Metropolitan Area Conservation Districts
Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Members: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington & Wright SWCDs

Metropolitan Area Conservation Districts Spring Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2020
Cabela’s, 20200 Rogers Drive, Rogers, MN 55374
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

MACD’s purpose is to provide for education, communication, cooperation, and coordination between and among its member districts and affiliated partners, in order that the quality of the natural resources and environment within the member districts jurisdiction and MACD as a whole, will be maintained and improved to the greatest possible extent.

AGENDA
9:30 Meeting Registration

10:00 1. **Call to Order** – Doug Schoenecker, MACD Area Director
   1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
   1.2 Introductions
   1.3 Roll Call

10:05 2. **Business Meeting Items**—Doug Schoenecker
   2.1 Approve Agenda (A)
   2.2 Approve Fall Meeting Minutes (A)
   2.3 Approve Treasurer’s Report (A)
   2.4 Committee Reports

10:30 3. **MACD Director’s Report**— Doug Schoenecker
   January State Board Retreat, Supervisor Trainings, Legislative Days (March 24-25)

10:50 4. **BWSR Update**— Kevin Bigalke, Assistant Director of Regional Operations

11:10 5. **NRCS Update**— Rick Berscheid, Area 4 District Conservationist

11:30 6. **MASWCD Update**— Roland Cleveland, MASWCD President

12:00 Lunch—On your own

1:00 7. **Communicating Outcomes for the Clean Water Fund** — Paul Gardner
   Paul is the administrator for the Clean Water Council which makes recommendations to legislature on how to spend the CWF which is set to expire in 2034. Paul will discuss and provide examples on how SWCDs can advocate for themselves to promote the work that they do to the CWC and legislature.

1:30 8. **Soil Health Coalition** — Jennifer Hahn
   The SHC is non-profit organization whose goals include promote BMPs and soil health practices on working lands, provide research on soil health, provide training events, and unite conservation agencies, farmers and industry professionals. Jennifer will discuss program updates and how Districts can partner with the SHC

2:00 9. **UMN Agroforestry**—Gary Wyatt
   Gary is an agroforestry extension education and professor whose work promotes sustainable practices. He will be sharing updates on invasive species, spruce diseases, NRCS silvopasture standards, MN DOT snow fence program and Food Forests.

2:30 Adjourn