

Scott County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Steering Committee Minutes

When: Monday, April 17th, 2023, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Where: Virtual Webex Meeting

Present: Brian Burkholder, Judith Lee, Adriana McBride, Brian Ritter, John Arter, Amy Kersten, Curtis Lundy, and Dennis Tarasi.

Absent: Angela Kersten & John Maxwell. **Non-voting Members/Guests:** Roger Kean,

Call to order, welcome, and introductions

Brian B. called the meeting to order at 9:04am. Introductions by all members were made.

Approval of previous minutes

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

Recorder replacement for Heidi Woeber

Brian B. will continue to take notes until there is a replacement.

SAU possible inventory locations for 2023

Brian B. discussed two residents in Scott County with large conservation areas(Doug Vickstrum & Scott Daniels). Dennis T. talked about location concerns due to wetlands. John A. knows both residents and the locations very well. John A. gave details on the locations and advice on times to conduct inventories.

Brian B. will contact Doug & Scott and set up a meeting for Dennis T. and Brian B. to take a tour of the properties.

2023 March Webinar Series

Brian B talked about the 3 part series and it was well received and Brian R. mentioned the average attendance was between 60-80 per speaker. Brian B also said the 3 part series will be on the Scott County website soon for those who could not attend.

2023 Native Garden Tour July 22nd 9am-Noon

Brian B. & Brian R. discussed details of the tour. The locations are on both sides of the river. Certain locations will have docents with handouts for residents that stop. Questionnaires are being filled out for each location with the how, when, & why. Many of the rural Scott County locations are partnered with IRVM, enrolled in the Adopt a Prairie program. Seed packets and brochures will be some of the handouts provided by the Scott County IRVM program, Tallgrass Prairie Center, and the Hawkeye CWMA.

2023 BiCAN/Hawkeye CWMA Kreiter Farm workshop

Kreiter farm was a stagecoach stop and has around 200 acres in Scott County and some in Muscatine County. Brian B.& Megan Huck(Linn County) will present on tips, techniques, and tools when managing invasive species. Brian R. & Rob Liva will go on a nature hike with plant species ID. Amy loving & Emily Swihart will present on living with wildlife. Mark Vitosh will present about the timber restoration he has been apart of for the last 20 years. The workshop will be August 10th and limited to 100 attendees with a \$10 registration fee. Lunch will be provided through the Hawkeye CWMA(LRTF grant).

AAP updates

Brian B. talked about new applicants and that the program keeps growing through word of mouth. John A. asked about this years planting list. Brian B. will be sending out a list of sites to be planted this year.

Open Discussion

John A. asked what the goal or purpose was of our committee. The purpose is to educate and help guide the IRVM program with future goals.

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Brian B. mentioned the next meeting will be held in person possibly at the Wapsi Center, in the evening, at the end of June. Brian B. will research and send out a doodle poll as usual.

Distribution: Committee

Recorder: B.Burkholder