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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Cole Funseth

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

**Rural Electrical Supplier
Board of Electricity**

Effective: May 20, 2020

Expires: December 31, 2022

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 May 15, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on May 15, 2020
Office of Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of Electricity
Position: Electrical Supplier In Rural Area

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Cole Funseth
Phone:
County: Hennepin
In House District: 46A
S House District: 5
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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

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

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No additional documents found.	

Part V: Signature

Signature: Cole Funseth
Date: 11/8/2019 2:25:21 PM

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November 8, 2019

Office of the Secretary of State
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Board of Electricity, Electrical Supplier In Rural Area

I am interested in applying to the open position for "Electrical Supplier In Rural Area" on the State of Minnesota Board of Electricity.

I am a current Board of Electricity member who works for Great River Energy, a Minnesota not-for-profit generation and transmission co-operative that supplies electricity to 28 member suburban and rural electric cooperatives. My main responsibilities include engineering and project management support for our Minnesota based generating facilities. My experience prior to this position included electrical substation design for a large consulting firm and field engineering support for a renewable construction firm based in Minnesota.

As a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota and representative of a rural electric cooperative, I feel I would be a meaningful addition to the Board of Electricity. I've had the privilege of working in both office and field environments and welcome the continued opportunity to share and learn from others in the industry.

If there are any questions or comments you might have, please feel free to contact me (763) 445-5812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cole Funseth'.

Cole Funseth
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Cole Funseth, P.E.

8021 Ridgway Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55426 - (608) 628-8337 - cfunseth@gmail.com

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Nine years of experience in the electric utility field including 18 months of on-site electrical construction fieldwork for renewable energy projects
- Licensed Professional Engineer currently pursuing an MBA degree

EXPERIENCE

Great River Energy – Maple Grove, MN
Senior Engineer

September 2015 – Present

- Project management support for combustion and steam-generation plant efforts
- Development of relay settings, arc flash studies, and division operating procedures
- Subject matter expert for multiple generation NERC compliance standards

Black & Veatch – Bloomington, MN
Electrical Engineer

January 2014 – September 2015

- Physical layout and control design for substations ranging from 13-230kV
- Development of calculations including lightning protection, grounding, and clearances
- Evaluations of electrical suppliers and subcontractors for various construction projects

Mortenson Construction – Minneapolis, MN
Electrical Engineer

January 2011 – December 2013

- On-site field engineer for wind projects; responsible for quality assurance, process improvements, work instruction development, inventory management, testing and commissioning, and energization support
- Assembly of self-perform estimates for collection, substation, and transmission line installations as well as vendor/subcontractor RFQs
- Contract development including scopes of work, terms and conditions, and schedules

EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas – Opus College of Business

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Expected Graduation 2023

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering (BSEE)

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Professional Engineer (PE) License – State of Minnesota
- Board of Electricity Member, Rural Electric Supplier – State of Minnesota
- CSE Mentor Program – University of Minnesota

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Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Funseth, Cole

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Statement last updated: 6/16/2020

Occupation: Engineer

Employer: Great River Energy

12300 Elm Creek Blvd

Maple Grove, MN 55369

Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
Electricity, Board of (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/78900000/)	Electrical Supplier Representative	5/20/2020	12/31/2022	Governor

Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source
	Director Officer Owner Member Partner Employer Employee Honorary
Great River Energy	Employee ✓

Business or professional activity categories

None reported

Securities

None reported

Real property

None reported

Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported

County	Address or section information	Owner	Mortgagee	Contract for deed	Option to buy \$2500 rule
Cass	Lots 1-23, Block One and Lots 1-4, Block Two, Stony Brook Acres	✓			
Morrison	32315 70th Ave	✓			
Morrison	33919 e Shamineau Dr	✓			
Todd	50095 Spruce Road	✓			

Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported