

Gasconade County SWCD Seeking Nominees for Board Supervisors

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is looking for self-nominated candidates to run for the position of Supervisor on the Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District Board for Area I and Area III during the month of November 2023.

Anyone that owns agricultural land in Area I (Richland and Boulware Townships) and Area III (Third Creek, Clay, and Bourbois Townships) and meets the qualifications listed below, may be considered as a candidate in the upcoming 2024 election. You may submit your name for participation in the election by completing a self-nomination form and delivering it to the District by 5:30 p.m. on November 30, 2023. The self-nomination form, along with the Supervisor Verification Form, and Supervisor Job Description may be found on-line at <https://mosoilandwater.land/gasconade/forms>, in person at the District Office, 314 S Olive Street, Owensville, MO 65066, or call 573-437-3478 to have one mailed to you.

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District will host a candidate election period for the Areas listed above from February 1 - 20, 2024. The election will be certified in March and you would assume the position in April of 2024. The current Supervisors for these areas are Mike Haeffner (Area I) and Luke Mangrum (Area III).

Supervisors of the District administer District policies and programs, District personnel, and cost-share funding made available by the One-tenth-of-one-percent Parks and Soil and Water Sales Tax. During Fiscal Year 2023, the district provided \$245,840.97 (81 contracts) in cost-share funds to assist the landowners with installing agricultural erosion control and water quality practices. This position is a 4 year term.

The qualifications required to be a supervisor are:

1. Being a land representative from the District (10 CSR 70-4.010(1)(I)). 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, as a Soil and Water Conservation District under Chapter 278, RSMo. Each farm is entitled to representation by one land representative: provided, however that the land representative is a taxpayer of the county within which the Soil and Water Conservation District is located.
2. Residing in, or owning a farm in, the area from which he/she is nominated, where there is an expiring term.
3. Being a cooperator of the District as defined as, "a person who is actively engaged in farming and practices conservation activities related to agriculture."
4. Being a current resident and tax-paying citizen of the county for at least two years preceding the election period.
5. Being eighteen (18) years of age or older by the election date.

Again, if you are interest in serving on the Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, please give the office a call (573-437-3478 x 3) for more information.