

Minutes

Benton County Conservation Board and IRVM Advisory Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 5:30pm

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

Board Members Present: Becky VanWey, Randy Scheel, Samantha Hunter, Mike LaGrange (virtual), Dan Hill (joined at 5:40pm)

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Tracy Seeman

Staff Present: Cecilia Dirks, Aaron Askelson, Shelby Williams, Cam Grubic, Layla Lynch, Zach Parmater, Eric Schares

1. Call to Order at 5:34pm by Lagrange
2. Appoint Chair: Scheel moved to appoint VanWey as Chair, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
3. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda -- Motion to approve by Hunter, seconded by Scheel. All aye, motion passed.
4. 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
5. Business
 - a. IRVM Committee Annual Report started at 5:40pm
 - i. **Committee Members Present:** Wayne Siela, John Frazier, Jeff Schadle, Jeff Ralston, VanWey, Parmater, Williams
 - ii. Set next meeting: Will communicate via email for next meeting
6. Board Oath: Dan Hill sworn in 6:31pm
7. Business Continued
 - a. Discuss/Action VFW Post/Animal Shelter Bids. No action.
 - b. Discuss/Action Conservation Easements. No action.
 - c. Discuss/Action Budget FY26. No action.
 - i. Conservation
 - ii. IRM/Weed
8. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - a. IRM Update
 - b. Education Update
 - c. Law Enforcement Update
 - d. Director Update
9. Other discussion
10. Set next regular meeting in Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:30pm, Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.
11. Adjourn – Scheel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM, Hunter seconded. All aye, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Zach Parmater

Approved

Date