

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of March 11, 2024, held at the Central Park Nature Center.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Dean Zimmerman.**

**Present were Board Members:** Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, John Carlson, and Megan Manternach. Russ VonBehren arrived at 6:38pm. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Jennifer Koopmann, Michele Olson, and John Klein.

## **Introduction of Guests:**

### **Approve the Agenda:**

John made a motion to accept the March agenda. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Review & Approval of the February Meeting Minutes:**

Dave made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

### **Staff Reports:**

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

### **Business Item:**

**Review FY25 Budget Adjustments Proposed by Board of Supervisors.** The Board reviewed the FY25 Budget Adjustments.

**Possible closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (l) (j.) To discuss the purchase or sale of real estate only where premature disclosure could be expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the government body would receive for that property.** Moved by Russ to go into closed session at 7:16 pm per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (j.) to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate. Seconded by John. On roll call vote: John aye, Dean aye, Dave aye, Megan aye and Russ aye. Motion carried. Moved by Dave to exit closed session at 7:31 pm. Seconded by Megan. On roll call vote: Dean aye, Dave aye, Megan aye and Russ aye. Motion carried. Dave made a motion to decline the offer to acquire the real estate. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**USDA Base Acres Review on Rented County Owned Land.** The Board reviewed the USDA base acres on rented county owned land.

**Central Park Weers Addition Land Rental Agreement Review.** Megan made a motion to approve the Central Park Weers Addition land rental agreement and approve renting to Virgil & Nic Weers. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Central Park Roadway Chip-Seal Bid Review.** Dave made a motion to approve the low bid from L.L. Pelling for \$32,610 for Central Park Roadway Chip Seal. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Central Park Campground Fees Review.** Dave made a motion to approve the following camping fees: Primitive \$15 per night, Electric \$22 per night, Semi Modern \$25 per night, Modern \$30 per night, and Dump Station Fee \$5; and request the Board of Supervisors to have these additional funds deposited into

the Campground Improvement Fund. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review Landowner Survey for a Proposed Wapsipinicon Water Trail Grant Application.** Russ made a motion to not submit a Wapsipinicon Water Trail Grant Application. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Mon-Maq Dam Overlook Bench Donation Review.** Megan made a motion to table the request for installing a bench until a review of the access is made to determine if additional infrastructure is warranted at the site. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring.** Megan made a motion to accept the seasonal hiring of Quintin Fort at \$15.44/hr with a start date of April 1, 2024, and Hunter Hasenbank at \$15.44/hr with a start date of May 6, 2024, and Emily Schmidt at \$15.44/hr with start date of May 15, 2024. Seconded by John. 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 ongoing tree cutting and road work within Central Park, and the prep work for the spring burn season.

**Adjournment:** John moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is planned for April 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.