



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
May 24, 2023
8:00 A.M.**

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

Attendance: Supervisors—Wade Bastian, Mike Winkelman, Chuck Rau, Bernie Thole, Joe Jordan

Other: Gerry Maciej (District Manager),

Josh Bork (NRCS District Conservationist), and Renee Thell (Administrative Assistant).

In for part of the meeting: Emily Forbord (Watershed and Outreach Specialist), Jessica Hoheisel (District Technician), Megan Tritz (District Technician), Nathan Sanoski (District/Farm Bill Technician) and Mike McMillin (District Technician).

- I. **Call meeting to order**— The meeting was called to order by Rau at 7:59 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**— recited.
- III. **Approve Agenda**- Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve agenda. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- IV. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**- Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve April minutes. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- V. **Treasurers' Monthly Report**- Maciej presented April Program Summary Report. Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve reports. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VI. **Payment of Bills**
 - A. Benton SWCD Bills - Maciej presented the Accounts Payable report. Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve the accounts payable report and pay bills. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
 - B. WCTSA Bills – no bills for May.
- VII. **One Watershed One Plan** – Maciej and Forbord updated the board. Forbord left the meeting after the One Watershed One Plan discussions.
 - A. **Rum River Watershed Partnership**
 - 1) May 8, implementation planning committing meeting
 - 2) June 12 (upcoming), implementation planning committee meeting
 - 3) June 22 (upcoming), board meeting

B. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P

- 1) May 1, citizen advisory committee meeting
- 2) May 3, technical advisory committee meeting
- 3) May 4, policy committee meeting
- 4) May 16, technical advisory committee meeting
- 5) June 1 (upcoming), policy committee meeting
- 6) June 7 (upcoming), steering committee meeting
- 7) June 20 (upcoming), technical advisory committee meeting

Hoheisel, Tritz, McMillin, Sanoski came into the meeting at this time and left after conservation plans.

VIII. Conservation Plans

A. FY 2021 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant

- 1) FY2021 CWF-ERM21, Mark Gehling - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM21 for cost sharing not to exceed \$10,051.50 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 2) FY2021 CWF-ERM22, Steve Genereau - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Thole, second by Jordan to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM22 for cost sharing not to exceed \$1,970.00 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 3) FY2021 CWF-ERM23, Mark Helgeson - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Thole, second by Jordan to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM23 for cost sharing not to exceed \$6,898.75 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 4) FY2021 CWF-ERM24, Ron Lavigne - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Bastian, second by Winkelman to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM24 for cost sharing not to exceed \$3,697.50 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 5) FY2021 CWF-ERM25, Marcel Pekarek - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Winkelman, second by Bastian to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM25 for cost sharing not to exceed \$8,151.13 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 6) FY2021 CWF-ERM26, Sam Schoberg - New Contract for wetland restoration – Motion by Bastian, second by Winkelman to approve contract FY2021 CWF-ERM26 for cost sharing not to exceed \$3,393.75 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less and to sign agreement with USFWS. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

B. FY 2023 Soil Health grant

- 1) FY23-BSH1, Ryan Schmit - New Contract for cover crops – Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve contract FY23-BSH1 for cost sharing not to exceed \$3,000 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

- 2) FY23-BSH2, Ryan Schmit - New Contract for cover crops residue management/no-till – Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve contract FY23-BSH2 for cost sharing not to exceed \$777.00 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 3) FY23-BSH3, Brian Rahm - New Contract for cover crops – Motion by Jordan, second by Bastian to approve contract FY23-BSH3 for cost sharing not to exceed \$1,542.75 or up to 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

IX. Other Items

- A. Soil health soil test presentation – Hoheisel reported to the board.
- B. Education and outreach update
- C. MASWCD resolutions – none from the board at this point.
- D. Legislative update – Maciej gave a brief update.

X. Progress Reports

- A. Staff reports - none
- B. District Manager report – Maciej updated the board.
- C. NRCS report – Bork updated the board.
- D. BWSR report - none

XI. Information Items

A. Supervisor / Manager Reports

- 1) April 27 – 28, Benton SWCD tree pickup and nitrate testing clinic
- 2) May 4, Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P policy committee meeting
- 3) May 4 – 5, Poster, essay, and coloring contest award presentations
- 4) May 24, Finance committee meeting

B. Calendar of Future Events:

- 1) June 6, MASWCD Area 2 and WCTSA meetings
- 2) June 21, Foley Fun Days 75th anniversary parade float
- 3) To be determined, finance committee meeting
- 4) June 28, Benton SWCD board meeting
- 5) June 28, 11:00 A.M., Benton County local workgroup meeting
- 6) June 29 (proposed), Benton SWCD 75-year anniversary open house
- 7) July 13, We Are Water Agricultural Field Day – Glen and Brian Kaschmitter Farm

C. Correspondence

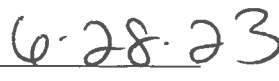
- 1) Representative Isaac Schultz
- 2) St. Pauls Lutheran Church
- 3) Julia Dumonceaux family
- 4) Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church

XII. Supervisor Open Forum

XIII. Adjourn– Motion by Jordan, second by Bastian to adjourn the board meeting at 10:28 am. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.



 Secretary, Board of Supervisors



 Date

