

# Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service State Technical Advisory Committee



**Dates:** September 20-21, 2023.

**Location:** Courtyard by Marriott

404 West St. Germain Street

St. Cloud, MN 56301

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<b>Wednesday September 20</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic(s)</b>	<b>Feedback/Discussion</b>	<b>Topic Leader</b>
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and Introductions		Dave Jones, NRCS
10:15 – 10:30	State Technical Advisory Committee Purpose	Review standard operating procedures. Review subcommittee purposes.	Ryan Galbreath NRCS
10:30 – 11:30	NRCS Financial Assistance Programs Report		Kelly Heather, NRCS
<b>11:30 – 11:45 Break</b>			
11:45 – 12:15	Conservation Reserve Program	Conservation Reserve Program Update (2023 Numbers)	TBD
<b>12:15 – 1:30 Lunch</b>			
1:30 – 2:00	Audubon Grazing Program	Grazing program opportunities in MN.	Dale Gentry, Audubon
2:00 – 2:30	Honeybees in Minnesota	Partner update on honeybee efforts and status in MN.	Rebecca Masterman
<b>2:30 – 2:45 Break</b>			
2:45 – 3:15	Agreements and Notice of Funding Opportunities	Status updates and next year's opportunities	Molly Mehl, NRCS
3:15 – 3:45	Water Storage Efforts	Discussion on water storage practices and state funding	Rita Weaver, BWSR
3:45 – 4:15	Minnesota Rural Water Association	Update on efforts for source water protection	Katie Breth, Minnesota Rural Water Association
4:15 – 4:30	Closing Comments		Dave Jones, NRCS
<b>4:30 Adjourn</b>			

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Thursday September 21, 2023			
Time	Discussion Topics	Feedback/Discussion	Topic Leader
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Introductions		Dave Jones, NRCS
9:15 – 10:15	Subcommittee Reports	Wildlife Subcommittee Forestry Sub Committee Grazing Subcommittee Watershed Subcommittee Easement Subcommittee	Jeffery Kalin, NRCS Callie Bertsch, NRCS Jeff Duchene, NRCS Courtney Cheever, NRCS TBD, NRCS
9:45 – 10:15	MN NRCS Forestry Efforts		Callie Bertsch, NRCS
10:15 – 10:30 Break			
10:30 – 11:15	Engineering and Energy Updates	New Practices in MN and New Program Opportunities	Lea Holter, NRCS
11:15 – 12:15	Ecological Practices Updates	New Practices and New Program Opportunities	Ryan Galbreath, NRCS
12:15 – 12:30	Closing Comments	Suggestions for Next STAC	Dave Jones NRCS
Adjourn			