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Board of Supervisors Election

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St. Clair County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one supervisor in each of two different territories in the county. Territory I includes Appleton, Monegaw, Taber & Osage Townships and Territory III includes Jackson, Polk, Dallas, Washington and Collins Townships. The election will take place from February 1, 2024 to February 20, 2024. Ballots will be available to print online at <https://mosoilandwater.land/st-clair> Printed ballots may be returned to the district by mail and must be postmarked no later than February 20th. You may also vote in person from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the SWCD office, 285 SE 467 Rd, Osceola, MO . Each eligible land representative in the district is allowed one vote. A land representative is defined as the owner or representative authorized by power of attorney of any farm lying within an area proposed to be established, and subsequently established, as a soil and water conservation district under Chapter 278, RSMo. Each farm is entitled to representation by a land representative: provided, however that the land representative is a taxpayer of the county within which the soil and water district is located.

The following qualified candidates will be considered for election:

Territory I – George Siegismund - Taber Township

Territory III – Brett Rains, - Jackson Township



Supervisors manage the administration of district policies and programs, as well as district personnel and cost-share funds. The district is supported by the one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax. For additional information on the district election, contact the SWCD office, 285 SE 467 Rd, Osceola, MO 64776, 417-646-8108 ext. 3, or by email, margie.best@swcd.mo.gov

SWCD Open House - February 16th

Again this year we are going to be having an Open House . It will be here at our office. We would like to invite everyone to come by and visit with us and we will serve hamburgers and hotdogs as well. We will also be having our election for 2 supervisors for our SWCD board. If you have questions about possible cost-share projects you are interested in doing, or programs with NRCS, this would be a good time to ask those questions. We will work with everyone to get these projects on our list and hopefully be able to work with you as soon as possible, depending on the practice and how many are on the list ahead of you. Everyone has had a rough year or more with the severe drought in St. Clair and surrounding counties and hopefully we can help you with your needs. The state cost-share allotment of funds is fast approaching the limit, so it could be after July 1st when we receive our new allocation before we would be able to fund new practices. Please **RSVP** the office if you are planning to attend February 16th so we can be prepared with enough food for everyone. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Margie is Retiring

Well,,,, I have decided the time has come for me to retire from my job here at the SWCD. It is with mixed feelings, you don't give 30 years of your life to a job and not have a hard time leaving. With health problems and the ever present process of age, I feel I have come to a time I need to stay home and help David full time on the farm, or at least as much time as my health allows. I have taken a lot of pride in trying to help farmers in St. Clair County apply for and complete cost-share practices. We only have a short time to try and make an impact on land so that it will be available to our future generations for raising cattle and crops, as we have. I feel very fortunate to have been hired to work for the district back in March of 1994 on a part-time basis. It worked out to be full time for 30 years. I have gotten to know so many landowners through this office as well as served on state employees committees and other positions and made so many lasting friendships and I will miss that.. Good luck to everyone and "**SEE YOU AROUND**".

Rental Equipment Available

The SWCD still has 2 Great Plains 10 ft. No-till drills available for rent. Both drills are capable of planting most seeds, and one of the drill's is also capable of seeding warm season grass. There is a \$150.00 deposit, due at time of rental. The fee for both drills is \$10.00 an acre (\$15.00 per acre if warm season box is used) in St. Clair County. Rental min. is \$150.00. The drills can be used by landowners in adjoining counties for \$15.00 an acre, or \$20.00 for warm season, only if they are not being used by our St. Clair County landowner's and are available. We ask that the drills be used only on fields that are capable of being mowed for hay or crop ground, as rocky ground and stobs will damage the drills beyond normal wear and tear and the *user will be expected to pay for the damages.*

Rental Equipment Fees:	
Great Plains No-till drill	----- \$10.00 per acre
	(Out of county) \$15.00 per acre
Warm Season drill	\$15.00 per acre
Out of county warm season usage	\$20.00 per acre
\$150.00 Deposit with 15 acre minimum.	



Visit Us On The Web

To visit our SWCD website
<https://mosoilandwater.land/st-clair>

You Might Also Find These Websites Useful:

DNR Soil & Water Conservation Program:
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/>
 This website has a lot of information about the Soil and Water Program in general and also cost-share practice brochures, information about the soils and parks tax, Soil and Water Commission meetings etc.

NRCS: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/mo/home/>

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