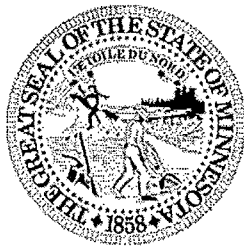


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Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Gary Wertish

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

Rural Finance Authority

Effective: August 16, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 August 11, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Filed on August 11, 2023
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Reappointment

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: MN Rural Finance Authority
Position: Public Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Gary Wertish
Phone: (651) 262-7128
County: Renville
In House District: 17A
Senate District: 7
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Gary Wertish
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Gary Wertish

26416 County Road 17, Renville, MN 56284 | 651-262-7128 (cell) | gary@mfu.org

Experience

MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION

St. Paul, Minnesota

President | 2017 - present

- Represent MFU member policy with lawmakers at the national and state level
- Represent MFU member policy to agricultural and environmental groups
- Represent MFU throughout Minnesota at meetings, trade shows, and in the media
- Manage the MFU booth and coffee shop at the Minnesota State Fair
- MFU representative on Minnesota Agricultural Water Resources Center

Vice President | 2009 - 2017

- Represent MFU member policy with lawmakers at the national and state level
- Represent MFU throughout Minnesota at meetings and trade shows
- Manage the MFU booth and coffee shop at the Minnesota State Fair
- MFU representative on Minnesota Agricultural Water Resources Center
- MFU representative on Minnesota Dairy Leaders Roundtable

Field Staff | 2007 - 2009

- Represent MFU throughout Minnesota at meetings and trade shows
- Provide Field Staff support to membership
- MFU representative on Minnesota Agricultural Water Resources Center
- MFU representative on Minnesota Dairy Leaders Roundtable

MINNESOTA SOYBEAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Mankato, Minnesota

Contract Field Representative | March 2007 – June 2007

- Represented Association in southern Minnesota
- Provide Field Staff support to membership

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR MARK DAYTON

St. Paul, Minnesota

Agricultural Director | 2001 – 2007

- Supervised and administered Senator Dayton 's mobile office
- Six years' experience working together with Minnesota state and county Farm Service Agency office personnel and farmers administering and reviewing all Farm Bill programs including: Production Adjustment, Compliance, Conservation, Price Support
- Six years' experience working together with Minnesota state and county Farm Service Agency office personnel and farmers administering and reviewing additional Farm Bill programs including: Farm Storage Facility, Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment; Payment Limitation, Dairy Indemnity Payments, Grassland Reserve; Farmable Wetlands, Conservation Reserve; Conservation Enhancement and Risk Management Crop Insurance Programs

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- Represented Senator Dayton at public events, panel discussions, and meetings
- Responsible for outstate and agricultural outreach throughout Minnesota
- Analyzed current federal laws and proposed changes relating to agriculture and energy, recommended improvements, and advised the Senator on the effect of these changes
- Prepared briefings for Senator Dayton on legislative issues and meetings
- Organized and conducted listening sessions gathering input on the 2002 Farm Bill, Energy Bill, agricultural and rural legislative issues throughout Minnesota
- Organized United States Senate Committee Hearings in Minnesota
- Administered Senator Dayton's Farm Bill Help Line
- Assisted constituents with government programs and Federal Agencies
- Developed a close working relationship with city and county officials, Minnesota Association of Townships, and associations throughout the state
- Provided media with information regarding legislation and agriculture issues

WERTISH FAMILY FARM

Renville, Minnesota

Grain and Livestock Farmer | 1968 – 2000

- Owner and operator of a diversified farming operation consisting of sugar beets, edible beans, soybeans, corn, sweet corn, green peas, small grain production, and feeder pig to finish hog operation. Responsible for all aspects of farm including:
- Daily operation and business management of all agricultural production
- Administration of government policies and regulations in farm operation
- Hiring, training and supervising of employees
- Marketing of grain and livestock products

Related Experience

FARMERS UNION ENTERPRISES

St. Paul, MN

President | 2022

Board Member | 2017 – Present

FARMERS UNION INDUSTRIES, LLC

Redwood Falls, MN

Board Governor | 2010 – 2017

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, D.C.

Member, Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Grain and Oilseeds | 2019 – Present

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

St. Paul, MN

Board Member | 2011 – Present

EMMET TOWNSHIP

Renville County, MN

Board Chair | 1991 – Present

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RENVILLE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

Renville, MN

Board President | 2006 - 2018

SOUTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN PROCESSORS, LLC

Volga, SD

Board Director | 2006 - 2018

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL RURAL LEADERSHIP (MARL)

Marshall, MN

Member of Class VII | 2013 - 2015

URETHANE SOY SYSTEMS COMPANY

Volga, SD

Board Director | 2006 - 2012

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, D.C.

Member, Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Sweeteners | 1993 - 1999

Education and Military Service

WILLMAR AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Associate Degree in Agriculture Business Technology

Willmar, Minnesota

Graduated 1970

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

Willmar, Minnesota

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November 21, 2022

The honorable Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

I am applying to the public member position on the Rural Finance Authority (RFA) Board. The RFA lending programs through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture are very important to the family farmers of Minnesota. The programs cover a wide swath from beginning farmers to disaster relief and are instrumental in helping more family farmers not only get into farming but also to stay on the farm.

I believe my years of experience of being on the RFA board, running my own farming operation and now as President of Minnesota Farmers Union will be a benefit to continue serving on the RFA board.

I appreciate the opportunity to reapply to serve on this board and look forward to helping Minnesota 's family farmers.

Sincerely,

Gary Wertish, President
Minnesota Farmers Union

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