



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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - 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. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BILLS PAYABLE

- A. December financial statement and bills payable – action
- B. January financial statement - action
- C. List of encumbered projects - information

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2211 2nd Ave NW, Suite 200 – Lease - action

IV. CONSENT AGENDA: (payment approval)

- A. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB annual dues - \$4,000.00
- B. Goodhue SWCD – Envirothon annual dues - \$175.00
- C. Tyrone David CS-23-01, WASCOB - \$1,875.75

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution for change of location of principal office – action
- B. Resolution regarding write-in ballots for SWCD Supervisors
- C. 2025 SWCD Legislative Events (Legislative briefing and day at the Capital March 4th/5th – information
Deadline to register is February 21st.
- D. Legislative Advocacy toolkit - information
- E. Farm Family of the year request for nominations – discussion
- F. Personnel Policy Handbook – Draft – action
- G. 2024 Audit Engagement letter from Peterson Company LTD - \$5,000.00 – action
2023 audit was \$4,500.00
- H. 4-H Fair Awards – action
Last year 5 championship, 2 reserve awards - \$120.00
- I. Tree and Native Plant sale update: - information
- J. FY2023 Buffer Law grant closeout – action
- K. William Skluzacek CS-24-01 amended amount from \$11,140.50 to \$19,342.50 – action
- L. 12 month CD w/Edward Jones set to expire in February - \$40,000.00 – action
- M. Rice-Steele N Rate ROI Project awarded-action
- N. Custom Interseeding rates for 2025 - action

VI. NRCS REPORT presented by Taylor O’Bryan, Soil Conservationist

VII. DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT

VIII. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

IX. STAFF REPORTS:

X. OTHER/CORRESPONDENCE:

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

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 4 [2025 I-90 Tour: Benefits of No-Till](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition and SWCDs, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in Heron Lake.

February 5 [Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board Organization Meeting](#), 9:00 am in the Straight River Room at the Rice County Fairgrounds.

February 5 [2025 I-90 Tour: Benefits of No-Till](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition and SWCDs, 10 am - 2:00 pm in Fairmont.

February 6 [2025 I-90 Tour: Benefits of No-Till](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition and SWCDs, 3:00 - 7:00 pm in Stewartville.

February 7 [2025 I-90 Tour: Benefits of No-Till](#) by Minnesota Soil Health Coalition and SWCDs, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in Hokah.

February 8 [Native Plants 101 Workshop](#) by the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, 9:00 - 11:00 am in Faribault.

February 11 [UMN Extension Women in Ag Conference 2025](#), 8:45 am - 3:30 pm in Waite Park.

February 12 Rice SWCD Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, at the USDA Service Center in Faribault.

February 18 [HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop](#) by the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team, 8:30 a–

February 19 [HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop](#) by SWCDs, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm in Lamberton. 2:30 pm in Owatonna.

February 20 [HWY 14 Soil Health Winter Workshop](#) by SWCDs, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm in Lake Benton

March 21–22 [The Future of Southern Minnesota Lakes Conference](#) by ISG, in Mankato.

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