



**RICE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 8:00 am**

**Vision Statement: “To have clean water, pure air, and healthy soil, now  
and for future generations”**

**Mission Statement: “To assist land users in the enhancement, management and conservation of our soil, water, and  
natural resources, by means of educational, financial, and technical assistance necessary for productive agriculture,  
safe drinking water, and healthy wildlife habitats.”**

- I. MINUTES – January**
- II. January Financial Statements and January Bills Payable - action**
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Project encumbrance report - information
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA: (payment approval)**
  - A. Lyle Gunderson, cover crops - \$997.50
  - B. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB annual dues - \$4,000.00
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. 2026 Supervisor committee assignments - action
  - B. 4-H award sponsorship for the fair – action
  - C. A guide to the 2026 election process – information
  - D. March 17 & 18 – Legislative briefing and day at the Capital – information
  - E. Amend funding source for contract 66-03-16, cancel local funds previously encumbered, approve soil health RCPP funds \$41,374.00 – action
  - F. Amend funding source for contract 66-04-24, \$11,109.00 local funds - action
  - G. EJ 12 month CD for \$100,000.00 up for renewal on 2/28/26 – action
  - H. Interseeder - action
  - I. Copy machine/printer lease – action
  - J. Video presentation by Teresa – information
  - K. Update on PRAP status - information
- VI. NRCS REPORT presented by Taylor O’Bryan**
- VII. FSA REPORT presented by Taylor Carlson**
- VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT**
- IX. SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS**
- X. STAFF REPORTS:**
- XI. OTHER/CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - A. Watershed Plan Updates; Cannon, Zumbro and Lower MN
- XII. UPCOMING EVENTS: keep checking our website for upcoming events.  
February**

**Fridays with a Forester** Webinar Series by the University of Minnesota Extension, various dates in February, 9:00 am, online.

**Focus on Forage** by the University of Wisconsin (webinar series), various dates in February, online

**February 6** **I-90 Soil Health Tour - Reducing Tillage for Input Savings & Soil Health**, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Hokah

**February 10** **Aquatic Invasives 101: What's in our Waters?** (webinar) by the Cannon River Watershed **Joint** Powers Organization, **12:00 pm, online.**

**February 10 – 11** **Soil Health Workshop for Agronomists by Agronomists** by the Rice & Steele SWCDs, in Owatonna.

**February 17** **HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop Strip Till Makes Dollars and Sense**, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, in Owatonna.

**February 18** **Rice SWCD February Board of Supervisors Meeting**, 8:00 am at the Rice SWCD office in Faribault.

**February 18** **HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop Strip Till Makes Dollars and Sense**, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, in Lamberton.

**February 18** **Small Grains Gathering** by the University of Minnesota-Extension, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in Rochester.

**February 19** **HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop Strip Till Makes Dollars and Sense**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, in Lake Benton.

**February 25-26** **Reclaiming Profitability: Farming Smarter in 2026** with Russel Hendrick by Profit Pro Ag in Albert Lea

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