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BRIAN WATSON NAMED 2009 OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

St. Paul, Minn. — Brian Watson, manager for the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District, was named Minnesota's 2009 Outstanding Conservation District Employee at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) annual meeting. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) sponsors the award.

The award was announced at the 73rd annual convention of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), which was held Dec.6-8 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, in Duluth, Minnesota.

Each year BWSR honors an SWCD employee for outstanding contributions to soil and water conservation. Watson was recognized for his achievements with implementing conservation projects and administering various programs. Watson's working relationships with partner organizations have led to many innovative projects, new programs and new initiatives. "I am very fortunate to have worked with such dedicated staff over the past several years. It is also been a pleasure to work with local communities and in a county where the natural environment is considered an important component to our landscape" Watson stated.

Watson was also recognized for his contributions as a member of the Wetland Conservation Act Assessment Stakeholders Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee for the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, Participant of the Scott-Dakota Water Management Collaboration Workgroup, Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Program Workgroup, Hastings Area Nitrate Study; Past President of the Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees, and establishing the Dakota County Habitat Alliance – a coalition that brings citizens and local wildlife organizations together with regional agencies.

MASWCD congratulates Brian Watson for his accomplishments.

MASWCD is a non-profit organization that represents the Soil and Water Conservation Districts across Minnesota. For more information about MASWCD and SWCDs, please visit www.maswcd.org.

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