

**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

71st ANNUAL MEETING AND 17th ANNUAL TRADE SHOW

**FOOD, FUEL, AND THE FUTURE
OF CONSERVATION**



Ed Barlow, Futurist



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**December 2-4, 2007
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ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA**



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MASWCD Annual Convention At A Glance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception – Galleria Ballroom
Radisson Plaza Hotel
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Auction Item Drop-Off – Centerplace Room
Radisson Plaza Hotel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

6:30 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Hospitality Area Open – Exhibit Hall
7:00 – 8:15 a.m. Auction Item Drop-Off – Centerplace Room
Radisson Plaza Hotel
7:00 a.m. Registration Opens – North Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trade Show Open – Exhibit Hall 1, 2, 3
8:25 – 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting – Presentation Hall
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. BWSR Report – Presentation Hall
9:15 – 10:00 a.m. *Keynote Address: Ed Barlow* – Presentation Hall
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bio-Energy 101 – Presentation Hall
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Awards Luncheon – Exhibit Hall 4
1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Media Room Open – Board Room
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Employee Training: WCA Enforcement – ½ Grand Ballroom
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Employee Training: Web Site Software Instruction – ½ Grand Ballroom
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions – Various Meeting Rooms (see program)
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Silent Auction for Conservation – Galleria Ballroom
Radisson Plaza Hotel
7:30 – ??? p.m. Live Auction for Conservation – Galleria Ballroom
Radisson Plaza Hotel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

6:30 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Hospitality Area Open – North Lobby
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens – North Lobby
8:00 – 11:45 a.m. Business Meeting – Presentation Hall
8:30 – 11:30 p.m. Employee Training: Web Site Software Instruction – ½ Grand Ballroom
8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Employee Sessions – Various Meeting Rooms (see program)
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Wetland Conservation Act Open House – Elliott Suite
9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Photos of Outstanding Conservationists – Legion Suite
noon – 2:00 p.m. Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon – Exhibit Hall
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Media Room Open – Board Room
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. *Don Gudmundson* – McDonnell Suite
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Reception – Grand Ballroom Foyer
6:00 – 8:15 p.m. Banquet – Grand Ballroom
Entertainment: The Generation Strings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Reception – *Galleria Ballroom, Radisson Plaza Hotel*

- Join the MASWCD Board Members and the SWCDs from Area 6 for a welcome reception

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Auction Item Drop-Off – *Centerplace Rm – Radisson Plaza*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

6:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast/Hospitality Area – *Exhibit Hall*

- Open to all convention attendees
- Care of Area 6 SWCDs

7:00 a.m.

Registration Opens – *North Lobby*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Trade Show Open – *Exhibit Hall 1, 2, 3*

8:25 – 9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting – *Presentation Hall*

Monday business meeting will have reports & introduction of business only - all voting will take place during the Tuesday business meeting

- Presiding: Ken Pederson, MASWCD President
- President's Report, Ken Pederson, MASWCD President
- Introduction of MASWCD Committee Chairs
- Introduction of MASWCD Resolutions and Proposed Bylaws Changes, Steve Sunderland, MASWCD Vice President and Resolution/Policy Committee Chair
- Finance Committee Report, Clark Lingbeek, MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer



Ken Pederson

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

BWSR Report – *Presentation Hall*

Presenter: Steve Woods, Board of Water and Soil Resources

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Address – *Presentation Hall*

Ed Barlow – *Creating the Future*

Nationally renowned futurist, Ed Barlow, delivers meaningful information about the future in a dynamic and entertaining manner. His keynote address will enhance an understanding of the future and the influences which will affect personal, professional, organizational, and community settings as they relate to conservation, energy and the environment. No one is more passionate about, nor more actively engaged in assisting people, organizations, and professions anticipate and prepare for the world of tomorrow.



Ed Barlow

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Refreshment Break – *Exhibit Hall 1, 2, 3*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007 (continued)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.



Dick Hemmingsen

Bio-energy 101 and Potential Changes to Minnesota's Landscape – Presentation Hall

Minnesota is a leader in promoting sustainable, healthy, and diverse ecosystems, statewide economic development and national energy security through development of bio-based and other renewable resources and processes. This session will focus on the intersection between innovative technologies, visionary policies and environmental benefits.

