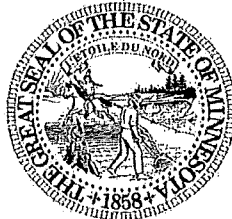


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TIM WALZ
GOVERNOR

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Thom Peterson

625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155
County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

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:

COMMISSIONER

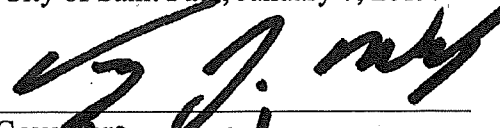
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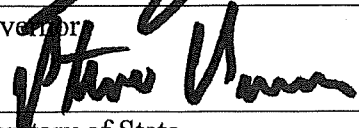
Effective: January 7, 2019
Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 7, 2019.





Governor


Secretary of State

Replacing: Dave Frederickson

Thomas E. Petersen

Email: petersenthome@gmail.com

SKILL SUMMARY

- LEADER: Tough, straightforward, and effective leadership
- LEGISLATIVE ANALYST: Effective research analyst on legislation affecting agriculture
- COMMUNICATOR: Persuasive, effective, fair, and diplomatic communicator
- ORGANIZER: Common sense approach to organizing: plan, execute and evaluate
- COMMITTED: Passionate about legislative process and the power of involvement
- ACTIVIST: Engaged in mobilizing people around political issues

EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS October 02 to present
Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) St. Paul, MN

Represent Farmers Union before federal, state and local entities

- Work with members to formulate agriculture and rural policy statement
- Personally testified over 100 times before various legislative committees
- Handle member casework with federal and state government agencies
- Represent Minnesota Farmers Union on various Task Forces and Committees
- Organize and coordinate events with members and farmers all around Minnesota
- Volunteer for Minnesota Farmers Union Political Action Committee (PAC); raising money, educating candidates on all levels, and coordinate endorsements of state legislative candidates

SAFETY DIRECTOR, MACHINE OPERATOR October 98 to October 02
Weyerhaeuser, Inc. St. Paul, Minnesota

Fortune 100 Company specializing in paper and forest products

- Provided safety training and conducted accident investigations
- Picked by management to represent plant workers on companies hiring committee
- Operated die-cut flexo-folder box making machine

SELF-EMPLOYED May 87 to Oct. 98
Managed various farming and ranching operations Pine City, Minnesota
Conyers, Georgia

Managed small business operations of both horse and crop farms.

- Managed operations of up to 100 horses
- Trained as many as 70 young people per week, teaching equestrian lessons
- Worked with many young people in horse and cattle 4-H programs
- Bought sold, and broke horses
- Handled crop and feed aspects of operations

EDUCATION

- Associate of Arts Degree 1982-1984
Normandale Community College Bloomington, Minnesota
- University of Georgia 1988-1989
Athens, Georgia
- Cambridge Community College 1993-1994
Cambridge, MN
- University of Minnesota 1995, 2001-2003
Minneapolis, MN

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Appointed Boards

University of Minnesota Citizens Advisory Committee 2015-present
Appointed by University of Minnesota Extension Dean Beverly Durgan, this volunteer committee provides consultative support to the Extension Dean.

Minnesota Fair Plan Board of Directors 2010-present
Appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to the Board which provides basic and affordable property insurance to Minnesota resident. Chair the Budget and audit Committee.

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) 2017-present
Currently serve on the Board of Directors of this organization which advocates for affordable and reliable utility service and clean energy for residential and small business consumers across Minnesota.

Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG) 2006-present
Serve as President of the Board of Directors of this St. Paul based non-profit that provides legal assistance and support to family farmers across the nation.

Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition 2017-present
Serve on the Executive Committee of this Coalition that works to build support for rural broadband across Minnesota and educate policy makers on issue.

Fair Trade Coalition (MFTC) 2004-present
Represent MFU on this Coalition which includes many unions, interest groups that works to promote Fair Trade practices.

Mowing & Haying in the State Right of Way Stakeholder Group 2016-2018
Represented Minnesota Farmers Union on this group was created by legislation in 2016 to look at mowing and haying in state highway right of ways and make recommendations to legislature for any possible changes.

MN Ag in the Classroom 2013-2017
Served on the Board of this program that works to educate K-6 grades on the importance of agriculture. Served on hiring, budget and audit committees.

Minnesota State Organic Task Force 2003-2009
Appointed by Department of Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson to advise Department and Governor on organic farming issues in Minnesota

Minnesota State Impaired Waters Task Force 2003-2007
Invited by then Pollution Control Commissioner Sheryl Corrigan to serve on the "G-16" stakeholders group charged with developing a plan and building consensus in cleaning up Minnesota's Impaired Waters

Minnesota State Biodiesel Task Force 2005-2006
Designated to serve as an alternate representing Minnesota Farmers Union by Department of Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson to help the state work through issues while implementing the state 2% Biodiesel mandate

Minnesota Plant Licensing Task Force 2006-2010

Invited by acting University of Minnesota Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources to represent the Minnesota Farmers Union on a Task Force that is currently examining the way the University licenses agricultural varieties

Ditch Buffer Study Group

2005-2007

Invited by the Board of Water and Soil Resources Executive Director Ron Harnack to represent Minnesota Farmers Union on a study group charged by the state legislature to examine state ditch laws

Next Generation Energy Board

2007-2010

Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to serve as a member representing farm organizations on this board that will work to set and implement renewable energy policy in Minnesota for the future.

INTEREST/ACTIVITIES

- Mentoring young people
- Member of Minnesota Farmers Union
- Member of Sustainable Farming Assoc. of MN
- Active with family in local saddle club
- Former Pine County DFL Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary
- Member Minnesota Government Relations Council

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