



Jake Janski, Director, Mille Lacs
Barb Omarzu, Co-Director, Lake
Paul Fish, Treasurer, So. St Louis
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MASWCD Northeast Area 3 Meeting

September 30, 2026

Two Harbors Community Center
417 South Ave Two Harbors, MN 55616

MASWCD is a nonprofit organization which exists to provide leadership, educational opportunities and a common voice for Minnesota's soil and water conservation districts.

AGENDA

9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions: Jake Janski, Area Director

- Meeting Agenda- Director
- Previous meeting minutes- Secretary
- Treasurer's report- Treasurer

9:45 Director's Report – Jake Janski

10:00 2026 Supervisor elections, introduce new Supervisors (since MASWCD Annual Meeting), recognize retiring supervisors - Barb Omarzu

10:15 MASWCD Update – Chuck Rau, MASWCD President

10:30 BWSR Board report – Paul Fish

10:45 BWSR Legislative and Program Updates- Ryan Hughes, Northern Region Manager and Melanie Bomier, Board Conservationist

11:00 NRCS Update- Josh Hanson, NE Assistant State Conservationist

11:15 Updates and Announcements

- Forestry Association- Tom Fastland, Association Chair
- Laurentian RC&D
- Other events or announcements

11:30 Legislative Outreach - Paul Swanson

11:45 Closing Comments and Adjourn Business Meeting Component of the Agenda

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch - 45 minutes social time & 30 minutes lunch and learn

12:30 Lunch and Learn Presentation on Agate Bay History - Lake County Historical Society

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Meals included with registration: Continental Breakfast, Snacks, Drinks, Lunch

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1:00 AIS Demonstration - Chad Burbank, DNR Watercraft Inspection Program

1:30 Field Tour of Agate Bay Projects

2:00 Break

2:15 Lake SWCD Staff & Board Highlights and Project Presentations - Tara Solem
Lake SWCD District Manager

- SWCD Envirothon Quiz (win a native tree or plant courtesy of Jake Janski!)
- Introduce Board and Staff in Attendance
- Local Outreach Endeavors from a Supervisor perspective - Barb Omarzu
- Forest Health and Fire - Nate Quadhamer Lake SWCD Terrestrial Invasive Plant and Forestry
- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) grants - Jenna Kaiser, Lake SWCD Forester
- AIS - Liz Anderson Lake SWCD AIS and Water Quality
- Agate Bay Waterfront - Tara Solem District Manager and Watershed Planner

3:30 Meeting End

Optional Meet-up after meeting at Castle Danger Brewery