

Benton county IRVM Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 17th, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Benton County Secondary Roads Department

Committee Members Present:

Becky Van Wey
Randy Scheel
Joan Lindberg

Staff:

Ben Bonar-IRVM Roadside Manager

Since only 3 committee members were present, it was felt that we did not have a quorum, and therefore could not take any official action such as approving the minutes of the last meeting. It was decided that we would postpone the tour, but members present could get an update from Bonar.

Bonar has been in contact with the “new” DNR Wildlife Biologist, and says he will be good to work with. DNR plans to construct a large wetland in the floodplain on the north side of the “high road”.

A bucket truck is rented for the week of the 21st for trimming trees.

The roadside conference in Mid-September was attended by Bonar and Intern Gerold.

Garrison area has been prepped for dormant seeding natives, as well as areas on County Home road, and in front of some houses (where it has been requested). Slopes will be hydroseeded, and flatter parts drilled.

Gerold has accepted another position, so will not be returning next year. County Roads Dept. is still short staffed. Next area of focus will be tree clearing and Bonar will probably assist with plowing snow again this winter.

The board members reviewed a letter to supervisors requesting funds for purchase of a chipper/winch to facilitate tree removal. Scheel recommended adding in cost information (purchase price and possible grant from Living Roadway Trust Fund)

The date for the next meeting was set for Jan. 16th.

Lindberg made a motion to adjourn at 6:30, which was seconded by Scheel.