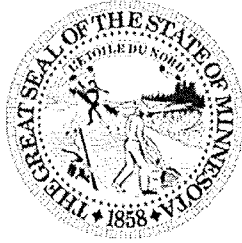


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**Governor Tim Walz** President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Dan Sparks**

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

**County Government Representative**  
**Clean Water Council**

Effective: May 31, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 May 26, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Filed May 26, 2023  
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Secretary of State  
Steve Simon

Replacing: Frank Jewell

# Dan Sparks

2009 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Austin, MN 55912 | (507) 438-2898 | dan17sparks@yahoo.com

Highly motivated individual offering **18 years** of legislative experience. Naturally proficient at fostering relationships and bringing people together to secure the desired outcome.

## Experience

### **Mower County Commissioner | District Four | Jan. 2023 – Present**

- Committee Appointments (five of 10 committee appointments)
  - One Watershed / One Plan – Cedar River
  - Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC)
  - Finance and Audit
  - Association of MN Counties
  - Rural MN Energy Board

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### **AdvisorNet Financial | Insurance Agent | Oct. 2018 – Sept, 2022**

- The agency was the MNsure Broker Enrollment Center for Southern MN
- Worked with clients to obtain the best policy based on current needs

### **Minnesota State Senate | State Senator District 27 | Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2020**

- Strategically worked with lawmakers to secure:
  - \$13.5M to expand the Hormel Institute
  - \$11M to help flood recovery and protect against future flooding
  - \$7.5M to clean up the Fountain Lake, improving its water quality
- Leadership positions:
  - Chair of Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development Senate Committee
  - Chair of Business, Industry and Jobs Subcommittee
  - Chair of Commerce Subcommittee
  - Lead of Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy Committee

### **Farmers and Merchants State Bank | Loan Officer | Jan. 1998 – Dec. 2002**

- Built a diverse customer base
- Promoted the bank through strong community involvement
- Developed and maintained quality customer relationships

# Dan Sparks

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## Education

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis | 1988 – 1991

St. Cloud State University | 1986 - 1988

## Awards

Legislator of the Year | Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

MN Legacy Award | Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Legislator of the Year | MN Retailers Association

Public Service Award | Minnesota High Tech Association

Friend of the Telecom Industry | Minnesota Telecom Alliance

## Boards & Commissions

Legislative Energy Commission | 2003 – 2020

Worker's Compensation Advisory Council | 2008 – 2020

Minnesota Clean Water Council | 2011 – 2013

Nextgen Energy Board | 2011 – 2015

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## Community Involvement

YMCA | Board Director

Austin Lions Club | Member

Austin Youth Hockey | Board Director and Coach

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## References

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# Application for the position County Government

Application Date: 3/5/2023 11:04:23 AM

## Part I: Position Sought

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Agency Name: Clean Water Council

Position: County Government

## Part II: Applicant Information

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Name: Dan Sparks

Phone: (507) 438-2898

County: Mower

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True

Mn House District: 23B

US House District: 1

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## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
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Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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## Part V: Signature

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Signature: Dan Sparks

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