

Benton County IRVM Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 23rd, 2014
Nature Center – Vinton

Committee Members Present:

Ben Bonar	Jim Huber
Carol Zander	Randy Scheel
Matt Purdy	Calvin Wolter
Ann Jorgensen	Joan Lindberg

Meeting called to order at 5:42 pm.

Items discussed:

- **December Minutes:** Lindberg motion to approve. Second by Zander. Motion passed.
- **Advisory Committee Nominations:** Zander motion to appoint. Second by Wolter. Motion passed.
 - 2014 appointments: Chair: Matt Purdy, Vice Chair: Calvin Wolter, Secretary: Ben Bonar
- **IRVM Update:** Bonar emailed report to committee prior to meeting.
 - Benton County has 1300 miles of rural roads
 - Benton County has 5184 acres of roadsides
 - Benton County Secondary Roads planted 34 acres of native vegetation in ROW in 2013
 - Roughly 5.5% of Benton County ROW has been planted thus far
- **LRTF Grants:**
 - Bonar will inventory prescribed fire equipment
 - Bonar will ensure that previous LRTF grants have been utilized
 - Bonar will write 2014 requests when funding guidelines are finalized
- **Policy Discussion:**
 - Discussed a policy for no spray signs and management within these zones. Bonar will draft a sample policy for the next IRVM Advisory Committee meeting.
 - Discussed a policy for Benton County residents to plant their own roadside to native vegetation. Bonar will draft a sample policy for the next IRVM Advisory Committee meeting.
- **IRVM Management Plan Discussion:**
 - Discussed Benton County IRVM program mission statement. Bonar will email out statement for further review.
 - Discussed using slogan on Benton County IRVM brochure as program vision statement.
- Tentative Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2014:
 - April 24, July 31, October 23
- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm