BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR SWCD SUPERVISOR

The Minnesota Secretary of State is the chief election official in Minnesota and is responsible for administration of Minnesota election law. The Secretary of State's Office works with county auditors to conduct the elections process.

Candidate Qualifications

Minnesota law states that candidates for state and local offices must be eligible voters and at least 21-years-old when assuming office. They must have resided in their districts for at least 30 days before the general election, and have no other affidavit on file for any other elected office.

*exceptions: A candidate for soil and water conservation district supervisor in a district not located

- in whole or in part in Anoka or Washington County, may also have on file an affidavit of candidacy:
 for mayor or council member of a statutory or home rule charter city of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district; or
- for town supervisor in a town of not more than 2,500 population contained in whole or in part in the soil and water conservation district.

(Minnesota Statutes 204B.06)

Affidavit of Candidacy

All SWCD Supervisor candidates must file an affidavit of candidacy. Candidates must state that the name listed on their affidavit is their true name by which they are commonly known in the community. Affidavits must be signed in the presence of a notary or an individual authorized to administer oaths. (Minnesota Statute 204B.06). Affidavits of candidacy may be completed starting 60 days before and during the filing period. A properly completed affidavit and filing fee must be received by the filing officer during the filing period. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.09).

Filing Period

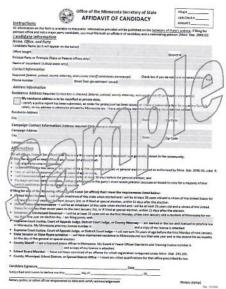
The filing period opens May 21, 2024 and closes at 5 pm on June 4, 2024. (*Minnesota Statutes 204B.09*).

Filing Location

Candidates for SWCD Supervisor file an affidavit of candidacy with the county auditor of the county in which the district office is located (*Minnesota Statutes 103C.305*).

Filing Fee

Candidates must pay a filing fee (chart at right) at the time of filing their affidavit of candidacy. However, candidates may file a petition in place of the filing fee. Sample forms and information about the number of required signatures on a petition that replaces the filing fee are available from the filing officer. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.11)



FILING FOR OFFICE FEES					
Office	Filing fee				
U.S. Senator	\$400				
U.S. Representative in Congress	\$300				
Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State	\$300				
Judges	\$300				
State Senator	\$100				
State Representative	\$100				
County Office	\$50				
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor	\$20				

Minnesota Statutes 204B.11

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Background

Those individuals elected to the position of SWCD Supervisor need to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. A statement of economic interest is a form that public and local officials use to disclose information about their personal financial

interests.

Timeline

After the general election results are certified by the canvassing board, winning candidates will receive a letter from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board in late December explaining that they will need to file a Statement of Economic Interest after beginning their term. The letter will include a username and password for filing the Statement on the CFPD Board's web site. As a practical matter, the "beginning of the term" will usually be considered the date the Supervisor takes his or her Oath of Office. Individuals new to the position of SWCD Supervisor file an "Original Statement of Economic Interest" and certify it, while Supervisors who are re-elected to their position need to review the current information on-line, make any changes, and then re-certify it.

Statements of Economic Interest need to be reviewed and recertified every year even if nothing has changed. This review must be completed by the last Monday in January and covers the previous calendar year.

The Form

Each elected SWCD Supervisor will need to provide the following information on the Statement of Economic Interest. The statement discloses:

- occupation;
- sources of compensation in excess of \$250 in a month;
- non-homesteaded real property holdings; and
- government agency interests.

Public Information

Filed Statements are made available for review on the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board's website at https://cfb.mn.gov/ reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/official/.

More information about completing the Statement of Economic Interest is available at https://cfb.mn.gov/reports/#/ public_officials_disclosures/.

Questions can be directed to Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board staff Erika Ross at 651-539-1187, cfb.eis@state.mn.us, or 800-657-3889. Information and resources are available at https://cfb.mn.gov/.

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