

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2023, held at the Central Park Nature Center.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Dave Tabor.**

**Present were Board Members:** Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, Megan Manternach, Russ VonBehren, and Jeff Pitlik. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann and John Klein.

**Introduction of Guests:** Josie Brady

**Approve the Agenda:**

Dean made a motion to accept the June agenda. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review & Approval of the May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes:**

Jeff made a motion to accept the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff made a motion to accept the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:**

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

**Staff Reports:**

Dean made a motion to accept the staff reports. Seconded by Jeff. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Business Item:**

**Review Hale Wildlife Area West Addition Invasive Tree Removal Project Bids.** Russ made a motion to approve the low bid from Gravel Grading & Excavating for \$33,715. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring.** Megan made a motion to approve the following Seasonal Staff Hiring: Evan Martensen, start date of June 8<sup>th</sup> at \$15/hr. and Emelie Ahrendsen, start date of June 5<sup>th</sup> at \$15/hr. and Stacey Weets, start date of June 12<sup>th</sup> at \$15/hr. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Printer/Copier Bid Review.** Megan made a motion to approve the low bid from Advanced Business Systems for \$5,249. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Fiscal Year '24 Salary Resolution Review.** Megan made a motion to approve an 8% salary increase for permanent employees. 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 Eby's Mill River Access parking lot project, the Wapsi Trail sign, treatment of aquatic plants in Central Park Lake and the West Pond, fishing at Central Park, the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area fence project, the entry road at Pictured Rocks, and follow up with Bolton & Menk for the Central Park Improvement Planning.

**Adjournment:** Dean moved to adjourn. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

