



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Christine Meyer

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:

County Government Representative - Rural

Clean Water Council

Effective: January 29, 2025

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 24, 2025.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE



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Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Replacing: Dan Sparks

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Application for the position County Government Application Date: 5/14/2024 1:50:09 PM

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Clean Water Council

Position: County Government

Seat: Not specified

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Ms Christine Marie Meyer

Phone: (507) 313-9128

Mailing Address: 322 High Forest Winona 55987

Email: c_m_meyer@msn.com

County: Winona

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Mn House District: 28A

US House District: 1

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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

Type	File Name
Letter of Recommendation	MEP LOS_CMeyer_Clean Water Council May14 2024.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	Letter of Recommendation for Chris Meyer from Kiscaden.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	LORChrisMeyer05122024.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	Rep. Fue Lee_Letter of Support_Clean Water Council.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	MICA Clean Water Council Recommendation.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	Chris Meyer Letter of Recommendation from Nicholson.pdf
Letter of Recommendation	Pelowski Letter of Support.pdf

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: White or Caucasian

Gender: Female

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Heard about vacancy from: No Answer

Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Disability: No

Veteran: No Answer

Age when applied: No Answer

Part V: Signature

Signature: Chris Meyer

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May 14, 2024

Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Clean Water Council Rural County Elected Official

Governor Walz:

I'm writing to express support for the appointment of Winona County Commissioner Chris Meyer to the open position on the Clean Water Council that is designated for a rural county elected official.

We are familiar with Commissioner Meyer from her presence and support as liaison and alternate liaison from the County Board to the Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Commissioner Meyer has championed higher funding for the work of our SWCDs. She has also been a supporter of clean water initiatives on the Policy Committee for the Winona-Mississippi-La Crescent One Watershed One Plan. In 2023, during her 2nd term as Commissioner she joined the Statewide Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) and has lobbied for funding to address the public health issues related to nitrates in groundwater in Southeast Minnesota.

We believe that Commissioner Meyer's values match those of our coalition, which is that all waters should meet basic health standards and be safe to drink. She agrees and supports our belief that Minnesota can invest in programs that are win-wins for water, soil, farmers, and climate.

We recommend the appointment of Commissioner Meyer to the Clean Water Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Morse', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Morse, Executive Director
Minnesota Environmental Partnership
546 Rice St., Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55103

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May 13, 2024

The Honorable Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Clean Water Council Rural County Commissioner Position

Dear Governor Walz:

Winona County Commissioner Chris Meyer has applied for appointment to the rural county elected official vacancy on the Minnesota Clean Water Council which is now open given the resignation of Mower County Commissioner Dan Sparks.

I have served with Commissioner Meyer on the Minnesota Inter-County Association Board (MICA), on the Statewide Community Health Services Advisory Committee, and in Southeast Minnesota Together for the last number of years. She is knowledgeable, prepared, and ready to learn about important topics, which would make her an excellent choice for the Clean Water Council.

Commissioner Meyer has had an active role in the discussions within Winona County and in the Southeastern Counties with Karst topography which have been cited by the EPA for nitrate contamination. As you are well-aware, Southeast Minnesota Counties are actively working on plans to address groundwater contamination both from a public health and economic perspective. Commissioner Meyer has also taken a leadership role in a MICA (Minnesota Intercounty Association) Subcommittee on Nitrates in Groundwater which has been working collaboratively with other County Commissioners to represent public health and agricultural needs.

Commissioner Meyer is well-grounded and is fully committed to these issues. She will immediately be an active and engaged member of the Council. Please consider appointing Commissioner Meyer as the rural county elected official on the Minnesota Clean Water Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Kiscaden".

Sheila Kiscaden
Olmsted County Commissioner, District 6
Olmsted County Government Center
151 4th St SE
Rochester, MN

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Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MNWOO)
PO Box 6275
Rochester, MN 55901
May 12, 2024

President of the Senate

Re: Recommendation for Commissioner Chris Meyer for Minnesota Clean Water Council

To whom it may concern:

Paul Wotzka, and I are writing today to recommend that you appoint Winona County Commissioner Chris Meyer to the open position on Minnesota's Clean Water Council (CWC) reserved for elected County officials. Mr. Wotzka is a hydrologist, and I am a Minnesota Licensed Professional Geologist. We both serve as Board members for the Minnesota Well Owners Organization (MNWOO) and have both known and admired the leadership of Commissioner Meyer for years.

Commissioner Meyer is an excellent candidate for the CWC. She has proven her leadership skills as a two term Winona Commissioner and as Board Chair the last year.

