



## Minutes

### Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, December 8th, 2025 at 5:30pm

Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Drive, Vinton, IA

**Board Members Present:** Becky Van Wey, Sam Hunter, Mike LaGrange, Dan Hill, Randy Scheel - virtually

**Board of Supervisors Present:** Tracy Seeman

**Staff Present:** Shelby Williams, Cecilia Dirks

1. Call to Order at 5:29pm by Van Wey
2. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda -- Motion to approve by LaGrange, seconded by Hill. 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). - Celebration of LaGrange's service on the board
4. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda -- Motion to approve by LaGrange, seconded by Hill. 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
  - e. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse: Lease
5. Business
  - a. Discuss/Approve WRAC Project #26-682 - Motion to approve by LaGrange, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
  - b. Discuss/Action Firewood Permits Resolution #2025-03 - Motion to approve firewood permits resolution #2025-03 by LaGrange, Seconded by Hill. Roll call vote - Hill - aye, LaGrange - aye, Hunter - aye, Scheel - aye, Van Wey - aye. Motion passed.
  - c. Discuss Animal Shelter and Cherven Properties - Williams gave update
  - d. Discuss/Action Reserve Account Resolution #2025-04 - LaGrange moves accept reserve account resolution #2025-04 Hunter seconded. Roll call vote - Hill -aye, LaGrange - aye, Hunter - aye, Scheel - aye, Van Wey - aye. Motion passed.
  - e. Discuss/Action Benton County Conservation Handbook Update - LaGrange moved to approve, seconded by Hill. All aye, motion passed.
  - f. Discuss/Action Benton County Conservation LE Performance Policy Update - LaGrange moved to approve, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
  - g. Discuss/Action Budget FY27 - tabled
6. Board Member/Staff Reports
  - a. IRM Update - Williams gave update - January 12th, 2026 meeting will be the annual steering committee meeting
  - b. Education Update - Williams gave update
  - c. Law Enforcement Update - Williams gave update
  - d. Director Update - Williams gave update
7. Other discussion - Hill gave update on Veteran on hunting and fishing license, Brag & Tag will be opened back up for the month of January
8. Set next regular meeting on January 12, 2026 at 5:30pm, Nature Center 5718 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.



9. Adjourn - LaGrange moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm, Hill seconded. All aye, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Cecilia Dirks

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Approved

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Date