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Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Holds 39th Annual Meeting & Trade Show

Watershed District board managers and staff from across the state attended the 39th Annual Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) Annual Meeting & Trade Show December 3-5, 2009. The conference was held at the Arrowood Conference Center in Alexandria, Minnesota. At the conference board managers and staff learned about water quality, watershed issues, drainage, and working on TMDL's and restoring impaired waters and more.

Sauk River Watershed District (SRWD) had several board members and staff who attended the event. The managers who attended included: Jim Kral (Todd Co.), Vernon Vangsness (Todd Co.), Dan Coughlin (Stearns Co.), Vergil Rettig (Meeker Co.), Jason Scherping (Stearns Co.), Larry Kuseske (Pope Co.), Bob Mostad (Douglas Co.), and Jim Rothstein (Stearns Co.). The staff included: Holly Kovarik, Administrator, and Starla Arceneau, Assistant Administrator. The Sauk River Watershed District also participated in the trade show portion of the conference and displayed a booth.

The Annual Conference gives our local leaders and staff an opportunity to work with others and to network ideas. This conference also gave the SRWD an opportunity to showcase the projects they are working on as well.

Several awards were presented at a December 4th banquet. These included the Capital Improvement Project of the Year and Watershed Program of the Year. The Sauk River Watershed District was recognized as having the Watershed Program of the Year for their Senior High Outdoor Resource Education Program (SHORE). Visit Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts website for more information.

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