

February 9, 2005

Minnesota State Senate
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Senator John Marty, Chair
323 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Marty & Committee Members,

I apologize for the fact that I am unable to attend today's hearing. As you are aware, Governor Pawlenty recently appointed me to the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. I am honored to have been selected, and look forward to serving.

Minnesota has been blessed with a wonderful variety and abundance of natural resources. As a lifelong Minnesotan, I have had the pleasure of enjoying these resources through hunting, camping, hiking and fishing, and want to help make sure that they are preserved for our future generations. I supported the creation of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund in 1988, and am pleased to see how successful it has been over the years.

I am currently employed as the President and CEO of All States Ag Parts, Inc. We are a farm and industrial machinery recycling operation with locations in Minnesota (Hendricks) and four other Midwestern states. My schedule is flexible, so I am confident that I will be able to devote the necessary time to the CAC

Prior to my employment with ASAP, Inc., I worked for Governor Arne Carlson and for the Minnesota House of Representatives. My experience with Minnesota State Government has provided me with a working knowledge of the LCMR and its members and I believe this will help make me a more effective member of the CAC.

Once again, I apologize for not being able to be with you at the Committee Meeting today. I will be happy to meet with any of the Committee Members individually. I would also be happy to come back to a future meeting if you wish. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

John Dyke
3661 Windtree Circle
Eagan, MN 55123

APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR SENATE CONFIRMATION

FILE NUMBER 002

REPORTED IN THE SENATE JOURNAL 1/4/2005

APPOINTMENTS TO THE **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Citizens'
Advisory Committee**

APPOINTEES AND TERMS:

John Dyke

6/21/2004-1/7/2008

Nancy Gibson

6/21/2004-1/7/2008

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON **Environment and Natural Resources**



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

June 14, 2004

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate
322 State Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

Citizen Advisory Committee for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund:

John Dyke, 3661 Windtree Circle, Eagan, MN 55123, county of Dakota effective June 21, 2004 for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Nancy Gibson, 2712 Glenhurst Avenue Saint Louis Park, MN 55416, county of Hennepin, effective June 21, 2004 for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Sincerely,

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Tim Pawlenty
Governor

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President of the Senate

STATE of MINNESOTA

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TIM PAWLENTY
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

JOHN DYKE

3611 Windtree Circle
Eagan, Minnesota 55123
County of Dakota
Congressional District Two

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 said office of:

Member

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

Effective: June 21, 2004
Term Expires: January 7, 2008

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, June 14, 2004.



Governor

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Secretary of State

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President of the Senate

Replacing: Greta Gauthier

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Agency Name: * LCMR Citizen Advisory Committee
(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought: Committee Member - at large
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Name: * John Dyke
(First Name) (Last Name)

Applicant Address: * 3661 Windtree Cir. Eagan MN
(Street) (City) (State)

Day Phone: * (651) 592-0924 Evening Phone: (651) 405-9397

E-MAIL: * jdike@buyag.com

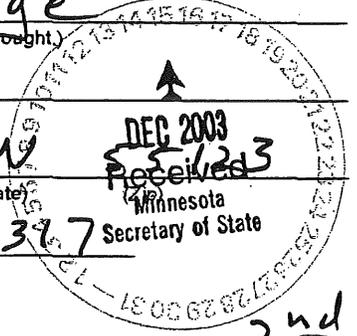
County: Dakota MN House of Rep District: 38B U.S. House of Rep District: 2nd

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? YES NO Tom Hanson

Any other information the Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority:

(Statement may continue on reverse or attached sheets)



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.

(Signature of Applicant)* [Signature] (Date) 12-11-03

* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §15.0597.

Sex: ___ Female ___ Male
Political Party: ___ Democratic-Farmer-Labor ___ Green ___ Independence ___ Republican ___ Other ___ No party preference

Disability: ___ Yes ___ No

National Origin: _____
(Country of Origin or Principle Tribe)

Race*: ___ African American / Black ___ American Indian / Alaska Native ___ Asian ___ Hispanic ___ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander ___ White ___ Other Race _____

(* Select as many as apply)

MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO: Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

FAX: (651) 296-9073
Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired. By request, this application will be made available in alternative formats (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, computer disk).

FOR OFFICE USE: Sub by AA: _____ AA: governor Trans Date: 12-18-03

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President of the Senate

John Dyke

3661 Windtree Circle

Eagan, MN 55123

651-405-9317

U.S. Congressional District #2

Minnesota House District 38B

Employment:

All States Ag Parts, C.E.O. – 1998 – Present.

All States Ag Parts, Inc. is a farm and industrial parts recycling and rebuilding business with 65 full-time employees and locations in five Mid-western states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska).

Governor Arne Carlson, Deputy Chief of Staff – December 1993 – June 1998.

Prior to holding the Deputy Chief of Staff position, I also held the positions of Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs, and Legislative Director.

Minnesota Department of Health, Legislative Liaison – August 1993 – Dec. 1993.

Acted as the Legislative Liaison for the Department, and as a personal representative on behalf of the Commissioner.

Missouri River Trading Company, Vice President – November 1992 – August 1993.

Responsible for acquisitions and sales for this import/export business specializing in Russian products.

Minnesota House of Representatives, Republican Caucus Research Director – August 1988 – November 1992.

Prior to holding the Research Director position, I also held the position of research consultant for the Agriculture, Environment, Transportation, and Capital Bonding committees.

Education:

St. Cloud State University, 1988 Graduate – Summa Cum Laude.

Major – Business Management

Minor – English

Overseas Study – Six months, Alnick, England

Worthington Senior High School, 1983 Graduate.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

NANCY GIBSON

2712 Glenhurst Avenue
Saint Louis Park, Minnesota 55416
County of Hennepin
Congressional District Five

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 said office of:

Member

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

Effective: June 21, 2004
Term Expires: January 7, 2008

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.

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Governor

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Secretary of State

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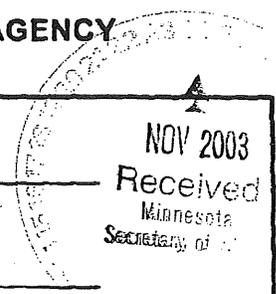
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OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY

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Agency Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Name: * (Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Citizen Advisory Committee

Sought: (Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Nancy Gibson

Name: * (First Name) (Last Name)

Applicant 2712 Glenhurst Ave. St. Louis Park MN 55416

Address: * (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Day Phone: * (952) 927 - 5512 Evening Phone: (952) 927-5512

E-MAIL: * ngibson@mn.rr.com

County: Hennepin MN House of Rep District: 44B U.S. House 5

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? YES NO

Any other information the Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority:

I am re-applying for this position because it offers an unique opportunity to protect the state's natural resources. I was recently given an unanimous vote of support of the CAC to continue as chair. I am willing to continue to dedicate my time and expertise t this worthy effort. Additional information is attached.

(Statement may continue on reverse or attached sheets)

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.

Nancy Gibson 11/24/03

(Signature of Applicant)* (Date)

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Disability: Yes No

Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor Green Independence Republican Other No party preference

Race*: African American / Black American Indian / Alaska Native Asian Hispanic Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander White Other Race _____

(* Select as many as apply)

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(Country of Origin or Principle Tribe)

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Nancy Gibson
Application for Citizen Advisory Committee
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Nancy Gibson has won two Emmys for appearances and contribution to the award-winning PBS show *Newton's Apple*. In addition, the Minnesota Waterfowl Association gave her their "Conservationist of the Year" award for 2002. Her proudest achievement is co-founding the International Wolf Center that opened its doors in 1993 after raising close to \$2 million dollars of public and private funds. That effort was noted by then Governor Arne Carlson who appointed her as chair to the Minnesota Citizen Advisory Committee of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, a position she has held for 13 years. Nancy led the successful statewide constitutional campaign to re-dedicate lottery funds for 25 years to this Trust Fund beginning in 2000. She also makes regular appearances as the naturalist for the NBC affiliate KARE TV, is a part-time consultant for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, a spokesperson on national and local media and a variety of jobs with wildlife-related organizations and issues. A close associate of wolf expert, Dr. L. David Mech, Nancy travels around the U.S. and abroad to work on and speak about wolf and other wildlife issues. She spent the summers of 1992 and 1993 in Ellesmere Island observing and living with wild Arctic wolves and has been guiding wolf trips in the Arctic and Yellowstone for the past several years. Nancy writes for *International Wolf*, wrote her first book in 1996 titled, *Wolves*, and has been a national guest columnist and book editor. She raised the two Arctic wolves now residing at the International Wolf Center. Her strong interest and knowledge in natural resources has landed her on several boards and special committees.

