

Minnesota State Technical Committee Meeting

May 17, 2018

USDA NRCS State Office

375 Jackson Street, Suite 600

St. Paul, MN

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Time	Discussion Topics	Decision Points/Discussion	Topic Leader
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• NRCS staffing plan• The future of NRCS	Member feedback on staffing plan	Curtis Elke, NRCS
10:00-10:30	Partner Updates	Updates from State Technical Committee members	
10:30 – 10:45	Break		
10:45 – 11:00	Farm Service Update	Discuss Expiring CRP	Angela Hanson, FSA
11:00 – 11:30	Financial Assistance Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2018 Obligation Update• Program Advisory Team		Jeremy Bennett, NRCS
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 1:15	Soils <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soil Health and Strategic Plan	Review field indicators and prioritize.	Kristin Brennan, NRCS
1:15 – 2:00	Ecological Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover Crop Seeding Rates• Watershed Selection Criteria• Conservation Planning Listening Session	Review cover crop seeding rates, watershed selection criteria, and listening session.	Carissa Spencer, Shannon Carpenter, NRCS
2:00 – 2:15	Engineering	Solicit for Ag Waste committee members	Lea Holter, NRCS
2:15 – 2:30	Minnesota State Technical Committee Agenda Items	Discuss potential agenda items for research and review.	Ryan Galbreath, NRCS
2:30	Adjourn		

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