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Mille Lacs SWCD meets with legislators to discuss conservation work

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MILLE LACS COUNTY — Supervisors from the Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District recently traveled to the State Capitol to meet with local legislators and discuss the district's conservation work.

Supervisors Tim Braun and Jake Janski met with Sens. Andrew Mathews and Nathan Wesenberg, along with Reps. Bryan Lawrence, Isaac Schultz and Ron Kresha.

During the meetings, they shared the district's mission, priority areas and the impact of conservation efforts over the past year.

Discussions focused on forest stewardship, shoreline protection, agricultural soil health and groundwater protection — key areas tied to the long-term health of Mille Lacs County's natural resources.

The visit also highlighted the role of Minnesota's locally led conservation model, which works directly with landowners, partners and residents to implement projects across the county.



“The SWCD Board appreciates the time and engagement of legislators during a busy session and values their continued support for conservation efforts in Mille Lacs County,” the district said in a news release. “These conversations help strengthen partnerships and ensure local priorities remain part of statewide discussions.”

The district plans to continue working with state leaders to support conservation efforts in the county.

