



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 8:00 AM
11360 Highway 212, Suite 6, Cologne, MN | Phone: (952) 466-5230
Meeting will be held in conference room 1

- 1. Meeting called to order by District Manager**
- 2. Nomination and election for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer for 2026**
- 3. Public Comments – Limited to 5 Minutes**
- 4. Agenda review and adoption**
- 5. Agency Reports**
 - a. Carver County Report
 - b. FSA Report
 - c. NRCS Report

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- 6. Organizational Meeting Items**
 - a. Operating rules for 2026 – minor changes proposed on pages 2 and 5, any other changes? *Pages 2-11*
 - b. Set per diem and hourly rate for Supervisors – current policy included *Page 12*
 - c. Set 2026 mileage rate – IRS rate for 2026 is \$0.725, 2025 rate was \$0.70
 - d. Designate 2026 Depositories: Security Bank & Trust, MidCountry Bank, Citizens State Bank of NYA, Old National Bank, Southpoint Financial Credit Union
 - e. Committee appointments – *add/remove any committees?* (prior members listed)
 - 1) Personnel (Mark Zabel, Marcus Zbinden)
 - 2) MCD – Metro Conservation District's (Marcus Zbinden; Mike Lynch alt.)
 - 3) Education & Outreach (Jeff Sons, Mike Lynch)
 - 4) Budget (Jeff Sons, Marcus Zbinden)
 - 5) WMO Advisory (Marcus Zbinden; Jeff Sons alt.)
 - 6) South Fork Crow River 1W1P (Mark Zabel; Mike Lynch alt.)
- 7. Consent Agenda Action Items**
 - a. Approval of December 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes *Pages 13-16*
 - b. Acceptance of the December Treasurer's Report *Pages 17-22*
 - c. Sherburne SWCD sent a Thank You note for the MN Envirothon donation *Page 23*
 - d. The 2024 Audit is complete (no issues). If anyone would like a copy, let Felicia know.
- 8. Regular Agenda Items**
 - a. MCIT annual insurance renewal, total cost is \$13,581 (\$521 decrease)
 - b. Approval of payment of dues for 2026:
 - MASWCD - \$7,654.59 (\$223.22 increase)
 - MASWCD Area 4 - \$450 (\$100 increase)
 - Metro Conservation Districts; TSA 4 - \$50 (same)
 - NACD requests a \$1-3,000 contribution (last year we paid \$100)
 - c. Approval of Buffer Law Implementation grant agreement with BWSR *Pages 24-32*
- 9. SWCD Board Committee & SWCD Staff Monthly Reports**
 - a. The committees have not met. The WMO Advisory meeting will be held on January 27.
 - b. SWCD Staff Monthly Progress Report *Pages 33-34*

10. Board of Supervisors announcements

a. Upcoming meetings/events:

- January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed – SWCD office closed
- February 16 – President's Day – SWCD office closed
- February 19 – SWCD Board meeting, 8:00 AM
- March 19 – SWCD Board meeting, 8:00 AM

11. Adjourn