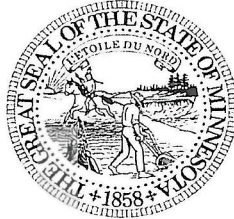


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Eric Sannerud

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8505 95th Street Northeast
Foley, MN 56329
County of Benton
Congressional District 6

JUN 14 2017

President of the Senate

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

PUBLIC MEMBER

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Effective: June 18, 2017

Term Expires: January 4, 2021

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, June 13, 2017.



Mark Dayton

Governor

Steve Pinnon

Secretary of State

Secretary of State

Replacing: Sander Ludeman

Application for the position Public Member

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Mn Rural Finance Authority
Position: Public Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Mr Eric Robert Sannerud
Phone: (952) 201-4227
Mailing Address: 8505 95th Street Northeast Foley 56329
Email: ericsannerud@gmail.com
County: Benton
Mn House District: 15B
US House District: 6
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Gender: Male
Disability: No
Age: 26
Political Affiliation: No Answer
Ethnicity: White or Caucasian
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: Eric R Sannerud
Date: 3/3/2017 12:20:42 PM

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Eric R. Sannerud
Farmer. Thinker. Entrepreneur.

952.201.4227 // EricRSannerud@gmail.com

March 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Eric R. Sannerud, and I am writing to apply for the open position on the Rural Finance Authority Board. I feel my experience as a young farmer is crucial to bring to the RFA board.

Allow me to provide this brief overview of what I can offer:

- Entrepreneurship: Fundamentally I am a changemaker. I have founded many organizations, some were for-profit, others community-based, and many have not found success. But the collective experience across sectors and varying levels of success, has given me a powerful organizational leadership toolbox to work with. My leadership with Mighty Axe Hops has been recognized statewide.
- Thought Leadership: I am a recognized leader in Minnesota's food system; speaking on panels, presenting at conferences, and engaging in dialogue through social media on pressing agricultural and food issues. I'm a TEDxMPLS speaker, author, and have participated on various policy and farm issue committees; including LFAC, LSP's Federal Farm Policy Committee, co-founding CMNYFC, and NFU's BFI program.
- Talkin' 'Bout My Generation: Change is the only constant in agriculture. As one generation of agriculture begins to retire, another is pressing at the farm gates. Yet this next generation has different needs. Communities, policy, and support organizations must re-tool to meet them. The prize for organizations who effectively make this pivot is immense: a role in the future.

Overall, I am a driven, engaged, and goal oriented leader with deeply relevant experience, leadership, and communication skills. I am excited about the opportunity to serve my State and my community as a board member of the RFA and play a small role in facilitating a better future in agriculture. To contact me, please call 952.201.4227. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Eric R. Sannerud

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Skills

Leadership, public speaking, strategic thinking, and farming.

Experience

Mighty Axe Hops / Co-Founder & CEO

March 2013 - Present, Foley, MN

Mighty Axe Hops grows local hops for local beer. Under my leadership Mighty Axe Hops has evolved from an idea to a \$5,000 prototype and closed on a \$4.5 million fundraiser. Mighty Axe now employs 12 people seasonally and is the recognized leader of a new local, sustainable crop market.

TEDx MPLS / Speaker

April 2015 - Twin Cities, MN

I was selected one of four speakers for a special TEDx salon on the future of food systems. I created and delivered a 13 minute TED-style presentation in front of a live audience of curious and serious food system thinkers and leaders.

Sandbox Center for Regenerative Entrepreneurship / Co-Founder

October 2013 - December 2015, Ham Lake, MN

Sandbox Center was a start-up young farmer incubator providing land access, business counseling, and a supportive social community to young farmer members. I successfully led a \$20,000 Kickstarter fundraiser and incubated 12 young farmers over the two years of operation.

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Awards

- > Self-Published "Keep Your Eye Out" book of poems
- > 40 Under 40 Minneapolis Saint Paul Business Journal
- > Top 50 Young Entrepreneurs by Minnesota Business Magazine
- > Fellow of the Future
- > Udall Scholar

Education

University of Minnesota / BS in Food Systems

September 2009 - May 2013, Twin Cities, MN

Graduated *Cum Laude*. Studies included sustainable agriculture, food systems, business operations, and social justice.