



Minutes

Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

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

Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th 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 Cherven 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 20th 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

Approved

Date