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TO: Carver County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

FROM: Jennifer King, County Executive Director

SUBJECT: September 2026 Board Meeting

Old Business

2023/2024 Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP)

- Deadline extended to September 30, 2026.

CRP Contract Workload

- New 2027 Contracts (10/01/2026 start date) must be approved by 09/30/2026.
 - 15 contracts approved (as of 09/01/2026).
- Cost-Share Agreements (FSA-848B) must be filed by 09/30/2026.
 - Five establishment agreements and 18 mid-contract management agreements (as of 09/01/2026).

USDA Expands PEPL Provisions

- 2026 and subsequent crop years, FSA will treat applicable LLCs and S-Corps as qualifying "pass through entities" (QPT).
- Each member of the QPT who meets actively engaged in farming criteria will help expand payment limitations for the entity.

New Business

August CCC Interest Rates announced through Notice FI-3481

- FSFL 3-year term – 4.250%
- FSFL 5-year term – 4.375%
- FSFL 10-year term – 4.625%

CRP Notices

- CRP-1094: LFP and Emergency Haying and Grazing Eligibility
- CRP-1095: CRP Cover Maintenance Requirements
- CRP-1096: Virtual Fencing on Grassland CRP
- CRP-1097: 2026 Conservation Payments

County Committee (COC) Meeting; Regular sessions are open to the public (0:15-0:30)

- September 15 at 9:00AM is the next McLeod-Carver COC Meeting.



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Cologne, MN 55322

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Carver SWCD Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2026

Held in Conference Room 2 at the Carver County Public Works facility in Cologne, MN

Board Members Present:

Mark Zabel, Chair
Karli Wittner, Vice Chair
Michael Lynch, Member
Marcus Zbinden, Member

Board Members Absent:

Jeffrey Sons, Secretary/Treasurer

SWCD Staff Present:

Mike Wanous, District Manager
Terry Meiller, Resource Conservationist (partial meeting)
Felicia Brockoff, Administrative & Finance Specialist

1. Call to order.

Chair Zabel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

In Sons' absence, Chair Zabel appointed Zbinden to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the August meeting.

2. Public Comments – None.

3. Agenda review and adoption.

NRCS submitted a written report since they could not attend today. One additional Agenda item was added: h) Ratify the cost-share request from Rheingold Stables LLC to the South Fork Crow WBIF for a water and sediment control basin and a waterway.

Zbinden requested to also add a discussion item regarding a grant Carver County Environmental Services is seeking from the DNR Forestry Division.

Resolution 033-2026: Zbinden moved, Wittner seconded, to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for August 20, 2026 as amended. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

4. Agency Reports.

- a. FSA report – Jennifer King could not attend the meeting but provided a written report that was included in the Board packets.
- b. NRCS report – staff could not attend but provided a written report yesterday afternoon that was distributed to the Supervisors. Some highlights include the EQIP application deadline is September 11. NRCS is continuing to process CRP status reviews.

- c. Carver County report – Paul could not attend today, but conveyed that the County administrator’s recommended preliminary 2027 budget and levy will be presented to the County Board next Tuesday, August 25.

5. Consent Agenda Items

Resolution 034-2026: Wittner moved, Lynch seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve the Minutes from the July 16, 2026 Board Meeting.
- b. Accept the Treasurer’s Report for July 2026

Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

6. Regular Agenda Items

- a. The Board discussed potential candidates for Carver County’s 2026 Outstanding Conservationist.

Resolution 035-2026: Zbinden moved, Lynch seconded to nominate Zellmann Farms (Dave and Jamie Zellman) as the 2026 Carver County Outstanding Conservationist. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

- b. MASWCD will be electing a President and Vice President in 2026.

- c. Peterson Company Ltd. has sent the management representation letter that needs to be signed by the District Chair and Manager.

Resolution 036-2026: Zbinden moved, Wittner seconded to approve the Chair and Manager to sign the management representation letter and return it to Peterson Company Ltd. for the 2025 audit. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

- d. Three landowners (two applications) have signed up for the cover crop implementation practice under the Soil Health Practices RCPP grant (P26-0006). Each application must be batched and ranked before their contracts can be approved. Terry reviewed these projects with the Board and reported the batching scores for this period were: Contract 10-1-4 [multiple landowners] for cover crops and no-till, 55/100 total points; and Contract 10-1-6 for cover crops only, 65/100 total points. Terry explained that the agenda originally listed three separate contracts. However, after discussions with the landowners and BWSR, one primary contract was created with a Group Addendum attached outlining the 50/50 payment split between two parties.

Resolution 037-2026: Lynch moved, Zbinden seconded to approve the August batch of cover crop rankings for 10-1-4 and 10-1-6. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 038-2026: Wittner moved, Zbinden seconded to approve contract 10-1-4 for 629.5 total acres at \$95/acre (\$59,802.50 total); and contract 10-1-6 for 178.5 acres at \$60/acre (\$10,710 total). Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

- e. The IRS has increased the standard mileage rate to \$0.76 per mile, effective July 1, 2026.

Resolution 039-2026: Lynch moved, Zbinden seconded to change the mileage rate to \$0.76 per mile, effective July 1, 2026; and eliminate the last sentence of the policy referencing motorcycle mileage rates. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

- g. Discussion on Carver SWCD's 80th year of conservation. Felicia has contacted other SWCD's to see what they have done for their 75th anniversary celebrations. Since our 75th year was during COVID and social gatherings were not permitted, no event was held. Mike mentioned that he could talk to Paul about the "We are Water" display they will be receiving. Perhaps the SWCD and the WMO could plan a joint event, since the WMO's 30th anniversary is in 2027.

Chair Zabel suggested we invite representatives from MASWCD, NRCS and BWSR to our November Board meeting, and serve cake after.

- h. Rheingold Stables LLC has requested cost-share assistance from the South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCRW), to install a water and sediment control basin and grassed waterway. The total cost estimate is \$18,180, and they're requesting 90% cost-share from SFCRW for \$16,362.

Resolution 040-2026: Zbinden moved, Lynch seconded to ratify the cost-share assistance request from Rheingold Stables LLC to the SFCRW for \$16,362 which is 90% of the total cost estimate of \$18,180 to install a WASCOB and grassed waterway. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

- i. Zbinden reported that Carver County Environmental Services is requesting a grant from the DNR's 2026 "Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency," and would like the support of the SWCD for this grant. The purpose of the grant is to reduce emerald ash borer impacts in Carver County, by removing and treating affected ash trees. Other possible grant items were discussed, with input from the Supervisors and staff.

Chair Zabel suggested at a minimum, a letter of support could be sent from the SWCD. He also suggested an SWCD committee be set up to discuss what could be covered under the grant. Zbinden and Wittner agreed to be on this committee. Mike also suggested Tyler and Seth be on the committee, for technical expertise.

Resolution 041-2026: Wittner moved, Lynch seconded to encourage Environmental Services to proceed with the "2026 Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency" grant application and include a formal letter of support from the SWCD. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

7. SWCD Board Committee & SWCD Staff Monthly Reports

- a. Personnel Committee (Zabel, Zbinden) – did not meet.
- b. Metro Conservation Districts Committee (Wittner; Lynch alt.) – The next meeting is August 26 at 4:00 PM. Zbinden will plan on attending, since Wittner and Lynch have prior commitments.
- c. Education & Outreach Committee (Sons, Lynch) – did not meet.
- d. Budget Committee (Sons, Zbinden) – the budget hearing was held on July 28.
- e. WMO Advisory Committee (Zbinden; Wittner alt.) – the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 PM.

f. South Fork Crow River 1W1P (Zabel; Lynch alt.) – the last meeting was held in July. The committee will not meet again until next year.

g. The SWCD staff monthly progress report was presented and discussed.

8. Board of Supervisors announcements

a. Upcoming meetings/events:

- September 7 – Labor Day, SWCD office closed
- September 17 – SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 AM

9. Adjourn

Resolution 042-2026: Zbinden moved, Wittner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. Roll call vote: Lynch-aye; Sons-absent; Wittner-aye; Zabel-aye; Zbinden-aye. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 8:00 AM**
Location: **Public Works Headquarters, Conference Room 2**
 11360 Highway 212, Cologne, MN 55322

Approved: _____
Secretary/Treasurer

Date signed: September 17, 2026

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District
Treasurer's Report
As of August 31, 2026

Date	Numb	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
1000 Checking-Security Bank						13,103.15
08/04/2026	3918	Elan Financial Services	1335		799.60	12,303.55
08/04/2026	3919	HSA Bank	#W722855 July Fees		12.50	12,291.05
08/04/2026	3920	NCPERS Group Life Ins.	910300-082026		16.00	12,275.05
08/06/2026			Deposit-Drill	650.00		12,925.05
08/10/2026			Funds Transfer-533256040	35,000.00		47,925.05
08/13/2026		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 08/04/2026		16,904.00	31,021.05
08/13/2026	EFT-967	HSA Bank	41-1385530		1,347.95	29,673.10
08/13/2026	EFT-968	Minnesota Revenue	7694248		1,173.00	28,500.10
08/13/2026	EFT-969	MSRS-VOYA	0058 Carver SWCD		1,679.00	26,821.10
08/13/2026	EFT-970	PERA	9103-00		3,792.61	23,028.49
08/13/2026	EFT-971	US Treasury IRS	41-1385530		6,278.72	16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1362	Brockoff, Felicia L.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1363	Datres, Benjamin R.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1364	Genelin, Thomas M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1365	Meiller, Terry J.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1366	Polster, Tyler J.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1367	Ristow, Seth E.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/14/2026	DD1368	Wanous, Richard M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		16,749.77
08/19/2026	3921	Carver County	August Insurance		9,828.87	6,920.90
08/19/2026			Funds Transfer-534414784	35,000.00		41,920.90
08/19/2026	3922	State of Minnesota	Invoice # 00000942556 Wetland Training		90.00	41,830.90
08/21/2026			Deposit	867.50		42,698.40
08/24/2026	3923	Carver County	PW-7229		609.44	42,088.96
08/26/2026			Deposit-Drill	600.00		42,688.96
08/28/2026		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 08/17/2026		17,219.02	25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1369	Brockoff, Felicia L.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1370	Datres, Benjamin R.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1371	Genelin, Thomas M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1372	Meiller, Terry J.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1373	Polster, Tyler J.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1374	Ristow, Seth E.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	DD1375	Wanous, Richard M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		25,469.94
08/31/2026	EFT-972	HSA Bank	41-1385530		1,347.95	24,121.99
08/31/2026	EFT-973	Minnesota Revenue	7694248		1,173.00	22,948.99
08/31/2026	EFT-974	MSRS-VOYA	0058 Carver SWCD		1,679.00	21,269.99
08/31/2026	EFT-975	PERA	9103-00		3,792.61	17,477.38
08/31/2026	EFT-976	US Treasury IRS	41-1385530		6,278.72	11,198.66
08/31/2026			Interest	0.50		11,199.16
Total 1000 Checking-Security Bank				72,118.00	74,021.99	11,199.16
1100 Savings-Security Bank						412,986.34
08/07/2026			Deposit-Q3 Allocation	143,415.50		556,401.84
08/10/2026			Funds Transfer-533256040		35,000.00	521,401.84
08/19/2026			Funds Transfer-534414784		35,000.00	486,401.84
08/31/2026			Interest	540.05		486,941.89
Total 1100 Savings-Security Bank				143,955.55	70,000.00	486,941.89
1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint						10.30
Total 1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint						10.30
1150 Savings Citizens NYA						83,075.89
08/31/2026			Interest	86.38		83,162.27
Total 1150 Savings Citizens NYA				86.38	0.00	83,162.27
1200 Investments CD's						433,627.93
12.ONB*968 (4.0%-11/06/26)						114,840.04
Total 12.ONB*968 (4.0%-11/06/26)						114,840.04
12.ONB*141 (4.0%-12/25/26)						101,636.44
08/25/2026	2026-16		Interest Earned, renewed for 4 mos.	1,259.36		102,895.80
Total 12.ONB*141 (4.0%-12/25/26)				1,259.36	0.00	102,895.80
12.SPFCU*024 (3.8%-01/24/27)						115,055.87
08/24/2026	2026-15		Interest Earned, renewed for 5 mos.	1,843.59		116,899.46

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Treasurer's Report
As of August 31, 2026

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
		Total 12.SPFCU*024 (3.8%-01/24/27)		1,843.59	0.00	116,899.46
		12.SB&T*266 (3.7%-02/07/27)				102,095.58
		Total 12.SB&T*266 (3.7%-02/07/27)				102,095.58
		Total 1200 Investments CD's		3,102.95	0.00	436,730.88
TOTAL				219,262.88	144,021.99	1,018,044.50



