

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
Tuesday
January 17, 2023
8:00 A.M.**

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

**Attendance: Supervisors–Wade Bastian, Mike Winkleman, Chuck Rau, Joe Jordan, Bernie Thole
Other: Gerry Maciej (District Manager), Josh Bork (NRCS), Renee Thell (Administrative Assistant),
Darren Mayers (BWSR)**

**In for part of the meeting: Nathan Sanoski (District/Farm Bill Technician),
Emily Forbord (Watershed and Outreach Specialist), Mike McMillin (District Technician), and
Blake Paulson from Senator Emmer office.**

- I. **Call meeting to order**– The meeting was called to order by Jordan at 8:01 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**- recited.
- III. **Supervisors Oath of Office**- Joe Jordan and Mike Winkleman recited.
- IV. **Approve Agenda**- Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve agenda with added suggestions. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- V. **Reorganization of SWCD Officers**- Motion by Thole, second by Bastian to approve reorganization of SWCD Officers. Rau – Chair, Winkleman – Vice Chair, Thole – Secretary, Bastian – Treasurer, Jordan – Member. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VI. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**- Motion by Jordan, second by Thole to approve December minutes. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VII. **Treasurers' Monthly Report**- Maciej presented December Program Summary Report. Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve reports. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VIII. **Payment of Bills**
 - A. **Benton SWCD Bills** - Maciej presented the Accounts Payable report. Motion by Jordan, 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** - Maciej presented the Accounts Payable report for the WCTSA. Motion by Thole, second by Jordan 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.

IX. **One Watershed One Plan** – Forbord updated the board on both Rum and Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P items.

A. Rum River

1) Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) proposal

B. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P

1) January 4 steering committee meeting

2) Nominate Citizen Advisory Committee members- Motion by Bastian, second by Thole to approve the nomination of Citizen Advisory Committee members Amy Robak and Jake Scherer. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed. Motion by Bastian, second by Jordan to approve to use Water Plan funds to pay for the per diem and mileage for Citizen Advisory Committee members. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

3) Open house plans

Sanoski and McMillin came into the meeting at this time and left after Conservation Plans.

X. **Conservation Plans**

A. FY2021 Mayhew Lake / Elk River Grant

1) FY2021 CWF – ERM-16, Jon Henry - partial payment request for erosion control project - Motion by Jordan, second by Winkelman to approve partial payment request FY2021 CWF-ERM-16 A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

B. MDA Ag. BMP Low Interest Loan Program

1) Shawn Pollard – Low interest loan application - Motion by Jordan, second by Bastian to table Low Interest loan application for Pollard until next board meeting to get more information. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

XI. **Other Items**

A. Set 2023 board meeting dates - Motion by Jordan, second by Bastian to approve 2023 board meeting dates. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

B. Set committees for 2023 - Motion by Jordan, second by Thole to approve committees for 2023. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

Blake Paulson left the meeting at this time.

C. Annual manure spreader use report – Maciej informed the board.

D. Education and outreach update – Forbord informed the board.

E. Benton SWCD 75th anniversary plans – Thell informed the board.

XII. **Progress Reports**

A. Staff reports-none

B. District Manager report – Maciej informed the board.

C. NRCS report- Bork informed the board.

D. BWSR Report – Mayers informed the board.

XIII. **Information Items**

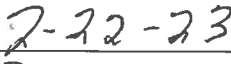
A. Calendar of Future Events:

- 1) January 25, 10:30 A.M to 12:00 P.M, SWCD Legislative Advocacy Webinar
- 2) January 26, Rum River Watershed JPB meeting
- 3) January 31, Mississippi River St. Cloud One Watershed One Plan Kickoff Event
- 4) February 7, MASWCD Area 2 and West Central Technical Service Area meetings
- 5) March 7 & 8, MASWCD Legislative briefing and Day at the Capitol
- 6) March 8, BWSR Treasurer training, Anoka County
- 7) March 15, BWSR Treasurer training, Melrose

XIV. **Supervisor Open Forum**

XV. **Adjourn**— Motion by Thole to adjourn the board meeting at 10:44 a.m.


Secretary, Board of Supervisors


Date

