



# 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 22, 2023  
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 ..... 8:07
  - A. Benton SWCD Bills – action item
  - B. WCTSA Bills – action item
- VII. One Watershed One Plan ..... 8:15
  - A. Rum River Watershed Partnership
    - 1) Implementation grant application correspondence
    - 2) March 13, Implementation planning committee meeting
    - 3) March 23 (upcoming), Rum River Watershed Partnership board meeting
  - B. Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P
    - 1) February 22, technical advisory committee meeting
    - 2) March 1, steering committee meeting
    - 3) March 17, implementation organizational arrangement subgroup meeting
    - 4) March 21, technical advisory committee meeting
    - 5) March 24 (upcoming), policy committee meeting
- VIII. Conservation Plans ..... 8:40
  - A. FY 2021 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant
    - 1) FY2021 CWF-ERM18, Mark Czech - New Contract – action item
- IX. Other Items ..... 8:45
  - A. Education and outreach update – information item
  - B. 2022 annual report – information item
  - C. Poster and essay contest judging – information item
  - D. Technician vacancy update – information item
  - E. USDA lease update – information item
  - F. Programs update – information item
    - 1) Irrigation RCPP program 2023 priority changes, BWSR and MDH grants - Jessica
    - 2) FY22 Buffer implementation grant - Jessica

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- 3) FY23 District Capacity grant - Jessica
- 4) BWSR Rum river watershed based implementation funding - Emily
- 5) FY22 and FY23 State cost share grants - Mike
- 6) EQIP “IRA” program and Rum River “CIP” program – Josh
- 7) Programs update wrap up – Gerry

**G. Legislative update – information item**

X.	<b>Progress Reports</b> .....	9:50
	<b>A.</b> Staff reports	
	<b>B.</b> District Manager report	
	<b>C.</b> NRCS report	
	<b>D.</b> BWSR report	
XI.	<b>Finish the bank transition items</b> , Tracy Riedeman, Frandsen Bank & Trust – <u>action item</u>	10:30
XII.	<b>Information Items</b> .....	10:45
	<b>A. Supervisor / Manager Reports</b>	
	1) March 2, We Are Water exhibit opening ceremony	
	2) March 7 & 8, MASWCD legislative briefing and Day at the Capitol	
	3) March 15, BWSR treasurer training, Sauk Centre	
	4) March 16, DNR groundwater management area public meeting	
	5) March 21, Annual report presentation to Benton County	
	<b>B. Calendar of Future Events:</b>	
	1) March 23, Rum River Watershed Partnership board meeting	
	2) March 24, Mississippi River St. Cloud One Watershed One Plan policy committee meeting	
	3) April 19, Minnesota Association of SWCDs board meeting	
	4) April 26, Benton SWCD board meeting	
	5) April 27 – 28, Benton SWCD tree pickup dates scheduled.	
XIII.	<b>Supervisor Open Forum</b> .....	11:10
XIV.	<b>Adjourn</b> .....	11:20