



## **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**

**February 12, 2026 1:00 p.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*

**1:00 P.M.** Call meeting to order.

### **Flag Pledge**

### **Minutes**

Chair call for additions or corrections to the January 8, 2026 board meeting minutes.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer recommend the January 2025 Treasurer's Report be placed on file for audit.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**Dave Copeland, Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR)**

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

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

**Ryan Hytry, NRCS Report**

**Dave Walter, District Manager Report**

## **PROGRAM REPORT**

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

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

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - *Update*

## **MASWCD & MACDE**

- MASWCD Legislative Briefing, March 17, 2026, Radisson Hotel Downtown St. Paul. *Registration Deadline March 6, 2026.*  
*MASWCD's 2026 legislative priorities include:*
  - ❖ *State funding for district through SWCD Aid.*
  - ❖ *Capital investment/bonding dollars for RIM easements, including funding for asset preservation for existing wetland easements.*SWCD Day At The Capitol, March 18, 2026.
- SE MACDE Spring Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Goodhue County

## **WATERSHED UPDATES**

*Crooked Creek* – Update

*Root River IWIP* - Update

*Winnebago* - Update

*WinLaC (Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent) IWIP* - Update

## **PROGRAM & STAFF REPORTS**

### **Jean Meiners, Technician**

- MDA Private Well Mitigation (RO Systems) – *Update*
- MDH Safe Drinking Water Tap-In – *Update*
- MDH Well Inventory Grant – *Update*
- BMP Projects – *Update*

### **Dan Wermager, Technician**

- Alliance Grant – *Update*
- I-90 Soil Health Tour – *Update*

**Janice Messner, Administrative Assistant**

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – *Update*
- Trees – *Update*
- Rain Gauge Monitoring - *Update*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** *Update*

**TSA7 (Joint Powers) COMMITTEE:**

- Meeting January 28, 2026 - *Update*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

1. 2026 Envirothon Dues - \$175.00 – *Approval requested*
2. FY25 Conservation Investment National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) – *Discussion*  
*Member = \$1 - \$774      Gold = \$775 - \$1,775      Diamond = \$1,776 - \$3,000      Platinum = \$3,001 +*
3. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB 2026 Annual Membership Dues - \$4,000.00 – *Approval requested*
4. SWCD Personnel Policy – *Approval requested*
5. WinLaC 1W1P 2026 RAQ Webapp hosting contract, fee \$125.00 – *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 **\$ 24,254.66**

**ARPA** – (*Spending expiration 12/31/2026*) Available Funds **\$ 6,469.39**

**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 **\$21,720.80**

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
5127	Ron Carlsen – Rent – February	\$ 1,287.00
5128	Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks	\$ 79.10
5129	VISA – Annual Fee = \$25.00; Postage = \$186.61; MDH Well Index Postage = \$310.39; Root River 1W1P Civic Engagement Expenses = \$386.31	\$ 908.31
5130	Goodhue SWCD – Envirothon Dues	\$ 175.00
5131	Houston County Treasurer – License Plate Renewal 2017 GMC	\$ 21.25
5132	SE SWCD Technical Support JPB – 2026 Annual Membership Dues	\$ 4,000.00
5133	Houston County Recorder – Recording fee	\$ 46.00
5134	Quill LLC – Office Supplies	\$ 139.97
		\$
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,656.63</b>

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

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

Voucher #	Item	Amount
57	TSA7 – FY25 Technical 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2025	\$ 17,689.15
58	Wabasha SWCD – FY25 Technical 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtrs 2025 = \$5,646.92; FY25 Proj Dev 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtrs 2025 = \$1,051.61; FY25 Projects Non-Structural Walkes, Roger = \$5,143.00; FY25 Projects Non-Structural Walkes, Rachel = \$1,655.83; FY25 Projects Ag Practices Partial Payment Reiter \$1,857.59; FY23 Projects Non-Structural Walkes, Roger = \$857.00; FY25 WinLaC CRP Contracts 2025WinLaC-Wab-CRP1 – 2025WinLaC-Wab-CRP9 = \$1,00/each = \$9,000.00	\$ 25,211.95
59	Olmsted SWCD – FY25 Projects Well Decommissioning – Contract #25WinLaC-Olm-01 = \$2,686.88; Contract #25WinLaC-Olm-02 = \$3,000.00	\$ 5,686.88
60	Wabasha Forestry Committee – FY25 Education – Wabasha Forestry Day sponsorship 2/13/26	\$ 500.00
61	Brinks Wetland Services LLC – FY25 Project Development - WinLaC RAQ webapp 2026	\$ 125.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,212.98</b>
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund	\$ 1,857.59
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund	\$ 37,498.39

**Adjournment**

**NEXT MEETING -- Regular Meeting, March 12, 2026, 1:00 p.m.** Ag Service Center