Presenters: Richard (Dick) Hemmingsen, Director, University of Minnesota's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE)
Greg Larson, State Soils Specialist, Board of Water and Soil Resources and University of Minnesota Department of Soil, Water and Climate

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Awards Luncheon – Exhibit Hall 4

- MASWCD/MPCA Outstanding Community Conservationist Award
- Minnesota DNR Division of Waters Appreciation Award
- MASWCD Media Award
- MASWCD Teacher Award
- Outstanding District Employee Award, sponsored by the Board of Water & Soil Resources
- MASWCD Outstanding Supervisor Award

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Media Room Open – Board Room

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING - Wetland Conservation Act Enforcement – ½ Grand Ballroom

DNR is planning to use their aircraft to spot wetlands violations again this year. This session will help SWCD staff prepare for the future workload associated with the fly-overs. SWCD technicians that will be involved in the 2007-8 flights as well as the technicians from the 2006 flights, are invited to attend.

Instructor: Marty Book, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Department of Natural Resources

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING - Web Site Development with Microsoft Expression Web; Part One – ½ Grand Ballroom
You must be pre-registered in order to attend this training.

This session will provide hands-on training in use of a software program that can aid your SWCD in designing and maintaining a web site. Participants will be provided with a reference manual to take back to the SWCD office. This training will be continued on Tuesday Morning, December 4.

Instructor: Mark Swanson, Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007 (continued)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT-SESSIONS

PRODUCTIVE CONSERVATION ON WORKING LANDS – McDonnell Suite (street level)

Productive conservation on working lands provides sustainable economic opportunities which offer environmental benefits to the natural resources of our state without idling of land.

Presenter: Joe Domeier, Three Rivers RC&D

Moderator: Allen Marble, Blue Earth SWCD

UNDERSTANDING THE FARM BILL: IMPACTS ON MINNESOTA – Legion Suite (street level)

Topics to be discussed include how the Farm Bill will affect: 1) subsidies and support for conservation efforts; 2) support for alternative sources of energy; and 3) price and yield protection for producers. Impacts of additional funding (and rules) for conservation programs will be discussed as well.

Presenters: Kent Olson, University of Minnesota
Parry Aasness, USDA Farm Service Agency

Paul Flynn, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Moderator: Darwin Roberts, Martin SWCD

CLIMATE CHANGE IN MINNESOTA: EVIDENCE AND IMPLICATIONS – Mayo Suite (skyway level)

There is increasing recognition by climatologists that the western Great Lakes climate is showing several distinct trends or changes in character. Statistical evidence for these changing patterns and visible observation of effects and consequences will be presented from various perspectives, including acknowledged perceptions of risk.

Presenter: Dr. Mark Seeley, Univ. of Minnesota,
Dept. of Soil, Water, and Climate

Moderator: Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD

ENERGY; LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020 – Elliott Suite (skyway level)

Renewable energy and the State of Minnesota; come learn about the present, and future energy goals for Minnesota. Are these goals being met? Can you help achieve these goals?

What questions do you have about our future energy needs?

Presenters: Lise Trudeau, Department of Commerce,
Renewable Energy and Advanced Technologies

Lanny Schmidt, University of Minnesota,
Chemical Engineering

Moderator: Tom Pfarr, Sibley SWCD

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007 (continued)

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT-SESSIONS

MAKING CONSERVATION PAY – McDonnell Suite (street level)

Increasing competition for land use is making it difficult for conservation practices and programs to compete economically. This session will focus on ways to increase funding for projects by finding sources outside normal cost-share programs including working with lake associations, watershed projects, private industry and local and national conservation groups. It will also focus on ways to “market” projects and practices to landowners.

Presenters: Cory Netland, Renville SWCD
Scott Refsland, Renville County
Darrell Schindler, Hawk Creek
Watershed Project

Moderator: Tom Kalahar, Renville SWCD

BMP CHALLENGE AND WATER QUALITY CREDIT TRAINING – Legion Suite (street level)

Concerns about possible reductions in yield and income can be a barrier to adoption of nutrient management and conservation tillage. A collaboration has developed a BMP performance guarantee that provides a financial safety net. We’ll share the latest information on how farmers benefit.

Presenter: Thomas Green, IPM Institute of North America and Agflex

Moderator: Greg Roiger, Brown SWCD

BIRDS, BEES, AND BUFFERS – Mayo Suite (skyway level)

This session will detail the process of how McLeod County adopted their conservation overlay district and why the district was created. This section of the McLeod County zoning ordinance is one of the most restrictive development standards in the State of Minnesota.

Presenter: Marc Telecky, McLeod County Zoning Department

Moderator: Ryan Frietag, McLeod SWCD

ENERGY; LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020 (repeated) – Elliott Suite (skyway level)

7:00 & 7:30 p.m.

