



Minutes

Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30pm

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

Board Members Present: Mike LaGrange, Randy Scheel, Dan Hill, Samantha Hunter, Becky Van Wey, Tracy Seeman BoS liaison

Staff Present: Cecilia Dirks, Cara Harrill, Will Souer, Austin Wille, Shelby Williams, Zach Parmater

Public Present: Brad Routier, Kelly Williams, Steve Hepker

1. Call to Order at 5:32pm by Van Wey
2. Approve Agenda - motion to amend minutes to add disc golf update and approve updated minutes by Hill, seconded by LaGrange. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda - Motion to approve by LaGrange, seconded by Scheel. All in favor, 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). None
5. Business
 - a. Disc Golf Volunteers - Routier, K. Williams, and Hepker gave an update and MOU was discussed. Motion to sign and file MOU by Hill, seconded by Hunter. All in favor, motion passed.
 - b. Discuss/Approve Annual Report - Motion to approve and file updated annual report by LaGrange, seconded by Hill. All in favor, motion passed.
 - c. Discuss/Approve Animal Shelter and Cherven Properties - S. Williams gave update
6. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - a. IRM Update - S. Williams gave update
 - b. Education Update - S. Williams gave update
 - c. Law Enforcement Update - Introduced the North Unit Park Ranger, Austin Wille. S. Williams gave update
 - d. Property Update - S. Williams and Parmater gave updates
 - e. Director Update - Van Wey gave update on director Williams' review
7. Other discussion - park ranger swear in ceremony for Park Ranger Austin Wille
8. Set next regular meeting Monday, December 8th, 2025 at 5:30pm, Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.
9. Adjourn - Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM, Scheel seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Cecilia Dirks

Approved

Date