

Seehase, Harting elected to soil commission posts

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Black Hawk County voters elected Janeen Seehase and newcomer H. Arnold Harting to six-year terms on the Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District Commission.

But incumbent commission chairman Willis A. Segebarth finished third among the four candidates and failed to win re-election.

Seehase, 44, a lifelong resident of Black Hawk County, has served on the commission for six years, and has served as commission chairwoman in the past. She led the four candidates for the commission with 5,016 votes.

She and her husband own and operate a 154-acre farm near Jesup



Seehase



Harting

in Barclay Township.

Harting, 57, also was elected to the commission, with 4,579 votes. Harting will be new to the commission, but has farmed for 37 years in Spring Creek Township. He said he

is running for the commission because he is concerned about conserving soil and water.

The losing candidates were Segebarth, 68, of Bennington Township, and Dean Werner, 61, of Eagle Township.

Segebarth, who has served on the commission for 12 years, received 4,453 votes, while Werner finished last with 4,042 votes.

Segebarth said Wednesday he feels he has done a good job as commissioner, and is not too disappointed by the outcome of the election.

"I think we've done a lot of good things on the commission," he said.

He said he is still strongly committed to the importance of soil and water conservation, and plans to

continue to work with the new conservation reserve and state Resource Enhancement and Protection programs.

Seehase said she was happy to get re-elected, and does not expect any changes in the direction of the commission.

"I'm tickled that we can carry on with our programs and make them go forward. But I'm sorry that Willis didn't get in, because he's had a lot of experience and has been a good leader," she said.

The commission is responsible for administering more than \$68,000 a year in state conservation program funds, as well as enforcing conservation programs and evaluating soil loss complaints.