

**53rd Annual MPCs Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Twin Valley Community Center
107 2nd St SW, Twin Valley, MN 56584**



Saturday April 18 – Meeting Agenda

Optional: Prairie Chicken Viewing Blinds

Viewing blinds may be available at the TNC Bluestem Office or at Hamden Slough NWR, visit our website [How to View | Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society](#) to make reservations.

Optional: Birding/Wildlife Viewing

Over 6,000 acres of Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) are located immediately south of Twin Valley, MN, including Cupido, Dalby, Neal, Rockwell, Syre, and Twin Valley WMAs. Attendees are encouraged to visit MNDNR's Recreational Compass, [Recreation Compass | Minnesota DNR](#), if interested in wildlife viewing opportunities at the WMAs.

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9:00 Registration and coffee/breakfast snacks

9:30 Announcements and Call to Order

Welcome – Matt Mecklenburg

Blinds and Viewing Notes/Sightings - All

10:00 *PF/MPCS Land Acquisition Update* – John Voz/Rob Baden

10:30 *Meandering through Meadows: Results from One Year of Prairie Reconstruction Monitoring* — Phil Doll, MNDNR Grassland Restoration Specialist

11:00 Break

11:15 *Overview of the Red River Watershed Management Board: Our Work on Flood Mitigation, Water Quality and Habitat* — Rob Sip, Executive Director Red River Watershed Management Board

11:45 Lydell Scholarship Award Presentation

11:55 Friend of the Prairie Chicken Award Presentation

12:05 Socialize, Merchandise, and Silent Auction updates

Foraging & Loafing - 12:15 Lunch on-site (*Catered by Erickson's Smokehouse, Fertile, MN*)

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1:00 *Square and Sharp: A Tale of Two Tails* — Greg Hoch, MNDNR Prairie Habitat Supervisor

1:20 *Prairie Chicken Research Update* – Charlotte Roy, Research Scientist/ MNDNR

1:50 Break

Our Business in Booming

2:00 MPCs Annual Business Meeting – MPCs Board

3:00 Raffle Prizes – MEMBERS ENCOURAGED to bring/solicit items (original art, hunting/fishing items, preserves, maple syrup, books, prints, etc.)

Dispersal

3:30 Adjourn *Thanks to all attendees and to all those supporting MPCs!!*

