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**MEMORANDUM
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DATE: September 20, 2021

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Kurt Boeckmann, ^{SB for} Director
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Board Elections

The Soil and Water Conservation Program recently updated the election section of the District Operations Manual to include the new policies approved by the Soil and Water Districts Commission at their June 9, 2021 meeting. Based on these policies, a SWCD board election will be held in each SWCD in February 2022. The election process however starts in November 2021 with the nomination period. Attached is the election schedule for the upcoming election. Dates on the calendar have been adjusted slightly due to holidays and the MASWCD training conference.

Based on surveys received in January 2020 from SWCDs, the first election under the new policies will be in areas 2 and 4. The majority of SWCDs that completed the survey stated that areas 2 and 4 were up for election sooner than areas 1 and 3. All SWCDs will be required to hold SWCD board elections for areas 2 and 4 in February 2022 according to the new approved policy. SWCD board election in Areas 1 and 3 will then take place in FY24.

The program office is working on developing materials to assist the SWCD with their promotion of both the nomination period and election. This information will be available on the SWCD intranet site prior to November 1st.

The Soil and Water District Commission and Program Office appreciates the patience of all SWCD board members and staff over the past 18 months as the new policies were developed. As your SWCD proceeds through the election process, if you have any questions please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

FY 2022 SWCD Election Procedures

Publicize Nomination Period		Nov 1 – Dec 2
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Nominees Determined		December
Publicize Election		Jan 20 – Feb 22
Voting Period		Feb 1 – Feb 22
Last Day to Receive Ballots		February 22
Ballots Counted by Judges		Feb 23- Feb 28
Election Certification		March