



Benton County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8th at 5:30 PM

Benton County Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Dr, Vinton

Members present: Dan Hill, Denni Randall, Mike LaGrange, Becky Van Wey, Randy Scheel, Liaison Tracy Seeman

Staff Present: Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Guests or public participation: VFW requesting to remove a hollow tree and a dead tree on property they're leasing. Also, they requested from soil to level an area out.

Consent Agenda (previous minutes, expenditures, revenues): Motion by Lagrange, seconded by Hill. All aye, motion passed.

Old business

- a. **City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse:** Discussion on an agreement between Atkins and the conservation board. The City of Atkins would like to include the property on future planning.
- b. **Hannen Lake Shop:** Williams notes we have numbers and looking at a budget amendment as we get ready to move forward.
- c. **Wildcat Recreation Area Development:** Shop is currently being worked on and Williams is looking to move forward with shower house and dump station utilizing ARPA funds as agreed on at the committee meeting.
- d. **Hoefle-Dulin Shoreline:** Williams updated that the shoreline project is completed, staff are putting in a new parking lot for boat ramp.
- e. **One-acre parcels:** Williams updated that she is looking into options moving forward.

Organizations

- a. **Foundation –** Next meetings: Monday, August 8th at 7:00pm and Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 7:00pm, looking for a chair.
- b. **OCNT Committee –** Next meeting, Monday, August 15th at 6:00pm, hoping for opening of Garrison Trailhead on August 22nd.
- c. **Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers –** Volunteers helped with storm lean up. Ranger Hagen is looking to do an online meeting with day users for future planning.
- d. **TriCounty Snowmobile Association –** Williams will work on MOUs
- e. **Winegar Equestrian Volunteers –** Williams will work on MOUs



Environmental Education: Naturalists are doing their last summer camp, setting up aquaponics items, partnering with Better Birders programing, getting ready to go back into schools, and Ranger Grubic and seasonal Login assisted with Jake's Day.

Law Enforcement: Williams discussed moving forward with body camera policies and grants.

- a. Williams discussed usage of ATVs/UTVs at other county conservations.

Director Updates: Williams updated the board on the Rodgers spillway which is completed. The Board discussed access for people for hunting and fishing in certain areas by driving in.

BCCB Properties: Edna Shain Fen and Wildlife Area work has been done for parking lots and boundary signage. Williams has contacted neighboring landowner about access through the property. Grand opening set for September 15th with local vendors being present.

Motioned by LaGrange, seconded by Van Wey to go into closed session at 6:36 PM for the purpose of discussion acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with section 21.5(1)(j) of the Iowa Code.

Aye: Hill, Scheel, Van Wey, La Grange, Randall

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motioned by LaGrange, seconded by Van Wey to go out of closed session at 7:12 PM.

Aye: Hill, Scheel, Van Wey, La Grange, Randall

Nay: None

Absent: None

Set next regular meeting: September 12th at 5:30pm

Adjourn: Motion by Scheel at 7:13 PM, seconded by Van Way. All ayes, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Parmater



Approved

9-12-22

Date