



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

October 8, 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

2026 Committee Appointees

Finance Committee: Driscoll & Welke
Personnel Committee: Feldmeier & Kruse
TSA7 Committee [JPB]: Welke
Root River One Watershed, One Plan: Kruse
Alternate - Feldmeier

2026 Committee Appointees

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 September 10, 2026 board meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer recommend the September 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 Minnesota Nitrate Reduction & Water Protection Program

PROGRAM REPORT

- WCA – Update

PROGRAM REPORT – Bob Scanlan, MDA

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - Update

MASWCD & MACDE

- Area 7 MASWCD/MACDE Joint Fall Meeting held Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - *Update*
- MASWCD Annual Convention December 1 – 2, 2026 (Tuesday – Wednesday) DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington – Minneapolis South - *Registration fee and related expenses approval requested*

Registration – 2 days = \$340.00, Tuesday only = \$260.00, Wednesday only = \$225.00
Cancellation fee prior to Nov.13th = Registration fee less a \$80.00 cancellation fee; After Nov. 13th no refunds
Meals – Breakfast = \$25/day, Tuesday & Wednesday Luncheons = \$35/day
Lodging - \$115 plus tax/night
- MASWCD 2026 Resolutions - *Discussion*

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

- Soil Health Delivery Grant – *Update*

Janice Messner, Administrative Assistant

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – *Update*
- Tree Program - *Update*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: *Update*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: *Update*

- Continued discussion from the meeting held August 27, 2026

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 \$ **1,650.22**

FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share (Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds \$ **204,805.38**

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 Partial Project Cost	Request
Heintz Badger Valley Farms, LLC	#38FY24RR1W1P Waste Storage Facility	\$227,271.45	\$	\$ @ 90% = \$ Other State Funding = \$131,500.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$ Payment Amount Approved = \$

SE MN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (Funding 75% of cost estimate up to \$131,500.00)

SE MN Nutrient Management Initiative Cost Share Payment Request (Funding 75% of cost estimate up to \$131,500.00)

Name	Project/Contract #	Total Cost Estimate	Actual Partial Project Cost	Request
Heintz Badger Valley Farms, LLC	#01FY26SEMNN MI Waste Storage Facility	\$227,271.45	\$	\$ @ 75% = \$ Cost Share Allocated to project = \$131,500.00 Payment Amount Approved = \$131,500.00

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**

FY26 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share Partial Payment Request (Funding \$40.00/acre single specie cover crop; \$50.00/acre multi-specie cover crop)

Name	Project/Contract #	Total Cost Estimate	Actual Partial Project Cost	Request
Mierau, Robert	06FY26SHD Cover Crops	\$46.133 acres @ \$50.00/acre = \$2,306.65	\$2,306.65	\$46.133 acres @ \$50.00/acre = \$2,306.65 Cost Share Allocated to project = \$6,920.00 Partial Payment Amount Approved = \$2,306.65

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 \$ **2,500.00 & \$1,450.00 contingency**

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 Non-Structural Cost Share Request (Flat Rate Funding not to exceed 100 acre cap)

Name	Contract	Total Cost Estimate	Cost Share Amount Requested	Project	Completion Date
Schumacher, Shane	2025WinLaC-Roo-003	\$50.00/acre @ 79 acres – single specie	\$3,950.00	340 – Cover Crop	11/1/2026

FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Non-Structural Cost Sharing – Remaining balance \$ **0.00**

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

ARPA – (Spending expiration 12/31/2026) Available Funds \$ **9,769.39**

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 **\$1,650.22**

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

****Accounts Payable:****

Chair call for a motion to approve accounts payable.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
5199	Ron Carlsen – Rent – October	\$ 1,287.00
5200	Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks	\$
5201	VISA – Education – 6 th Grade Environmental Day = \$155.43	\$ 155.43
5202	Lind Awards & Engraving – Education Awards & Tours – Con of Year Plaque	\$ 37.58
5203	Jean Meiners – Mileage	\$ 22.80
5204	Mierau, Robert – Contract #06FY26SHD – Partial Payment	\$ 2,306.65
5205	Petty Cash – WinLaC Smarter Together Website Domain – 1 yr.	\$ 14.95
5206	Heintz Badger Valley Farms LLC – Waste Storage Facility - #38FY24RR1W1P = \$ & #01FY26SEMNNMI = \$131,500.00	\$
	Total	\$

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

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

Voucher #	Item	Amount
	Root River SWCD – FY23 Education – Inv 1251664115 Smarter Together Website Domain 1 yr	\$ 14.95
	Total	\$ 14.95
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund	\$ 14.95
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund	\$

Adjournment

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