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Notice of Board Vacancy

District 3 SWCD Supervisor – Hibbing/Chisholm/Balkan & two unorganized townships

North St. Louis County, MN April 19, 2017: The North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors is seeking to fill a vacant board member position from nomination district 3 covering the areas of Hibbing, Chisholm, Balkan Township and unorganized townships 59-21 and 55-21. (Please see www.nslswcd.org for a service area map). This term expires 1/7/19.

SWCDs are local units of government that carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. We provide voluntary, incentive-driven approaches to landowners for better soil and cleaner water in the State of Minnesota. Private landowners – using financial and technical assistance from local SWCDs – are implementing a wide variety of conservation practices including restoring wetlands, reducing soil erosion, and preventing invasive species.

Recent highlights of our work include removing and replacing riprap on a severely eroding shoreline on the Whiteface Reservoir; improving trout habitat on the Bulldog Hanson Creek and Lost River near Orr and implementing a watercraft inspection program on Lake Vermillion.

SWCD Board Supervisors play an important role in determining how soil and water resources are managed within our county. They work cooperatively with local, state, and federal partners to establish soil and water conservation policy. SWCD's serve as a focal point for identifying and addressing natural resource issues. Supervisor activities include monthly board meetings, training sessions, strategic planning, and committee meetings. Supervisors receive a \$75 per diem and mileage/expense reimbursement for their service.

SWCD Board Supervisors hold a public office and must be permitted time off from regular employment to attend meetings. The time off may be without pay, with pay, or made up with other hours, as agreed between the employee and employer. Meetings are currently held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in Virginia.

If you reside within the boundaries of District 3 and are interested in serving as a North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, please complete and submit an application form by noon on Monday, May 15, 2017. Questions may be addressed to Anita Provinzino, District Administrator at 218-471-7284 or anita@nslswcd.org.

Items to Consider Before Submitting an Application:

1. Do you understand the mission of the District and are you committed to working with staff and fellow board members to carry it out?
2. Can you devote the time, resources, and energy required of a District board member?
3. Do you understand the roles and responsibilities of the District?
4. Are you willing to attend meetings regularly, making them a priority for the duration of your term?
5. Are you willing to participate in necessary training, education, and development activities?
6. Will you actively serve on SWCD committees? If so, what types of committees are of interest to you?

The District Board intends to select a candidate for appointment from qualified applications submitted by the deadline at its Board meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 10:30 am in Room 118 of the Northland Office Building. The public is welcome to attend.

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NORTH ST. LOUIS SWCD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION for District 3

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Legal description of residence: T_____R_____Sec_____or
(To verify your residency in District 3) Parcel ID: _____

- 1. Explain your interest in natural resources conservation.**

- 2. Explain your interest in serving the County as an SWCD board supervisor.**

- 3. Briefly describe what contributions and skills you could bring to the District.**

- 4. How much time are you willing and able to commit to District activities?**

- 5. Nature of your work or educational background.**

- 6. Please provide a brief biography of yourself. Use more paper if desired.**

Return completed form to: District Administrator or anita@nslswcd.org
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