



MINUTES

Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30pm

The Den at Wildcat Bluff Recreation Area, 3141 57th St Trail, Center Point, IA

1. Call to Order at 5:28pm
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)
Board members present: Randy Scheel, Becky VanWey, Mike LaGrange, Sam Hunter, Liaison Tracy Seeman
Staff present: Shelby Williams, Cecilia Dirks, Zach Parmater, Layla Lynch, Cara Harrill, Cam Grubic
Volunteers present: Brad Routier
3. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda -- Motion to approve by Scheel, seconded by Hunter, All aye, motion passed.
4. Business
 - a. Discuss/Action Wildcat Disc Golf Volunteers – MOU/Annual Updates
 - b. Discuss/Action REAP for Wildcat Bluff Recreation Area Addition
 - c. Discuss/Action VFW Post/Animal Shelter
 - d. Discuss Conservation Easements
 - e. Discuss/Action Foundation Updates and Volunteer Award
 - f. Discuss/Action Vehicle Purchase
 - i. Move to approve quote for conservation truck by VanWey, seconded by Scheel. All aye, motion carried.
 - ii. Move to approve quote for IRM truck and spray rig by Scheel, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion carried
 - g. Discuss/Action Future Fees for Recreation
 - i. Open air shelter \$50, Grilling Garden stays; Enclosed shelter stays; Wild Rose Cabin \$110; Cedar Cabin \$90; Hannen, Rodgers, and Wildcat \$20/electric and \$10 primitive; Hoefle-Dulin, Benton-City, and Minne Estema stay the same. Motion by Scheel, seconded by VanWey. All aye, motion carried.
 - h. Discuss Budget FY26
 - i. Conservation
 - ii. IRM/Weed
5. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - a. IRM Update
 - b. Education Update
 - c. Law Enforcement Update
 - d. Director Update
 - i. Director Review RE: possible closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Organization Notes:

Benton County Equestrians next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 4:45pm at the Benton County Nature Center

Conservation Foundation next meeting is Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00pm at the Benton County Nature Center

Hannen Lake Ice Fishing Tournament February 15th

Benton County REAP Committee next meeting is spring 2025 at the Benton County Nature Center

OCNT Committee next meeting is set for Spring



6. Other discussion
7. Set next regular meeting on December 9th, 2024 at 5:30pm, Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.
8. Adjourn – VanWey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM, Hunter seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by: Layla Lynch

Approved

Date