



Minutes

Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, August 10th, 2026 at 5:30pm

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

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

Board of Supervisors Present: Tracy Seeman

Staff Present: Zach Parmater, Shelby Williams, Cecilia Dirks, Cara Harrill, Ethan Hennings

1. Call to Order at 5:32pm by Scheel
2. Approve Agenda – Motion to approve by Hill, seconded by Hunter. 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).
4. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Parker, seconded by Van Wey. 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
5. Business
 - a. Discuss/Action – Hannen RFP - Motion by Hill to approve the RFP with an adjustment to the final date, seconded by Hunter. All aye, motion passed.
 - b. Discuss/Action – Conservation Easement
 - c. Discuss/Action – 28E Agreement - Motion by Hill to approve the 28E with City of Garrison, seconded by Parker. All aye, motion passed.
 - d. Discuss Budget
6. Board Member/Staff Reports
 - a. IRM Update
 - b. Education Update
 - c. Law Enforcement Update
 - d. Properties Update
 - e. ICCS Fall Conference Update
 - f. Director Update
7. Other discussion - Hill gave update on tree opportunity for the Foundation
8. Set next regular meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 5:30pm, Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA.
9. Adjourn – Parker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, Van Wey seconded. All aye, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Cecilia Dirks

Approved

Date