

Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District

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SEASONAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

BIG STONE COUNTY SWCD

POSITION TITLE: SEASONAL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until Filled

POSITION LOCATION: Ortonville, MN (duration of 3-6 months depending on availability) Typically 40 hours per week

COMPENSATION: \$11.00 - \$13.00 per hour – Depending on Qualifications

Duties: This seasonal position is under direct supervision of the Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) District Technician and Manager. The position is primarily responsible for implementing projects regarding invasive species management in Big Stone County. This is a multi-pronged approach focused on our newest invasive weeds that will include: education, documentation, mapping and treatment. This position will monitor, treat, and document the locations of invasive species infestations. This position will also gain valuable experience being involved with government programs and projects working within the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) agencies. The work hours are weather dependent but main course of position will be weekdays and position will end before Winter. The hours may vary based on what work is available for completion. This position may also be involved with seeding native grass projects, grassland mowing, tree plantings, and site inspections; as well as other duties assigned by the Big Stone SWCD. This position is grant funded and has the possibility of being available for future seasons.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong interpersonal communication skills written and oral, capacity to work with a wide variety of people.
- Must be physically able and willing to work in varied terrain, weather conditions, extended hours, capable of lifting 50+ lbs.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Be able to pass the MN Certified Pesticide Applicator Test within 3 weeks of hiring.
- Willing to help organize workshops, give presentations, prepare reports, and develop educational materials and brochures.
- Farm, rural, agribusiness background preferred. Experience with machinery and tools helpful.
- Agronomy, Agricultural Business, Natural Resources, Wildlife, Biology or related educational training helpful.
- Ability to calculate proper herbicide application rates, operate computers and GIS, Arc Pad or GPS devices, comprehend maps and general rules and information.
- Self motivated, able to work with minimal supervision.
- Completed one semester of plant identification or similar education/training preferred.
- Ability to maintain a high degree of professionalism in representing Big Stone SWCD at public events and in the field with private landowners and the public.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Mail resume or application found on our website to:

Human Resources
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