



Root River Soil and Water Conservation District

Agricultural Service Center

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Root River Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to provide assistance to cooperators in managing the natural resources on their land. In addition, the district will continue to educate people on local conservation issues and concerns, in order to fortify and perpetuate the conservation movement.

Agenda

August 13, 2026 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

Ag Service Center, Caledonia, MN

2026 Officers

Ken Anderson	Chair
Matt Feldmeier	Vice-Chair
Joe Driscoll	Secretary
Jerry Welke	Treasurer
Glenn Kruse	Reporter

Finance Committee: Driscoll & Welke

Personnel Committee: Feldmeier & Kruse

TSA7 Committee [JPB]: Welke

Root River One Watershed, One Plan: Kruse

Alternate - Feldmeier

Mississippi River – Winona/

La Crescent 1W1P: Welke

Alternate - Driscoll

10:00 A.M. Call meeting to order.

Flag Pledge

Minutes

Chair call for additions or corrections to the July 9, 2026 board meeting minutes.

Employee Time Records: Chair call for a motion to approve Employee Time Records.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer recommend the July 2026 Treasurer's Report be placed on file for audit.

AGENCY REPORTS

Dave Copeland, BWSR Report

Zack Glaunert, Quail Forever & Pheasants Forever Report

Jeremy Burt, Houston County Environmental Services Report

Ryan Hytry, NRCS Report

Dave Walter, District Manager Report

- IRS Mileage Rate Increase – Effective 7/1/2026 increase from \$0.725 to \$0.76 per mile
- Capital Improvement Project
- 765 Kilovolt Line

PROGRAM REPORT

- WCA – Update

PROGRAM REPORT – Bob Scanlan, MDA

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - *Update*

MASWCD & MACDE

WATERSHED UPDATES

Bear Creek – Update

Crooked Creek – Update

Root River 1W1P - Update

Winnebago - Update

WinLaC (Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent) 1W1P - Update

PROGRAM & STAFF REPORTS

Jean Meiners, Technician

- MDH Safe Drinking Water Tap-In – *Update*
- MDH Well Inventory Grant – *Update*
- BMP Projects – *Update*

Dan Wermager, Technician

- IWM (SWAG) – *Update*
- Soil Health Delivery Grant – *Update*
- Southeast MN Nitrate Reduction & Water Protection Program - *Update*

Janice Messner, Administrative Assistant

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – *Update*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: *Update*

- Meeting held August 4, 2026

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: *Update*

TSA7 (Joint Powers) COMMITTEE: *Update*

- Meeting held July 17, 2026

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

1. 2027 Proposed SWCD Budget – *Approval requested*

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

1W1P ROOT RIVER WATERSHED-BASE IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING PROGRAM (Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)

FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds **\$ 5,725.50**

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds **\$ 229,937.62**

Funding Source Change Request

- Contract #04FY26RR1W1P Vancleave, Dale – 410 Grade Stabilization Structure \$4,075.28. Moving from FY26 Root River 1W1P to FY24 Root River 1W1P.
FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 1,650.22
FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 192,579.54

FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Payment Request (Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)

Name	Project/Contract #	Total Cost Estimate	Actual Project Cost	Request
Vancleave, Dale	04FY26RR1W1P Grade Stabilization Structure	\$39,660.31	\$39,660.31	\$39,660.31 @ 90% = \$35,694.28 EQIP = \$31,617.40 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$4,075.28 Payment Amount Approved = \$4,075.28

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Request (Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)

Name	Contract	Total Cost Estimate	Cost Share Amount Requested	Project	Completion Date
Ask, Jr., Carl	11FY26RR1W1P	\$32,452.80	\$29,207.52	580 – Steambank & Shoreline Protection	12/31/2026

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 204,805.38

ARPA – (Spending expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds **\$ 4,269.39**

Acknowledge ARPA Cost Share Cancellations

- McEvilly, Sean – Push Up Pond with pipe - \$1,500.00
 - Driscoll, Joe – Pond Clean Out - \$500.00
 - Wilkes, Ron – Push Up Pond with pipe - \$1,500.00
 - Myhre, Joe – Pond Clean Out & Push Up Pond with pipe - \$2,000.00
- ARPA Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 9,769.39

WINLAC 1W1P COST SHARE PROGRAM (Funding percentage based on ranking)

FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Ag Practices Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds **\$24,500.00**

FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Non-Structural Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds **\$7,500.00**

FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Vegetative Management & Pollinator Planting Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds **\$5,000.00**

WinLaC 1W1P CRP (Grant expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds **\$2,000.00**

FY25 WinLaC Cost Share Request (Funding up to 75% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source with a \$5,000 cap)

Name	Contract	Total Cost Estimate	Cost Share Amount Requested	Project	Completion Date
Gundersen Lutheran Administrative Services Inc	2025WinLaC-Roo-001	\$9,100.00	\$5,000.00	351 – Well Decommissioning	12/31/2026

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS (Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)

FY26 Conservation Contracts (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds **\$1,196.30**

FY27 Conservation Contracts (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds **\$23,690.00**

MDH TAP-IN COST SHARE FUNDING PROGRAM (Funding at 50% or 100% of cost estimate)
MDH Tap- In Cost Share Grant (Grant expiration 4/1/2027) Funds Available

SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY GRANT (Funding \$40.00/acre single specie cover crop; \$50.00/acre multi-specie cover crop)
FY26 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds: **\$0**

****Accounts Payable:****

Chair call for a motion to approve accounts payable and transfer of funds.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
5181	Ron Carlsen – Rent – August	\$ 1,287.00
5182	Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks	\$ 463.04
5183	VISA – Furniture/Equipment – Decked Drawer System = \$1,817.36; IT Support – Adobe Pro Subscription = \$256.37	\$ 2,073.73
5184	Vancleave, Dale – Grade Stabilization Structure – Contract #04FY26RR1W1P	\$ 4,075.28
	Total	\$ 7,899.05
	Transfer of Funds from Cash General Fund to S & W Designated Reserve Investment Acct. 10033589	\$ 11,000.00
	Transfer of Funds from Cash General Fund to Capital Equipment Investment Acct. 10033563	\$ 9,924.54

***** WinLaC 1W1P Accounts Payable *****

Chair call for a motion to approve accounts payable and transfer of funds.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
71	Wabasha SWCD – FY23 Project Development – Inv 2026-54 (B) = \$542.40; FY25 Technical – Inv 2026-54A-TA = \$1,318.25	\$ 1,860.65
72	Olmsted SWCD – FY23 Ag Practices – Inv Q2-2026 – Contract 26-WinLaC-Olm-001	\$ 2,400.00
73	Winona County Planning & Zoning – FY25 Groundwater Practices – Inv 25-007 – Contract 25WinLaC-WCO-001	\$ 1,968.75
	Total	\$ 6,229.40
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund	\$ 2,858.82
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund	\$ 3,370.58

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING -- Regular Meeting, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Ag Service Center