

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Peter Schwagerl

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

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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



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Tim Walz
Governor

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Replacing: Robert Hoefert

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Application for the position Farm Organization

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Clean Water Council
Position: Farm Organization

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Peter Schwagerl
Phone:
County: Big Stone
Mn House District: 12A
US House District: 7
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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

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Part V: Signature

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November 23, 2020

The Office of Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan
% Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council Administrator
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St. Paul, MN 55155

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my enclosed resume and this cover letter in application as a Farm Organization representative to the Clean Water Council Board. As a farmer, I have embraced the transformative role that agriculture can play in improving our environment and water quality. My extensive involvement with both policy and education-based farm groups has exposed me to the wide range of challenges, opportunities, and solutions that farmers across our state face as we move to address water quality challenges.

I have been fortunate to be an active member of Minnesota Farmers Union. The group has been instrumental not only in educating me about both current and potential future water-quality policy but also in showing me how to be an effective advocate for those policies. Educational groups such as the Sustainable Farming Association have kept me informed about the multitude of farm-level innovations available to improve soil and water quality.

Much of what drew me to farming as a profession is the unique ability of farms to serve as a laboratory for environmental and food-security solutions. I put that philosophy to use on my farm by constantly testing and evaluating new farming strategies and systems in an effort to make the farm both ecologically and economically sustainable. These experiments have ranged from reducing tillage, incorporating cover crops, adding precision agriculture to improve nutrient efficiency, and working with the University of Minnesota to add innovative new perennial crops such as Kernza to my farm.

Outside of the world of agriculture my educational background as a scientific researcher makes me well-suited for objective evaluation and analysis of the many projects and priorities reviewed by the Council. If appointed, I would be a strong advocate for upholding the Council's mandate to devote resources to not only implementation but also to data collection and project evaluation. It is only through this careful mix of trial and analysis that we will develop effective and efficient strategies to improve water quality in our state.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my application. I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

-Peter Schwagerl

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Education

Soil Health Academy

Regenerative Farming and Ranching School

August 2019

University of Florida

PhD Student, Applied Physiology and Kinesiology

August 2010-December 2012

Kansas State University

Master of Science, Kinesiology, GPA: 3.90

Graduated May 2010

Thesis: The Effects of Ascorbic Acid on Skeletal Muscle Blood Flow in Aged Rats

Gustavus Adolphus College

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Athletic Training, GPA: 3.73

Graduated May 2008

Experience

Prairie Point Farm, Co-founder

December 2012-Present

- Perform all tasks and duties necessary for the operation of a pastured livestock and certified organic grain farm including: large equipment operation and maintenance, livestock husbandry, overseeing logistics, marketing meat and grain products to potential buyers, managing organic certification records, and developing both short and long-term business plans for the farm;
- Handle grant-writing duties for on-farm projects as well as coordinate with government agencies in connection to on-farm conservation programs.

Cognito Farm, Farm Hand and Market Manager

June 2011-December 2012

- Performed daily tasks on a diverse pasture-based farm including pasture management, fence maintenance, livestock handling, shelter construction, and large equipment operation;
- Independently managed up to three farmers markets by packing orders, making sales to customers, and maintaining accurate accounting records.

University of Florida, Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant

August 2010-December 2012

- Performed a variety of experiments utilizing cell culture, SDS-PAGE/Western blotting, and surgically isolating rodent vascular networks;
- Independently taught undergraduate anatomy laboratory courses by performing lectures, overseeing lab demonstrations and activities, correcting assignments and submitting grades.

Kansas State University, Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant

August 2008-July 2010

- Developed and implemented experimental designs and protocols, compiled data sets, performed statistical analysis, and wrote final reports;
- Co-author of four peer-reviewed physiology publications;
- Taught four undergraduate kinesiology courses each semester for two years with duties including delivering lectures, overseeing laboratory activities, and grading assignments.

Associations and Leadership Positions

Minnesota Farmers Union Member- 2013-Present

- Big Stone County Secretary-Treasurer- 2016-2018
- Big Stone County President & MFU State Board of Governors- 2018-Present

National Farmers Union Beginning Farmer Institute 2017-2018

Sustainable Farming Association Member- 2014-Present

- Co-Chair of the Western Chapter- 2019-Present

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