



# **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**

**May 14, 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 April 9, 2026 board meeting minutes.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer recommend the updated March 2026 Treasurer's Report and the April 2026 Treasurer's Report be placed on file for audit.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**Zack Glaunert, Quail Forever & Pheasants Forever Report**

**Jeremy Burt, Houston County Environmental Services Report**

**Ryan Hytry, NRCS Report**

**Dave Walter, District Manager Report**

- Envirothon – *Update*
- Board Supervisor Election Registration, May 9 – June 2, 2026 – *Supervisor terms expiring Jerry Welke and Joe Driscoll*

### **PROGRAM REPORT**

- WCA – *Update*
- Buffer Law – *Update*

## **PROGRAM REPORT** – Bob Scanlan, MDA

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - *Update*

## **MASWCD & MACDE**

- Area 7 Resolutions Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2026 Stewartville, MN. Registration fee \$20.00/person. All resolutions must be emailed by June 2, 2026.
- Proposed resolutions from Root River SWCD and supervisors - *Discussion*

## **WATERSHED UPDATES**

*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*
- Trees – *Update*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**TSA7 (Joint Powers) COMMITTEE:** *Update*

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

### 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 \$ 0

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds \$ 225,991.01

#### **FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share Amendment Request**

- Contract #29FY24RR1W1P Sheehan, Alan or Kathy 351 Well Decommissioning are requesting to amend the amended completion date of 5/31/26 to 9/30/26. This is due to contractor availability.
- Contract #22FY24RR1W1P Hartley, Chris 410 Grade Stabilization Structure is requesting to amend the amended completion date of 6/15/2026 to 11/30/2026. This is due to contractor availability.

#### **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 |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vancleave, Dale        | 04FY26RR1W1P | \$37,660.31               | \$33,894.28                 | 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure | 12/31/2026      |
| Schroeder, Jason       | 05FY26RR1W1P | 1.5 acres @ \$300.00/acre | \$450.00                    | 327 – Conservation Cover            | 6/1/2026        |
| Eikens Family Farm LLC | 06FY26RR1W1P | 5 acres @ \$300.00/acre   | \$1,500.00                  | 327 – Conservation Cover            | 6/1/2026        |

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share – Remaining balance \$190,146.73

#### **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 **\$16,192.10**

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

#### **FY26 Conservation Contracts 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 |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hartman, Brad & Hartman Maas, Beth | 03FY26CS | \$14,262.00         | \$12,835.80                 | 410 – Grade Stabilization Structure & 362 - Diversion | 12/31/2026      |
| Meiners, Richie                    | 04FY26CS | \$2,400.00          | \$2,160.00                  | 342 – Critical Area Planting                          | 9/1/2026        |

FY26 Conservation Contract Cost Share – Remaining balance \$1,196.30

#### **ARPA** – (Spending expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds \$ 5,769.39

#### **NO ACTION NEEDED - ARPA Push Up Pond & Pond Clean Out Designation** (Flat rate incentive amount)

| Name       | Cost Share Amount Requested | Project                              |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Myhre, Joe | \$2,000.00                  | Pond Clean Out & Push Up Pond w/pipe |

ARPA Cost Share – Remaining balance \$3,969.39

**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: **\$6,920.00**

**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             |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 5150      | Ron Carlsen – Rent – May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$ 1,287.00        |
| 5151      | Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$ 376.09          |
| 5152      | VISA – Trees Postage = \$61.00; Vehicle Maintenance Dodge grease & oil change = \$88.44; Meals – 4/27/26 RR1W1P PWG & SWAG Mtgs. = \$45.85; MDA SG Walkover Postage = \$312.00; JPB Vehicle Maintenance – Fuel JPB truck = \$73.67; Adobe Pro Subscription = \$256.37 | \$ 837.33          |
| 5153      | Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery - Trees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$ 60.00           |
| 5154      | Blackburn Manufacturing – Trees Flags = \$94.46; Field Supplies = \$175.42                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 269.88          |
| 5155      | MACDE – Registration Fee – MACDE Administrative Conference June 17 - 18, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 100.00          |
| 5156      | Forestry Suppliers Inc – Buffer Field Supply                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 112.99          |
| 5157      | Quill – Tree Supply                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$ 125.78          |
| 5158      | Schumacher’s Nursery & Berry Farm Inc – Trees                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 2,553.50        |
| 5159      | SE Area 7 MASWCD – Registration fee \$20/ea. – Resolution Mtg. June 9, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 80.00           |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>\$ 5,802.57</b> |

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

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

| Voucher # | Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Amount              |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 65        | Wabasha SWCD – FY25 Forestry Practice – Inv 2026-25(B) = \$350.00; FY25 Project Development – Inv 2026-25(A) = \$67.75                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$ 417.75           |
| 66        | Winona SWCD – FY23 Vegetative Management – Inv 2023-04 Delano = \$3,287.14; FY23 Non-Structual – Inv 2025-108 Duncanson = \$2,350.00; Inv 2025-122 Moldenhauer = \$2,850.00; FY25 Non-Structural – Inv 2025-115 Putzier = \$6,000.00, Inv 2025-104 Lindeman = \$5,000.00, Inv 2025-105 Barnett = \$6,000.00 | \$ 25,487.14        |
|           | Root River SWCD – FY23 Technical – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2026 = \$301.37; FY25 Administrative – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2026 = \$83.83; CRP Administrative – 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2026 = \$521.96                                                                                                                  | \$ 907.16           |
|           | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>\$ 26,812.05</b> |
|           | Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 8,470.51         |
|           | Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 17,501.58        |

**Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING -- Regular Meeting, June 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.** Ag Service Center