



FILE BEFORE JUNE 5th TO RUN FOR SWCD SUPERVISOR

Individuals concerned about water quality and soil erosion in Carlton County should consider filing by June 5, 2018 to run for the position of Supervisor of the Carlton County 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, lake management, and forestry,” noted Brad Matlack District Manager with the Carlton SWCD.

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

SWCD’s are special purpose units of government that manage and direct local conservation programs, such as the state Cost-Share Program, Clean Water Legacy, Impaired Waters, Wetland Conservation, and Forestland Management. An elected board of Supervisors governs each of Minnesota’s 91 SWCDs.

SWCD candidates appear on the ballot for the general election which will take place November 6, 2018. Candidates are elected county wide, but must reside in one of the nomination districts up for election. This year, the Carlton County SWCD has 2 Supervisor positions up for election. These include District 2 and District 3. 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. In addition, some committee meetings and outside organization meeting attendance is expected. 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 22 to June 5, 2018. Additional information about the SWCD can be obtained by visiting their web site at www.carltonswcd.org or calling Brad Matlack at the SWCD office at 218-384-3891.