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**MEMO**

TO: Dee F. Bruemmer  
County Administrator

FROM: Jon Burgstrum  
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SUBJ: Acceptance of Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) Plan

DATE: April 19, 2016

A resolution approving the Scott County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan. The Secondary Roads Department has been planting native grasses and flowers in the right of way for over a decade. We have also reduced the amount of chemicals that we spray in our ditches. Recently we have partnered with Clinton County to make use of their Roadside Manager, equipment and expertise. The State of Iowa has recently made changes that require counties to file a plan in order to be eligible for IRVM grants. Although Scott County has been following an informal plan we have never filed a formal plan with the State. A formal plan must be filed by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible for Grants from Iowa's Living Roadway Trust Fund.

Last August, Tony Singh asked if I would be open to discussions with a group of Scott County residents about developing a plan. We have been meeting since then to draft a plan for Scott County. Our plan is modeled after plans already approved by the State. We have added language that will allow us to continue to share resources with other counties or cities. The plan will be a work in progress as we inventory our roadsides for locations of existing native plantings.

At this point there are no plans to add personnel or equipment to implement the plan. We do plan on continuing our partnership with Clinton County with personnel and equipment. We are planning on applying for a grant from Iowa's Living Roadway Trust fund to pay for a roadside inventory.

The citizens group, led by Tony Singh, has been active recruiting support from the community. Tony says that they have confirmed donations for this program from the public of nearly \$11,000 a year for three years. We are able to track these dollars with our new financial software to be certain that it is spent on IRVM. At his point there should not be any additional dollars needed for this program. I have been receiving letters of support from the community and there will be a group in attendance at the meeting.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT  
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 21, 2016

APPROVAL OF THE INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT (IRVM) PLAN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the plan for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) for Scott County to be filed with the State of Iowa be approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.