

Hello, I am Isaac Johnson and I am the new District Technician here at the Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District. I recently graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor's Degree for Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences (May 2020). Prior to transferring to SDSU, I received an Associate's Degree in Wildlife and Forestry through Vermilion Community College located in Ely, Minnesota. Although I am new to this position, I may have worked with you before as I have been the District's summer help a couple times over the years. My time spent here over the last couple years has trained me well for my current position where I am in charge of the tree program, overseer of the seasonal help, and partner with the watershed district dealing with shoreline restorations.

I grew up near Alexandria, Minnesota where I spent much of my time working on my uncles small dairy farm, while also helping out on a local game farmer. When I wasn't working you could find me by the lake or in the field either hunting or fishing. Growing up, I made several trips down here over the years to hunt pheasants since my dad (John Johnson, son of Junior Johnson) grew up north of Correll on a small farm. Through these experiences I grew increasingly fond of the area.