

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Marcie Weinandt

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

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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

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Application for the position Watershed District

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Clean Water Council
Position: Watershed District

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Marcie Weinandt
Phone: (202) 360-9602
County: Ramsey
Mn House District: 42A
US House District: 4
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/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

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

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Marcie Weinandt
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Frank Jewell, Clean Water Council Chair
Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council Administrator
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Gentlemen:

I am interested in representing watershed districts on the Clean Water Council because I believe I have much to add to the dialogue and debate of the Clean Water Council based on my long experience in water, land use, agriculture, local government and public policy. I am currently a manager of the Rice Creek Watershed District and have an awareness and understanding of the issues facing watershed districts. I bring a unique combination of metro and rural Minnesota-lived experience; this will help me represent the interests of all watershed districts in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment is a powerful example of how citizens and the legislature can work together to improve the lives of Minnesotans and their environment. The Fund has enabled projects that otherwise would have not been able to get off the idea board. The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (which I had the privilege to serve as program coordinator from its inception) is an example of citizen engagement, state and advocacy group cooperation, financial leverage of federal dollars, and most importantly, water quality improvements. This program is one of hundreds that were made possible from CWC dollars. I believe that citizens want to see tangible, local improvements to our water resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to make application to the Clean Water Council. After review of my resume, if you have further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marcie Weinandt

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EXPERIENCE

Board of Managers, RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT. 2020 to present
I am currently a manager of the Rice Creek Watershed District. I was a member of the RCWD Citizens Advisory Committee for three years prior to joining the Board of Managers. I have an awareness and understanding of the issues facing watershed districts and watershed district managers

Program Operations Coordinator, MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. 2013 – 2018
The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is a statewide program designed to accelerate adoption of on-farm practices that protect Minnesota's waters. Under the program, a producer demonstrating the implementation of best management practices to protect water quality receives a 10-year certification and will be regarded as meeting any new targeted reductions and water quality regulations that occur in those 10 years. Coordinated the operational aspects of the MAWQCP since the rollout of the pilot phase in 2013. Work directly with the many program partners, including the soil and water districts, the technical service areas, state agencies and industry.

CEO, MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA 2010-2013
Midwest Assistance Program, Inc. (MAP) supports rural communities and tribal nations to find solutions to water and wastewater infrastructure and development needs through information, resource management, expertise and technical assistance in nine Midwestern states including Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Focus of the CEO was on board development and governance, updating organization's policies and procedures, stabilizing the financial condition of the organization, working closely with the staff, dispersed throughout nine states, to strengthen team cohesion. Additionally, giving attention to partnerships with other community development organizations, advocacy at the federal level, and leadership in the national network, Rural Community Assistance Partnership. Traveled extensively throughout the region, viewing projects and visiting with communities.

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT RELATIONS, THE RURAL POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA 2004 - 2010

The Rural Policy Research Institute provides objective analysis and facilitates public dialogue concerning the impact of public policy on rural people and places. Major responsibilities were convening national rural organizations, including public, non-profit, philanthropic, private and education sectors. Worked closely with the Congressional Members and staff as well the Administration, tracking of rural legislation, and providing information and data on the rural condition. Participated in numerous conferences often as a presenter/speaker. Assisted with the RUPRI international portfolio, specifically with Canada, the European Union and OECD. Served as the Interim Director of the Rural Community College Alliance, a college/RUPRI partnership, from 2005 to 2010.

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FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MINNESOTA RURAL PARTNERS

1995 - 2004

Minnesota Rural Partners is the state's rural development council with representation from the federal, state, local, tribal, private, non-profit and the educational sector, focusing attention on rural communities and issues through an annual rural summit, legislative initiatives, and several collaborative projects. Built the Partnership from a single staffed, \$100,000/year budget to a staff of six and a budget reaching a million dollars annually.

TRUSTEE, THE BLANDIN FOUNDATION

1994 - 2006

The Blandin Foundation is the largest Minnesota-based foundation with a single focus on rural. Served on several committees including housing, economic development and policy, as well as positions on the National Council on Foundations.

CO-OWNER, BIRCH COULEE POTTERY

1984 - 2005

Birch Coulee Pottery, a rural family owned small business produced functional stoneware for over 20 years. Specific responsibilities included business development, marketing and financial management.

COMMISSIONER, RENVILLE COUNTY

1991-1994

Renville County is an agricultural based county with population of 17,000 and a 24 million dollar annual budget. Elected by and represented the people of Renville County on numerous local, state and national boards, with particular interests in the environment, human service and rural development. Provided leadership in long-range planning for county goals, operations and budget management.

PROJECT DIRECTOR, REDWOOD-COTTONWOOD RIVERS CONTROL AREA

1988-1991

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area is a local, non-regulatory joint-powers board working to enhance and protect the rivers of Southwest Minnesota. Convened and facilitated discussion with constituents, local and state elected officials and state agency personnel to develop Comprehensive Water Plans for six southwestern Minnesota counties.

EDUCATION

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

- Master of Public Administration, 2003, Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow
- State and Local Executive Program, 2002 Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KANSAS

- Masters credits toward an Adult Education Degree, 1979-80

SOUTHWEST STATE UNIVERSITY, MARSHALL, MINNESOTA

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, 1978

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Heartland Center for Leadership Development 2007 - present
- Renewing the Countryside 2006 - 2011
- Northern Great Plains Initiative 1998 - 2011
- Blandin Foundation 1993 - 2005
- University of Minnesota Rural Development Council 1998 - 2001
- Minnesota Forest Resources Council 1996 - 2001
- Minnesota River Citizens' Advisory Committee 1994 - 1996

SKILLS

- Program and policy knowledge and experience on the local, state and federal levels regarding natural resource policy, rural transportation, health, housing, education, environment, economic development, cultural diversity, new immigrants and the arts.
- Developed, analyzed and presented policy options to state and federal legislators and staff in the capacity as board member, director, concerned citizen; and mobilized constituent groups to make their voices heard at the legislature.
- National speaker; significant media experience on rural issues.
- Strategic planning experience in the areas of job training, water resource management, governance, organizational and business development, and delivery of local services.
- Planned, convened, organized and carried out diverse gatherings of citizen leaders and elected officials, including six Minnesota Rural Summits and International Rural Network Conference.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE

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