

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District  
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Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda	Date: February 19th, 2026
	Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

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Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda	DECISION	Chair
3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
4. Consent Agenda January Meeting Minutes, January treasurer's reports, and bills paid	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) Telework agreement	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) 2025 Audit b) MASWCD Election Guidance c) MASWCD Legislative Event, March 17 d) 2026 Drone Contract e) Co Rd 11/Hawk Creek Bridge Easement Alterations <b>8:15am</b> f) CD 59-3.1 Amendment and Voucher g) Education component of contracts	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist
8. Program Updates– <b>8:30 am, all employees.</b> Team Building question: What are your favorite burger toppings? a) Programs and cost share 1) South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update b) SWCD Staff Reports- Kyle presentation c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness d) Board reports	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
9. Other	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair, all board, with staff support
10. Motion to adjourn	DECISION	

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- MASWCD Election Guidance- email from 1/12/26, deadline May 19, 2026
- MASWCD Legislative Event, March 17
- Local Work Group meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am -12pm
- Marxen Field event April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next Board Meeting, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda	Date: January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
	Time: 7:30 am-10:00 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

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Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order 7:30am		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda	<b>Koenig, Nere MSC</b>	Chair
3. Board Reorganization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Election of Officers for 2026  <u>Chair</u>, Nere, 2nd Koenig, nominated supervisor Smith for 2026. <b>MSC</b> Kokesch, Seehausen, Motion to cease nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Smith <b>MSC</b>  <u>Vice Chair</u>, Kokesch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Koenig nominate Nere for 2026, <b>MSC</b>. Motions to cease nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Nere, Koenig, Seehausen, <b>MSC</b>  <u>Treasurer</u>, Koenig, 2nd Seehausen, nominate Kokesch for 2026, <b>MSC</b>. Nere, Koenig Motions to cease nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Kokesch <b>MSC</b></li> <li>b) Committee Assignments for 2026, reviewed assignments, approved the same assignment as 2025  <b>Koenig, Kokesch SMC</b></li> <li>c) Regular meeting Dates for 2026: Second Thursday of the month at 7:30am, at the SWCD office, <b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b></li> <li>d) Designation of Depositories 2026 keep the same as 2025,  <b>Nere, Koenig, MSC</b></li> <li>e) Signatory delegation, 2026 Administrator is the delegated signatory authority for the SWCD Board of Supervisors for all BWSR financial obligations and programs, and other agencies for grant administration and financial oversight of all SWCD business. This includes up to \$75,000 for the WBIF contract obligation.  <b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b></li> <li>f) Capital fixed assets amount 2026 \$5000 for 2026  <b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b></li> </ul>		
4. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
5. Consent Agenda December Meeting Minutes, December treasurer's reports, and bills paid	<b>Nere, Koenig MSC</b>	Chair and Administrator
6. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Easement 65-08-02-01, adjustment <b>Nere, Koenig MSC</b></li> </ul>	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator



<p>7. Personnel Committee        a) SWCD Handbook- Nere, Koenig Tabled till Feb <b>MSC</b>. Nere, Koenig motion to un-table <b>MSC</b> after seeking clarification from Renville County HR. Discussed word clarification to page26 sick leave. Motion to approve updates <b>Seehausen, Koenig, MSC</b></p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Personnel Committee</p>
<p>8. New Business        a) CD59-6 Voucher motion to approve \$192,943.75 <b>Kokesch, Seehausen MSC</b>        b) MASWCD 2025 Dues 2025 \$7,431.37 <b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b>        c) Area VI MASWCD Dues \$400 for 2026 <b>Nere, Koenig MSC</b></p>	<p>DECISION</p>	<p>Administrator and Resource Conservationist</p>
<p>9. Program Updates– <b>8:30 am, all employees</b>. Team Building question: What are you excited about in the coming year?        a) Programs and cost share           1. South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update        b) SWCD Staff Reports – Richter Presentation on 1W1P- will present at Feb meeting.           <b>Dawn</b>-end of year financials           <b>Schroeder</b>- working on CREP enrollment for 206           <b>Hoaglund</b> – studying for Drone testing and passed her exam on 1/7/26           <b>Hatlewick</b>- Chair meeting prep, update on building committee           <b>Richter</b>- not at meeting, written report           <b>Winzenburg</b>- not at the meeting, written report        c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness Written report        d) Board Reports &amp; Reflections on last meeting           Kokesch- working on Franklin ravine projects moving forward in two phases, 1year/phase tree grubbing, then 2-year/phase construction           Seehausen- learned a lot in the last year being on the Board           Koenig- excited about the project the SWCD works on related to wildlife habitat. Working with Area VI Chair on budget and Chair meeting for 2/3/26.           Commissioner Carlson – no report           Nere- has enjoyed serving with the SWCD Board and is excited to continue to serve in 2026           Smith expressed his appreciation for the Board and the work of the staff. Preparing for several speaking engagements in Feb</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair with Staff support</p>
<p>10. Other        a) 2025 Conservation Farmers -9:00 am, Brian Greenslit joined the meeting and the Board gifted him a 2025 Conservation Farmer sign.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair, all board, with staff support</p>

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b) Old Business- Easement 65-08-02-01, verbal update on the easement c) SWCD Handbook- discussion has had, see section 7 for details		
11. Motion to adjourn 9:40 am	<b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b>	

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- Soil Management Summit/DIRT conference, Jan 14-15th, Fargo
- AMC Drainage Conference Jan 27-29th. Alexandria
- Area VI MASWCD Chair meeting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, North Mankato 9:30am
- Next Board Meeting, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026