



# 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 *Page 1*
  - c. NRCS Report
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**