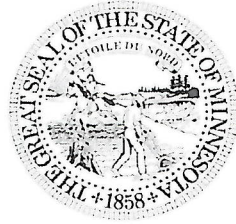


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Steven Besser

409 North Sibley Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355
County of Meeker
Congressional District 7

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:

FISHING ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Effective: January 31, 2017

Term Expires: January 4, 2021

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 27, 2017.



Mark Dayton

Governor

Steve Pinnon

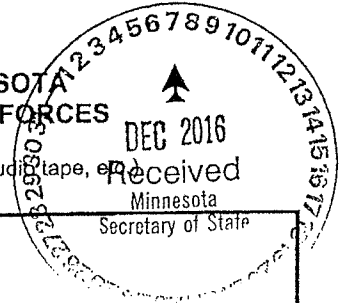
Secretary of State

Secretary of State

Replacing: John Underhill

**OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON MINNESOTA
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS OR TASK FORCES**

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.
By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (Braille, large print, audio tape, or large print).



Part I: Position Sought

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Clean Water Council
Name of board, council, commission or task force

Position: Statewide fishing organizations member
Membership position sought or enter "member"

Part II: Applicant Information

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Name: Steven Besser Phone: (320) 693-9321
First Last

Email: svbesser@hutchtel.net

Mailing Address: 315 Peifer Drive

County: Meeker

Litchfield MN 55355
City State ZIP Code

MN House of Rep Dist: 18A **US House of Rep Dist:** 7
Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:
Yes _____ No X

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes _____ No X

Attach a cover letter, 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.

Gender: Female Male **Age:** _____ **Disability:** Yes _____ No _____

Political Party: _____ Democratic-Farmer-Labor
_____ Independence
_____ Republican
_____ No Party Preference
_____ Other _____

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: Yes _____ No _____

Race: _____ African American or Black _____ White or Caucasian
(Check as many as apply) _____ American Indian or Alaska Native _____ Other Race _____
_____ Asian or Pacific Islander

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.)

SVB
Applicant Signature

12/07/2016
(Date)

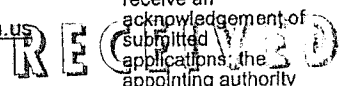
Mail or Submit In Person:
Office of Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther
King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845

Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications, the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.



Governor
12/14/2016

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Lisa D. Peterson

December 7, 2016

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-VIA EMAIL ONLY-

RE: Open Appointment Application
Clean Water Council – Statewide Fishing
Organizations Member

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this application for the open appointment to serve as the Statewide Fishing Organizations' Member on the Clean Water Council. Accompanying this correspondence are both the Open Appointments Application form and a resume containing a statement of interest and sections relating to my professional experience and educational background.

I have been, for as long as I can recall, not only an avid angler, but fascinated by surface and ground waters. I still recall the first time I saw an artesian well and how I poked a stick down into the bubbling puddle of water, intent on determining how "deep" this "well" must be. I have also long been concerned about the wise use of Minnesota's water resources and the ability to share the resource between competing interests without seeing Minnesota become the Land of 10,000 "Unusable" Lakes and Rivers.

I believe my angling interests and connections with anglers all across the state, coupled with my scientific training (see resume) prior to law school – as well as law school – have equipped me well to serve on the Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further information is required.

Very Truly Yours,

DOLAN & BESSER



Steven V. Besser

Enclosures

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svbesser@hutchtel.net

STEVEN VERNON BESSER

OBJECTIVE To serve on the MPCA Clean Water Council as the statewide fishing organizations member.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am by vocation, an attorney licensed in the State and Federal Courts of both Minnesota and North Dakota, practicing with the law firm of Dolan and Besser; and, by avocation, an environmentalist and angler pursuing both warm water and cold water fishes.

I am currently a citizen member of the Minnesota DNR's Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Group and the Esocid (North Pike/Muskellunge) Fish Workgroup.

I have described myself as a "biologist gone bad" after abandoning science for the law. I received a Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude in Biology (emphasis in limnology) from Bemidji State University and attended graduate school at North Dakota State University (Zoology Dept.) where I studied water chemistry and nutrient cycling from the shallow impoundments in the Arrowwood Wildlife Refuge south through the Jamestown Reservoir (James River system), contrasting these inputs with those entering the nearby Lake Ashtabula Reservoir (Sheyenne River system).

I am passionate about water quality and the conservation ("wise use") of Minnesota's aquatic resources, and believe in simplifying the science in order to make it easily accessible to the general public.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota, Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, and the Federal District Courts of Minnesota and North Dakota

Dolan & Besser (formerly Henretta, Cross, Ness & Dolan), Litchfield, MN
General practice, October 1, 1997 through present

Marquard & Associates (formerly Hutchinson & Marquard), Duluth, MN
Associate attorney – personal injury, worker's compensation, products liability, November 1990 through September 1997

Falsani, Balmer, Berglund & Merritt, Duluth, MN
Associate attorney – personal injury litigation, worker's compensation and insurance law, October 1989 to October 1990

Robert J. LaBine & Associates, Grand Forks, ND
Law clerk and third year student practitioner, May 1988 – October 1989

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota, School of Law

Juris Doctor with Distinction, May 1989

Order of Barristers

Moot Court Board

Best Respondent's Brief, Intraschool Moot Court Comp., Fall 1987

North Dakota State University, Zoology Dept.

