MASWCD AREA II MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 8:30 am registration begins

Henry’s Catering
6774 MN-25
Foley, MN 56329

MASWCD Mission Statement

MASWCD is a nonprofit organization which exists to provide leadership and a common voice for Minnesota’s soil and water conservation districts and to maintain a positive, results-oriented relationship with rule making agencies, partners and legislators; expanding education opportunities for the districts so they may carry out effective conservation programs.

Agenda

8:30  Registration and Coffee

9:00  Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome: Benton SWCD
- Approval of Agenda
- Secretary’s Report & Roll Call
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- Directors Report

9:30  Committee & Partner Reports (85 minutes)

- WCTSA2 Report: Dennis Fuchs & Ross Reiffenberger, Stearns SWCD & WCTSA (15 mins)
- MAWQCP Report: Grant Pearson, Stearns SWCD – (5 mins)
- Area 2 Education Committee: Judy Johnston, Stevens SWCD (5 min)
- MASWCD: LeAnn Buck, Executive Director (20 min)
- BWSR: Jason Weinerman – (20 min)
- NRCS: To be determined (20 mins)

10:25  New Business (5 minutes)

- Set next meeting date – Date: __________  Host: Pope SWCD

10:30  Break

10:45  What Makes Local Partnerships Tick? Tarryl Clark – Stearns County Commissioner, Tom Gregory – Chair Stearns County SWCD, Dennis Fuchs – Administrator Stearns County SWCD, Ed Popp – Benton County Commissioner, Wade Bastian – Chair Benton SWCD, Gerry Maciej – Manager Benton SWCD


12:00  Adjourn & Lunch

* Note:
- West Central Area Technical Service Area Committee will meet after lunch
10:45 Presentation, What Makes Local Partnerships Tick?

Having strong local partnerships is essential in building and maintaining programs that not only meet conservation needs, but also support other local needs at the same time. Does your County connect with your message and vision? Do you understand what is important to them? A panel of Benton and Stearns County Commissioners, SWCD staff and supervisors will discuss how their programs dovetail each other, or in other words, why and how they support each other. Come prepared with your questions for the panel to learn how two counties and SWCDs in our area have worked well together to accomplish their goals.

11:30 Presentation, 2034 is Closer Than You Think: Communicating Outcomes for the Clean Water Fund

The legacy amendment passed in 2008 and we have been through numerous funding cycles. During the grant proposal process SWCDs are asked to think in the terms “prioritized, targeted and measured”, what outputs will you generate from your efforts and how these outputs relate to your goals (i.e. pounds of stuff kept out of our public waters and how many pounds you are targeting). The legacy amendment to our state constitution sunsets in 2034, will our communities’ questions be answered before then? Our state leaders and communities are asking questions about outcomes, i.e. is the water getting cleaner, in the context of legacy funding. Our presenter is Paul Gardner, the Administrator for the Clean Water Council. The Council is comprised of 28 members, including 17 citizens appointed by the Governor, and it recommends how to spend the Clean Water Fund derived from the Legacy Amendment. The Council has also recently drafted a strategic plan to chart a course for the Clean Water Fund through the expiration of the Legacy Amendment in 2034. Paul is a former state legislator, a former SWCD supervisor, and a volunteer Master Water Steward. Paul will discuss this topic and provide some examples on how you can engage with your community members and state leaders in a way that will show them their investments are providing meaningful progress towards the outcomes they are seeking.