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**Benton SWCD
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, 8:30 AM
February 24th, 2010**

Agenda

- I. **Call meeting to order** 8:30
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**..... 8:31
- III. **Approve Agenda** 8:32
- IV. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 8:33
- V. **Treasurers' Report** 8:35
- VI. **Conservation Plans** 8:50
 - A. Up to 11 Conservation Stewardship Program conservation plans
- VII. **Action Items**..... 9:00
 - A. **New Business**
 - 1) Resource Training and Solutions Joint Powers Agreement (Tabled in January)
 - 2) Consider Rural Preserve Property Tax Program items
 - (a) Set fee schedules
 - (b) Approve District Conservation Management Plan writers and reviewers
 - (c) Establish Conservation Management Plan writer criteria and approval process
 - (d) Consider a public notary commission for district staff
 - 3) BWSR Native Buffer Program two bid requirement and agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
 - 4) Greg Novak – Ag BMP Low Interest Loan application
 - 5) Eric and Kris Beehler – Ag BMP Low Interest Loan application
 - 6) Approve Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement
 - 7) Consider BWSR grant agreements and authorize the chair to sign
 - 8) Set price for the new plat book
 - 9) Consider purchasing bird house materials
 - 10) Consider 2010 budget
 - 11) Consider using FY 2010 State Cost Share funds for technical assistance
 - 12) Approve the Annual Plan of Work
- VIII. **Progress Reports** 11:00
 - A. Staff reports
 - B. NRCS reports
 - C. U of M Extension Service report
- IX. **Information Items**..... 11:30
 - A. **Committee Reports**
 - 1) ERWA board meeting – January 25 (Joe and Gerry)

- 2) WRAC and EQIP Local Workgroup meeting – January 26 (Chuck, Gerry, Annie, and Pat)
- 3) Supervisor/Staff insight follow up meeting – February 10 (Wade and Joe)
- 4) MASWCD day at the capital – February 17 & 18 (Wade, Chuck and Gerry)

B. New Business

- 1) 2010 Minnesota Department of Agriculture Low Interest Loan Program Application
- 2) U of M / BWSR Clean Water Listening Sessions
- 3) Area 2 MASWCD March 18th meeting attendance
- 4) 2010 SWCD supervisor election

X. **Correspondence**.....11:59

A. Elk River Watershed Association October 19, 2009 meeting minutes

XI. **Adjourn**12:00

Calendar of Future Events:

- March 4, Anoka Sand Plain Plant Materials Center meeting
- March 15, Elk River Watershed Association meeting
- March 17, Benton SWCD board meeting
- March 18, Area 2 MASWCD meeting
- March 23, Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting