

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

**Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:30pm**

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

**Members present:** Randy Scheel, Mike LaGrange, Sam Hunter, Becky Van Wey, Dan Hill, Tracy Seeman

**Staff present:** Shelby Williams, Cecilia Dirks

**Call to order:** LaGrange 5:30 PM

**Guests or public participation:** None

**Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Scheel seconded by Hill. All aye, motion passed.

1. Consent Agenda (previous minutes and reports): Hill motioned to approve consent agenda, seconded by Van Wey. All aye, motion passed.
  - a. Conservation expenditures and revenues
  - b. IRM expenditures and revenues
  - c. Tabled Items:
    - i. Winegar Equestrian Volunteers
    - ii. TriCounty Snowmobile Association (April)
    - iii. Animal Shelter/Old VFW Post
    - iv. Atkins Roundhouse Lease
    - v. Garrison Paha - Wildlife Stamp Grant
    - vi. One Acre Plots
2. Organizations
  - a. Foundation: Last meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2024, next meeting Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Benton County Nature Center
  - b. OCNT Committee: Next meeting Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Garrison Trailhead
  - c. Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers (October)
  - d. REAP Committee: Last meeting Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, next meeting Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Benton County Nature Center.
3. Business
  - a. IRM Update (staffing, county notices)
  - b. Conservation Positions (intradepartmental, new positions)
  - c. Conservation Handbook
  - d. Wildcat
    - i. Development update (ARPA project)
    - ii. Addition Funding/Outreach update
    - iii. The Den
      1. Van Wey made a motion to name the cabin "The Den" seconded by Hunter. All aye motion passed.
  - e. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse
    - i. Canopy Grant



- f. Conservation Easements
  - g. Environmental Education Update
  - h. Law Enforcement Update (trainings, patrol, resources)
4. Other discussion
  5. Set next regular meeting Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:30pm, Benton County Nature Center

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM by Scheel, seconded by Hill. All aye, motion passed.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Cecilia Dirks

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**Approved**

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**Date**