



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
March 27, 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. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P
 - 1) March 14, Multi-benefit analysis subcommittee meeting
- VIII. Conduct a closed meeting to evaluate the performance of the District Manager under Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subdivision 3. 8:30
- IX. Other Items 10:00
 - A. Irrigation RCPP proposed grant application letter of commitment – action item
 - B. Replacement computer for the accounting software and software upgrade – action item
 - C. Consider changes to cost share contracts and supporting documents and rates for in-kind services – action item
 - D. Consider changes to state funded cover crop financial assistance rates and payment caps – action item
- X. Progress Reports..... 10:30
 - A. District Manager report
- XI. Other Items 10:50
 - A. Presentation of changes to BWSR funded project administration – information item
 - B. Presentation on the conservation contracts program – information item
 - C. Poster, essay, mural, coloring contest voting – action item
- XII. Information Items..... 11:20
 - A. Supervisor / Manager Reports
 - 1. March 4, MASWCD legislative priorities webinar
 - 2. March 5, Winter conservation day 2024
 - 3. March 6, MASWCD area 2 meeting
 - 4. March 12, MASWCD legislative briefing & networking reception

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- 5. March 13, SWCD day at the capitol
- 6. March 18, Benton County soil health team meeting
- 7. March 21, Rum River Watershed board meeting

B. Calendar of Future Events:

- 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
- 4) April 24, Benton SWCD board meeting
- 5) April 25, Mississippi River Sartell watershed “We Are Water” exhibit opening ceremony
- 6) April 25 & 26, Tree pickup dates
- 7) May 21 – June 4, Candidate filing period, SWCD areas 1,4 and 5
- 8) June 26, NRCS Local work group meeting

XIII. **Adjourn**.....12:00