



Benton County Conservation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:30pm

Hannen Lake Park, 1949 Benton/Iowa Rd, Blainstown, IA

1. Call to Order by Mike LaGrange at 5:39 PM
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): None
3. Board members: Mike LaGrange, Becky VanWey, Randy Scheel, Sam Hunter, Liaison Tracy Seeman
Staff: Cam Grubic, Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams
4. Approve Agenda: Randy moved to approve, VanWey second. All in favor, motion passed.
 - a. Tabled Items
 - i. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse: Lease
 - ii. Garrison Paha - Wildlife Stamp Grant
 - iii. One Acre Plots
 - iv. Winegar Equestrian Volunteers
 - v. TriCounty Snowmobile Association (April)
 - vi. Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers (October)
 - vii. Conservation Easements
5. Approve previous minutes: Hunter moved to approve, VanWey seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
6. Approve reports conservation and IRM expenditures and revenues, staff reports: Scheel motion to approve reports, seconded by Hunter. All in favor, motion passed.
7. Organizations
 - a. Foundation: next meeting Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00PM at the Benton County Nature Center: no action made
 - b. OCNT Committee: Next meeting Monday, July 15th at 6:00PM at the Garrison Trailhead
 - i. Garrison and Vinton Trailhead Updates: Scheel and Williams gave updates, no action made.
 - c. REAP Committee: next meeting Tuesday, August 13th at the Benton County Nature Center
 - i. Benton County Conservation Application: Williams updated on the REAP application, no action made.
8. Business
 - a. IRM Update (weed complaints and spraying): no action made.
 - b. Conservation Positions (Conservation Technicians and resources): No action made.
 - c. Wildcat
 - i. Development update
 1. ARPA project bid documents: Scheel moved to approve documents from engineers. VanWey seconded. All aye, motion passed.
 - ii. Addition Funding/Outreach update: no motion made.
 - iii. The Den: no action made.
 - d. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse: Canopy Grant: No action made.
 - e. Education Update: summer programming and trips: No action made.
 - f. Law Enforcement Update: camping season and incidents: no action made.
 - g. Conservation Handbook: approval/adoption: Hunter moved to approve handbook as written. Scheel seconded. All aye, motion passed.



- h. VFW Post/Animal Shelter: affidavit and moving forward: No motion made.
 - i. Director Updates: trainings/conferences: No motion made.
- 9. Other discussion
- 10. Set next regular meeting Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5:30pm, Benton County Nature Center.
- 11. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:58PM by VanWey, Scheel seconded. All in favor, motion passed.