

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
District Conservation Technician
East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Position Location:

Perham SWCD Field Office
801 Jenny Ave SW
Perham, MN 56573

Application Deadline:

May 6th, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Starting Wage:

\$19.49 – \$24.14/Hour DOQ
+ Benefits

Request Application Forms From:

East Otter Tail SWCD
801 Jenny Ave SW, Suite #2
Perham, MN 56573
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Position Purpose:

This full-time position will promote and implement the District's programs by providing technical assistance and support for the programs and activities of the East Otter Tail and Wadena Soil and Water Conservation Districts under the supervision of the District Manager or other assigned staff.

Required Education, Skills, Abilities and Experience:

Qualified applicants should have a minimum of a two-year degree in Agronomy, Natural Resource Management, Soil and Water Conservation Technology, or closely related field or equivalent related work experience. Previous work experience with conservation planning and design; surveying, design and layout of conservation practices, agronomy, farm machinery operation and maintenance and experience with GIS/GPS is preferred. Applicants should be familiar with various computer programs, have excellent verbal and written communication skills; and the ability to work independently with diverse clientele. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be able to lift at least 70 pounds, and be able to walk over rough terrain.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ❑ Promote and implement the Irrigation Scheduler Program, including but not limited to, producer contacts during growing season and off season, weekly field moisture testing, computer entry, develop weekly updates and graph to be provided to producers, perform pivot uniformity tests and maintain files and records in an organized manner.
- ❑ Assist with MN Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). This includes gathering background data, producer interviews, completion of MAWQCP assessment tool runs and field verifications.
- ❑ Assist with the monitoring and maintenance of the Ag Weather Network equipment and data.
- ❑ Assist with the promotion and implementation of the Adaptive Nitrogen Management Program including nitrogen field trials and maintaining relationships with local crop advisors and co-ops.
- ❑ Assist with the promotion, coordination and implementation of the Soil Health Program including the use of conservation tillage and cover crop practices.

- ❑ Assist with the promotion and implementation of the various local, state, and federal cost-shore & incentive programs.
- ❑ Assist with the coordination of producer meetings and field days.
- ❑ Assist with the operation and maintenance of Districts equipment.
- ❑ Assist with the Districts Conservation Tree and Seeding Programs
- ❑ Assist with grant applications, quarterly and annual reporting, and long-range plan development.
- ❑ Assist with the County Ag Inspector program.
- ❑ Assist with the coordination of the district's outreach and educational programs including Conservation Days, Ag in the Classroom, social media post and website updates.
- ❑ Performs other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Application Procedure:

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and a completed East Otter Tail SWCD application for employment. The applications can be found at www.eotswcd.org, they can be picked up at 801 Jenny Ave SW, Suite #2, Perham, MN 56573, or they may be mailed or e-mailed to applicant by calling (218) 346-9105 or sending an e-mail message to: darren.newville@eot.mnswcd.org. Individuals selected for interviews will be contacted by phone. **Application deadline is 4:00 pm, May 6th, 2022.**

Condition of Announcement – The East Otter Tail SWCD reserves the right to make changes to the content of this position without notification and may at any time withdraw the announcement.