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DUANE PETROWIAK NAMED 2009 OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has awarded Martin SWCD Supervisor, Duane Petrowiak, with the 2009 Outstanding Supervisor Award. The award was presented at the 73rd annual MASWCD convention, held Dec.6-8 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, in Duluth, Minnesota.

Each year MASWCD honors an SWCD Supervisor who has demonstrated leadership and achieved significant results in the conservation of Minnesota's soil and water resources. Petrowiak has provided the Martin SWCD with over 21 years of dedicated service and through all those years has led through his great sense of justice, high values, and ethics.

Petrowiak has had the privilege of farming and practicing good stewardship within his SWCD over the last 54 years. Conservation practices incorporated on his own land include reduced tillage, tree planting, and participation in the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Petrowiak, a humble and private person, doesn't look for acknowledgment in his many works.

Not only has Petrowiak served at the local, Area and State levels to the upmost, he has also provided his time, energy and leadership toward many other endeavors in his community, including:

- Serving as township supervisor for 33 years;
- Working as a ditch appraiser for the county;
- Serving on his local school board; and
- Serving on the county planning commission

In addition to promoting conservation education among our youth, he is active in the Knights of Columbus and shares conservation education materials with his church family.

In the presentation of the award to Petrowiak, MASWCD President Steve Sunderland noted that, "Duane is a leader and stands strong in his beliefs in conservation and the importance it has for future generations."

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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