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Treasurer's Monthly Report Program Summary - August 2026

	Cash Balance <u>7/31/2026</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	Cash Balance <u>8/31/2026</u>
<u>Funds</u>				
BWSR Soil Health Delivery	\$4,954.04		\$3,247.40	\$1,706.64
BWSR Buffer Implementation	\$4,491.92			\$4,491.92
BWSR Conservation Delivery	\$0.00			\$0.00
BWSR Soil Health Practices	\$180,000.00			\$180,000.00
BWSR State Cost Share	\$38,924.00			\$38,924.00
BWSR WBIF (Waconia & Eagle)	\$0.00			\$0.00
SWCD Operating Funds	\$595,013.65	\$149,262.88	\$70,774.59	\$673,501.94
District Escrow	\$119,420.00			\$119,420.00
TOTAL	<u>\$942,803.61</u>	<u>\$149,262.88</u>	<u>\$74,021.99</u>	<u>\$1,018,044.50</u>

<u>Use of Cash</u>				
1000 Checking Security Bank	\$13,103.15	\$72,118.00	\$74,021.99	\$11,199.16
1100 Savings-Security Bank	\$412,986.34	\$143,955.55	\$70,000.00	\$486,941.89
1110 Savings-South Point CU	\$10.30			\$10.30
1150 Savings-Citizens NYA	\$83,075.89	\$86.38		\$83,162.27
1200 Investments CD's	\$433,627.93	\$3,102.95		\$436,730.88
TOTAL	<u>\$942,803.61</u>	<u>\$219,262.88</u>	<u>\$144,021.99</u>	<u>\$1,018,044.50</u>

Carver SWCD Board Treasurer

9/17/2026

Date

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2026

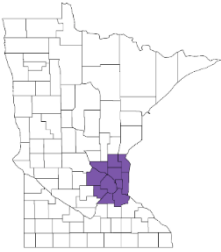
	<u>Aug 31, 26</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 Checking-Security Bank	11,199.16
1100 Savings-Security Bank	486,941.89
1110 Member Savings-SouthPoint	10.30
1150 Savings Citizens NYA	83,162.27
1200 Investments CD's	436,730.88
Total Checking/Savings	1,018,044.50
Accounts Receivable	
1300 Accounts Receivable	270.94
Total Accounts Receivable	270.94
Total Current Assets	1,018,315.44
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,018,315.44</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2200 Payroll Liabilities	730.81
2300 Sales Tax Payable	20.84
2400 Unearned-Deferred Revenue	
2402 Buffer Implementation	4,491.92
2405 Cost-Share	38,924.00
2407 Soil Health Grants	181,706.64
Total 2400 Unearned-Deferred Revenue	225,122.56
Total Other Current Liabilities	225,874.21
Total Current Liabilities	225,874.21
Total Liabilities	225,874.21
Equity	
3000 FUND BALANCE	825,887.29
Net Income	-33,446.06
Total Equity	792,441.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,018,315.44</u>

