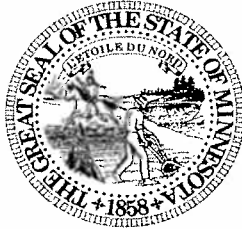


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Elizabeth Wilkens

1646 – 290th Avenue
Mora, MN 55051
County of Kanabec
Congressional District 8

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

PUBLIC MEMBER



LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL

Effective: January 29, 2013
Term Expires: January 2, 2017

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January, 24, 2013




Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Ryan Bronson

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency: Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Position Sought: Member

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Elizabeth Wilkens Preferred Phone: 320-679-1607
 Preferred Mailing Address: 1646 290 Ave. E-MAIL: rusty@northlc.com
 (Preferred Mailing Address) County: Kanabec
Mora Minnesota 55051 MN House of Rep Dist: 15A
 (City) (State) (Zip) US House of Rep Dist: 8
 Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No 1 Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes No 1

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

*The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5.).
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.*

Sex: Female 1 Age: 70 Disability: Yes No 1 Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 Male Independence Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes
 Republican 1 No 1 No
 Other Other

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native
 (As listed on United African American or Black
 State Census 1 White or Caucasian
 2010) Other Race
 (Pick as many as apply)

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

Elizabeth Anne Pionke Wilkens 11/20/2012
 (Signature of Applicant) (Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON: Office of the Secretary of State
 Open Appointments
 180 State Office Building
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Questions:
 Phone: (651) 556-0643
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Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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Cover Letter or Other Helpful Information:

To the Selection Committee:

The State of Minnesota, and its natural environment, are very important to me. During my life, I have had the opportunity to learn and develop skills I believe are helpful in creating and maintaining a healthy ecosystem in which the land on which plants and animals, including us, can thrive.

Minnesota is a unique state with major watersheds and different biomes. It has a thriving agricultural community in addition to major metropolitan areas. Many Minnesotans enjoy being outdoors; that environment regenerates their body and mind. Decisions we make at home, at work, in our local community, and at the state level, can effect our natural environment in a positive or negative way.

Over the years, I have tried to make decisions that would not have a negative impact on the natural environment. As I got closer to retirement, I tried to find more active ways to make a positive impact. I served in local government as a township supervisor, am presently a supervisor of Kanabec County's SWCD, and in my second term at LCCMR.

A solid educational background in the sciences, added to by a lifetime as a landowner, a teacher, and in retirement as a volunteer, have added greatly to my knowledge about the natural environment and the systems that operate within it. Along with my great enjoyment of hunting and fishing, I believe that I have assets that could be valuable to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. If it pleases the Committee, and Governor, I would like to be appointed to that Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Elizabeth A. Wilkens

Resume or Other Helpful Information:

Career

St. Cloud State University

7 years, adjunct faculty, Special Education Dept.

10 years, classical guitar instructor, Music Dept.

MN Secondary Public Schools

3 years, physical science and math teacher

3 years, EBD and LD teacher

10 years, school administration

Research grants

SCSU and MN public schools

Private Practice, Piano and Classical Guitar Instructor, over 20 years

Post Secondary Education

Macalester College, Chemistry, 1969

SCSU, Masters, Special Education, 1992

SCSU, Specialist, Administration, 1993

SCSU, Principal Licensure Program, 1994

Other Work Background

Agriculture, includes beef and dairy farming

Honors and Awards include

With husband, Outstanding Conservation Farmers, Kanabec County

Outstanding Volunteer, MN Department of Natural Resources

Certificate of Appreciation, Bluffland Whitetails (Venison Donation Program)

2012 Outdoor Person of the year, Outdoor News

(will submit copy of article written by Outdoor News under separate cover)

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Breems, Nancy (OSS)

From: Elizabeth Wilkens <rusty@northlc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 9:50 AM
To: Appointments, Open (OSS)
Subject: Additional information
Attachments: 033012_Outdoor News_Elizabeth Wilkens-person of the year.pdf

Hello,

Within the last hour, I submitted an online application for the position of member, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. In the resume portion, I indicated a file regarding a recent award would be sent under separate cover.

That file is attached. Please add it to the application.

