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5718 20th Avenue Drive, Vinton, IA 52349

Minutes
Benton County Conservation Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:30pm
Benton County Nature Center 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, IA

Board Present – Becky Van Wey, Randy Scheel, Dan Hill, Sam Hunter, Derrick Parker
Board of Supervisors Present – Tracy Seeman
Staff Present – Will Souer, Austin Wille, Ed Hach, Cara Harrill, Zach Parmater, Aaron Askelson, Cam Grubic, Shelby Williams, Eric Schares, Cecilia Dirks
Wildcat Bluff Recreation Area Disc Golf Group – Brad Routier

1. Call to Order at 5:29pm by Scheel
2. Approve Agenda -- Motion to approve by Parker, 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) - None
4. Discuss/Action Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Hill, seconded by Parker. 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 – Disc Golf Volunteers MOU – Motion to approve updated MOU by Parker, seconded by Hill. All aye, motion passed. Routier gave update and signed updated MOU.
    b. Discuss/Action – Annual Report – Motion to approve 2026 annual report with updates to wording on sale of properties by Hill, seconded by Van Way. All aye, motion passed.
    c. Discuss – County Snow Removal
    d. Discuss – Foundation
    e. Discuss – Public Relations
6. Board Member/Staff Reports
    a. IRM Update
    b. Education Update
    c. Law Enforcement Update
    d. Properties Update
    e. Director Update
        i. Director Review RE: possible closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.
7. Set next regular meeting in December 14, 2026 at 5:30pm, at the Nature Center
8. Adjourn – Van Wey moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM, Parker seconded. All aye, motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Cecilia Dirks

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Approved Date