



Benton Soil & Water Conservation District

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It is the mission of the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District to protect and enhance Benton County’s soil, water, and other natural resources; to nurture a conservation ethic by educating county residents on conservation and environmental issues.

Benton SWCD
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday
December 27, 2023
8:00 A.M.

Chair, Chuck Rau
Vice Chair, Mike Winkelman
Secretary, Bernie Thole
Treasurer, Wade Bastian
Member, Joe Jordan

Agenda (All times are estimates)

- I. Call meeting to order 8:00
- II. Pledge of Allegiance..... 8:01
- III. Approve Agenda 8:02
- IV. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 8:03
- V. Treasurers’ Monthly Report 8:04
- VI. Payment of Bills 8:10
 - A. Benton SWCD Bills – action item
 - B. WCTSA Bills – action item
- VII. One Watershed One Plan 8:15
 - A. Rum River Watershed Partnership
 - 1) December 12, outreach office hour
 - 2) January 8 (upcoming), implementation planning committee meeting
 - 3) January 9 (upcoming) outreach office hour
 - 4) January 25 (upcoming), Rum River Watershed board meeting
 - B. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P
 - 1) November 29, citizen advisory committee meeting
 - 2) December 1, St. Cloud committee meeting
 - 3) December 4, governance (member attorneys) meeting
 - A. Discuss draft joint powers entity agreement (enclosed)
 - 4) December 6, monitoring implementation committee meeting
 - 5) December 6, steering committee meeting
 - 6) December 7, policy committee meeting
 - 7) December 19, technical advisory committee meeting
 - 8) January 3 (upcoming), steering committee meeting
 - 9) January 4 (upcoming), policy committee meeting
 - 10) January 16 (upcoming), technical advisory committee meeting
 - 11) January 17 (upcoming), governance (member attorneys) meeting
 - 12) February 5 (upcoming), landscape stewardship plan final meeting
 - C. Mississippi River Sartell 1W1P
 - 1) None
- VIII. Conservation Plans 9:15

	A. Northeast St. Cloud underground regional treatment system project presentation and payment request – <u>action item</u>	
	B. FY 2021 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant	
	1) FY2021 CWF-ERM24 – Ronald Lavigne –Contract Amendment and Payment Request – <u>action item</u>	
	C. 2023 cover crop results report – <u>information item</u>	
VIII.	Other Items	9:45
	A. Education and outreach update – <u>information item</u>	
	B. District Technician vacancy update – <u>information item</u>	
	C. Approve the 2024 budget – <u>action item</u>	
	D. Designate official depositories for 2024 – <u>action item</u>	
	E. Reaffirm the District Manager’s authority to issue cost share and incentive payments – <u>action item</u>	
	F. Reaffirm Wetland Restoration Technical Approval Authority to USFWS staff - <u>action item</u>	
	G. Earned Sick and Safe Time Policy and Employee Notice – <u>action item</u>	
IX.	Progress Reports	10:30
	A. Staff reports	
	B. NRCS report	
	C. BWSR report	
	D. U of M Extension Service	
	E. District Manager report	
X.	Information Items	11:00
	A. Supervisor / Manager Reports	
	1) December 7, 1W1P policy committee meeting	
	2) December 8, Soil Health Team meeting	
	3) December 11 – 13, MASWCD Annual Convention and Trade Show	
	4) December 20, Finance committee meeting	
	B. Calendar of Future Events:	
	1) January 4, Mississippi River policy committee meeting	
	2) January 22, Soil Health Team meeting	
	3) January 24, Benton SWCD board meeting	
	4) January 25, Rum River Watershed board meeting	
	5) March 6 or 13 (tentative), MASWCD area 2 meeting (Benton SWCD hosts)	
XI.	Recess for lunch	11:30
XII.	Conduct the District Manager Performance Evaluation	12:00
XIII.	Supervisor Open Forum	1:00
XIV.	Adjourn	1:10