

**April 14, 2025**

The Benton County Board of Supervisors (BOS) met in a joint budget work session with Benton County Conservation Board members. Supervisors Seeman and Tippet were present, Volz absent. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. at the Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton. Auditor Rippel couldn't be in attendance, and asked that Conservation Director Shelby Williams take the minutes on her behalf.

The Board joined the Benton County Conservation Board (BCCB), members Becky VanWey, Dan Hill, Samantha Hunter, and Randy Scheel, for a FY26 Budget Work Session regarding the future of the Conservation IRM/Weed Department. Conservation staff in attendance were: Cecilia Dirks, Faith Hunt, Aaron Askelson, Will Souer, Camryn Grubic, Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams, Eric Schares. The BOS and BCCB asked questions of one another and discussed how things are going. Tippet and Seeman agreed that the department has been going well. They requested an explanation of duties so it can be easier explained.

**Seeman moved/Tippet seconded:** To adjourn at 5:34 p.m. Tippet and Seeman voting aye. Motion Carried.

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Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Shelby Williams, Conservation Director