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EXPERIENCE

July 1987-present

Author- "WOLVES", a book reviewing global perspectives on this species in 1996 and numerous magazine articles on wildlife, wolves, biodiversity and new book on birds soon to be published

Chair and member- Citizen Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund since 1990

Freelance Consultant for Wildlife and Environmental Education

Clients include:

- *Department of Natural Resources Nongame Wildlife Department
- *WCCO TV
- *KARE TV
- *Voyageur Press Publishing
- *The Raptor Center
- *James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History
- *Audubon Center of the Northwoods
- *U.S. Forest Service
- *King Syndicated News Service
- *Blandin Foundation
- *International Wolf Center
- *Department of Natural Resources-Reinvest in Minnesota program
- *Editor-Grosset & Dunlap Publishing, New York City, New York
- *Invited teacher- North Hennepin College
- *Speaker at various national, international and local conferences, meetings, college classes and special events.
- *Trip leader to Arctic and Yellowstone National Park

1994-present

KARE TV (NBC affiliate) talent and naturalist for a regular live 6 p.m.news segment called "Creature Feature."

October 1982-1997

Talent hired by KTCA TV (PBS) to do national television programs using and interpreting wildlife on "Newton's Apple". The TV program won an "Emmy" award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in June 1989 and 1993. The show has been sold to 42 countries and is also in CD-ROM format.

September 1979-June 1987

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Public Relations Manager at the Minnesota Zoological Gardens

Responsibilities:

- *Spokesperson for the Zoo operation-100 annual media appearances
- *Supervised Audio Visual, outreach education, special events and photography programs
- *Press release and public service production (won State PSA awards in 1982, 1983 and 1985)
- *Zoo Newsletter editor (won State award in 1982)

October 1978-June 1979

Traveled solo through Central and South America and parts of Africa in remote areas observing wildlife and cultures.

January 1978-October 1978

Freelance writing which included research, advertising and promotions

May 1974-November 1977

Assistant Editor for the Maverick Publishing Company which owned three weekly papers

Responsibilities:

- *Reporter for local government, issues, crime, spot news etc.
- *Wrote weekly column focusing on events and people.

AWARDS

2002- "Conservationist of the Year" Minnesota Waterfowl Association

1999- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources for work dedicated to the passage of Constitutional Amendment for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

1993- Emmy for work on PBS TV show "Newton's Apple"

1989- Emmy for work on PBS TV show "Newton's Apple"

1982, 1983 and 1985- Minnesota State awards for publishing work at Minnesota Zoo

CIVIC AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board experience:

- *International Wolf Center (co-founder and former chair)
- *James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History
- *Audubon Center of the Northwoods
- *Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- *Environmental Trust Fund Coalition (Vice Chair)
- *Wayzata Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer:

- *International Wolf Center-national speaker, lobbyist, fund-raiser, raise wolves etc.
- *Vice Chair- Environmental Trust Fund Coalition
- *The Raptor Center
- *The Mentor Connection-Minnesota Education Association
- *Project Link-St. Louis Park Schools

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*Teaming For Wildlife
Active member of 21 conservation, professional and cultural organizations

EDUCATION

- *Oakwood High School graduate 1967
- *University of Montpelier, France 1966
- *Ohio University 1967-1969
- * University of Denver 1969-1971 dual major in Psychology and English
- *Post graduate work in Ornithology
- *Extensive field work and observations with wolves in Minnesota, Northwest Territories, Yellowstone National Park, Poland and Sweden, part of team that reintroduced wolves to Yellowstone National Park and Idaho in 1995-96

REFERENCES

Dr. L. David Mech
U.S. Geological Survey
The Raptor Center
1920 Fitch Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

Carrol Henderson
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Rd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



STATE FOREST NURSERY STOCK SURCHARGE

Summary

This change request will amend Minn. Stat. § 89.37 to allow for a surcharge of 2.5 cents to be added to the price of each tree seedling sold by state forest nurseries. The funds accumulated through the surcharge would be dedicated to the DNR's forestry education and technical assistance programs.

It is needed because

Funding for DNR forestry education and technical programs has decreased over the past two bienniums as the focus has shifted to agency core priorities such as state land management and wildfire protection. Revenue generated by the seedling surcharge would provide a moderate level of stable funding that will be critical in maintaining forestry education and technical assistance programs.

Financial implications (if appropriate)

State law caps the production of tree seedlings from state nurseries at 10 million seedlings per year. As a result, the 2.5 cents surcharge per tree seedling will be expected to bring in about \$250,000 per year for forestry education and technical assistance programs.

Background

Education, outreach, and technical assistance are important tools for developing a natural resource stewardship ethic among citizens (including forest landowners) and communities by providing them with the information they need to make sound natural resource decisions.

