

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Executive Department



**Governor Tim Walz**

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT** MAR 29 2021

**Jamie Swenson**

President of the Senate

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**

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**

Effective: March 30, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 March 25, 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

Reappointment

Filed on March 25, 2021  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

# Application for the position Public Member

## Part I: Position Sought

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Agency Name: Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Position: Public Member

## Part II: Applicant Information

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Name: Jamie Swenson

Phone: (612) 236-6417

County: Le Sueur

Mn House District: 19A

US House District: 1

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True

## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### 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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Signature: Jamie Swenson

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1 December 2020

The Honorable Tim Walz  
Governor of Minnesota  
130 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Governor-Appointed Public Member Vacancy, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Dear Governor Walz:

Please accept this letter and the attached resume as my application to serve the State of Minnesota for a second term as a Public Member of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. My first-term experience, practical approach, and demonstrated knowledge in science, policy, and conservation along with my keen interest in Minnesota's hunting and fishing traditions is a great fit for this Council. It has been both an honor and privilege to serve and I am excited at the opportunity to continue serving through a second term.

I was born and raised in southern Minnesota and I am proud to represent our region on the Council. I graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a degree in Community Development and Heritage Preservation. I later attended Minnesota State University-Mankato and obtained a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science. My career spans over sixteen years focusing on natural resources and environmental management. I have a keen knowledge of environmental regulations and conservation programs in Minnesota and an in-depth expertise of surface and groundwater, water use, industry, wetlands, prairie restoration, and outdoor recreation.

As an avid waterfowler, upland bird hunter (with my two Irish setters), and shooting enthusiast, I have a great passion for the outdoors. I spend most of my time in the summer on the lakes fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and you can find me in the sugar shack in the spring harvesting maple syrup. Above all, I enjoy engaging and sharing outdoor experiences and working to conserve the remarkable natural resources we are fortunate to have in this state.

My attached resume provides additional details about my background and capabilities. If I can provide any additional information or answer any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jamie Swenson

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# Jamie L. Swenson

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Over sixteen years' experience working with local, state, and federal agencies as an environmental consultant and directly in industry on hundreds of projects including governmental, industrial, commercial, mining, energy, and conservation.
- Keen and broad knowledge of land and environmental regulations and in-depth expertise of surface and groundwater, wetlands, water use, geology, pollution prevention, and associated sciences.
- Extensive experience working directly with leadership of environmental agencies in the Midwest.
- Manage multi-disciplinary project teams and effectively communicate with stakeholders, citizens, and community leaders.
- Worked as an Environmental Services Regional Manager for six offices in the Midwest. Only female principal and youngest individual to obtain principal status in company.
- Intensive writing for multiple audiences, including environmental reviews (EIS, EAW), technical studies, and public relations.
- Work closely with landowners and tenants on land agreements and conflict resolution.
- Read, research, and interpret regulations and inform clients of regulatory changes.
- Conduct outdoor field work including wetland delineations, water, noise, glare, and air monitoring, waste management and stormwater inspections, ground and surface water sampling and data collection.
- Proficient transferable skills in creative problem solving, organization, time management, negotiation, and multi-tasking.

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Covia Holdings Corporation** (formerly Unimin Corporation)

Director, Land Management	Mankato, MN	03/2019-Current
General Manager, Environment	Mankato, MN	06/2018-02/2019
Environmental Affairs Manager	Mankato, MN	12/2013-05/2018

### **I&S Group, Inc** (formerly I&S Engineers & Architects, Inc)

Environmental Services Regional Manager/Principal	MN, WI, & IA Offices	01/2011 – 11/2013
Environmental Services Manager	Mankato, MN	01/2008 – 12/2010
Environmental Planner	Faribault, MN	06/2007 – 12/2007

### **I&S Engineers & Architects, Inc**

Natural Resources Specialist	Mankato, MN	03/2004 – 05/2007
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### **Duain Swenson Construction Company Inc.**

Financial Manager	Le Sueur, MN	12/2007 – 01/2013
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### **Le Sueur-Henderson Healthy Communities, Inc.**

Resource Center Coordinator	Le Sueur, MN	04/2003 – 12/2003
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### **Greater Mankato Area United Way**

Community Building Intern	Mankato, MN	05/2002 – 12/2002
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## EDUCATION

### **MS, Environmental Science**

Minnesota State University- Mankato (2008-2014)

### **BA, Community Development/Planning, Heritage Preservation Minor, Business Management Emphasis**

St. Cloud State University – Herberger Business School (2000-2002)

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## CERTIFICATIONS, ADVISEMENTS, AFFILIATIONS

- Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, Public Member (2017-2021), Treasurer (2020)
- State Youth & Education Chairman, Ducks Unlimited (2017)
- Industry Representative, Wisconsin Non-Metallic Mining Stormwater Rulemaking Advisory Group (2015-2016)
- Presenter, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration Annual Conference (2016)
- Industry Representative, Minnesota Silica Sand Rulemaking Advisory Panel (2014-2015)
- Presenter, North-Central Section Geological Society of America Annual Meeting (2015)
- Karner Blue Butterfly HCP Monitoring Certification (WI DNR)
- NPDES Erosion & Stormwater Management Certification: Construction Installer (MPCA)
- Advanced Wetland Delineation Training (WI DNR)
- Former Ney Environmental Education Foundation (Le Sueur County)
- Former Community Education Board Advisory Council (ISD #2397)
- Member of Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ruffed Grouse Society, Sportsman's Alliance, North American Grouse Partnership, Prairie Enthusiasts, Quail Forever, National Shooting Sports Foundation

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