

## **Benton County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

**Benton County Nature Center 5718 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr, Vinton**

**Members present:** Chair; Denni Randall. **Board members:** Mike LaGrange, Randy Scheel, Becky Van Wey, Tracy Seeman Supervisor

**Staff present:** Shelby Williams, Camryn Grubic, Cecilia Dirks, Ed Hach

**Call to order:** 5:30pm by Randall

**Guests or public participation:** None

**Consent Agenda (previous minutes, expenditures, revenues):** Motion by LaGrange, seconded by Scheel. All aye, motion approved.

### **Organizations**

- a. **TriCounty Snowmobile Association MOU:** TCSA representatives; Gary McKenna and John McKenna. MOU discussion, permissible route map. MOU signed by both representatives and BCCB.
- b. **Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers:** No update
- c. **Foundation – Next meeting: Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 7:00pm:** PayPal account set up for donations.
- d. **OCNT Committee – Next meeting: Spring 2023**
  - i. **Vinton Trailhead:** Adjacent property owners, general positive feedback and support, not all parties have responded. LaGrange offered to follow up with Farm Service and Benton Tama Coop.
- e. **Winegar Equestrian Volunteers:** No update

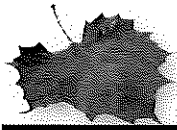
### **Old Business**

- b. **City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse:** Tabled
- c. **Hannen Lake Shop**
  - i. **Bid Packets:** Tabled
- d. **One-acre parcels:** Tabled

**Environmental Education:** Full of public programs and working on nature center displays.

**Law Enforcement:** Body cameras are on hand. Rangers are doing ride-along patrol with DNR officers during deer seasons. Grubic passed PT testing for ILEA. BCSO utilizing Rodgers campground for training. Discussed hunting accessibility requests.

**BCCB Properties –** This agenda item may be in closed session to discuss particular real estate in accordance with Section 21.5 (1)(j) of the Iowa Code.



Motioned by Scheel, seconded by Van Wey to go into closed session at 6:03 PM for the purpose of discussing acquisition of particular real estate in accordance with section 21.5(1)(j) of the Iowa Code.

Aye: Scheel, Van Wey, LaGrange, Randall

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motioned by LaGrange, seconded by Van Wey to go out of closed session at 7:06 PM.

Aye: Scheel, Van Wey, LaGrange, Randall

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Scheel moved for what was discussed during closed session, VanWey seconded. All aye, approved.

The staff updated the board on properties. Milroy gate closed because of illegal dumping. Minne Estema lower portion reopened, gate installed on upper drive to keep campground closed. Rodgers potential pull-thru campsites discussed. Other small property donation was mentioned.

**Budget** – options and action: Scheel motion to continue analyzing budget, questions comments to be passed on to Williams for email vote by Monday 12/19/22. LaGrange seconded. All aye, motion approved.

**Director Updates:** The van and truck are in. Posting seasonal positions and opening cabins for rent this week.

- a. Annual Report: The board discussed the annual report.

**Set next regular meeting** – January 9, 2023 at 5:30pm, Benton County Nature Center

**Adjourn:** Motioned by Scheel, seconded by VanWey at 7:42pm. All aye, motion approved.

**Minutes submitted by:** Ed Hach

**Approved**

**Date**