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Board of Supervisors and Staff
Winona County Soil & Water Conservation District
P.O. Box 39, 400 Wilson Street
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Dear Supervisors and Staff:

On behalf of the Board of Water and Soil Resources, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Winona Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for 75 years of conservation in southeastern Minnesota. You have truly led the way from the beginning of the conservation movement in Minnesota and continue to find new ways to serve landowners today.

We especially recognize the ability of the Winona SWCD throughout these years in providing the citizens of Winona County a myriad of programs and services for resource protection. This includes outstanding feedlot water quality and programs for establishing and maintaining water and soil quality and conservation. When disaster struck in 2007, the SWCD's response to the flood disaster events was unprecedented in magnitude and scope. To this day, this effort has been a blueprint for recent responses in providing effective leadership and aid to landowners during difficult times.

The Winona SWCD has faced many challenges during the last 75 years; your resiliency is a great example for conservation delivery programs throughout the State. We wish the Winona SWCD continued success and prosperity into the future.

Sincerely,

John Jaschke
Executive Director

cc: Jeff Nielsen, BWSR Southern Region Supervisor
Steve Lawler, BWSR Board Conservationist

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