



2010 Election Information District 1 and 5 to be filled by Election in 2010

General Information

An elected board of five supervisors governs Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in Minnesota. Each board member represents a district within the county, and each district is defined by municipal boundaries.

District 1: Royalton, City of Rock Creek, Pine City, and Chengwatana townships

District 5: Finlayson, Partridge, Fleming, New Dosey, Park, Nickerson and Kerrick townships, along with the City of Sandstone.

Seats/Terms

The office of SWCD supervisor is a four-year term. Candidates are elected in the general election. An election of supervisor for the Pine SWCD is held every 2 years, and the seats are filled with a 4-year term. The seats are aligned so that seats 2, 3, and 4 are elected in the presidential election cycle, while seats 1 and 5 are elected in the non-presidential election cycles.

Supervisors 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, Pine SWCD Supervisors are elected at-large – meaning that all eligible voters throughout Pine County are able to vote for the open positions.

Board Meetings & Compensation

The Pine SWCD Board of Supervisors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Pine County Health & Human Services Building board room. Supervisors receive a per diem for board meetings, which is currently \$50 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 Pine County Auditors office. The filing fee is \$20. This affidavit must be filed during the filing period which is May 18 – June 1, 2010.

Who is eligible to file for 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 2011, by taking the Oath of Office, and will start your supervisor role with the Pine SWCD. (You may also be sworn in and take your oath of office at the County Auditor’s office).

Have more questions or need more information?

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