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RENVILLE SWCD SUPERVISOR DR. KATHRYN KELLY RECEIVES 2015 SUPERVISOR AWARD

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has named Dr. Kathryn K. Kelly of the Renville SWCD as their 2015 Outstanding Supervisor Award winner. The award was announced at the 79th MASWCD Annual Meeting, held Dec. 6-8 at the Doubletree by Hilton Bloomington - Minneapolis South.

The MASWCD Outstanding Supervisor Award honors an SWCD Supervisor who has demonstrated leadership and achieved significant results in the conservation of Minnesota’s soil and water resources.

Dr. Kelly’s work as an SWCD Supervisor began in 2005. As she never takes on a responsibility without giving it her all, she immediately set about learning as much as she could about the local, regional, state and national conservation organizations, programs, and practices.

Not only is Dr. Kelly active in the formal organizations, she also takes every opportunity to promote SWCD work with township and county boards as well as our state and national elected officials. No matter what “group” she is representing, she gets in a word about the value of conservation and the work of SWCDs. She takes every opportunity to attend training sessions to learn more about current topics. She is a graduate of the MASWCD Leadership Institute, and she never misses a Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Dr. Kelly is also interested in promoting conservation practices and this year has a cover crop demonstration plot on her farmland and has attended cover crop education sessions. She owns easement land, is enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program, and has done several conservation practices on her farmland over the years. Dr. Kelly and her husband John installed rain gardens at their urban home as a visible demonstration to their community about how the practice works.

Instrumental in the development of the Local Government Water Roundtable, consisting of representatives from MASWCD, the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Dr. Kelly has been and continues to be an outstanding spokesperson for SWCDs, with positive communication and relationship building skills that serve as a stellar example for us all.

MASWCD extends our thanks and congratulations to Renville SWCD Supervisor, current member of the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and past MASWCD President, Dr. Kathryn Kelly!

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