Commissioner Meyer has been consistently engaged in an informed and cooperative manner on local and regional water issues and energy issues; she understands the risks and need for action on climate change and. Chris has the skills and manner that invites partnerships and public engagement. Meyer has taken the time and effort to be an informed advocate for clean surface water and groundwater and as an elected official we know that she is very well versed in the surface water/groundwater interactions of karst hydrology in SE Minnesota.

Visiting with Chris, we also found her familiar with the complex water management roles of BWSR, MPCA, DNR, Health and Agriculture and we think she is well qualified to address these challenges if appointed to Minnesota's CWC. Commissioner Meyer is proficient in setting priorities, and balancing budgets, and she is a big advocate for the important work that can be done with Minnesota's dedicated funds from the Legacy and Environmental Trust Acts.

On top of all of Chris Meyer' qualifications we want to advocate for the appointment of a CWC member from SE Minnesota. Our unique Bluffland landscape, the Mississippi

River, our trout streams, and challenging karst hydrology deserve the attention that Commissioner Meyer would bring to the CWC.

Thank you for considering Commissioner Chris Meyer for the CWC.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Broberg, LPG

Paul J. Wotzka, Hydrologist

MNWO Board Members from Winona and Wabasha Counties



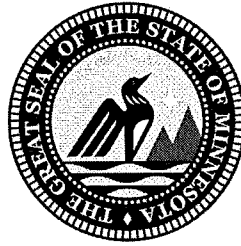
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Fue Lee
State Representative

District 59A



Minnesota House of Representatives

May 13, 2024

Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Clean Water Council Rural County Commissioner Position

Governor Walz,

I am writing to support Chris Meyer, Winona County Commissioner, as an excellent candidate for the rural county elected official vacancy on the Minnesota Clean Water Council due to the departure of Dan Sparks, of Mower County.

Commissioner Meyer is in her 2nd term in Winona and has served as liaison to their Soil and Water Conservation District as well as alternate liaison to the Statewide Community Health Services Advisory Committee. Chris is also serving on the Policy Committee for the One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee as a strong supporter of those efforts.

I am familiar with Commissioner Meyer through mutual friends and heard her testimony to the House Legacy Committee regarding the Clean Water Council Budget recommendations. She showed a desire to examine the facts and data with regard to the complex topic of ground water contamination in Southeast Minnesota. I believe Commissioner Meyer can benefit the Clean Water Council with her knowledge and interest in understanding the issues to find workable solutions.

Sincerely,

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Representative Fue Lee
District 59A
485 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Sent Via Email

November 30, 2022

Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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Governor Walz:

The Minnesota Inter-County Association represents fifteen of Minnesota's larger and faster growing counties, including 4 suburban and 11 Greater Minnesota Counties. Both Winona and St. Louis Counties have been long-standing members.

I am writing to offer Chris Meyer, Winona County Commissioner, as a quality candidate for the rural county elected official vacancy on the Minnesota Clean Water Council due to the retirement of Frank Jewell, St. Louis County.

Winona County has been a long-standing member of MICA. Commissioner Meyer was recently reelected to a 2nd term in Winona and has served as the alternate liaison to their Soil and Water Conservation District. Winona County is now fully covered by One Watershed One Plan agreements and Chris has been a strong supporter of those efforts.

Several of MICA's environment legislative priorities call for protecting Minnesota's water resources, such as reducing nitrates in groundwater, increasing state support for repair and replacement of faulty septic systems, and prevention and mitigation of PFAS contamination. As a Commissioner from a Greater Minnesota county experiencing these challenges first-hand, Chris understands the importance of finding workable solutions for Winona and all counties.

Thank you for considering Chris Meyer for appointment to the Clean Water Council.



Matt Massman, Executive Director
Minnesota Inter-County Association

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Cc: Jacqueline Congello, Adam Miller, Paul Gardner

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May 13, 2024

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RE: Clean Water Council Rural County Commissioner Position

Governor Walz:

I hope this letter finds you well. Winona County Commissioner Chris Meyer is applying for the County Government position on the Clean Water Council. I'm reaching out to you because I hope you will support her appointment to this Commission.

I've known Chris for over 10 years and observed her work for our community. She cares deeply about the residents of the County and our long term health and vibrancy. After her retirement Chris actually went back to get a Master's Degree in sustainability and has spent time learning to understand water issues at a deeper level.

Particularly as Southeast Minnesota is looking to address groundwater contamination in private and public wells as a public health issue, Chris has a unique point of view. Chris has served not only as liaison from the County Board to the Soil and Water Conservation District, but also serves as alternate on the Community Health Board and the Statewide Community Health Services Advisory Committee.

I'm excited she is interested in joining this council in a position that could benefit all Minnesotans. I believe we as a state will be incredibly lucky to have her in this position.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Nicholson

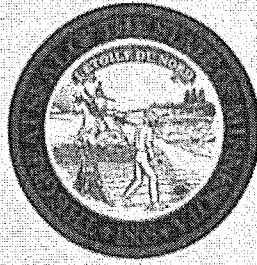
Catilin Nicholson
Chair
DFL Congressional District 1

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Gene Pelowski, Jr.
State Representative



Minnesota House of Representatives

COMMITTEES:

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Chair, Subcommittee on Legislative Process Reform
State Government Finance and Elections
Rules and Legislative Administration
Property Tax Division
Ways and Means

Chris Meyer
District 1 Winona County Commissioner
CMeyer@co.winona.mn.us

November 22, 2022

Dear Commissioner Meyer,

At your request, I am writing this letter recommending you for the Clean Water Council.

I have witnessed your efforts, as a Winona County Commissioner and as a private citizen, to preserve and protect Winona County's soil and water resources. Winona County now being fully covered by One Watershed Plan reflects your successful contributions.

I wish you every possible success as a member of the Clean Water Council!

Yours,

Gene Pelowski

Representative Gene Pelowski

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Chris Meyer

Objective

Hands-On results-oriented achiever seeks organizations collaboratively promoting sustainability practices and policies. Has 10 years of service in advisory and elected positions related to local government and 30 years of experience in corporate work environment in roles of technical and project management. Self-motivated and organized with strong analytical and communication skills.

Experience

2019-Present **Winona County Commissioner** **Winona, MN**

- Elected as District 1 Winona County Commissioner on November 6th, 2018 and took office on Tuesday, Jan 8th, 2019. Re-elected on November 8th, 2022.
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2016 - Present **Southeast Regional Coordinator, Clean Energy Resource Teams** **Winona, MN**

- Conduct outreach to targeted audiences in 15 Counties of the SE Region of Minnesota about energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities and to assist groups, communities, local units of government, and individuals with advancing their projects. The Clean Energy Resource Teams are a partnership organization created by the MN Legislature and made up of the University of MN Extension, the MN Department of Commerce, The Great Plains Institute, and the SW Regional Development Commission.
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1983 -2013 **General Mills Inc** **Minneapolis, MN**

1995 – 2013 Software Analyst & Developer, Systems Administrator

- Various roles on teams supporting and writing custom software developments for purchased applications, to perform functions such as HR, Supply Chain analysis, Finance and Warehousing. Started as a Programmer Analyst I and advanced to positions of technical leadership and project management in multiple implementations and upgrades.

Education

- MAS - Environmental Management Policy Specializing in Renewable Energy and Sustainability at Denver University, Denver CO - 2017
- BFA – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 1995
- BS – Economics, Drake University, Des Moines IA – 1980

Affiliations/Interests

- As County Commissioner serve as liaison or alternate liaison to Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District, Workforce Development Board, Economic Development Authority, Emergency Coordinating Committee, Minnesota InterCounty Association, Great River Rail Commission, SEMCAC, Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Founding member of Healthy Lake Winona 503c working on Lake Winona water quality issues

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Chris Meyer, District 1 Winona County Commissioner

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May 9, 2024

Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

I am applying for the vacant county government seat on the Clean Water Council.

I grew up in Northern Minnesota on a dairy farm with such an abundance of water for swimming, fishing, drinking, and farm use, I never once gave a thought to the availability or quality of our water. But as a Commissioner in Winona County, I find myself in the midst of conversation and decisions about those very topics. I recently testified at the State House in support of the Council's budget recommendations to address both the public health and long-term mitigation strategies of nitrates in well water here in Southeast MN.

Since becoming a Winona County Commissioner 6 years ago, I have made learning about the science, governance, economics, and policy related to surface and ground water a priority, both statewide and regionally. Water is a complex topic. While we have townships in Winona County where over half of the rural private wells tested by the MN Department of Agriculture were above safe nitrate drinking water levels, it is also true that of the 1800 wells the county has permitted since 1989 only 4 test above the limit. The well code in Minnesota works, but long-term data shows rising nitrate levels in the Jordan aquifer. Our Soil and Water Conservation Districts know what the solutions are, but struggle yearly for funding. We know our farmers care about the land and want to protect the water, but need to also make a living.

I'd like to be part of the solution to protect water so that both our rural and urban residents of the state, now and in the future, can have the same abundance of clean water that I had as a kid. I believe that as a member of the Clean Water Council I can help advance those common-sense solutions.

Sincerely,

Chris Meyer
District 1 Winona County Commissioner
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Winona, MN 55987

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