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Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Rylee Hince
Congressional District 2

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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:

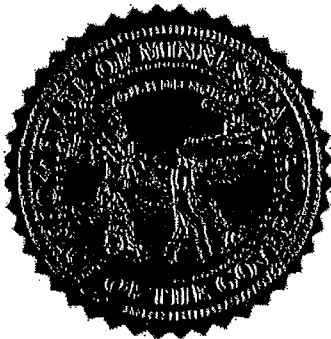
Public Board Member
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Effective: May 4, 2022

Expires: January 5, 2026

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 29, 2022.



Replacing: Kristen Eide-Tollefson

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Tim Walz
Governor

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Steve Simon
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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience serving on interagency committees including: the Corps of Engineers' Minnesota River Basin Interagency Study Communications Committee, the Minnesota Public Drainage Manual Best Management Practices Sub-Committee, and the Minnesota Clean Water Council's Policy Committee.
- Deep appreciation and thoughtfulness around the careful balance needed between environmental quality, public health, economic vitality, equity, societal quality of life, and sustained natural resources, as outlined in the EQB's 5-year plan.
- Strong ability to engage the public in science and policy through directed outreach and education among diverse communities.
- Experience conducting qualitative and quantitative research on local, regional, and national environmental programs and policies.

EXPERIENCE

2012 - PRESENT

LAKE PEPIN LEGACY ALLIANCE

Executive Director of a start-up nonprofit bridging community voices with science and policy to improve water quality, habitat, and public accessibility to Lake Pepin as a vital stretch of the Mississippi River.

2017 - 2020

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Appointed to one of two environmental organization seats on Minnesota's Clean Water Council for a 4-year term. Served on the Council's policy committee all four years.

2015 - PRESENT

MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Served as Chair of the Board of Directors for 3 years (6 total on the board) and worked with the Executive Director and 20 of Minnesota's environmental nonprofits to broaden their reach by sharing their work around clean water, climate change, environmental justice, and land protection with Minnesota's workforce.

2013 - 2016

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION

Served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Conservation Federation, the Minnesota Affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, for 4 years. Represented Minnesota's hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts on important policies in D.C. and helped develop a youth training program for the next generation of advocates.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy, University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Bachelor of Arts Global Studies – Development Studies; Environmental Studies, North Central College

January 3rd, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the vacancy on the Environmental Quality Board for the 2nd Congressional District. With experience serving on environmentally focused interagency committees and with my background in public policy, I understand the nuances of innovative policy development. I am committed to using my background and skillsets to bridge the gap between science, bureaucracy, and public values. I am familiar with environmental review processes and the criteria and legislation that guides them. I believe I would bring a balanced, grounded, and inclusive perspective to the Environmental Quality Board.

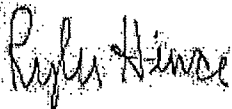
In my full-time position as Executive Director of the Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance, I coordinate between diverse stakeholders to ensure the vitality of Lake Pepin as an integral part of a multi-use river. This includes balancing ecosystem protection and improvement with commercial and recreational navigation, public access to the lake, and the lake's significance as a social and cultural resource.

As part of an effort to see a large-scale habitat improvement project come to fruition on Lake Pepin, I have worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources to identify and leverage funding sources, set project objectives, and ensure the public and Lake Pepin's adjacent municipalities were (and continue to be) engaged in the planning process. As a result, we were able to incorporate local objectives (improved public access) into the broader project goals. Finding opportunities for innovation and more robust benefits within the constraints of federal and state programs is one of my driving motivators.

In my position on the Clean Water Council and through my board service on the Minnesota Environmental Fund and Minnesota Conservation Federation, I've developed a clear understanding of Minnesota's environmental goals and how they are prioritized among other state interests. These are challenging and complex decisions that rarely have an obvious answer. I believe my ability to "see the forest through the trees" without diminishing the significance of crucial policy details will add value to the decision-making process on the Environmental Quality Board.

I greatly appreciate the consideration of my application and I hope I can bring my perspective to this board.

Thank you,



Rylee Hince

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**Application for the position Public Member - 2nd Congressional District Application Date:
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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Mn Environmental Quality Board
Position: Public Member - 2nd Congressional District

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Rylee Hince
Phone:
County: Dakota
Mn House District: 52A
US House District: 2
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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Part V: Signature

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