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FILE BEFORE JUNE 1 TO RUN FOR SWCD SUPERVISOR

Individuals concerned about water quality and soil erosion in Goodhue County should consider filing by June 1 to run for the position of Supervisor of the Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

“Supervisors play an important role in how our community deals with a wide variety of resource management issues, including wetlands, water quality, soil erosion, and flood control,” noted Glen Roberson, Manager with the Goodhue SWCD.

Serving as a supervisor is a terrific opportunity for people who want a voice in how we manage our environment.

SWCDs are special purpose units of government that manage and direct conservation programs, such as the state Cost-Share Program and the Clean Water Legacy Program. An elected board of Supervisors governs each of Minnesota’s 90 SWCDs.

This year, the Goodhue Co. SWCD has 2 Supervisor positions up for election. SWCD candidates appear on the ballot for the general election which will take place November 2, 2010. Candidates are elected county wide, but must reside in one of the nomination districts up for election. These include District II (Townships of Minneola, Pine Island, Roscoe, and Zumbrota) and District I (Townships of Cherry Grove, Holden, Kenyon, and Wanamingo). SWCD Supervisors serve four year terms.

Supervisors meet monthly to discuss the business of the SWCD, including state grant allocations to landowners, district conservation priorities, coordination with other local units of government and state agencies, and legislative priorities. Supervisors do not receive a salary, although they do receive compensation for attending meetings and are reimbursed for expenses.

Those interested in running for Supervisor should file at the County Auditor’s office from May 18 through June 1, 2010. Additional information about the SWCD can be obtained by visiting their web site at www.goodhueswcd.org or calling the office at 651-923-5300 Ext. 4.