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through August 2026

	Jan - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
4000 Intergovernmental County				
4010 Annual Allocation	430,246.50	573,581.00	-143,334.50	75.0%
4020 CCWMO Projects	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4030 Ditches/Misc. County Rev.	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
4040 WCA Services	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 4000 Intergovernmental County	430,246.50	608,581.00	-178,334.50	70.7%
4100 Intergovernmental Local				
4110 Cities, WD, LGU Revenue	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
4120 MCD, MACD Revenue	30,105.50	35,000.00	-4,894.50	86.0%
4130 WBIF Staff Time	2,398.08			
Total 4100 Intergovernmental Local	32,503.58	55,000.00	-22,496.42	59.1%
4200 Intergovernmental State				
4202 Buffer Implementation	15,508.08	20,000.00	-4,491.92	77.5%
4204 Conservation Delivery	24,991.56	19,000.00	5,991.56	131.5%
4205 Cost-Share	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
4208 Easement Reimbursements	2,500.00			
4210 RIM Misc. Income	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
4207 Soil Health Grants	8,293.36	60,000.00	-51,706.64	13.8%
4212 SWCD Aid	66,552.62	133,000.00	-66,447.38	50.0%
4211 WBIF Grants	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.0%
4200 Intergovernmental State - Other	0.00	60,000.00	-60,000.00	0.0%
Total 4200 Intergovernmental State	117,845.62	362,000.00	-244,154.38	32.6%
4300 Charges for Services				
4320 Great Plains Drill Rental	10,987.92	7,500.00	3,487.92	146.5%
4330 Tree & Native Seed Sales	23,252.49	30,000.00	-6,747.51	77.5%
Total 4300 Charges for Services	34,240.41	37,500.00	-3,259.59	91.3%
4400 Interest Earnings	13,034.58	20,000.00	-6,965.42	65.2%
4500 Miscellaneous Revenues	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	627,870.69	1,088,081.00	-460,210.31	57.7%
Expense				
5000 District Operations				
5100 Personnel Services				
5101 Payroll Expenses	450,051.28	666,016.00	-215,964.72	67.6%
5102 Payroll Fees	723.00	1,200.00	-477.00	60.3%
5103 SWCD - FICA/Medicare	32,346.88	50,950.00	-18,603.12	63.5%
5104 SWCD - Insurance Ben.	74,856.38	150,000.00	-75,143.62	49.9%
5105 SWCD - PERA & DCP	32,867.46	49,951.00	-17,083.54	65.8%
5106 MN Paid Leave Law	990.27	4,396.00	-3,405.73	22.5%
Total 5100 Personnel Services	591,835.27	922,513.00	-330,677.73	64.2%
5200 Other Services & Charges				
5201 Dues	8,254.59	9,000.00	-745.41	91.7%
5202 Education & Promotion	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
5203 Employee Expense	1,206.92	2,500.00	-1,293.08	48.3%
5204 Equipment Repairs	427.74	500.00	-72.26	85.5%
5205 MCIT Insurance Coverage	13,581.00	14,500.00	-919.00	93.7%
5206 Mileage	545.93	1,500.00	-954.07	36.4%
5207 Office Operations/Misc.	7,080.48	7,000.00	80.48	101.1%

Carver Soil & Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through August 2026

	Jan - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5208 Professional Services	248.00	5,000.00	-4,752.00	5.0%
5209 Supervisor Expenses	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
5220 Vehicle/Equipment Expenses	3,345.39	5,000.00	-1,654.61	66.9%
5200 Other Services & Charges - Other	0.00			
Total 5200 Other Services & Charges	34,690.05	48,500.00	-13,809.95	71.5%
5300 Supplies - Office & Field	174.00	2,500.00	-2,326.00	7.0%
5400 Capital Outlay	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
Total 5000 District Operations	626,699.32	983,513.00	-356,813.68	63.7%
6000 Project Expenses				
6100 District Projects				
6112 Ditches/Other Co. Depts.	376.00			
6113 ETA/Misc. MCD Reimb.	15,000.00			
6114 Tree Program Expenses	19,241.43			
6100 District Projects - Other	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.0%
Total 6100 District Projects	34,617.43	40,000.00	-5,382.57	86.5%
6200 State Projects	0.00	64,568.00	-64,568.00	0.0%
Total 6000 Project Expenses	34,617.43	104,568.00	-69,950.57	33.1%
Total Expense	661,316.75	1,088,081.00	-426,764.25	60.8%
Net Income	-33,446.06	0.00	-33,446.06	100.0%



Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

MASWCD Metro Area 4

Fall Meeting - September 22, 2026

Cabela's, 20200 Rogers Dr, Rogers, MN 55374

MASWCD is a nonprofit organization which exists to provide leadership, educational opportunities, and a common voice for Minnesota's soil and water conservation districts.

