application for property owners Scott and Kimberly Story until the applicants acquire ownership of the property, they are currently utilizing that is owned by the State of Iowa. The applicants may return to the Board of Adjustment once the land is acquired without being required to re-apply, at which time they must address quiet hours and present a mitigation plan to ensure the property does not become a nuisance.

Roll call vote:
John Hinz- aye
Kathy McDonell- aye
Sarah Tate- aye
Roger Kistler- aye

All aye. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 17, 2026, with the application deadline being Wednesday October 28, 2026.

Motion by Tate seconded by McDonell to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.