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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

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:

Farm Organization Representative
Clean Water Council

Effective: April 3, 2024

Expires: January 3, 2028

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 29, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State



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Reappointment

Application for the position Farm Organization Application Date: 12/7/2023 10:18:19 AM

Note: If your application needs to be amended, including updates to any uploaded documents, contact open.appointments@state.mn.us. Please provide your name, board, position you've applied to, and any other documentation you'd like included in your application along with a brief summary of your request.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Clean Water Council

Position: Farm Organization

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Peter Schwagerl

Phone:

County: Big Stone

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Mn House District: 12A

US House District: 7

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

Signature: Peter Schwagerl

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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 Clean Water Council Member, 2021-Present

Minnesota Farmers Union Member, 2013-Present

- Big Stone County Secretary-Treasurer, 2016-2018
- Big Stone County President & MFU State Board of Governor, 2018-Present
- Advisory Committee-Farmers Guide to Carbon Market Contracts in Minnesota, 2023

Sustainable Farming Association Member, 2014-Present

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

Education

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

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December 6, 2023

The Office of Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan
% Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council Administrator
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To Whom It May Concern,

President of the Senate

Please accept this cover letter and my enclosed resume 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 organization has been instrumental in both my education on current and potential future water quality policy as well as in my training as an effective advocate for those policies. My time as a member of the Clean Water Council has largely followed that same framework. I have proactively educated myself on the topics coming before the Council while remaining an enthusiastic advocate for the programs and policies that will move agriculture forward.

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's Forever Green Initiative to add innovative new crops like Kernza and Winter Camelina to the crop rotation.

Outside of the world of agriculture, my educational background as a scientific researcher, combined with the experience and knowledge I have gained serving on the Clean Water Council over the last three years, makes me well-suited for objective evaluation and analysis of the many projects and priorities reviewed by the Council. I believe that this data-driven approach to project evaluation, coupled with my real-world farming experiences, would make me an excellent candidate for reappointment to the Clean Water Council.

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

-Peter Schwagerl