

What are SWCD Supervisors?

SWCD Supervisors serve as locally elected leaders who help guide the mission, priorities and stewardship of their county's SWCD.

Because Supervisors are locally elected, they bring citizen voice and local knowledge directly into the natural resource decision making. They advocate for local conservation, influence policy and approve conservation projects. They are actively involved in their community and may participate in district, state and regional events. Supervisors serve 4-year terms and are compensated for their time, expenses and travel.

To qualify as a candidate, you must be:

- At least 21 years old,
- An eligible voter,
- A resident of your district,
- And (with limited exceptions), only be running for this office.

To apply, you must first file an affidavit of candidacy with your county in the spring of an SWCD election year. Elections occur in November. After elections, Supervisors take an Oath of Office and begin their 4-year term in January.

Step Up!

Minnesota depends on local leaders who care deeply about protecting what makes our state extraordinary. As an SWCD Supervisor, you can be a trusted voice for your community. Step up and shape the future of conservation. Create a legacy that lasts for generations.

Root River Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors are supervisors elected at large in accordance to Minnesota Statute 103C.311 subd. 1. This statute provides for the establishment of nominating districts that determine who will be on the general election ballot for vote by the general electorate of the county. The nominating districts have historically reflected the natural resource diversity of the county. They have not been focused on the distribution of population, but on distribution of supervisors geographically across the county so board members have a better chance at being physically closer to and personally aware of the natural resource issues across the county. All eligible voters within the county may vote for all SWCD supervisors.

Root River's board of supervisors serve a four-year term with no limit to the number of consecutive terms they serve.

(YouTube Video link)

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