



# 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  
April 24, 2024  
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) April 8, implementation planning committee meeting
    - 2) April 9, ~~outreach office hour~~ - cancelled
    - 3) May 13(scheduled), implementation planning committee meeting
    - 4) May 14 (scheduled), outreach office hour
  - B. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P
    - 1) April 3, steering committee meeting
    - 2) April 4, policy committee meeting
    - 3) April 15, implementation planning subcommittee
    - 4) May 1 (scheduled), steering committee meeting
    - 5) May 21, (scheduled) technical advisory committee meeting
  - C. Mississippi River Sartell 1W1P
    - 1) None
- VIII. Other Items ..... 8:45
  - A. Presentation of changes to BWSR funded project administration (from March agenda)
    - 1) Approval of grant administration forms (tennesen warning, prevailing wage) – action item
    - 2) Approval of landowner in-kind rates– action item
    - 3) FY22 Big Elk and Mayhew Lake Phosphorus Reduction Program cost share docket approval – action item
    - 4) FY23 Soil Health Cost Share docket approval – action item
  - B. Presentation on the conservation contracts program (from March agenda) – information item
- IX. Progress Reports..... 9:45

	A. BWSR report	
	B. NRCS report	
X.	<b>Conduct a closed meeting to evaluate the performance of the District Manager under Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subdivision 3.</b>	10:00
XI.	<b>Conservation Plans</b>	11:00
	A. FY2023 Drinking Water Protection grant	
	1) FY2023 CWF – WS9 – New Contract - <u>action item</u>	
	B. FY2022 and FY23 MPCA SSTS and FY22 BWSR SSTS grants	
	1) FY2022-SSTS-07 - New Contract - <u>action item</u>	
	C. FY2023 Soil Health grant	
	1) FY23-BSH4 – New Contract – <u>action item</u>	
	2) FY23-BSH6 – New Contract – <u>action item</u>	
	D. FY2022 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant	
	1) FY2022 CWF-ERM14 – New Contract – <u>action item</u>	
	2) FY2022 CWF-ERM15 – New Contract – <u>action item</u>	
XII.	<b>Other Items</b>	11:30
	A. MASWCD call for resolutions – <u>information item</u>	
	B. Update on vacancies – <u>information item</u>	
XIII.	<b>Information Items</b>	11:40
	A. <b>Reports</b>	
	1) District Manager report	
	2) Staff reports	
	3) Education and outreach update	
	B. <b>Supervisor / Manager Reports</b>	
	1) March 27, Education committee meeting	
	2) April 4, Mississippi River St. Cloud One Watershed One Plan policy committee meeting	
	3) April 10, Minnesota Association of SWCDs board meeting	
	C. <b>Calendar of Future Events:</b>	
	1) April 25, Mississippi River Sartell watershed “We Are Water” exhibit opening ceremony	
	2) April 25 & 26, Tree pickup dates	
	3) May 21 – June 4, Candidate filing period, SWCD areas 1,4 and 5	
	4) May 22, Benton SWCD board meeting	
	5) June 12, MASWCD Area 2 and WCTSA meetings	
	6) June 26, NRCS Local work group meeting	
XIV.	<b>Supervisor Open Forum</b>	12:10
XV.	<b>Adjourn</b>	12:20