

Benton County IRVM Steering Committee and Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Jan 13, 2025 5:30 PM

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

Staff Present: Eric Schares - Roadside Manager

Committee Members Present: Wayne Seila, John Frazier, Jeff Schadle, Jeff Ralston, Becky WanWay, Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams, Tracy Seeman

Absent: Ann Jorgensen

5:40pm Schares gave a powerpoint presentation on the last year of the IRM Department

Comments made by members

Siela:

Attend township meetings to ask what they want. Do not plant milkweed.

Conservation and Weed Commissioner duties are getting too comfortable with one another

VanWey:

No one else is worried about the milkweed

Schadle:

If planting in front of someone's house, be sure to communicate with them on the change

Ralston:

Document with GPS where the problem areas are for noxious weeds and what vegetation they are in (ie: grazed land, brome, natives, etc.)

Seeman:

Send out a survey to all the townships?

Comments made by public

Randy Scheel:

Give it a moment, he hasn't been here a year yet. Before everything gets changed, give it a cycle or two, assess and make adjustments.

Brad Havran:

What is being planted? Prairie, brome, etc.? ** I think he needed to be explained that cool season were grasses and forbs were flowers**