



# **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**

**July 9, 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 June 11, 2026 board meeting minutes.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer recommend the June 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**

- Southeast MN Nitrate Reduction & Water Protection Program

### **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*
- Alternate Nitrate Mitigation Program - *Update*
- MDH Well Inventory Grant – *Update*
- BMP Projects – *Update*

### **Dan Wermager, Technician**

- Alliance Grant – *Update*
- IWM (SWAG) – *Update*
- Soil Health Delivery Grant - *Update*

### **Janice Messner, Administrative Assistant**

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – *Update*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**TSA7 (Joint Powers) COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is July 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. at Olmsted SWCD.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2026 Conservationist of the Year – District 3

## **NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

1. SE MASWCD Area 7 Annual Dues - \$3,000 – *Approval requested*
2. Truck Bed Drawer System and vehicle lettering – Drawer system = \$1,817.36 (includes tax, free shipping); Lettering = \$76.54 – *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 \$ 225,862.34

**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 |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Pearson, Nathan | 10FY26RR1W1P | \$2,000.00          | \$1,500.00                  | 351 – Well Decommissioning | 12/31/2026      |

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

**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**

**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**

**\*\*Accounts Payable:\*\***

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

| Voucher # | Item                                                                                       | Amount             |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5175      | SE MASWCD – Area 7 2026 Annual Dues                                                        | \$ 300.00          |
| 5176      | Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks                                                             | \$ 310.49          |
| 5177      | VISA – MDH Well Inventory Postage = \$497.00; Meals = \$50.61; Lodging = \$429.00          | \$ 976.61          |
| 5178      | Walter, Dave – Vehicle Maintenance Battery for Dodge Ram                                   | \$ 240.40          |
| 5179      | Messner, Janice - Mileage                                                                  | \$ 508.95          |
| 5180      | Houston County Treasurer – Lettering 2025 GMC                                              | \$ 76.54           |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                                                               | <b>\$ 2,412.99</b> |
|           | Transfer of Funds from Cash General Fund to Bear Creek Watershed Investment Acct. 10033399 | \$ 762.63          |
|           | Transfer of Funds from Cash General Fund to Winnebago Watershed Investment Acct. 10033340  | \$ 1,000.00        |

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

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

| Voucher # | Item                                                                                                                                                | Amount              |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 68        | Winona County SWCD – FY23 Technical – Inv 2023 TA = \$5,040.00; Inv 2024 TA = \$11,960.00 ; FY23 Education Adopt-A-Drain = \$3,180.38               | \$ 20,180.38        |
| 69        | Winona County – FY25 Administrative – Inv 25-005 = \$4,035.72; Inv 25-006 = \$4,213.99                                                              | \$ 8,249.71         |
| 70        | SE MN Technical Support JPB – FY23 Project Development – Inv 2026-Q2 = \$345.53; FY23 Technical – Inv 2026-Q2 = \$1,022.39                          | \$ 1,367.92         |
|           | Houston County Treasurer - Root River SWCD – FY23 Technical – Inv 10 Technical = \$267.88; FY25 Administrative – Inv 5 Root River SWCD = \$5,068.09 | \$ 5,335.97         |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>\$ 35,133.98</b> |
|           | Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund                                                                    | \$ 21,816.18        |
|           | Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund                                                                    | \$ 13,317.80        |

## **Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING -- Regular Meeting, August 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.** Ag Service Center