

Scott County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Steering Committee Minutes

When: Tuesday, December 6, 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, Angela Kersten

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 April were discussed. Brian R. motioned for approval of the minutes and Amy Kersten seconded..

Terms of Committee Members (Brian B)

Brian B mentioned Heidi Woeber will be retiring and stepping away for a while but someone from USFWS will be her fill in till her term is up. Amy Kersten has agreed to another 3 year term on the committee. Joyce Singh will be stepping down this year and suggested replacements for the 2 vacant positions are: Dave Holst, Judith Lee, Kelsi Massengale, and Adrianna McBride. Brian B will be contacting these people.

Davenport West High School Partnership and AAP Update (Burkholder)

Brian B discussed how he is working with the Biology department at West incorporating Native Plants into their curriculum. Brian B has helped install 2 prairies at the school and is helping with maintenance on the old one that has been neglected for the past few years. Brian B brought up Mike Todd with Ames High School who has done this with his school and reaching out to him for a templet or advice. Brian B said the Adopt A Prairie program is up to 59 resident locations and growing with 80% planted.

2023 March 16th Webinar Series and 2023 Garden Tour (Burkholder/Ritter)

Brian B talked about the 3 part series and how he will be presenting on invasive species and the challenges. Brian R explained the Garden Tour Bican and Wildones are hosting. Brian B has roadside prairie locations lined up and Darrell with GIS will help with creating a map with the locations for the event.

SAU Research Map (Tarasi)

Dennis talked about locations in the West Lake area and Bluegrass area for the 2023 research area.

Open Discussion

Locations for the Garden Tour were discussed and possible attendants for some locations explaining the history of the plantings. Gender balance and diversity of the Committee was discussed. This helped with whom we need to reach out to about joining our Committee. Brian B also mentioned he would like to eventually make a pocket guide for residents about weeds that are specific to Scott County area.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Brian B. suggested March, June, and a late November early December meeting and will send out doodle polls for times and availability, second by Amy K.

Distribution: Committee

Recorder: B.Burkholder