

# JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

**Minutes from the meeting of November 13, 2023, held at the Central Park Nature Center.**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dave Tabor.**

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

## **Introduction of Guests:**

### **Approve the Agenda:**

Megan made a motion to accept the November agenda. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Dean 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 John. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Business Item:**

**Central Park Master Plan Drawing Review.** The Board reviewed the Central Park Master Plan.

**Review the Natural Resource Manager Position and Vacancy Announcement.** Megan made a motion to approve the Natural Resource Manager position and vacancy announcement with salary range of \$53,750 - \$57,000. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review Eby's Mill Wildlife Area's Rental Agreement and Rental Acreage in Preparation of Bid Acquisition.** Megan made a motion to approve the Eby's Mill Wildlife Area's rental agreement and rental acreage for bid acquisition. Seconded by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review of the Central Park Weers Addition Rental Agreement and Determine Future Rental Options.** A discussion was held.

**Utility Vehicle Acquisition Review.** Megan made a motion to approve \$15,930.69 from John Deere for the utility vehicle acquisition. Seconded by Dean. All yes. Motion carried.

**John Deere Track loader Track Replacement Acquisition Review.** Dean made a motion to approve \$5,157.28 plus freight for the John Deere Track loader track replacement acquisition. Seconded by John. All yes. Motion carried.

**Environmental Education Kayak Trailer Acquisition Review.** Dean made a motion to approve \$5,570 for the Environmental Education kayak trailer acquisition and use of funding from grants and donations secured for educational programming. Seconded by Megan. All yes. Motion carried.

**Discussion on the Opportunity to Co-lead the 2026 Fall ICCS Conference with Linn and Benton Counties.** Megan made a motion to approve co-leading the 2026 Fall ICCS conference with Linn and Benton counties. Seconded by John. All yes. Motion carried.

**Water Trail Planning and Funding Opportunity Discussion.** John made a motion to approve a support letter for water trail planning and funding opportunities for the Wapsipinicon River. Seconded by Dean. All yes. Motion carried.

**Additional Items:**

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

**Ely Stone Bridge Updates:** Dean Zimmerman provided updates on the Ely Stone Bridge.

**Conservation Area and Project Updates:** Updates provided on the Hale Wildlife Area invasive tree removal, the Grant Wood Trail – Martelle tree removal, and the fence installation at the Wapsi Trail on the McKean property.

**Adjournment:** Megan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dean. All ayes. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm. The next meeting is planned for December 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Central Park.