For example, many of the private citizens who own 35% of Minnesota's forested land look to DNR Forestry for professional help in managing their property to attain desirable goals such as improved wildlife habitat, increased timber production, and recreational trail development.

Teachers and other educators look to DNR Forestry for materials and instructional methods that can be effectively used to help students understand the forest environment and how it is intimately connected with

their economic and social well-being and that of their communities.

The DNR's *A Strategic Conservation Agenda 2003-2007* provides a suite of indicators and targets that help gauge progress on DNR's strategic priorities. The following two Conservation Agenda indicators and their targets are directly affected by this change item:

- Indicator: Public involvement in DNR forestry education programs.
 - Target: Maintain involvement in DNR forestry education initiatives to ensure a knowledgeable public.
- Indicator: Acres of private forest lands with Forest Stewardship Plans.
 - Target: Long-term target to have Forest Stewardship Plans on 50 percent (2.5 million acres) of non-industrial private forest land.

A surcharge on state forestry nursery stock is a method that other states such as Wisconsin have used to provide a stable source of funding for specific programs. DNR will monitor whether the additional surcharge discourages some landowners from buying tree seedlings from state forest nurseries. DNR anticipates that the targeted use of surcharge revenues for public education and technical assistance will be seen as a direct benefit to private landowners and offset the effects of the marginally higher cost of state forest nursery tree seedlings.

For further information contact:

Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Director
DNR Division of Forestry
(651) 296-4495
bob.tomlinson@dnr.state.mn.us

Mike Carroll

January 25, 2005

Senators Bakk and Sams introduced--

S.F. No. 710: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

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A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; establishing a surcharge on tree seedlings; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 89.37, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 89.37, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. [SURCHARGE.] For tree seedlings sold according to this section, the commissioner may assess a 2.5 cent surcharge on each tree seedling. All surcharges collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the forest nursery account and are annually appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of forestry education and technical assistance.

Senators Lourey, Murphy and Moua introduced--
S.F. No. 181: Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

1 A bill for an act
2 relating to Carlton County; dedicating Biauswah Bridge
3 over the St. Louis River and Roussain Cemetery in Jay
4 Cooke State Park in Carlton County; amending Minnesota
5 Statutes 2004, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 161.14, is
8 amended by adding a subdivision to read:

9 Subd. 51. [BIAUSWAH BRIDGE.] The bridge over the St. Louis
10 River that is part of Legislative Route No. 185, marked as Trunk
11 Highway 23 on the effective date of this section, is named and
12 designated "Biauswah Bridge." After consulting with the Fond du
13 Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the commissioner of
14 transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to
15 memorialize this bridge and shall erect the appropriate signs,
16 subject to section 161.139.

17 Sec. 2. [ROUSSAIN CEMETERY; CARLTON COUNTY.]

18 On agreement of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
19 Chippewa and the city of Duluth, the commissioner of natural
20 resources shall name and dedicate the cemetery in Jay Cooke
21 State Park on land leased to the band by the city of Duluth as
22 "Roussain Cemetery." After consulting with the Fond du Lac Band
23 and the city of Duluth, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable
24 marking design to memorialize the cemetery and erect the
25 appropriate signs or memorials on assurance of the availability

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1 of funds from nonstate sources sufficient to pay all costs
2 related to designing, erecting, and preserving the signs or
3 memorials.

1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 181 as follows:

2 Page 1, line 12, delete the period, and before "After"

3 insert "in honor of all Native American veterans."

4 Page 1, line 17, delete "; CARLTON COUNTY"

5 Page 1, lines 20 and 21, delete "in Jay Cooke State Park"

6 and insert "within the city limits of Duluth"

7 Amend the title as follows:

8 Page 1, line 2, delete "Carlton" and insert "St. Louis"

9 Page 1, lines 3 and 4, delete "Jay Cooke State Park in
10 Carlton" and insert "St. Louis"

SAM SOLON

Senator 7th District
2820 West 15th Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55806
Phone: (218) 727-3997
and

Room 303 State Capitol
75 Constitution Avenue
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Senate

State of Minnesota

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept Mr. Greg Price's efforts of continually assisting our U.S. Veterans and Native American heritages. Mr. Price is a constituent of mine, whom I have witnessed accomplish many great things throughout his years in Northern Minnesota. A recent accomplishment was a memorial on Minnesota State Highway 23 for World War II Veterans.

His latest project involves the participation of others, specifically, the blues musicians who have inspired and influenced Greg over the years. I am happy to help in his latest challenge of combining his love for the blues with his dedication to the Native American Veterans and their heritage. His goal is to finalize the naming of the "BI-AUS-WAH" bridge and also establish a Native American Veterans Memorial.

