



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

June 11, 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.

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Minutes

Chair call for additions or corrections to the May 14, 2026 board meeting minutes.

Employee Time Records: Chair call for a motion to approve Employee Time Records and Supervisor per diems.
Supervisor Per Diems

Item	Amount
Anderson, Ken – 2 nd Qtr. 3 mtgs. @ \$125.00/each	\$ 375.00
Driscoll, Joe – 2 nd Qtr. 5 mtgs. @ \$125.00/each	\$ 625.00
Feldmeier, Matt – 2 nd Qtr. 3mtgs. @ \$125.00/each	\$ 375.00
Kruse, Glenn – 2 nd Qtr. 3 mtgs. @ \$125.00/each	\$ 375.00
Welke, Jerry – 2 nd Qtr. 5 mtgs. @ \$125.00/each	\$ 625.00

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer recommend the May 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

- Conservationist of the Year – District 3 – Black Hammer Twp., Spring Grove Twp. & Village, Wilmington Twp.

PROGRAM REPORT

- WCA – Update

- Buffer Law – *Update*
- Easement Delivery (RIM) - *Update*

PROGRAM REPORT – Bob Scanlan, MDA

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - *Update*

MASWCD & MACDE

- Area 7 Resolutions Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - *Update*

WATERSHED UPDATES

Bear Creek – Update

- Inspection Tour held June 8, 2026

Crooked Creek – Update

Root River 1W1P - Update

Winnebago - Update

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

PROGRAM & STAFF REPORTS

Jean Meiners, Technician

- MDA Private Well Mitigation (RO Systems) – *Update*
- 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: Update

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

1. Local Partners Agreement Root River SWCD & Pheasants Forever, Inc. – Term July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 - \$3,000.00
2. Letter of Support Request – Southeast MN Groundwater Protection & Soil Health Initiative

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

ARPA – (Spending expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds \$ 3,769.39

Acknowledge ARPA Cost Share Cancellation

- Feine, Rocky – Pond Clean Out - \$500.00
ARPA Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 4,269.39

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 \$ 0

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds \$ 190,146.73

FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Cancellation Request

- Contract #22FY24RR1W1P Hartley, Chris 410 Grade Stabilization Structure has requested to cancel this project. Cost share funds allocated to project \$7,998.00. Funding Source FY24 Root River 1W1P.
FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$ 7,998.00

FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Amendment Request

- Contract #31FY24RR1W1P Davison Properties 410 Grade Stabilization Structure is requesting to amend the cost estimate due to needing additional cubic yards of fill and adding Salvage and Spread Top Soil to the cost estimate. The new cost estimate is \$5,525.00. This changes the cost sharable amount from \$2,700.00 to \$4,972.50.
FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$5,725.50

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
Davison Properties LLC	31FY24RR1W1P Grade Stabilization Structure	\$5,525.00	\$11,379.84	\$11,379.84 @ 90% = \$10,241.86 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$4,972.50 Payment Amount Approved = \$4,972.50

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
Hoscheit Dairy Farms, LLC	07FY26RR1W1P	\$19,373.00	\$9,915.70	578 – Stream Crossing	12/31/2026

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$180,231.03

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Amendment Request

- Contract #04FY26RR1W1P Vancleave, Dale 410 Grade Stabilization Structure is requesting to amend the cost estimate due to fuel price increases. The new cost estimate is \$39,660.31. Also, EQIP funding was made available totaling \$31,619.00. With these changes the cost sharable amount has decreased from \$33,894.28 to \$4,075.28.
FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$210,050.03

- Contract #03FY26RR1W1P Eikens Family Farm LLC 410 Grade Stabilization Structures is requesting to amend the cost share amount of \$21,854.39 to \$4,733.39. This is due to receiving EQIP funding in the amount of \$17,121.00.
FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$227,171.03

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
Hammel, Robert	08FY26RR1W1P	\$8,962.00	\$5,482.60	410 – Grade Stabilization Structure	12/31/2026
Hammel, Robert	09FY26RR1W1P	\$20,428.00	\$1,908.69	410 – Grade Stabilization Structure	12/31/2026

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$225,262.34

FY26 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
Eikens Family Farm LLC	06FY26RR1W1P Conservation Cover	5 acres @ \$300/acre = \$1,500.00	\$900.00	3 acres @ \$300/acre = \$900.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$1,500.00 Payment Amount Approved = \$900.00 Slippage for re-allocation = \$600.00
Schroeder, Jason	03FY26RR1W1P Conservation Cover	1.5 acres @ \$300/acre = \$450.00	\$450.00	1.5 acres @ \$300/acre = \$450.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$450.00 Payment Amount Approved = \$450.00

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$225,862.34

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: **\$6,920.00**

Pre-Approval Acknowledgement Soil Health Delivery Grant Cost Share Grant (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
Mierau, Robert	06FY26SHD	46.133 acres @ \$50.00/ acre Multi species, 3 yrs.	\$6,920.00	340 – Cover Crop	11/1/2026; 11/1/2027; 11/1/2028

Soil Health Delivery Grant Cost Share – Remaining balance \$0.00

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

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.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
5160	Ron Carlsen – Rent – June	\$ 1,287.00
5161	Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks	\$ 365.27
5162	VISA – Vehicle Maintenance GMC Oil change; MDH Well Inventory Postage = \$234.00	\$ 325.50
5163	Talcott Resolution Life & Annuity Ins. Co. – Life Insurance - Policy #LU1188704 Dave Walter	\$ 90.00
5164	Eikens Family Farm LLC – Conservation Cover #06FY26RR1W1P	\$ 900.00
5165	Schroeder, Jason – Conservation Cover #03FY26RR1W1P	\$ 450.00
5166	Anderson, Ken – Mileage – 2 nd Qtr.	\$ 47.85
5167	Driscoll, Joe – Mileage – 2 nd Qtr.	\$ 81.56
5168	Feldmeier, Matt – Mileage – 2 nd Qtr.	\$ 78.30
5169	Kruse, Glenn – Mileage – 2 nd Qtr.	\$ 43.50
5170	Welke, Jerry – Mileage – 2 nd Qtr.	\$ 108.75
5171	Davison Properties LLC – Grade Stabilization Structure #31FY24RR1W1P	\$ 4,972.50
5172	Petty Cash – Other Expense	\$ 2.14
5173	Quill LLC – Office Supply	\$ 48.08
5174	Winneshiek SWCD – Bear Creek Inspection Tour Expenses	\$ 79.36
	Total	\$ 8,879.81

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

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

Voucher #	Item	Amount
67	Olmsted SWCD – FY25 Groundwater Practice – Inv Q2-2026-1 = \$3,000.00; FY23 Ag Practices – Inv Q2-2026-2 = \$14,112.00	\$ 17,112.00
	Total	\$ 17,112.00
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund	\$ 14,112.00
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund	\$ 3,000.00

Adjournment

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