

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of September 9, 2024, held at the Central Park Nature Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dean Zimmerman.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, John Carlson, Megan Manternach and Dean Zimmerman. Staff present were Brad Mormann, Michele Olson, and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the September agenda. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the August Meeting Minutes:

John made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. Seconded by Megan. 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:

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

Business Item:

Ash Tree Removal Project Bid Review and Selection. Dave made a motion to approve McElmeel Excavating & Grading with a low bid of \$17,010. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ash Tree Removal Project Silt Sock Acquisition. Megan made a motion to approve the acquisition of silt socks from Construction Materials for \$1,038. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ash Tree Removal Project Silt Fence Installation Bid Review and Selection. John made a motion to approve the low bid from Soil Concepts of \$2.00/LF. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wapsi Trail Tree Removal Bid Review and Selection. Dave made a motion to approve Tree Fellas with a low bid of \$2,100 for the Wapsi Trail tree removal. Seconded by Megan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Tree Trimming Bid Review and Selection. Megan made a motion to approve Tree Fellas with a bid of \$3,000 for the Central Park tree trimming. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Greater Dubuque Community Foundation Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement Review. Dave made a motion to approve the Greater Dubuque Community Foundation Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review of Origin Design's Professional Services Agreement for Work on the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge. Megan made a motion to approve the Origin Design Professional Services Agreement for work on the Central Park Fremont Mill Bridge. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Central Park Water Drainage Repair Project Review and Contractor Selection. John made a motion to approve the Central Park water drainage repair project and contractor selection of White Hawk

Plumbing if they are available to do the project. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Motion carried.

Possible Closed Session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (l) (j) to Discuss the purchase or sale of a particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The Board discussed the purchase of a particular real estate.

Additional Items:

Educational Event Updates: Educational event handouts were provided to the Board.

Conservation Area and Project Updates: Update provided on the potential purchase of a Fire Ranger Skid Sprayer with donations from partner conservation organizations.

Adjournment: Dave moved to adjourn. Seconded by John. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm. The next meeting is planned for October 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.