



## Minutes

### Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, January 12th, 2026 at 5:30pm

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

**Board Members Present:** Becky Van Wey, Dan Hill, Sam Hunter, Randy Scheel, Derrick Parker

**Board of Supervisors Present:** Tracy Seeman

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

**IRM Steering Committee:** John Frazier, Jeff Ralston, Wayne Siela, Becky Van Wey, Zach Parmater, Tracy Seeman

1. Call to Order at 5:30pm by Van Wey
2. Discuss/Action Approve Agenda - Motion to approve by Scheel, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
3. Appoint Chair - motion by Hill to appoint Scheel as the 2026 chair, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
4. Board Member Oath - Parker took the oath
5. 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
6. Discuss/Action Approve Consent Agenda -- Motion to approve consent agenda by Van Wey, 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
    - i. City of Atkins – Atkins Roundhouse: Lease
7. Business
  - a. IRM Steering Committee – Roadside Manager Update provided by Schares
  - b. Discuss/Action Adopt-a-Prairie Program - Van Wey made a motion to approve, seconded by Parker. All aye motion passed.
  - c. Discuss Animal Shelter and Cherveny Properties - Williams gave update
  - d. Discuss/Action Budget FY27
    - i. IRM Budget
    - ii. Conservation BudgetHill made a motion to approve IRM & Conservation budgets, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
8. Board Member/Staff Reports
  - a. IRM Update
  - b. Education Update - Askelson gave update
  - c. Law Enforcement Update - Grubic and Williams gave update
  - d. Property Update - Williams and Grubic gave update
  - e. Director Update - Williams gave update
9. Set next regular meeting on February 9, 2026 at 5:30pm, at the Nature Center 5718 20<sup>th</sup> Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.
10. Adjourn - Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm, Parker seconded. All aye, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Cecilia Dirks