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Executive Department



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Governor Tim Walz President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Carol Anderson

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

Public Member

Minnesota Rural Finance Authority

Effective: February 3, 2021

Expires: January 6, 2025

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed January 29, 2021.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 29, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Application for the position Public Member

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: MN Rural Finance Authority

Position: Public Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Carol Anderson

Phone: (320) 387-2883

County: Benton

Mn House District: 15B

US House District: 7

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document
Resume	application/msword

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

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Carol Anderson

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**Carol Anderson
14235 115th Ave. NE
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November 9, 2020

Minnesota Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying for a position on the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority. I have served on the RFA and have seen how crucial this program is. It has been able to assist beginning and existing farmers as well as those who suffer from a disaster. The RFA plays a crucial role in agriculture in Minnesota during this time of COVID.

I dairy farm with my husband in Benton County where we raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa as well. I also manage an economic development non-profit corporation and I understand the economic impact that agriculture has on the economy of Minnesota.

In closing, I have been engaged in agriculture my entire life and feel I have much to offer the Rural Finance Authority.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

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CAROL ANDERSON

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Executive Director

Community Development of Morrison County, Inc.

Little Falls, Minnesota 1989-Present

Responsible for operation of a nonprofit, economic development corporation attracting potential new companies to Morrison County, a rural county in central Minnesota with a population base of 32, 000 people, and assisting local firms with expansion and business development needs. In that capacity, the organization in the past ten years has been responsible for the creation of over 1,500 jobs, with a cumulative annual payroll of over \$80 million and \$250 million in construction of facilities and equipment. The firms assisted generated over \$20 million in property taxes. Also responsible for administering a \$120,000 annual budget and three revolving loan fund portfolios totaling over \$2 million dollars.

Adjunct Faculty, St. Cloud State University

Department of Political Science

St. Cloud, Minnesota Fall Semester 2000 to 2008

Public Personnel Administration

The course covered all aspects of public personnel administration including human resources planning, classification and compensation. It also covered recruitment, examination and selection processes. The concepts of equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, comparable worth and the constitutional issues in public personnel management were covered. Human resources development issues such as training, development and performance appraisals as well as the concepts of work and the family were focused on. The course also examined the new public service, what are the different types of public service and why people choose the career paths they do in public service.

Perspectives On Minnesota Politics

The course covered the history of how Minnesota became a State and what makes our government what it is. It examines our political culture and how our constitution was formed. Public opinion, lobbying, elections and campaign finance were discussed. The course covered the three branches of government and their powers in Minnesota as well as how Minnesota relates to the Federal Government and examines public policy.

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International Trade Representative

Minnesota Trade Office

St. Paul, Minnesota July 1987-December 1988

Developed Minnesota Trade Office focus on wood products. Compiled a directory of wood companies. Identified key international trade shows that clients should attend. Developed an industrial promotional strategy.

Geographic Specialist

Minnesota Trade Office

St. Paul, Minnesota November 1984-July 1987

Specializing in Scandinavia. Developed trade initiatives with Scandinavian countries. Organized and led trade missions to Scandinavia. Identified potential investors and organizations. Assisted with Reverse Investment programs.

Administrative Assistant

Minnesota Trade Office

St. Paul, Minnesota February 1983-November 1984

Assisted in the development of the Minnesota Trade Office. Legislative liaison with the Minnesota Legislature. Organized the Minnesota Trade Office focus on agri-processing. Developed a protocol system for the Minnesota Trade Office. Developed and administered Minnesota Trade Office contracts with their foreign offices.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Arts degree in Public Administration

Mankato State University

Mankato, Minnesota 1988

Graduated with a 3.85 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science

St. Cloud State University

St. Cloud, Minnesota 1980

Minor in Public Administration

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Policy Fellow

Humphrey Institute Policy Forum

University of Minnesota 1999-2000

The program's objective is to prepare a new generation of women and men to assume the responsibilities of leadership and to encourage their participation and effective involvement in public affairs.

Completed course work in export administration and multi-national corporations, 1987-1988.

Received a certificate of completion from Mankato State University International Business Institute for completing an International Business Seminar, 1987.

Completed training in International Protocol offered by the International Protocol Officers Association in New York, New York, 1988.

Blandin Associate

Blandin Foundation

Grand Rapids, Minnesota 2001-2003

A pilot leadership program designed by the Blandin Foundation to tap the passion and innovative ideas of individuals in rural Minnesota who seek to fulfill unmet needs and opportunities in their communities. The program provided training, education, financial resources and support to individual Associates. The local project identified in this case was a drop in day care center located in Little Falls, Minnesota.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Congressional Caseworker

Congressman Richard Nolan

Washington D.C. May 1979-May 1980

Specialized in Social Security-Disability, Food Stamps, AFDC and Immigration.