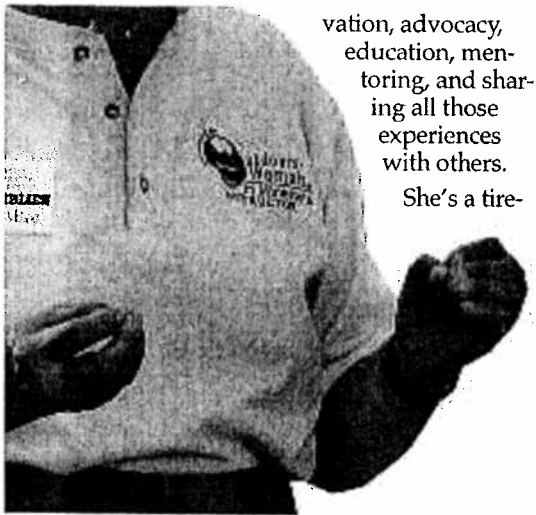
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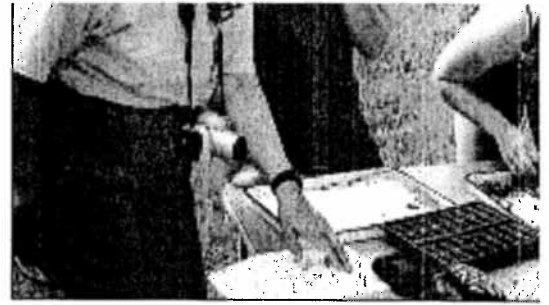
vation, advocacy, education, mentoring, and sharing all those experiences with others. She's a tire-

roudly has named volunteer and citizen con-
catheth Wilkens its 2012 Person of the Year.

resulted in untold women and girls discovering a true love for the outdoors as well as a true love of hunting," said Mark Johnson, executive director of the Grand Rapids-based Minnesota Deer Hunters Association in his letter nominating Wilkens.

Another nomination letter, this one from DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, called Wilkens a strong advocate for protecting land and water resources and educating youth and adults about conservation and outdoor recreation.

"[She] brings passion and heart to protecting natural resources and sharing the



Active with kids on mentored hunts as well as projects, Wilkens last May worked with Mora students on studying critters in a macroinvertebra

opportunity to enjoy those resources with others. She has touched the lives of many, and along with her husband, Dan, will leave a legacy of protecting 240 acres along the Knife River

watershed for future generations to enjoy," in his letter.

Both Johnson highlighted the Wilkens, who has recognition for her outdoor work. Wilkens is grateful to receive the award and also surprised

"All the things that have made my life what it is today are the friendships you have made for me. I am grateful for all of it. But I don't know what to do!" she said.

The complete list of accomplishments would take years to list, but here are a few:

- Since 2006, she has mentored more than 45 students in the Minnesota Outdoors Women's Program.
- She has been a member of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association for the past five years and has mentored more than 320 young hunters.
- She was appointed to the Fisheries Operations Subcommittee of the Fish Fund Citizen's Committee.
- She's a two-time member of the Citizen's Committee on Minnesota Resources.
- She is a citizen monitor for the Minnesota Control Agency at four sites on the Knife River.
- She is past president of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.
- She's a four-time member of the Women's W

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belong to the land, it doesn't belong to you. I truly believe that," she said.

Treating the land with respect goes hand in hand with that belief for her. It is something that exists throughout her being. "If the land thrives, I thrive. If it fails, I fail and everybody else around me does too," she added.

Her core values were instilled in Wilkens by her father, growing up in Door County, Wis., in the 1950s and 60s. "My father

believed that it's up to us to leave the world in as good (See Wilkens Page 34)



Darcy Sherwin took this buck during an archery-torred hunt on Wilkens' Mora-area property in 2

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A serious hunter, Wilkens shot this tom wild turkey on her family's farm in 2010.

"It's been a very exciting and full life. It's really been fun doing all that learning and having so many opportunities,"

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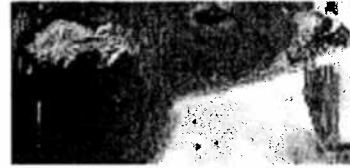
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Wilkins said one of the best
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more involved in the outdoors is
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all over the state and in every

core value. Young people that
ability and intelligence are not
being asked by enough adults to
be part of the solution.

Those who blame distractions
like the Internet and video



She deer hunts, too! Betty Wilkins with a whitetail from the '10 muzzleloader season.

games are forgetting the fact
that most kids would still rather
be outdoors than in front of a
screen. Wilkins believes if more
adults took the time and energy
to get young people involved,
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