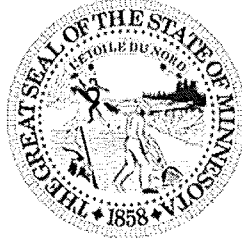


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Governor Tim Walz

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Brandon Schafer

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

Livestock Producer
Board of Animal Health

Effective: July 3, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 June 27, 2023.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Replacing: Jim Vagts

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of Animal Health
Position: Livestock Producers

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Mr. Brandon Schafer
Phone: (651) 380-0645
County: Goodhue
In House District: 20A
S House District: 1
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part V: Signature

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BRANDON SCHAFER

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, River Falls

Bachelor of Science, Animal Science – Meat Animal Production emphasis

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Schafer Farms, Inc., Goodhue, MN

President CEO

President of the Senate 2021 – Present

- Established new and maintained existing strategic business partnerships
- Led business development planning to serve the farm for future family generations
- Guided management toward cohesive execution of family business goals

Operations General Manager

2010 – 2021

- Collaborated with the CEO and management team for continual business development
- Developed key business partnerships to establish markets locally, nationally, and internationally
- Led department managers to meet business goals

Pig Production Manager

1996 – 2010

- Oversaw herd health and biosecurity initiatives with collaboration from farm veterinarian
- Executed production and facility growth plan to meet business goals
- Created and led implementation of strategic operating procedures for growing team

Production Herdsman

1994 – 1996

- Collaborated with family partners to establish pork growth plan
- Managed daily care responsibilities for cattle and pigs
- Integrated outside labor to achieve long-range business mission

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

Minnesota Pork Producers Association

- Board of Directors, 2008 Chairman 2006 – 2015, 2022 – Present
- Minnesota Representative on National Pork Industry Visioning Taskforce 2021
- National Pork Industry Forum Minnesota Delegate 2007 – 2016

Minnesota Ag and Rural Leadership (MARL)

- Board of Directors 2021 – Present
- Member of Class 2 2003 – 2004

National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)

- National Board Nominating Committee 2013 – 2018

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lifelong Goodhue County and Minnesota 4-H Member and Adult Volunteer

2000 – Present

Belvidere Township Supervisor

2020 – Present

Goodhue County Planning and Zoning Commission – Chairman in 2014-2015

2008 – 2016

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Goodhue Wrestling Varsity Assistant Coach	2009 – 2013
Goodhue Wrestling Youth Program Coordinator	2006 – 2011
Holy Trinity Catholic Church Member and Council Member	1994 – Present

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

Minnesota Pork Family of the Year	2021
Minnesota and National Pork Industry Environmental Steward	2009
American Outstanding Young Farmer	2009

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Minnesota Board of Animal Health
Attn: Kara Schmidt
625 Robert St. N.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

I am writing to you regarding the Producer Director position on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. As the 6th generation owner of my family's diversified livestock farm in Goodhue, Minnesota, I have a strong foundational awareness of the critical importance that animals have on our state's economy, ecosystem, and overall societal lifestyle. Whether for food and textiles, companionship, or the jobs and economies boosted in rural communities, all are critical and fragile to the influence of animal disease in both domestic and wild populations. I would see it as my responsibility in this role to monitor and protect those populations from undue harm. With that in mind, please accept this letter and enclosed resume as my application for the Producer Director position on the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

Currently, I serve as the President and CEO of Schafer Farms, Inc., where we raise 2,200 sows and 300 Gelbvieh and Balancer cow/calf pairs. In the enclosed resume are my qualifications for this position I am seeking with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. Schafer Farms was founded in 1886, and today, more than 135 years later, I am tasked with the role of realizing the history that we came from, while working to continually advance our business to remain viable for future generations. As a result of this responsibility, I understand the importance of keeping a science-based approach to the engaged efforts that are executed by the Board of Animal Health and would utilize that experience often in the role as Producer Director. It is my personal hope that we, a state so rich in agricultural resources, can work to preserve and create opportunities for future generations in domestic animals, so they may also strive for continuous advancement and forward progress when our generation is no longer present to do so.

I am available at your convenience to converse or answer any further questions you may have about my qualifications for this position with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. You can reach me at brandon@schaferfarm.com or (651) 380-0645.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Brandon Schafer

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Enclosure: Resume

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