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### **RENVILLE SWCD SUPERVISOR LOYAL FISHER NAMED MASWCD'S 2008 OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR**

**St. Paul, Minn.** — The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has awarded the 2008 MASWCD Outstanding Supervisor Award to Loyal Fisher of the Renville SWCD.

The award was presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual MASWCD convention, held Dec. 7-9 at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront, St. Paul, Minnesota. Each year, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts have the opportunity to nominate one of their supervisors for providing responsible leadership and demonstrating an outstanding concern for conserving Minnesota's soil and water resources.

Loyal Fisher has served as Renville SWCD Supervisor since 1997 and as chair of the board since 2003. He has devoted countless hours to promoting conservation in his personal endeavors and through his work at the local, state and national levels. He has served as Co-Director of MASWCD's Area 6, a group of 13 SWCDs in south central Minnesota. He has worked on MASWCD's Education Committee and Resolutions/Policy Committee, and was a liaison to the National Association's forestry coalition in 2006.

Fisher takes every opportunity to lobby at the state and national levels by attending the MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capital, and Conservation District legislative forums in Washington DC.

This past year, Fisher developed a Green Career Day for students at Renville County West High School. He submitted a grant application to the Minnesota Ag Teachers Association which was funded and helped defray the costs. Feedback from teachers indicated an interest in repeating the event, and comments submitted by students indicated they learned a great deal from the experience.

Fisher also takes every opportunity to further his *own* knowledge about natural resource issues. He's attended many forums and trainings over the years and is very mindful of the SWCD budget, frequently foregoing his per diem to attend these events.

Loyal Fisher's compassion, honesty and integrity are reflected in his actions and words. MASWCD applauds his on-going efforts as Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

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