

Benton County IRVM
Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 22, 2015
Nature Center - Vinton

Committee Members Present:

Ben Bonar, Ann Jorgenson, Kathy Chamberlin, Carol Zander, Jim Huber, Matt Purdy, Joan Lundberg, Calvin Wolter, Randy Scheel

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm. Items discussed:

- Nomination/Approval of Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - Ben Bonar, Chair
 - Calvin Wolter, Vice Chair
 - Randy Scheel, Secretary
 - Jorgenson motion, Lundberg 2nd – Motion approved by group
- October 2014 Minutes – Jorgenson motion to approve. Second by Lundberg. Motion passed.
- IRVM Goals
 - 2014 goals met. Only disappointment was lack of participation in people signing up for activities.
 - Also in 2014 - \$21,900 grant funding, seed drill, 40 acres planted, 4 presentations, UNI Tallgrass Seed Study, managed roadsides.
 - 2015 – finish IRVM Management Plan
 - Secure funding for LRTF grants
 - Building improvements for 2016 completion
 - Burn remnants
 - Management strategy – East of Oak Grove, Oval Ladies Tresses discovered
 - Partnership with DNR seed creator
 - Conduct 6 IRVM presentations
 - Complete IRVM web site
 - Construct signs on prairie remnants
 - Joint program with ISU Extension, Master Gardeners, Garden Club – 2 programs
 - Jorgenson motion, Lundberg 2nd to accept 2015 goals. Motion passed
- Sub Committees – Discussed but no need for this at this time
- Next Meeting Days set:
 - April 16, 2015
 - July 9, 2015

- October 15, 2015
- January 21, 2016

- New Business – Matt Purdy discussed importance of Iowa Water and Land Legacy proposal. Meeting in Des Moines on Monday January 26 at State Capitol to show our elected officials how important this is to our state and our future. Please contact your local reps to voice your support!

- Next Meeting – Thursday April 16 – Time and location to be determined

Huber motion. Purdy second. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm