



**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)

A. John Thomas SHD 26-01, res. mgmt. and No-Till - \$1,547.50

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ed Jones CD – 12 mth - \$54,000.00 – up for renewal on July 17th – action

B. Reliance Bank potential CD - action

C. #066-03-19 – amendment to change contract #066-02-19 to 066-03-19, change contract amount – action

D. #066-03-19 – res. mgmt. and no-till, pymt 1 - \$1,855.00 – action

E. Policy on WASCOS (farmable vs. grassed) – action

F. DNR Well Observation Agreement – action

G. Strategic Planning Session – discussion

H. 2026 Private Well Protection Grant Application for \$85,680 – action

I. \$150 for collecting soil trays at 3 farms (\$50 each) - 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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