

PRESS RELEASE: File between May 20 and June 3 to Run for SWCD Supervisor
FROM: Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District, 218-694-6845, extension 4

On Election Day this fall, two positions on the Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors will be up for election. The seat for Nomination District Three representing Clover, Dudley, Greenwood, Leon and Sinclair Townships; and the seat for Nomination District Four representing Popple Township and the City of Bagley, will both be on the ballot.

Individuals concerned about water quality and soil erosion in Clearwater County should consider filing between May 20 and June 3 to run for one of these Supervisor offices for the Clearwater SWCD. Candidates are elected county wide, but must reside in one of the nomination districts up for election. Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors are elected to four year terms.

“Supervisors play an important role in how our community deals with a wide variety of resource management issues, including wetlands, water quality, soil erosion, forestry, agricultural practices and conservation education,” noted Kathy Rasch, District Manager with the Clearwater SWCD.

“Serving as a supervisor is a terrific opportunity for people who want a voice in how we manage our environment,” she said.

SWCDs are special purpose units of government that manage and direct conservation programs such as the state Cost Share Program, Clean Water Fund grants, annual tree sale and Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. Those who serve on the Clearwater SWCD board play an important and rewarding role in public service.

Supervisors meet monthly to discuss the business of the SWCD including state grant allocations to landowners, district conservation priorities, coordination with other local government bodies and legislative priorities. Supervisors do not receive a salary, although they do receive compensation for attending meetings and are reimbursed for expenses.

Those interested in running for Supervisor should file at the County Auditor’s office between May 20 and June 3, 2014. Additional information about the SWCD can be found online at clearwaterswcd.org or by calling the office at 218-684-6845, extension 4.