



Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District
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General Information

An elected board of five Supervisors governs Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD's) in Minnesota. Each board member represents a district within the County, and each district is defined by municipal boundaries — see map of the Freeborn SWCD district's below.

Seats/Terms

The office of SWCD Supervisor is a four-year term. Candidates are elected in the general election. An election of Supervisors for the Freeborn SWCD is held every 2 years, and the seats are filled with a 4 year term. The seats are aligned so that seats 1, 2, and 5 are elected in the presidential election cycle, while seats 3 and 4 are elected in the non-presidential election cycle. A Supervisor shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected or qualified. The office of the Supervisor is a nonpartisan office, and each supervisor represents the entire district. Currently, Freeborn SWCD Supervisors are elected at-large — meaning that all eligible voters throughout Freeborn County are able to vote for the open positions.

Board Meetings & Compensation

The Freeborn SWCD Board of Supervisors meets the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM in the District office. (meeting times are April – Nov. at 7:00 p.m. and Dec. – March at 1:00 p.m.) Supervisors receive a per diem for Board meetings, which is currently \$75 per meeting. They are also reimbursed for mileage and any expenses related to the Supervisor position.

How and when can I file for the SWCD Supervisor position?

You must file a "Minnesota Affidavit of Candidacy" with the Freeborn County Auditor's office. The filing fee is \$20. This affidavit must be filed during the filing period, which is **May 17 – May 31, 2016** (*Districts 1, 2 & 5 this year*).

Who is eligible to file for the Supervisor positions?

Any eligible voter residing in the nomination district of the current vacancy.

What happens if I win the election?

The County Auditor fills out a "Certificate of Election" that will be sent to you. You will be sworn in at the January Board meeting in 2017, by taking the Oath of Office, and will start your Supervisor role with the Freeborn SWCD.

Have more questions or need more information?

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