



# 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  
October 25, 2023  
8:00 A.M.**

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

**Attendance: Supervisors–Wade Bastian, Mike Winkelman, Bernie Thole, Joe Jordan, Chuck Rau**

**Other: Gerry Maciej (District Manager), Josh Bork (NRCS District Conservationist), and Renee Thell (Administrative Assistant). In for part of the meeting: Nathan Sanoski (District/Farm Bill Technician), Mike McMillin (District Technician) and John Reins (US Fish and Wildlife Service)**

- I. **Call meeting to order**– The meeting was called to order by Rau at 8:01 a.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**- recited.
- III. **Approve Agenda**- Motion by Jordan, second by Bastian to approve October agenda. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- IV. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**- Motion by Thole, second by Winkelman to approve September minutes. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- V. **Treasurers' Monthly Report**- Maciej presented September Program Summary Report. Motion by Thole, second by Jordan to approve reports. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VI. **Payment of Bills**
  - A. Benton SWCD Bills - Motion by Thole, second by Winkelman to approve the accounts payable report, pay bills. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
  - B. WCTSA Bills - Motion by Thole, second by Winkelman to approve the WCTSA accounts payable report, pay bills. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- VII. **One Watershed One Plan** – Maciej reported to the board. Bork came into the meeting at this time.
  - A. **Rum River Watershed Partnership**
    - 1) September 11, implementation planning committee meeting
    - 2) September 28, Rum River Watershed Partnership board meeting
  - B. **Mississippi River St. Cloud 1W1P**
    - 1) September 29, landscape stewardship plan meeting – Mike McMillin came into the meeting at this time to update the board and left after the discussion.
    - 2) October 4, steering committee meeting
    - 3) October 19, technical advisory committee
    - 4) November 1, steering committee meeting
    - 5) November 8, landscape stewardship plan meeting
    - 6) November 21, technical advisory committee
  - C. **Mississippi River Sartell 1W1P**
    - 1) None
- VIII. **Conservation Plans**
  - A. FY 2018 Buffer Law grant
    - 1) FY2018 CWF Buffer C/S - 01 – Dave Kloss – Contract Amendment - Motion by Thole, second by Winkelman to approve the amended land occupier/landowner to Ryan Burggraff instead of Dave Kloss for

contract FY2018 CWF Buffer C/S – 01. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

McMillin and Sanoski came into the meeting at this time and left after Pflipsen discussion.

**B. FY 2022 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant**

- 1) FY2022 CWF-ERM1 – Drew and Renee Schefers – Partial Payment Request, tabled in September - Motion by Bastian, second by Winkelman to deny the partial payment request for FY2022 CWF-ERM1. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.
- 2) FY2022 CWF-ERM9 – Max Jacobson – Contract Amendment & Final Payment Request- Motion by Jordan, second by Thole to increase the financial assistance by \$117.14 for FY2022 CWF-ERM9 for a grand total of \$1,925.34 and to release payment for \$1,925.34. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

John Reins joined the meeting via “Teams” and left after the Pflipsen discussion.

**C. FY 2021 Mayhew Lake / Elk River grant**

- 1) FY2021 CWF-ERM27 – Terry Pflipsen – Discussion about contract amendment approach – Sanoski and Reins discussed with the board contract amendment approach. It will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**VIII. Other Items**

**A.** Education and outreach update – Maciej informed the board.

**B.** Septic system operation and maintenance spot check follow up – Maciej informed board work has been made on last month’s issue.

**C.** MASWCD resolution voting – board discussed and completed resolution voting.

**D.** Office organization chart – Maciej discussed with board.

**IX. Progress Reports**

**A.** Staff reports – none.

**B.** District Manager report – Maciej reported.

**C.** NRCS report – Bork reported.

**D.** BWSR report – none.

**E.** U of M Extension Service – none.

**X. Information Items**

**A. Supervisor / Manager Reports**

- 1) September 28, Rum River Watershed Partners board meeting
- 2) October 16, Women in Agriculture event
- 3) October 23, Minnesota Association of SWCDs board meeting
- 4) October 25, Benton SWCD board meeting

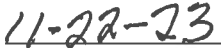
**B. Calendar of Future Events:**

- 1) November 15, Minnesota Association of SWCDs board meeting
- 2) November 22, Benton SWCD board meeting
- 3) December 8, Soil Health Team meeting
- 4) December 11 – 13, MASWCD Annual Convention and Trade Show

**IX. Supervisor Open Forum**

**IX. Adjourn**– Motion by Thole, second by Jordan to adjourn the board meeting at 11:41 a.m. A moment was taken to ask if there were any objections, all were in favor. The motion passed.

  
Secretary, Board of Supervisors

  
Date