

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
1155 HIGHWAY 10 EAST
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56501
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2026 BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM (10-minute agenda time, two-minute limit/person)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Moriya Rufer, Board Conservationist
- Shanae Fortson, North Region Grants Compliance Specialist
- Nicole Bernd, PRAP Coordinator

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential, or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. At this time, members are requested to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business. Any member who declares an actual conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item. All actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest will be announced to the board by members or staff before any vote.

REPORTS

- Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Todd Holman
- Executive Director – John Jaschke
- Audit & Oversight Committee – Joe Collins
- Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – Travis Germundson/Kevin Wilson
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Mark Zabel
- RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee
- Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Joe Collins
- Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton
- Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – LeRoy Ose
- Drainage Work Group – Neil Peterson/Tom Gile

AGENCY REPORTS

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Peder Kjeseth
- Minnesota Department of Health – Myra Kunas
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen
- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Melissa Lewis

ADVISORY COMMENTS

- Association of Minnesota Counties – Brian Martinson
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – Mike Schultz
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel
- Minnesota Watersheds – Jan Voit
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Troy Daniell

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. FY 27 Soil Health Delivery Authorization – Jared House and Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. FY 27 Buffer implementation Grants – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

Buffers Soils and Drainage Committee

1. Buffer Procedures addition of Procedure #12 – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

Northern Region Committee

1. Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Renewal Amendment – Ryan Hughes and Matt Fischer – ***DECISION ITEM***

Central Region Committee

1. Brown's Creek Watershed District 2027-2036 Watershed Management Plan – Josh Norman – ***DECISION ITEM***

Wetland Conservation Committee

1. Wetland Conservation Act Rulemaking – Les Lemm and Ken Powell – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Red Lake River Watershed Partnership Presentation – Peter Nelson, Pennington SWCD – ***INFORMATION ITEM.***
2. Red River Watershed Management Board Update – Rob Sip – ***INFORMATION ITEM.***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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