

Benton County IRVM Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.
Benton County Secondary Roads Department

Committee Members Present:

- Randy Scheel
- Mark Droessler
- Becky Van Wey

Staff:

- Ben Bonar – Benton Co. IRVM Roadside Manager

Meeting was called to order at 5:32

The Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Motion by Droessler to approve, seconded by Scheel. Passed unanimously.

How the Advisory Committee can better support the IRVM program was discussed at length. Educating the public about the program, and support with budget requests (Co. Engineer; Board of Supervisors) were the main items Bonar felt we could help with. We plan to invite the County Engineer to our January meeting, and it was suggested that one of the Supervisors should be invited to sit in on meetings as well.

Bonar gave an update on work that has been accomplished this year so far. Good progress has been made on tree clearing in the ROW, and maintenance of the prairie plantings. Bonar plans to focus on areas in front of the county parks, by the County Home, and Garrison. He has been really pleased with his current seasonal intern, and with the amount of work that has been accomplished. November 19th is the intern's last day on the job. Bonar would really like to keep him on, if he could get approval for a permanent position. He feels that the program has come to the point where a full time permanent employee could be justified.

Bonar will be preparing his Weed Commissioner Report, which is due before the end of the year, and the IRVM annual report, due in January. Some Advisory Committee members may accompany him to the Supervisors meeting when he presents the report, to show support for the program.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17th, at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Scheel made a motion to adjourn at 7:30. Motion was seconded by Droessler, and passed unanimously.