

Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Benton County Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Dr, Vinton

Members present: Randy Scheel, Becky VanWey, Denni Randall, Mike LaGrange, Tracey Seeman, Dan Hill by phone.

Staff present: Shelby Williams, Layla Hagen

Call to order: 5:34 PM

Guests or public participation: No guests.

Consent Agenda (previous minutes, expenditures, revenues): Motion approved by LaGrange seconded by Van Wey. All aye, motion passed.

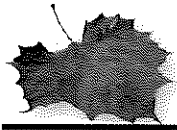
Old business

- a. **City of Atkins - Atkins Roundhouse** - Waiting to hear back from Atkins.
- b. **Hannen Lake Shop:** Tabled.
- c. **Wildcat Recreation Area Development:** Shop is well on its way; ARPA funding will most likely be prioritized to Hannen Shop, so it's at a standstill.
- d. **One-acre parcels:** VFW interested in the one-acre plot they're renting.

Organizations

- a. **Foundation** - Next meeting: Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 7:00 PM; looking for a chairperson, and looking at moving meetings.
- b. **OCNT Committee** - Next meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM; rest area is completed and BCC hosted an opening event during Garrison Farmers Market; next project is signage on the trail; Scheel would like to start looking at pricing and fundraising opportunities.
- c. **Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers** - Will be at the November meeting per MOU.
- d. **TriCounty Snowmobile Association** - Williams would like to send out an MOU agreement to the group in October.
- e. **Winegar Equestrian Volunteers** - Main member has stepped down so we will be contacting to get list of other volunteers for this group.

Environmental Education: This week we have a sunflower painting event, Fen Grand Opening, and Volunteer Work Day at Hannen. Naturalists are back in Virginia Gay and Belle Plaine Community Schools. A 15-passenger van will be arriving in March, 2023.



Law Enforcement

- a. **Body Camera Policy:** Talked to different agencies and the favorite is Visual Labs on a regular cell phone.

Scheel moves to approve newest policy, VanWey seconds, motion passed. All five officers will be at CCPOA October 3-5, 2022.

BCCB Properties

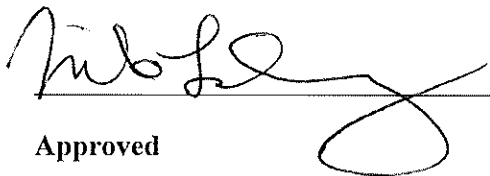
- a. **Firewood Permit:** Public interest in collecting wood from our properties. The Board made suggestions on what to change.

Director updates: Chili Cookoff at Hannen Lake Park, October 1, 2022. Rodgers Fall Family Fest, October 14-15, 2022. Partnered with Buchanan County for Bike Ride on September 24, 2022. Williams has been asked to be on interview panel for Roadside Manager Position with Secondary Roads. Spillway work at Rodgers is complete, ARPA funds went towards this project. Looking into mower options moving forward.

Set next meeting: October 10, 2022 at 5:30 PM, Benton County Nature Center

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm by Scheel, seconded by LaGrange, all in favor.

Minutes Submitted by: Layla Hagen



 Approved

10-10-22

 Date