



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

**Wednesday, September 16, 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 – August**

**II. August Financial Statements and August Bills Payable – action**

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Project encumbrance report - information

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA: (payment approval)**

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Reliance Bank 12 month CD renewal (9/23/26) – action
- B. MASWCD Annual Convention Dec 1 and 2, 2026 – more to come – informational  
*Deadline to register November 13*
- C. 066-05-15, cover crop not planted green - \$50,000.00 – CANCEL
- D. 066-05-30, cover crops not planted green - \$50,000.00 – action
- E. Ron Salaba 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-8, incentive contract – action
- F. Ron Salaba 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-8, incentive payment \$500.00 – action
- G. Cynthia Ford 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-7, incentive contract – action
- H. Cynthia Ford 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-7, incentive payment \$500.00 – action
- I. Robert Degroot 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-12, incentive contract – action
- J. Robert Degroot 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-12, incentive payment - \$250.00 – action
- K. Michael Karp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-3, incentive contract - \$1,215.00 – action
- L. Michael Karp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-3, incentive payment - \$1,215.00 – action
- M. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-9, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- N. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-9, incentive payment - \$250.00 – action
- O. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-10, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- P. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-10, incentive payment - \$250.00 – action
- Q. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-11, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- R. Dan Kopp 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-11, incentive payment - \$250.00 - action
- S. Charlie Peters 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-5, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- T. Charlie Peters 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-5, incentive payment - \$250.00 - action
- U. Charlie Peters 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-4, incentive contract - \$500.00 – action
- V. Charlie Peters 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-4, incentive payment \$500.00 – action
- W. Richard Huston 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-6, incentive contract - \$500.00 – action
- X. Richard Huston 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-6, incentive payment - \$500.00 – action
- Y. Gary Carlson 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-15, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- Z. Gary Carlson 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-15, incentive payment - \$250.00 – action
- AA. Gary Carlson 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-16, incentive contract - \$250.00 – action
- BB. Gary Carlson 2025-Cannon-RC-CRP-16, incentive payment - \$250.00 – action
- CC. Jason Franek 26-RC-CRP-002, incentive contract (Lower MN) - \$1000.00 – action

- DD.** Jason Franek 26-RC-CRP-002, incentive payment (Lower MN) - \$1,000.00 – action
- EE.** Aaron Bauer 2026WAGZ-RC-02 – grassed waterway - \$15,930.00 - action
- FF.** Sub-agreement signing authority to Manager for Olmsted program—action
- GG.** October Board meeting conflict – action
- HH.** Telecommuting policy – discussion
- II.** Jefferson pollinator planting grant agreement - action

**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.

**September 11** [Urea Melting at Tom Cotter’s Farm](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, near Austin.

**September 12** [Food Health Food Day 2026](#) at Tom Cotter's Farm by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, near Austin.

**September 15** [Compost Webinar – Roundtable Discussions](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

**September 16** [Rice SWCD September Board of Supervisors Meeting](#), 8:00 am in Faribault.

**September 16** [Interseeding Field Day](#) on the Tom Polacek Farm by the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm near Owatonna.

**September 16** [Feeding the Soil: Cover Crops, Crop Rotations, & More](#) by Farmers for Soil Health (Webinar) 11:30 am online.

**September 19** [Watershed-Wide Cleanup by Clean River Partners](#), 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, various locations in the Cannon River Watershed.

**September 21** [Rain Garden Workshop](#) by Clean River Partners, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, in Owatonna.

**September 24** [Seed Collection at Sharing our Roots by Clean River Partners](#), 3:00 - 5:00 pm near Northfield.

**September 30** [Prescribed Burn Associations: Community-Led Conservation \(Webinar\)](#) by Minnesota Women in Conservation, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, online

**XIII. AJOURN:**