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Dakota County SWCD Representatives Attend State Convention

Representatives from Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) across the state attended the 73rd annual meeting and 19th annual trade show for the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) December 6-8 in Duluth, Minnesota. Approximately 750 individuals participated in the three-day conference.

Supervisors attending from the Dakota County SWCD included Kevin Chamberlain, Hastings; Scott Norstad Apple Valley; Chris Nielsen, Lakeville; and Scott Holm, Eagan. Staff members Brian Watson, Laura Jester and Mike Isensee also presented or participated at the event.

“SWCDs Working – Clean, Green, and Lean” was the theme for this year’s convention. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kathleen Allen, of Allen and Associates – a consulting firm that specializes in coaching and organizational changes. Dr. Allen provided insights into new approaches to leadership for SWCDs as they work to manage and protect land and water resources.

Joe Beattie was recognized as the Dakota County SWCD Outstanding Conservation Cooperator. Joe is a biology teacher at Hastings High School where he inspires students to study, restore and care for their natural surroundings. Joe received this honor as a result of his tireless conservation work including restoring wetlands and prairies in and around Hastings, promoting conservation through teaching and leading, and being an engaged citizen on advisory committees.

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