Graduate studies and research – limnology – water chemistry/nutrient cycling in the Jamestown Reservoir and James River system, March 1979 through March 1981

Bemidji State University

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, Biology, March 1979

Southwest State University

Undergraduate studies in Biology and Political Science,
September 1970 through March 1972

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Army, January 1973 through January 1976

Discharge: Honorable

Training: Counter-Intelligence Coordinator (Class Honor Graduate)

LEADERSHIP

Professional activities:

Minnesota State Bar Association, Member, 1989 through present

Appointed to ad hoc Judicial Elections Committee in 2003 and served as subcommittee chair

Judiciary Committee (formerly Judicial Elections Committee), member 2004-present; Chair

2004-05, Co-Chair 2005-06 and 2006-07

Insurance for Members Committee, Chair 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08

Fair Response Committee, member 2009 – present

Twelfth District Bar Association, Member 1998 through present

President 2014-15

The Beacon (Minnesota Association for Injured Workers newsletter), columnist June 1994 through 1998

North Dakota State Bar Association, Member, 1989 through present

Minnesota Association for Justice (formerly Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association), Member 1989 through present

Civic Activities:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Citizen member – Esocid (Northern Pike/Muskellunge) Fish Workgroup

January 2015 – present

Muskie/Pike Representative – Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee

October 2015 – present

Litchfield Area Community Foundation

Board Member, January 2010 – present; Co-chair 2011-2012; Chair 2012- present

Minnesota Citizens Commission for the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary

Gov. Al Quie, Chairman; Commission Member (2006-2007)

Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield, MN
Board of Directors, January 2002 to January 2014

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Litchfield, MN
President, 2009 – 2012; Vice President, 2002-2005 and 2013 – present

Litchfield Watercade, Inc. (a Minnesota non-profit corporation)
Board of Directors, 1999-2001; Chairman 2001

OTHER WORK
EXPERIENCES

The majority of these entries reflect temporary or part-time positions held while in attendance at various educational institutions or seeking career track employment and are included as pertinent to my ability to understand the importance of clean water resources and the impact of regulations on the people and businesses of Minnesota.

Boating Sales, Cochran's Marine, Leech Lake, Walker, MN, March 1986 – August 1986 and May 1987 – August 1987

Insulation Installer, Roggensack Insulation Inc., Fargo, ND, September 1985 – February 1986

Laboratory Technician III, North Dakota State University, Entomology Department, June 1982 – January 1985

Sporting Goods Sales, Northside Scheels Hardware and Sports Shop, Fargo, ND, 1984

Wrecker/Tow Truck Operator, Biltmore Interstate (Mobil), Fargo, ND, 1981 – 1982

Advertising Sales, KQWB-AM Radio, Midwest Radio Company, Fargo, ND, 1981

Teaching Assistant and Graduate Student, North Dakota State University, Zoology Department, Winter quarter 1980-81

Research Assistant and Graduate Student, North Dakota State University, Zoology Department, March 1979 – November 1980

Laborer/Waterfowl Bander, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Wetland Wildlife Populations and Research Group, Bemidji, MN, 1978

Sporting Goods Sales, Xen's North Country Sporting Goods, Bemidji, MN, 1977 – 1978

Auto Parts Sales, General Trading Company, Bemidji, MN, 1977

Laborer/Fertilizer Applicator, Cenex, Echo, MN, August 1976 – January 1977

Carpenter, Mel Besse Construction, Marshall, MN, February -- August 1976

Sporting Goods Sales, J C Penney Co. Inc., Saginaw, MI, 1974-75

Service Station Attendant, Moberg Oil Company (Phillips 66), Marshall, MN, 1972

Millworker/Laborer, Marshall Millworks, Cottonwood, MN, 1972

Field worker/sanitation, Green Giant Company, Blue Earth, MN, 1970

Camp quartermaster, kitchen helper, Boy Scout Camp, Luck, WI, 1967
Additional jobs, mainly farm work during high school years, not listed.

Breems, Nancy (OSS)

From: Steven V. Besser <svbesser@hutchtel.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 11:01 AM
To: Appointments, Open (OSS)
Subject: Application of S V Besser for Appointment - Clean Water Council - 3 attachments in .pdf
Attachments: S V Besser Open Appt Application Cover Letter.pdf; S V Besser Open Appt Application Clean Water Council.pdf; 2016 S V Besser resume.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached are a cover letter, Open Appointments Application form, and a resume – I am seeking appointment as the Statewide Fishing Organizations Member on the Clean Water Council.

Please confirm your receipt of this email and attachments.

Thank you.

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