Root River Soil and Water Conservation District

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Root River Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to provide assistance to cooperators in managing the natural resources on their land. In addition, the district will continue to educate people on local conservation issues and concerns, in order to fortify and perpetuate the conservation movement.

Agenda

November 12, 2026 1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Ag Service Center, Caledonia, MN

2026 Officers	2026 Committee Appointees	2026 Committee Appointees
Ken Anderson, Chair	**Finance Committee:** Driscoll & Welke	**Mississippi River – Winona/**
Matt Feldmeier, Vice-Chair	**Personnel Committee:** Feldmeier & Kruse	**La Crescent 1W1P:** Welke
Joe Driscoll, Secretary	**TSA7 Committee [JPB]:** Welke	***Alternate*** *- Driscoll*
Jerry Welke, Treasurer	**Root River One Watershed, One Plan:** Kruse	
Glenn Kruse, Reporter	***Alternate*** *- Feldmeier*	

1:00 P.M. Call meeting to order.

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Minutes: Chair call for additions or corrections to the October 8, 2026 board meeting minutes.

Employee Time Records: Chair call for a motion to approve Employee Time Records.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer recommend the September 2026 Treasurer's Report be placed on file for audit.

AGENCY REPORTS

Dave Copeland, BWSR Report

Zack Glaunert, Quail Forever & Pheasants Forever Report

Jeremy Burt, Houston County Environmental Services Report

Ryan Hytry, NRCS Report

Dave Walter, District Manager Report

- 2025 Financial Statements

PROGRAM REPORT

- WCA – *Update*

PROGRAM REPORT – Bob Scanlan, MDA

- MDA Spring Grove Twp. Walkover - *Update*

MASWCD & MACDE

- MASWCD Annual Convention December 1 – 2, 2026 (Tuesday – Wednesday) DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington – Minneapolis South - *Registration deadline November 13, 2026*

WATERSHED UPDATES

Bear Creek – Update

Crooked Creek – Update

Root River 1W1P - Update

Winnebago - Update

WinLaC (Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent) 1W1P - Update

PROGRAM & STAFF REPORTS

Jean Meiners, Technician

- MDH Safe Drinking Water Tap-In – *Update*
- MDH Well Inventory Grant – *Update*
- BMP Projects – *Update*

Dan Wermager, Technician

- Soil Health Delivery Grant – *Update*

Janice Messner, Administrative Assistant

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – *Update*
- Tree Program - *Update*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: *Update*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: *Update*

- Jury Duty

TSA7 *(Joint Powers)* COMMITTEE: *Update*

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

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COST SHARE PROGRAMS

SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY GRANT *(Funding $40.00/acre single specie cover crop; $50.00/acre multi-specie cover crop)*
FY26 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share (*Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds:* **$0**

FY26 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share Partial Payment Request *(Funding $40.00/acre single specie cover crop; $50.00/acre multi-specie cover crop)*

Name	Project/Contract #	Total Cost Estimate	Actual Project Cost	Request
Von Arx, Clint	03FY26SHD Cover Crops	36 acres @ $40.00/acre = $1,440.00	$1,440.00	36 acres @ $40.00/acre = $1,440.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = $1,440.00 **Payment Amount Approved = $1,440.00**
Onsgard, Sean	01FY26SHD Cover Crops	50 acres @ $40.00/acre = $2,000.00	$2,000.00	50 acres @ $40.00/acre = $2,000.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = $2,000.00 **Payment Amount Approved = $2,000.00**
Klinski, Jason	02FY26SHD Cover Crops	65 acres @ $40.00/acre = $2,600.00	$2,600.00	65 acres @ $40.00/acre = $2,600.00 Cost Share Allocated to project = $2,600.00 **Payment Amount Approved = $2,600.00**

WINLAC 1W1P COST SHARE PROGRAM *(Funding percentage based on ranking)*
FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Ag Practices Cost Share *(Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds* **$24,500.00**
FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Non-Structural Cost Share *(Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds* **$2,500.00 & $1,450.00 contingency**
FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Vegetative Management & Pollinator Planting Cost Share *(Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds* **$5,000.00**

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FY25 WinLaC 1W1P Groundwater Cost Share Payment Request *(Funding up to 75% of cost estimate with $5,000.00 cap)*

Name	Project/Contract #	Total Cost Estimate	Actual Project Cost	Request
Gundersen Lutheran Administrative Services Inc.	2025WinLaC-Roo-001 Well Decommissioning	$9,100.00	$6,725.00	$6,725.00@ 75% = $5,043.75 Cost Share Allocated to project = $5,000.00 **Payment Amount Approved = $5,000.00**

1W1P ROOT RIVER WATERSHED-BASE IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING PROGRAM *(Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)*
FY24 Root River 1W1P Cost Share *(Grant expiration 12/31/2027) Available Funds* **$ 1,650.22**
FY24 Root River 1W1P Feedlot Cost Share – *Available Funds* **$5,086.08**
FY26 Root River 1W1P Cost Share *(Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds* **$ 204,805.38**

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS *(Funding up to 90% of cost estimate with or without other non-state funding source)*
FY26 Conservation Contracts *(Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds* **$7,178.92**
FY27 Conservation Contracts *(Grant expiration 12/31/2028) Available Funds* **$23,690.00**

MDH TAP-IN COST SHARE FUNDING PROGRAM *(Funding at 50% or 100% of cost estimate)*
MDH Tap- In Cost Share Grant *(Grant expiration 4/1/2027) Funds Available*

****Accounts Payable:*****
Chair call for a motion to approve accounts payable.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
5209	Ron Carlsen – Rent – November	$ 1,287.00
5210	Kwik Trip – Fuel – SWCD Trucks	$ 494.12
5211	VISA – Postage = $133.66; Vehicle Maintenance Fuel = $89.55; Meals – 10/19/26 – 10/22/26 BWSR Academy = $214.86; Lodging – 10/19/26 – 10/22/26 BWSR Academy = $662.74; Postage = $13.05; Newsletter = $332.94; Office Supplies = $159.52	$ 1,606.32
5212	Janice Messner – Meal – 10/21/2026 BWSR Academy	$ 29.05
5213	MN Dept. of Agriculture – Tree License	$ 205.00
5214	Peterson Company Ltd. – Audit – 2025 Year-End Financial	$ 5,300.00
5215	Gundersen Lutheran Administrative Services, Inc. – Contract 2025WinLaC-Roo-001	$ 5,000.00

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Voucher #	Item	Amount
5216	Von Arx, Clint – Contract 03FY26SHD – Cover Crop	$ 1,440.00
5217	Onsgard, Sean – Contract 01FY26SHD – Cover Crop	$ 2,000.00
5218	Klinski, Jason – Contract 02FY26SHD – Cover Crop	$ 2,600.00
	Total	***$***

***** WinLaC 1W1P Accounts Payable *****

Chair call for a motion to approve accounts payable and transfer of funds.

Voucher #	Item	Amount
	Root River SWCD – FY25 Technical = $2,332.59; FY25 Admin = $3,081.26	$ 5,413.85
5214	Peterson Company Ltd. – Audit – 2025 Year-End WinLaC Financial	$ 650.00
79	Wabasha SWCD – FY25 Technical = $6,364.04; FY23 Forestry Practices = $350.00	$ 6,714.04
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	Total	***$***
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 8115 (FY23) to Cash General Fund	$ 350.00
	Transfer of funds from Eitzen State Bank Acct # 9623 (FY25) to Cash General Fund	$ 12,427.89

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING -- Regular Meeting, December 10, 2026, 1:00 p.m. Ag Service Center

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