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Filing begins May 17 for Mower SWCD board seats

Candidates for 3 supervisor roles must file by May 31 for 4-year terms

May 13, 2016, AUSTIN, Minn. – Candidates can begin filing May 17 for three seats up for election on the Mower Soil & Water Conservation District's board of supervisors, who serve four-year terms.

Filings for the Mower SWCD board must be submitted by May 31 to the Mower County Auditor's office at 201 First St. N.E. in Austin. Candidates must live in the district for which they are filing.

Supervisor posts up for election include District 1 (Udolpho, Waltham, Sargeant, Red Rock and Dexter townships); District 2 (Pleasant Valley, Racine, Grand Meadow and Frankford townships); and District 5 (Lansing and Austin townships, including the city of Austin).

Mower SWCD board of supervisors

District 1, District 2 and District 5 supervisor positions on the Mower SWCD board of supervisors are up for election. Each seat is a four-year term.

Candidates **must**:

- File their candidacy between **May 17 and May 31** at the Mower County Auditor's office, 201 1st St. N.E., Austin.
- Live in the district for which they are filing for election.

For more information, call Mower SWCD at 507-434-2603 or visit the election webpage at www.mowerswcd.org/elections.

Mower SWCD's current supervisors in those seats are Jim Gebhardt (District 1); Rick Gehling (District 2); and Jon Erichson (District 5).

Voters countywide will select three supervisors during the Nov. 8 general election, with the supervisor terms running from January 2017 through December 2020.

Mower SWCD's five-member board meets monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the SWCD office in Austin. Supervisors for SWCDs in Minnesota do not receive a salary but get a per diem payment for attending meetings and are reimbursed for expenses.

An elected board of supervisors governs each of Minnesota's 90 SWCDs. Supervisors meet monthly to discuss the SWCD's business, such as state grant allocations to landowners; district conservation priorities; coordination with other local units of government and state and federal agencies.

In Minnesota, SWCDs are a primary source of conservation information, support and program management for landowners and other local units of government. SWCD staffs are the technical experts who understand their specific communities' needs and help landowners navigate conservation programs from start to finish.

Mower SWCD's District 3 (Clayton, Bennington, Lodi and LeRoy) and District 4 (Windom, Marshall, Lyle, Nevada and Adams) seats will be up for election in 2018.

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Mower Soil & Water Conservation District

Since 1953, Mower SWCD has provided land and conservation services to Mower County landowners to help manage lands in a way that promotes a sound economy as well as sustains and enhances natural resources that are key to the state's environmental health. Mower SWCD is one of Minnesota's 90 SWCDs each are governed by an elected board.