AGENDA

MASWCD METRO AREA 4

Anoka SWCD
(763) 434-2030

Carver SWCD
(952) 466-5230

Chisago SWCD
(651) 674-2333

Dakota SWCD
(651) 480-7777

Hennepin County
(612) 348-2027

Isanti SWCD
(763) 689-3271

Ramsey County
(651) 266-0300

Scott SWCD
(952) 492-5425

Sherburne SWCD
(763) 220-3434

Washington CD
(651) 330-8220

Wright SWCD
(763) 682-1970

9:00 Registration & Refreshments

9:30 Call to Order and Business Items

- Welcome and Roll Call: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Agenda – Action: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Minutes – Action: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Treasurer's Report – Action: Josh Krenz, Area Treasurer
- Budget Committee Report – Action: Josh Krenz, Area Treasurer

9:50 Agency and Partner Updates and Information

- **MASWCD Check-In: Chuck Rau, MASWCD President.** Updates on MN Conservation Delivery Economic Report, SWCD Aid Advocacy Campaign and Association policy development
- **MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Report: John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director.** Updates related to BWSR and SWCD programs
- Other

10:30 **Shoreline Policy Development: Jay Riggs, Washington CD; Greg Berg, Stearns CD; Mike Isensee, Carnelian Marine St. Croix WD**

Minnesota has formed a Natural Shoreline Partnership (NSP) to identify shoreline issues and create a unified approach to address solutions. As subcommittees of the NSP identified resource concerns, resolutions have been developed to work with partners and create opportunities for increased protection of shorelines. These resolutions address updating educational/promotional materials, creating a training program, increase funding and capacity, as well as a review of current rules/processes to create consistent implementation across Minnesota. The presentation will highlight how the resolutions are intended to build on existing resources, increase staff capacity with JAA and dedicate funding for technical assistance as well as projects.

11:05 **Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy Update and Next Steps: Matt Drewitz, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**

Minnesota recently updated the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS), published in January 2026. The NRS compiles the latest science, research, and data and recommends the most effective strategies to reduce nutrients in our waters from both point and nonpoint sources. Reductions in Minnesota's nitrogen and phosphorus pollution are needed to reach our in-state water quality goals and the goals that aim to restore the Gulf, Lake Winnipeg, and Lake Superior. This talk will provide an overview of content, updates, roles of SWCDs, and next steps for the NRS.

11:50 Closing Comments: John Rheinberger, Area Director

12:00 Adjourn

Mike Wanous – District Manager

- Worked with County staff to develop a legal description for a flowage easement for the wetland restoration project for the Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program, sent BWSR staff drain tile information for the project
- Preliminary review of draft Bongards expansion plans for wetland, drainage, and water rules requirements
- Public ditch items – CD#4 beaver dam, blockage on a branch of CD#6, culvert replacement on JD#3, sediment build-up on JD#1
- Worked with MCIT staff on setting up a photo session (Carver County will be featured as “County of the Year”)
- Drainage related issues for: 212/Benton ditch; Upton Ave culverts; old RIM easement and neighbor concerns
- WBIF meetings and discussions regarding funding of projects

Felicia Brockoff – Administrative & Finance Specialist

- Accounting: Verified and paid regular monthly expenses. Completed August Treasurer’s Report, semi-monthly payroll, and paid all liabilities. Charged Terry’s time to Soil Health grant. Drill billings to landowners. Renewed CDs at Old National Bank and SouthPoint Financial Credit Union.
- Admin: Completed the Minutes for the August meeting, updated 2026 resolutions document with approved Board meeting motions. Prepared September Agenda packets and posted online.
- Records Management: As time allows, still scanning historical cooperator paper files, verifying if the PID is correct, and importing these historical items into OnBase.
- PTO September 2-8.

Terry Meiller – Resource Conservationist

- Soil Health RCPP: Landowner meetings to review and sign cost-share contracts. Updated contract addendum and all planning documents for Contract 10-1-4 and replaced documents on SharePoint site. Reviewed planned cover crop mixes, discussed seed testing requirements and confirm mixes meet practice standards. Soil Health equipment grant webinar, Soil Health podcast & webinars, Green Cover Resource HUB.
- Misc.: Great Plains drill delivery and calibrations (2 landowners). SWCD Board Mtg. Hollywood Twp. Assistance (Culvert and ROW survey). Field visits/Tech assistance for pasture and hay renovations. Outstanding Conservationist – interview/photo & write-up submitted to MASWCD.