**Auctions for Conservation Education – Galleria Ballroom
Radisson Plaza Hotel**

- Silent Auction: 7-8:30 p.m.
- Live Auction: 7:30 p.m. until all items are auctioned off
- Proceeds support conservation education, MASWCD endowment fund, and NACD Capitol Campaign
- Auctioneers – former Steele SWCD Supervisor and MASWCD President Vern Wilker and former Congressman from Southern Minnesota, Gil Gutknecht

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

6:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Continental Breakfast/Hospitality Area – North Lobby

- Open to all convention attendees
- Care of Area 6 SWCDs

7:30 a.m.

Registration Opens – North Lobby

8:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Business Meeting – Presentation Hall

- Presiding: Ken Pederson, MASWCD President
- Approval of Standing Rules; Approval of 2006 Minutes
- Action on Proposed 2006-2007 Budget
- Action on Proposed Resolutions
- New Business – Action on Proposed Bylaws Change

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING - Web Site Development with Microsoft Expression Web; Part One – ½ Grand Ballroom

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(Part 2; continued from Monday afternoon)

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

EMPLOYEE SESSION

PERPETUAL MEANS FOREVER – McDonnell Suite

Conservation easement maintenance is a lifelong partnership between the landowner, the SWCD, BWSR & NRCS. The session will focus on anticipated future funding needs, long-term staffing needs, and how to work cooperatively with other agencies and private groups to achieve maximum benefits for landowners and the State.

Presenters:

Joe Stangel, DNR Private Land Specialist

Lanette Dietrich, USDA NRCS

Tim Fredbo, BWSR

John Keefe, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor

Moderator:

Tom Kalahar, Renville SWCD

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Wetland Conservation Act Open House – Elliott Suite

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Outstanding Conservationist Photo Area – Legion Suite

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Refreshment Break – North Lobby

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

EMPLOYEE SESSION

GETTING THE BIGGEST BANG FOR YOUR OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY PROGRAM – McDonnell Suite

Extension has spent the last year developing an observation tool to evaluate Field Day programs - outdoor education days for students that are offered throughout the State. This session will share what has been learned through the process and give participants tools that can be brought back and used for reaching the intended outcomes of future programs.

Presenters:

Stephan Carlson Ph.D., U of M Extension

Moderator:

Ryan Frietag, McLeod SWCD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007 (continued)

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

MASWCD Outstanding Conservationists Luncheon

– *Exhibit Hall*

(with support from *The Farmer Magazine*)

- Master of Ceremonies - Robin Kinney, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards to SWCDs
- Presentation of the SWCD of the Year Award
- Slide Show of Minnesota's Outstanding Conservationists – selected by local SWCDs
- Presentation of Minnesota Outstanding Conservationist Award - Area Finalists & State Winner

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break – *North Lobby*

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Media Room Open – *Board Room*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Don Gudmundson, Dakota Co. Sheriff: "Fall in a Mud Puddle, Get up and Check your Pockets for Fish" –

McDonnell Suite



Don Gudmundson

Don is well-known in the professional speaking circuit, where he has instructed law enforcement management groups nationwide, including the FBI, Office of the Inspector General, Sheriffs' Associations, and Chiefs of Police Associations. He also has spoken to members of the public utility industry and other public service organizations. Don's presentation, "Fall in a Mud Puddle, Get Up and Check Your Pockets for Fish," is a fast-moving and humorous look at living and working in the 21st century.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Reception – *Grand Ballroom Foyer*

6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Closing Banquet – *Grand Ballroom*

- Recognition of retiring and deceased SWCD supervisors and staff
- Time to relax, network and reflect on two days of conservation information and policy setting
- Entertainment – The Generation Strings



The Generation Strings



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DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE ROUNDTABLE

Tom Schulz, Area VIII Director

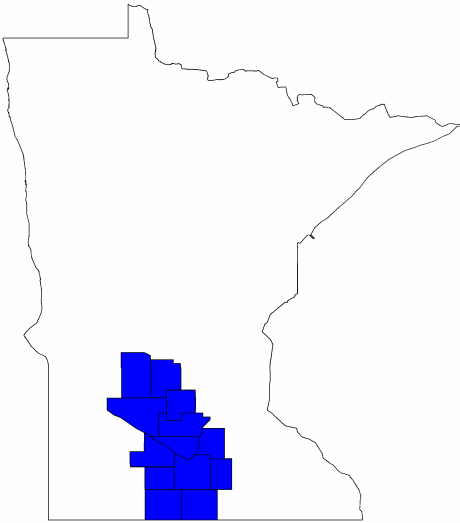
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