



Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

MASWCD Metro Area 4

Fall Meeting - September 22, 2026

Cabela's, 20200 Rogers Dr, Rogers, MN 55374

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

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9:00 Registration & Refreshments

9:30 Call to Order and Business Items

- Welcome and Roll Call: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Agenda – Action: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Minutes – Action: John Rheinberger, Area Director
- Treasurer's Report – Action: Josh Krenz, Area Treasurer
- Budget Committee Report – Action: Josh Krenz, Area Treasurer

9:50 Agency and Partner Updates and Information

- **MASWCD Check-In: Chuck Rau, MASWCD President.** Updates on MN Conservation Delivery Economic Report, SWCD Aid Advocacy Campaign and Association policy development
- **MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Report: John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director.** Updates related to BWSR and SWCD programs
- Other

10:30 **Shoreline Policy Development: Jay Riggs, Washington CD; Greg Berg, Stearns CD; Mike Isensee, Carnelian Marine St. Croix WD**

Minnesota has formed a Natural Shoreline Partnership (NSP) to identify shoreline issues and create a unified approach to address solutions. As subcommittees of the NSP identified resource concerns, resolutions have been developed to work with partners and create opportunities for increased protection of shorelines. These resolutions address updating educational/promotional materials, creating a training program, increase funding and capacity, as well as a review of current rules/processes to create consistent implementation across Minnesota. The presentation will highlight how the resolutions are intended to build on existing resources, increase staff capacity with JAA and dedicate funding for technical assistance as well as projects.

11:05 **Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy Update and Next Steps: Matt Drewitz, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**

Minnesota recently updated the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy (NRS), published in January 2026. The NRS compiles the latest science, research, and data and recommends the most effective strategies to reduce nutrients in our waters from both point and nonpoint sources. Reductions in Minnesota's nitrogen and phosphorus pollution are needed to reach our in-state water quality goals and the goals that aim to restore the Gulf, Lake Winnipeg, and Lake Superior. This talk will provide an overview of content, updates, roles of SWCDs, and next steps for the NRS.

11:50 Closing Comments: John Rheinberger, Area Director

12:00 Adjourn