



## **DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **COUNTY CONSERVATION FEE**

**WHEREAS** Minnesota Statute 40A.152, Subd. 1 provides that metropolitan counties that have allowed exclusive agricultural zones shall impose an additional fee of \$5 per transaction on the recording or registration of mortgage subject to the tax under section 287.05 for the purpose of reimbursing the county for revenue lost under the conservation tax credit and money remains in the account it may be spent for the following purposes:

- 1) agricultural land preservation and conservation planning and implementation of officials controls;
- 2) soil conservation activities and enforcement of soil loss ordinances;
- 3) incentives for landowners who create agricultural use zones; and
- 4) payments to municipalities within the county for the purpose of the above clauses.

**WHEREAS** an expansion of the fee applicability from the metro area to statewide applicability would provide another funding source for districts. And the fee would be based on land transaction and have a direct connection to soil conservation by property owners; and

**WHEREAS** a fee increase from \$5 to \$10 would provide dedicated funding within counties for conservation funding to SWCD district.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the MASWCD support the statewide implementation of a County Conservation Fee of \$10 in Minnesota per transaction on the recording or registration of a mortgage and these fees be dedicated to the Soil and Water Conservation District generating that fund.

Submitted by: Dakota SWCD  
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