

Benton County IRVM Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 27, 2017 5:30 p.m.
Areas around Urbana, IA

Committee Members Present:

- Jim Huber- VCH
- Becky Van Wey – Sec.
- Mark Droessler
- Joan Lindberg
- Becky Johnson
- Calvin Wolter

Staff:

- Ben Bonar – Benton Co. IRVM Roadside Mgr.
- Cecilia Hagen- IRVM Intern

Meeting called to order:

Vice-Chairman Huber called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Items Discussed:

IRVM update and tour:

Members went on a tour of four focus areas containing native plants. The goals of maintaining the different areas were explained so members could see the results and ask questions about why the department is taking these steps. The first stop was a two year old planting near interstate 380 at the corner of 30th Ave and 53rd St Drive. The other three areas were remnant prairies that have been maintained to stimulate growth of plants that have survived in the roadsides naturally located at 32nd Ave and 58th St, 58th St Drive and 32nd Ave, and 56th St Trail and 56th St Drive. The next tour should be planned for a different time of year so members can experience different plants in bloom, spring or fall.

The next meeting will be October 26th at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Lindberg to adjourn the meeting, second by Droessler. Motion passed.