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ROBERT BORCHERT NAMED 2010 OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has awarded Rice SWCD Supervisor, Robert Borchert, with the 2010 Outstanding Supervisor Award. The award was presented at the 74th annual MASWCD convention, held Dec. 5-7 at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel, in St. Paul, 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.

Robert Borchert has provided outstanding leadership not only to his local SWCD, but to his Area and to the State Association. He has served as Secretary/Treasurer of his Area, and currently serves as an MASWCD Area Director. He has organized informative meetings for his Area, scheduling pertinent speakers and keeping everyone on task, all with his usual sense of humor, making everyone feel at ease.

Borchert helped expand conservation work into the urban areas of his SWCD, promoting stormwater management and encouraging rain barrel usage. Although he lives in the city, he came from a farming background, so he understands conservation focused farming practices and has always been supportive of their benefits to the land and water. He is able to take his knowledge of the landowner’s perspective and bring that to the discussion in the broader public policy arena, providing a balanced approach to community and agricultural issues.

A graduate of the MASWCD Leadership Institute, Borchert has applied his skills beyond the local and Area levels through his service on the MASWCD Finance Committee and the MASWCD Board of Directors, and by representing MASWCD on the NRCS State Technical Committee. While he is stepping down from his position as SWCD supervisor and MASWCD will miss his future involvement, he has many accomplishments to celebrate.

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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