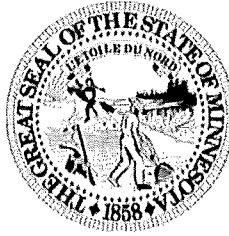


# STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

#### Steven Besser

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

#### Fishing Organization Representative

#### Clean Water Council

Effective: May 5, 2021

Expires: January 1, 2024

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 April 30, 2021.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon

Secretary of State

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Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

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November 23, 2020

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100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

-via digital filing only-

RE: Application for Reappointment to  
Minnesota Clean Water Council

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have just completed my first term as the Statewide Fishing Organizations Representative on the Minnesota Clean Water Council. What I wrote in my initial application cover letter in December 2016 is equally applicable today - *I have been, for as long as I can recall, not only an avid angler, but fascinated by surface and ground waters. I still recall the first time I saw an artesian well and how I poked a stick down into the bubbling puddle of water, intent on determining how "deep" this "well" must be. I have also long been concerned about the wise use of Minnesota's water resources and the ability to share the resource between competing interests without seeing Minnesota become the Land of 10,000 "Unusable" Lakes and Rivers.*

I have learned much in my first term about both our State's capacity to address water issues and emerging issues that can no longer be ignored. I have found both my angling interests and connections as well as my scientific training and law practice have equipped me well to serve on the Council (I have also submitted a resume); AND, I wholeheartedly wish to continue to volunteer my time and talents.

I respectfully seek Governor Walz' reappointment of me to the Clean Water Council. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

DOLAN & BESSER



Steven V. Besser

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# STEVEN VERNON BESSER

Seeking Reappointment to MN Clean Water Council  
(State Fishing Organization Representative)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota, Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, and the Federal District Courts of Minnesota and North Dakota

**Dolan & Besser** (formerly Henretta, Cross, Ness & Dolan), Litchfield, MN  
October 1, 1997 through present

**Marquard & Associates** (formerly Hutchinson & Marquard), Duluth, MN  
Associate attorney – personal injury, worker's compensation, products liability, November 1990 through September 1997

**Falsani, Balmer, Berglund & Merritt**, Duluth, MN  
Associate attorney – personal injury litigation, worker's compensation and insurance law, October 1989 to October 1990

**Robert J. LaBine & Associates**, Grand Forks, ND  
Law clerk and third year student practitioner, May 1988 – October 1989

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## EDUCATION

### **University of North Dakota, School of Law**

Juris Doctor with Distinction, May 1989  
Order of Barristers  
Moot Court Board  
Best Respondent's Brief, Intraschool Moot Court Comp., Fall 1987

### **North Dakota State University, Zoology Dept.**

Graduate studies and research – limnology – water chemistry/nutrient cycling in the Jamestown Reservoir and James River system, March 1979 through March 1981

### **Bemidji State University**

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, Biology, March 1979

### **Southwest State University**

Undergraduate studies in Biology and Political Science, September 1970 through March 1972

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## MILITARY SERVICE

**United States Army**, January 1973 through January 1976  
Discharge: Honorable  
Training: Counter-Intelligence Coordinator (Class Honor Graduate)

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LEADERSHIP

Professional activities:

**Minnesota State Bar Association**, Member, 1989 through present  
Appointed to ad hoc Judicial Elections Committee in 2003 and served as subcommittee chair  
Judiciary Committee (formerly Judicial Elections Committee), member 2004-present; Chair  
2004-05, Co-Chair 2005-06 and 2006-07  
Insurance for Members Committee, Chair 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08  
Fair Response Committee, member 2009 – present

**Twelfth District Bar Association**, Member 1998 through present  
President 2014-15

**The Beacon** (Minnesota Association for Injured Workers newsletter), columnist June 1994  
through 1998

**North Dakota State Bar Association**, Member, 1989 through present

**Minnesota Association for Justice** (formerly Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association), Member  
1989 through present

Civic Activities:

**Minnesota Clean Water Council**

Statewide Fishing Organizations Representative – Gov. Mark Dayton appointee  
January 31, 2017 – January 4, 2021

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**

Citizen member – Esocid (Northern Pike/Muskellunge) Fish Workgroup  
January 2015 – present  
Muskie/Pike Representative – Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee  
October 2015 – present

**Minnesota Citizens Commission for the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary**  
Gov. Al Quie, Chairman; Commission Member (2006-2007)

**Litchfield Area Community Foundation**

Board Member, January 2010 – July 2017; Co-chair 2011-2012; Chair 2012 – July 2017

**Mecker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield, MN**

Board of Directors, January 2002 to January 2014

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Litchfield, MN**

President, 2009 – 2012, 2020 - present; Vice President, 2002-2005 and 2013 – 2019

**Litchfield Watercade, Inc.** (a Minnesota non-profit corporation)

Board of Directors, 1999-2001; Chairman 2001

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# Application for the position Fishing Organization - Statewide

## Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Clean Water Council  
**Position:** Fishing Organization - Statewide

## Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Steven Besser  
**Phone:** (320) 693-9321  
**County:** Meeker  
**Mn House District:** 18A  
**US House District:** 7  
**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### 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.	

**Veteran:** Yes

## Part V: Signature

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**Signature:** Steven V Besser  
**Date:** 11/23/2020 4:11:49 PM

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## Statement of economic interest for a public official

### Official: Besser, Steven

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Statement last updated: 5/10/2021

Occupation: Attorney

Employer: W.H. Dolan P.A dba Dolan and Besser  
409 Sibley Ave N  
Litchfield, MN 55355

### Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
<a href="https://reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/79500000/">Clean Water Council (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/79500000/)</a>	Statewide Fishing Organization Rep	5/5/2021	1/1/2024	Governor

### Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source
	Director Officer Owner Member Partner Employer Employee Honorarium
William H.Dolan, P.A. dba Dolan and Besser	✓ Employee ✓

### Business or professional activity categories

None reported

### Securities

Name of security  
ALLIANT ENERGY CORP  
LIVENT CORP  
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP  
SIEMENS GAMESA RENEWABLE ENERGY

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Name of security

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

## Real property

None reported

## Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported

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