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### LINCOLN SWCD MEET WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

John Boulton, Supervisor; Conrad Schardin, Supervisor, Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager; and Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician from the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, attended a legislative briefing and meetings at the State Capitol February 28 – March 1, in St. Paul.

They joined a group of other officials from the state’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) who met in St. Paul to gather support for conservation districts’ programs and issues.

“It is important for us to get the conservation message out to our elected officials in St. Paul,” said Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager. The 2011 Legislative Session will be critical to the future of conservation programs in the state, noted VanOverbeke. “This year legislators will address issues like state funding and competitive grants for SWCDs, while at the same time addressing a budget deficit project at \$6.2 billion. We have to work hard to make sure local soil and water conservation issues don’t fall by the way-side.”

During the visit to St Paul, Boulton, Schardin, VanOverbeke and Madsen met with local legislators Senator Gary Kubly and Representative Andrew Falk.

The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

SWCDs fill the crucial niche of providing land and water conservation services to owners of private lands. Minnesota has 90 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. For more information on the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, please call 507-694-1630, x3 or visit their website at [www.lincolnswcd.net](http://www.lincolnswcd.net).



Left to right: John Boulton, Conrad Schardin, Senator Gary Kubly, Representative Andrew Falk, Pauline VanOverbeke and Ron Madsen.