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Richard Nolan

Washington D.C. September 1979-May 1980

Recipient of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Internship. Assigned to Congressman Richard Nolan, specializing in farm policy and small business issues.

OTHER BACKGROUND

Little Falls Area Foundation

Little Falls, Minnesota 2000 – Present

Elected Secretary/Treasurer 2001

Founding board member of a charitable foundation dedicated to enhancing lives of residents of the Little Falls area and surrounding communities.

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Little Falls Community Partnership

Little Falls, Minnesota 1998 – 2007

Elected Chair in 2000

With the assistance of The Blandin Foundation, the partnership focuses on creating a safe, environmentally sustainable technology community, which promotes the arts, culture, tourism and recreation. It supports local businesses and farmers in the area with both local outlets and high-speed access to e-commerce. It provides spaces, programs, and access for people of all ages to participate in arts and recreational activities for a healthy living style. It provides support for a significant decrease in family and community violence, drug and alcohol abuse in our homes and among our youth and helps nurture a strong family value system and feeling of safety among all elements of the population.

Appointee

Tri-County Community Action Economic Development Advisory Committee 1994
Committee serves as a resource for low income residents of Crow Wing, Morrison and Todd Counties in the pursuit of economic self-sufficiency. The fund has been capitalized by a variety of sources, primarily Community Services Block Grant funds made available through the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Board Member

Tri-County Community Action Program, 2010 to 2016
Tri-County Community Action Program, is a private, nonprofit organization that offers a variety of services to create opportunities for self-sufficiency. Founded in 1965, it serves the residents of Crow Wing, Morrison and Todd counties in Minnesota. The organization administers programs in the areas of family services, economic development, welfare reform and housing. Tri-County Community Action Program offers the Head Start program that includes health, education, parent involvement and social services for low-income families with preschool-aged children. It provides various community service programs that emphasize the development of skills and self-esteem and advance individuals and families self-sufficiency. Tri-County Community Action Program maintains a location in Little Falls, Minn.

Board Member

Benton County Planning and Zoning Board 1993 – 2004
Elected Chair, January 1997 and served until 2004. First woman to be appointed to the Board as well as Chairperson of the Board.

Board Chair

Minnesota Farmers Union Executive Committee 2018 – Present
Minnesota Farmers Union is a farmer based organization that works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers, ranchers and rural residents.

Board Member

Minnesota Business Finance Corporation 2000 – 2010, Chair 2007-2008 and 2018-2019
Re-Elected to the Board in 2011.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

A private, not-for-profit, Certified Development Company authorized by the U.S. Small Business Administration to originate and service SBA 504 loans statewide.

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Chair, Work Force Development Board

Elected Chairperson of the Work Force Investment Board for WSA Two in Northwestern Minnesota.

Workforce Investment Board directs federal, state, and local funding to workforce development programs in nineteen Northwestern Minnesota counties. The WIB also oversees the One-Stop Career Centers, where job seekers can get employment

information, find out about career development training opportunities and connect to various programs in their area.

Board Member

Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

A private, Not-for-profit employment company. CEP provides job training and employment opportunities for the economically disadvantaged, the unemployed, and the under-employed.

Chair

Minnesota Solutions 1992 – 1997

Nonpartisan, statewide, economic development organization dedicated to strengthening the state's economic development programs as well as developing new solutions for coping with Minnesota economic development needs.

Member

Governor's Task Force on Emergency Food and Shelter 1983

Minnesota Farmers Union

Sub-Committee Member

Governor's Advisory Committee on Agri-Processing 1983

Sub-committee on ethanol and rural energy parks.

Legislative Chair

St. Cloud Business and Professional Women's Association 1982

Research Assistant

Department of Political Science, St. Cloud State University 1979

Conducted survey research in the United States Senate in Washington D.C. The research was funded by a State of Minnesota Faculty Research Grant.

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AWARDS

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Good Farm Neighbor Award, 2010
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Department of Trade and Economic Development Achievement Award, 1988

Outstanding Young Women of America finalist, 1985

St. Cloud State University Outstanding Young Alumni Award, 1985

Department of Agriculture Achievement Award, 1983

St. Cloud Area Business and Professional Women's Association Young Career Woman of the Year, 1983

National Award: The Lyndon Baines Johnson Internship, 1979

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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