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Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees

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MACDE Members and Partners:

I want to thank everyone that attended this year's annual meeting and conference held at Breezy Point. Thanks to all the presenters and to those who participated.

I would also like to congratulate Craig Lingen, on winning the 2008 Extraordinary Contribution Award. Craig has a positive attitude, outstanding work ethic, is known as a "team player" and a valuable employee. He is a leader at the district, county and state level. Craig has fostered many partnerships to promote and implement conservation. Craig is a 2005 graduate of the Leadership Institute sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Craig has been a huge player in Wilken County promoting buffer strips, living snow fences and working with people on septic system awareness. Craig has proven to be a valuable and dedicated resource and very worthy of this years Award.

I would also like to say Good Luck and congratulations to Pam Tomevi on participating in this year's Washington D.C. Legislative conference.

We had over 80 participants at this year's conference. Thank you to Crow Wing SWCD for assisting with the field tour and to everyone who helped with the conference planning and coordination efforts.

The Board of Directors welcomes your ideas and comments. Hope to see you at next year's annual meeting and conference.

Rick Reimer, President
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