

**Benton SWCD
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
USDA Service Center, Foley, MN
March 16th, 2011**

Attendance: Supervisors - Wade Bastian, Chuck Rau, Phil Grosland, Bernie Thole, Joe Jordan.
Others: Gerry Maciej (Benton SWCD Manager), Pat Gehling (NRCS District Conservationist),
DeAnna Doran (Sherburne SWCD Manager)

- I. **Call meeting to order**
The meeting was called to order by Jordan at 8:31 A.M.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Recited
- III. **Approve Agenda**
Maciej requested the addition of IX. Information Items, C. New Business, 3) Conservation Corps Program. Motion by Grosland second by Rau to approve the agenda with the addition. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- IV. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Motion by Grosland, second by Thole to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2011 regular board meeting as presented. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- V. **Treasurers' Report**
Maciej presented the Account Quick Report and February Program Summary Report. Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve the reports. All were in favor. The motion passed. Maciej presented the Accounts Payable report. Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve the accounts payable report and pay bills. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- VI. **Conservation Plans**
 - A. Kurt Martinson – FY08-06 – Contract Amendment - Motion by Grosland, second by Rau to approve amendment 1 to contract FY08-06 to extend the completion date to June 30, 2011. All were in favor. The motion passed.
 - B. John Rahm – FY11-01 – New Contract - Motion by Bastian, second by Rau to approve contract FY11-01 in the amount of \$465.00. All were in favor. The motion passed.
 - C. Brian Kaschmitter – FY2010 CWF-16 – New contract - Motion by Grosland, second by Bastian to approve contract FY2010 CWF-16 in the amount of \$300.00. All were in favor. The motion passed.
 - D. Mark Skroch – FY2010 CWF-17 – New Contract - Motion by Grosland, second by Rau to approve contract FY2010 CWF-17 in the amount of \$300.00. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- VII. **Action Items**
 - A. **New Business**
 - 1) Consider an Elk River Watershed Association / Benton SWCD Professional Services Contract - Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve the Elk River Watershed Association / Benton SWCD Professional Services Contract. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- VIII. **Progress Reports**
 - A. Staff reports – Winkelman and Sanoski provided monthly reports.
 - B. NRCS reports – Gehling provided a report.
 - C. U of M Extension Service report – No report was given.
- IX. **Information Items**
 - A. **Supervisor Reports**

- 1) February 22, Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal Program meeting – Grosland summarized the meeting. A follow-up meeting is planned with the Benton County sheriff.
- 2) February 22, Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting – Bastian reported that the meeting included a presentation about conservation design and low impact development techniques.
- 3) February 23, Mid MN Mississippi River RC&D meeting – Grosland summarized the meeting which included discussion about identifying funds for a coordinator. Two Benton SWCD applications for projects were also approved.
- 4) February 28, Elk River Watershed Association meeting – Jordan provided a summary.
- 5) March 1, MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capital – Bastian and Grosland reported on their meetings with all of the state legislators representing Benton County.
- 6) March 3, MASWCD Area 2 and West Central Technical Service Area meeting – Thole and Rau provided information about the meeting which included a discussion on conservation drainage practices and the Minnesota Conservation Corps program. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd and will be hosted by the Benton SWCD. Potential presentation topics were discussed.

B. Old Business

- 1) Watershed Technician update – Maciej reported on the progress of hiring a Watershed Technician.

C. New Business

- 1) MASWCD Resolutions – Maciej reminded the board of the resolution process and timelines.
- 2) Benton SWCD and ERWA annual reports – Maciej presented the 2010 Benton SWCD annual report. The Elk River Watershed Association annual report will be available in April. Doran presented the Sherburne SWCD 2010 Activity Highlights report.
- 3) Conservation Corps Program – Rau presented several potential projects that may fit in well with the Outdoor Crops Program. Maciej was asked to follow up on one potential project and report back to the board at a future meeting.

D. Calendar of Future Events: Attendance for the following meetings was discussed.

- 1) March 21, Elk River Watershed Association board meeting
- 2) March 22, Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting
- 3) April 18, Elk River Watershed Association meeting
- 4) April 27, Benton SWCD board meeting
- 5) To be determined, Benton SWCD Annual Report Presentation

X. Adjourn

Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Secretary, Board of Supervisors

Date