



Minutes
Benton County Conservation Board Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30pm
Benton County Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA

Board : Sam Hunter, Randy Scheel, Mike LaGrange, Dan Hill, Tracy Seeman

Staff : Cara Harrill, Shelby Williams, Cecilia Dirks

Public : Nancy Baldwin, Melody Snow, Derrick Parker

1. Call to Order LaGrange 5:29 PM
2. Approve Agenda – Hunter motion to approve Scheel seconded, All aye, motion passed.
3. 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
4. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda: Scheel motion to approve, Hill seconded, all aye, motion passed.
 - a. Approve minutes from last regular meeting
 - b. Approve Conservation and IRM expenditures and revenues
 - c. Receive and file activity report
 - d. Tabled Items
 - i. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse: Lease
 - ii. One-acre properties
 - iii. Conservation Easements
5. Business:
 - a. Discussion/Action: 5:40 pm Atkins Roundhouse Replant Bids - Hill motion to accept Option B from Frazier Nursery for \$105,590.98 – Scheel seconded, all aye, motion passed.
 - b. Old Creamery Nature Trail Update – Scheel and Williams gave update with discussion from Baldwin and Parker
 - c. Vinton Unlimited Project - Snow gave update
 - d. Discussion/Action: Leash-less areas – Scheel made motion to adopt new rule: 26. Designated Off-Leash Areas and Seasonal Restrictions
The following Benton County Conservation areas are designated as off-leash for dogs from July 16 to March 14: Winegar Tobin Wildlife Area, Mount Auburn Boat Ramp, Edna Shain Fen and Wetland, Albert Wetland, Wyman Memorial Park *Dogs are not allowed in these areas in any capacity during the restricted nesting period (March 15 – July 15), in accordance with Iowa Code section 481A.6.* , Hunter seconded, all aye, motion passed.
6. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - a. IRM Update - 1154 miles sprayed, IRM Tour 5:00pm July 22nd, 2025
 - b. Education Update
 - c. Law Enforcement Update Property Update
 - d. Director Update
7. Other discussion
8. Set next regular meeting in August 11, 2025 at 5:30pm, at the Nature Center
9. Adjourn - Hill moved to adjourn Scheel seconded, all aye, motion passed. 6:46 PM

Minutes Submitted by : Cecilia Dirks

Approved

Date