



MASWCD West Central Area 2

Area Director: Tom Gregory

Co-Director: Wade Bastian

Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Barsness

Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 9:00am

Shady's 55 | 28603 Highway 55, Paynesville, MN 56362

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

WEST CENTRAL MASWCD AREA 2

Benton SWCD

(320) 968.5300

Big Stone SWCD

(320) 839.6149

Chippewa SWCD

(320) 269-2696

Douglas SWCD

(320) 763-3191

Kandiyohi SWCD

(320) 403.4350

Meeker SWCD

(320) 693.7287

Morrison SWCD

(320) 631.3551

Pope SWCD

(320) 634.5327

Stearns CD

(320) 251.7800

Stevens SWCD

(320) 589.4886

Swift SWCD

(320) 289.6033

Todd SWCD

(320) 732.2644

AGENDA

8:30 Registration & Refreshments

9:00 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: *Wade Bastian, Co-Director*

- Welcome from Stearns Conservation District
- Motion to Approve the Agenda
- Secretary's Report & Roll Call: *Paul Barsness*
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: *Paul Barsness*
- Approval of Treasurer's Report: *Paul Barsness*
- Co-Director's Report: *Wade Bastian*
- Senator Putnam: State budget forecast (to be confirmed)
- Congresswoman Fischbach: Farm bill update (to be confirmed)

10:00 Committee & Partner Reports

- WCTSA2: *Ross Reiffenberger*, WCTSA2 Engineer
- MAWQCP: *Nathan Wiese*
- Area 2 Education Committee: *Area 2 Education Committee*
- MASWCD: *Sheila Vanney*
- BWSR: *Zach Guttormson, Pete Waller*
- NRCS: *Logan Berg*

10:30 New Business

- 2027 Area 2 MASWCD Budget
- MASWCD Area 2 Officer Elections
 - Director (Special Election), 1-year term
 - Co-Director, 2-year term
 - Secretary-Treasurer, 2-year term
- Set next meeting date & location: **Spring 2027 host is Morrison SWCD**

10:45 Presentations

Agrivoltaics in Action with Pollinators and Grazing

Presented by: *Jake Janski, MNL, and Jason Selvog, Stearns Conservation District*

Sauk River OHF Partnership

Presented by: *John Maile & Greg Berg, Stearns Conservation District*

12:00 Adjourn & Lunch

* **Note:** West Central Area Technical Service Area Committee will meet after lunch.