

JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Dean Zimmerman.

Present were Board Members: Dave Tabor, Dean Zimmerman, Russ VonBehren. Staff present were Brad Mormann, John Klein, Michele Olson and Jennifer Koopmann.

Introduction of Guests:

Approve the Agenda:

Dave made a motion to accept the December agenda. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

Review & Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:

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

Review and Approval of Expenditures and Revenues:

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

Staff Reports:

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

Business Item:

January Monthly Board Meeting Possible Date Change. The Board agreed to change the date to January 7th at 6:30pm to meet the deadline to submit the FY26 budget to the Auditor.

Approval of Seasonal Staff Hiring. Dave made a motion to approve hiring Emily Schmitt with a start date of January 2, 2025, at \$15.84/hr. Seconded by Russ. All ayes. Motion carried.

F150 Maintenance Work Review – New Tires, Front Struts, and Alignment. Russ made a motion to approve the F150 Maintenance Work to be completed by M Town Tire & Auto for \$1905. 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.

FY26 Budget Planning and Discussion. Dave made a motion to send a letter regarding FY26 Budget discussions to the Board of Supervisors. 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 tree removal project at Central Park and the Historic Bridge at Central Park.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. All ayes. Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm. The next meeting is planned for January 7th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.