



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

Wednesday, January 14, 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. Supervisor positions for 2026 – action**
- II. MINUTES – December**
- III. December Financial Statements and December Bills Payable - action**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Project encumbrance report - information
- V. CONSENT AGENDA: (payment approval)**
 - A. MCIT Insurance PC renewal for 2026 - \$4,797.00
 - B. MCIT Insurance WC Renewal for 2026 - \$6,156.00
 - C. CRWJPO 2026 member Dues - \$3,750.00
 - D. MASWCD Dues for 2026 - \$7,654.59
 - E. MACDE 2026 Dues - \$150.00
 - F. DVS Renewal – 2025 Chevy Silverado - \$21.25
 - G. DVS Renewal – 2024 Ram 2500 - \$21.25
 - H. DVS Renewal – 2018 Ram 1500 - \$21.25
 - I. Shane Peterson SWCD-25-04, cover crop payment - \$1,448.00
 - J. Far-Gaze Farms SWCD-25-06, cover crop final payment - \$2,400.00
 - K. Jack Volkert 25-RC-008 - \$15,584.67
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Clean River Partners donation - \$150.00 – action
 - B. Rice County Master Gardener’s native plant kit donation – action
 - C. NACD annual membership dues – \$1,000.00 pd for 2025 – action
 - D. Designate Faribault Daily News as the Official Newspaper - action
 - E. Designate Community Resource Bank as the Official Depository – action
 - F. Faribault Daily News annual subscription - \$ – action
 - G. Strategic Planning meeting – follow up from December meeting.
 - H. Propose moving Board meetings to 3rd Wednesday of the month due to conflict with BALMM meetings – action
 - I. February board meeting date change – action
 - J. No-Till Drill 2025 data – information
 - K. Authorize District Manager to encumber up to \$50,000 from local funds to use on Soil Health RCPP contracts – action
 - L. Supervisor committee assignments for 2026 – action
 - M. Audit Engagement Letter with Peterson Co, Ltd. - \$5,300.00 – action
 - N. RCPP policy change - action

VII. NRCS REPORT presented by Taylor O'Bryan

VIII. FSA REPORT presented by Taylor Carlson

IX. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

X. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

XI. STAFF REPORTS:

XII. OTHER/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Watershed Plan Updates; Cannon, Zumbro and Lower MN

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS: keep checking our website for upcoming events.

January 13 [From Field to Faucet: Nitrate Risks in Karst Regions](#) (Webinar) by the CRWJPO, 12:00 - 1:00 pm on Zoom.

January 20-21 [MN Ag Expo](#) in Mankato.

January 18 [Grazing Guidance: Getting to the Root Cause of Better Pastures](#) (Webinar) by Minnesota Women in Conservation, 12:00 - 1:00 pm on Zoom.

January 31 [Prescribed Burn Association \(PBA\) for Goodhue and Rice Counties Interest Meeting](#), 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Cannon Falls.

February 3 [I-90 Soil Health Tour - Reducing Tillage for Input Savings & Soil Health](#), 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Heron Lake.

February 4 [I-90 Soil Health Tour - Reducing Tillage for Input Savings & Soil Health](#), 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Wells

February 5 [I-90 Soil Health Tour - Reducing Tillage for Input Savings & Soil Health](#), 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, in Rochester.

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

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 [HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop Strip Till Makes Dollars and Sense](#), 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, in Lamberton

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

February 18 [Small Grains Gathering](#) by the University of Minnesota-Extension, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in Rochester.

February 25-26

[Reclaiming Profitability: Farming Smarter in 2026](#) with Ray Archuleta by Profit Pro Ag in Albert Lea.

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