



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

Wednesday, July 15, 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 – June**
- II. June Financial Statements and June Bills Payable – action**
 - A. January to June 2026 profit and loss statement - information
- III. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Project encumbrance report - information
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA: (payment approval)**
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Ed Jones CD – 12 mth - \$54,000.00 – up for renewal on July 17th – action
 - B. #066-03-19 – amendment to change contract #066-02-19 to 066-03-19, change contract amount – action
 - C. #066-03-19 – res. mgmt. and no-till, pymt 1 - \$1,855.00 – action
 - D. Policy on WASCOBS (farmable vs. grassed) – action
 - E. DNR Well Observation Agreement – action
 - F. Strategic Planning Session – discussion
 - G. 2026 Private Well Protection Grant Application for \$85,680 - 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.**

July 15 Rice SWCD July Board of Supervisors Meeting 8:00 am in Faribault.

July 15 [Optimizing Cover Crops for Your Unique Operation](#), by CTIC & Farmers for Soil Health, 8:30 am in Barnesville, MN

July 15-16 [Youth Tractor & Farm Safety](#) by the University of Minnesota - Extension in Zumbrota.

July 21 [Wildlife at work: Birds, Beavers, Bats, & Beneficials on the Farm](#) by Wild Farm Alliance, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm by Northfield.

July 22- 25 [Rice County Fair](#) in Faribault.

July 24 [Pasture Tour: Great Heritage Farm](#) by Women in Conservation, 5:00 - 8:00 pm in Winthrop.

July 30 [Passport to Agriculture](#) by Rice County ag organizations, 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the Rice County Fairgrounds in Faribault.

August 1 [Wingspan: Melinda Vaughn School Pollinator Fundraiser](#), 3:00 - 6:00 pm near Dundas.

August 5-7 [Southeast Minnesota Soil Health Bus Tour to the 2026 National Strip-Tillage Conference](#) by the Rice and Steele SWCD in Springfield, IL.

August 8 [River Bend Ramble](#) by River Bend Nature Center, 4:30 pm in Faribault.

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