Seth Ristow – Resource Conservation Technician

- Assisted homeowner applying for variance in Waconia on ideas for meeting requirements
- Conducted site visits for RPBCWD Stewardship Grant Program (5 homeowners)
- Met with homeowners interested in applying to WMO’s cost share program (3 homeowners)
- Discussed future planting/restoration projects for students at Eastern Carver County School District with Judy Harder
- Reviewed Habitat Friendly Solar Site assessment form for Ego Solar Site
- Gave recommendations on converting Silver Feather Grass on creek to native planting in RPBCWD
- Reviewed Trabant Pollinator Project year 2 progress and recommended mowing
- Met with Native Seed Collection Workshop Group. Set date for workshop and outlined workshop
- Finished evaluating passed projects with Tom L. Most projects looked very good!!
- Started working on Seed Collection Workshop handout
- Began taking BWSR Conservation Training courses to get Technical Signoff Authority
- Updated planting plan from 2017 for David Nelson who will apply to WMO’s cost share
- Met with HOA to give recommendations on buckthorn removal project

- Reviewed landscape plans as part of WMO's plan review committee (Bigwoods and Chevelle 19th)

Tom Genelin – Senior District Technician

- Meetings/Plan Review:
 - TMC Industries (Waconia) preconstruction meeting
 - Carver Commerce Drive plan review
 - Summerfield (Carver) site meeting
 - Timber Creek (Carver) site meeting
 - Elm Creek Ridge (Waconia) site meeting
 - Woodland Trail (Waconia) plan review
 - Carver County PWHQ preconstruction meeting
 - Bigwoods Business Park (Chaska) plan review
 - TSC Contracting (Benton Twp.) site meeting
- Site Inspections –
 - Waterford (Waconia) site inspection
 - Woodland Creek (Waconia) site inspection
 - High Point Vista (Chaska) site inspection
 - Wastewater Treatment Facility (Chaska) site inspection
 - Aion Business Park (Carver) site inspection
 - Timber Creek (Carver) topsoil site inspection
 - Luebke Pit North (Mayer) site inspection
 - The Preserve (Carver) topsoil site inspection
 - The Fields (Waconia) site inspection
 - Carlson Bluffs (Chaska) site inspection
 - Rivertown Heights (Chaska) topsoil site inspection
 - Huntersbrook Creekside (Victoria) site inspection
 - Fultonwood (Chaska) site inspection
 - Norwood Flats Apartments (NYA) site inspection
 - Holbrook (Waconia) site inspection
 - Suite Living (Chaska) topsoil site inspection
 - Hazeltine National Golf Course (Chaska) site inspection
 - Villages of Cologne site inspection
 - Oak Creek (Chaska) topsoil site inspection

Ben Datres – Farm Bill Technician

- CREP/RIM:
 - Kullman & Philp Easement- Waiting for the final restoration design from BWSR engineers.
 - Working through the 30 easement inspections for 2026. Landowner meetings and site visits on my own.
 - Updating landowner folders, inspection forms etc after meetings.
 - T.H. 5 / Arboretum easement- working with Bolton & Menk consultant to submit “application”. This is a Rusty Patch Bumble Bee mitigation easement part of the Hwy 5 redevelopment project.
- MN Buffer Law:
 - Annual buffer compliance checks for eastern 1/3 of the county- Laketown & Dahlgren Twp.
 - JD-1 buffer inspection.
 - Continuing to update procedures for documenting buffer status, landowner folders etc.
- Other:
 - Great Plains Drill: drop off, pick up and calibration. Fall seeding has slowly started.
 - BWSR online tech talk training- soil health and wildlife habitat plantings.

Tyler Polster – District Technician

- WCA

- Chaska: Reviewed application and plans for “Southwest Community Park.” Reviewed application and plans for Big Woods Business Park. Attended virtual TEP meeting to discuss the above applications.
- Minnehaha Creek Watershed District: Met with landowner in Victoria to discuss permitting procedures for building a new shed on the property. Attended TEP visit in Waconia to discuss application and plans for golf course improvement project.
- WMO: Attended TEP site visit to discuss corrective actions being completed in Watertown wetland bank, discussed avenues for credit release this fall. Met with land management staff near NYA to discuss future land and permit plans of a restored violation. Reviewed 2026 monitoring reports for other wetland banks in the WMO. Reviewed plans and application for small residential development NW of Waconia, on-site TEP in the future.
- Chanhassen: Attended onsite TEP meetings to approve delineation boundaries for three properties in Chanhassen, two home renovations and one lake shore edge.
- Miscellaneous: Tree health site visit South of Cologne, landowner was worried about Oak Wilt in their Bur Oaks. Attended quick office photo shoot for MCIT.