



Benton County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:30pm

Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA

1. Call to Order at 5:33PM
2. Guests or public participation (kept to a maximum of 3 minutes, the Board will not take any action on public comments at this meeting but may do so in future meetings): Brad Havran
3. Board & Staff: Sam Hunter, Mike LaGrange, Randy Sheel, Becky VanWey, Tracey Seeman, [Shelby Williams](#), Faith Hunt
4. Approve Agenda: Hill made a motion to approve the agenda, VanWey 2nd. All in favor, aye. Agenda approved.
 - a. Tabled Items
 - i. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse Lease
 - ii. Garrison Paha - Wildlife Stamp Grant
 - iii. One Acre Plots
 - iv. Animal Shelter/Old VFW Post
 - v. Winegar Equestrian Volunteers
 - vi. TriCounty Snowmobile Association (April)
 - vii. Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers (October)
 - viii. Conservation Easements
5. Approve previous minutes: Scheel made a motion, seconded by Hunter. All aye, minutes approved.
6. Approve reports (Conservation and IRM expenditures and revenues, staff reports): Sheel made a motion, VanWey 2nd, all Aye. Reports approved.
7. Organizations
 - a. Foundation: next meeting Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00PM at the Benton County Nature Center - Previous and upcoming event updates. No action made.
 - b. OCNT Committee: Next meeting Monday, June 17th at 6:00PM at the Garrison Trailhead
 - i. Garrison and Vinton Trailhead Updates - Received a grant to move Vinton Trailhead.
 - c. REAP Committee: next meeting Tuesday, August 13th at the Benton County Nature Center.
8. Business
 - a. IRM Update (skidloader, spraying): No action made.
 - b. Conservation Positions (Conservation Technicians and resources): No action made.
 - c. Wildcat
 - i. Development update (ARPA project): Scheel made a motion to approve Professional Services agreement, Hunter second. All aye, Motion passed.
 - ii. Addition Funding/Outreach update: No action made.
 - iii. The Den: No action made.
 - d. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse
 - i. Canopy Grant: No action made.
 - ii. Atkins Roundhouse Tree Grant: No motion made.
 - e. Environmental Education Update (May recap, summer programming and trips): No action made.
 - f. Law Enforcement Update (vehicles and training): No action made.



- g. Director Updates (IPIB, Department head, annual reports, handbook, fall conference):
No action made.
- 9. Other discussion
- 10. Set next regular meeting Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:30pm, Hannen Lake Park
- 11. Adjourn: Vanwey made a motion to adjourn, Hunter seconded. All aye. Meeting adjourned.
6:54PM.