

Managers wanted for Carver and Hennepin Counties

If you are interested in:

- water resources
- preserving the environment
- protecting the Minnesota River and its unique natural resources

Then you may be interested in becoming a Watershed District Manager!

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District is looking fill two vacancies on its Board of Managers. Currently, the position of Manager representing Scott County is vacant. There is an also a vacancy for a Manager representing Hennepin County.

Managing resources on a watershed scale is a challenge: watersheds cover large areas; and have many different stakeholders. A watershed district manager presides over the business of the district as it relates to finances of the District, conservation of natural resources, regulation of land disturbing activities, flood control and the protection and improvement of water resources. Additionally, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District business includes managing material dredged from the Minnesota River to improve recreational and commercial navigation.

Members must have a desire to serve, a keen interest in the preservation of water resources, with particular emphasis on maintaining water quality standards and an interest in water problems from both a social and a government standpoint. The District includes portions of the cities Savage and Shakopee, and Jackson and Louisville townships in Scott County. In Hennepin County portions of the cities of Eden Prairie, Bloomington and Minneapolis lie within the boundaries of the District

Because of the nature of the Board, it is helpful to have members who have a background in water conservation, farming, development, law, engineering, environment, administration, etc.

Managers attend regularly scheduled meetings of the district board and other meetings related to the business of the district. Managers are responsible for promoting district activities and maintaining cooperative working relationships with local, state and federal agencies and organizations.

A member of the Board is expected to be able to spend approximately 12 or more hours each month on Watershed District work.

If you are interested you must be a resident of the county and live within the boundaries of the District. Managers are appointed by the County Board from each respective county. The Board currently has two postions open; one for Carver County and one for Hennepin County. If you live in Carver County and are

interested being appointed please contact Diane Wabbe by email at dwabbe@co.carver.mn.us or by phone at (952) 361-1503. If you live in Hennepin County and would like to be considered please contact Karen Galles by email at Karen.Galles@hennepin.us or by telephone at 612-348-2027.