

FAQ

SWCD Area Meetings

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The Purpose of Area Meetings

SWCD area meetings are a forum to exchange information, develop grassroots policy and provide program and informational updates for members.

A minimum of two area meetings are held annually. Each area must have one round of meetings in June to provide a forum for strategic thinking on enhancing SWCD efforts to protect and improve water quality and soil health through a grassroots resolutions process.

Who should attend?

Both supervisors and employees are encouraged to attend area meetings which are typically held two or three times per year.

It is important for Supervisors to attend to have a quorum, to vote and to conduct business.

Area meetings provide an opportunity to connect with peers, gain valuable knowledge and provide expert, technical input as it relates to improving water quality and soil health.

Why is attendance important?

A predetermined number of supervisors are required to have a quorum which allows members to vote, conduct business and elect area directors.

Attendance sets the tone for your dedication and commitment to conservation and your community and ensures you can fully contribute to your role.

Attendance provides the opportunity to set policies that could impact your SWCD's future.

Attendance provides the opportunity to learn from peers, speakers and program information that members can share with their SWCDs and community.

What happens at an area meeting?

Relationships are built.

Area meetings give supervisors, employees, and agency partners a chance to connect.

Conservation projects and outcomes are shared.

Issues affecting your community's natural resources are addressed.

Expert speakers and information on voluntary grant programs are offered.

A resolutions process is utilized.

Members are given the opportunity to voice support and influence change in regard to natural resource conservation policy, programs and funding.

Where can I find info on my area meeting?

All area meetings, agendas and bylaws are posted on the MASWCD.org website. You can also contact your local SWCD.

Minnesota SWCD offices and contacts can be found [here](#) or by scanning this QR code:

