

Scott County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Steering Committee Minutes

When: Tuesday, March 26, 2022, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Where: Virtual Webex Meeting

Present: Brian Burkholder, Heidi Woeber, Joyce Singh, Brian Ritter, John Arter, Amy Kersten, Curtis Lundy, John Arter, and Dennis Tarasi.

Absent: John Maxwell. **Non-voting Members/Guests:** Roger Kean

Call to order, welcome, and introductions

Brian B. called the meeting to order at 10:05. Roll call was taken.

Approval of previous minutes

Meeting minutes from February were discussed. Brian R. motioned for approval of the minutes and Amy Kersten seconded.

SAU Research Map (Tarasi)

Dennis talked about keeping with finishing plots around the Wapsi area for 2022. Then getting a list of pocket areas from Brian B for the Princeton/LeClaire area and then a list from around West Lake area and Bluegrass area for the 2023 research.

2022 March Webinar Series and IRVM Website Update (Burkholder)

Brian B talked about the 3 part series and how well it was received by the public. He also talked about the updates to the website which included all forms are up to date, Video from the webinar is linked to the updates page, and the current IRVM plan is also on the website.

2022 BioBlitz June 24&25 @ Sunderbruch Park and Fairmount Cemetery.

B.Ritter talked about they are currently looking for experts and volunteers to sign up and a flyer has been created to help promote the event. Heidi W mentioned there is the BeeBlitz shortly after the BioBlitz where residents can take pictures of bees around their house. This way we can see if the Rusty patch is found in new locations.

35th Annual Roadside Conference September 7-9

Brian B mentioned that the event is being held at Lake Okoboji this year and should have some great tours for the guests to enjoy. He also mentioned the event is open to the public and to get more information go to the Tall Grass Prairie Center website.

Open Discussion

Roger K had brought up the city of Dubuque and the program they created to get residents involved with Native plants. Roger K is going to get documentation so we can see how they put this together. Everyone Agreed this would be a great way to start up a how to and where to get supplies for native gardens locally. Brian R mentioned Purple Violet shop and John A mentioned Pleasant Prairie Nursery about an hour away. Amy K mentioned having Nahant list the program we create in the future. Brian R mentioned having a winter series on the how to when it comes to planting local natives and listing resources on where residents can purchase everything they need to get started.

The Roadside Native self-guided tour brochure was brought up. Everyone thinks it's a great tool to get people out there. Amy K mentioned that Brian B call and get permission from residents listed on flyer. Joyce S mentioned adding a QR code for the people that would like to go paperless. Roger K mentioned having the full name of the locations. Brian B will get permission from residents, make the changes and create a QR code once the flyer is added to the County website. Once the flyer is complete Roger K mentioned to have the Print Shop produce them and then they can be distributed to different organizations such as Nahant Marsh and the many parks in Scott County.

Brian.B is also putting together packets of the 'Pollinators of Iowa' and "Trees and Shrubs of Iowa" for Nahant Marsh, SAU, and Scott County Parks.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Brian B. suggested a September meeting and will send out a doodle poll for times and availability, second by Amy K.

Distribution: Committee

Recorder: B.Burkholder