The proposed title of a compact disc called "Blues for the First Americans" will be a historic collection of blues musicians who, by recording this album, will also be sharing their support for the Native American culture. The proceeds will go towards establishing a well deserved fund to assist in the creation of this Native American Veterans memorial.

It is my hope that everyone can work together in making this project a success. By doing so, we will be adding another chapter to our efforts of improving our communities by observing, respecting, and honoring the vast array of cultures that make our country what it is today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Solon".

Sam G. Solon
State Senator

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JAMES L. OBERSTAR

8TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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RANKING DEMOCRAT:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2508

August 17, 2004

DISTRICT OFFICES:

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BRAINERD, MN 56401
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231 FEDERAL BUILDING
DULUTH, MN 55802
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38625 14TH AVENUE
SUITE 300B
NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
(651) 277-1234

Mr. Greg Price
10879 County Rd. 41
Willow River, Minnesota 55795

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for visiting my Duluth District Office regarding the dedication of the bridge that spans the St. Louis River on Highway 23. After receiving your very thorough file on the history of this project to honor both Ojibwe leader Bi-ous-wah and Native American Veterans, I contacted the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

In accordance with Minnesota statutes 161.14 and 161.139, Minnesota State law now requires an act of the Minnesota legislature for naming of roads and bridges. Such an act must include provisions for all necessary funds to accomplish the naming, signage, and vehicle and pedestrian access to any installed memorial signage.

I will be pleased to help further with this effort, but let me advise you that the support of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Council will be important in gaining backing of the area legislators.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



James L. Oberstar, M.C.

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CITY OF DULUTH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
411 West First Street, Room 403
Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1199

218/730-5230 218/730-5924 FAX
hbergson@ci.duluth.mn.us

HERB W. BERGSON
Mayor

March 1, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is confirmation of my appointment of Greg Price to represent the City of Duluth in soliciting funds for the sole purpose of establishing memorial status of the Highway 23 bridge in the community of Fond du Lac.

The memorial would honor veterans of all wars in which native Americans participated. Special recognition would be given to the hero, Chief Bi-Aus-Wah, who distinguished himself in sacrificing his life to save his son from torture and death. The bridge is to be named in his honor, and a large replica of an arrowhead of rock obtained (tentatively from Spirit Mountain) to be enshrined at the east end of the bridge. It will have an attached plaque factually detailing Chief Bi-Aus-Wah's heroic deed.

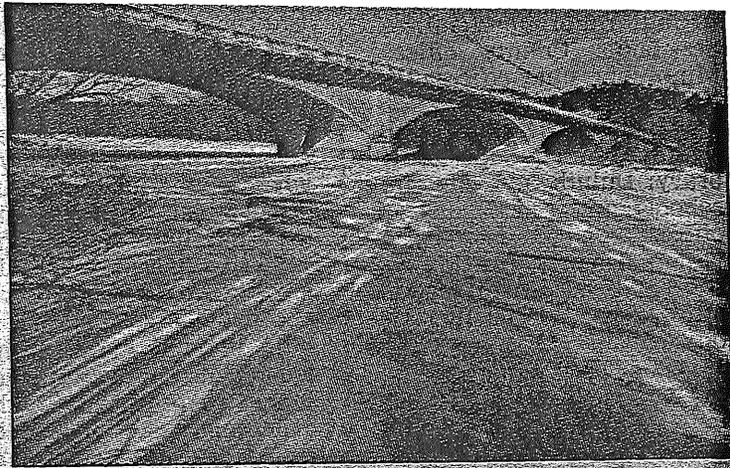
All money raised for this project will be deposited in a designated account under the exclusive control of the Reservation Business Committee, Fond du Lac Reservation. Checks will be made out to:

Bi-Aus-Wah Bridge Memorial
c/o Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee
1720 Big Lake Road
Cloquet, MN 55720

None of the accrued funds will be paid to Greg Price, nor will there be any compensation by the City of Duluth for his time or expenses.

Sincerely,

Herb W. Bergson
MAYOR



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The Minnesota Highway 23 St. Louis River Bridge at Fond du Lac could be named after Ojibwe Chief Biauswah

Project may honor Indians' sacrifices

FOND DU LAC: Naming a bridge for an Ojibwe chief would recognize all Indian veterans, supporters say.

BY STEVE KUCHERA
NEWS TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Nearly 20 years after the idea was first suggested, Minnesota may name the St. Louis River Bridge at Fond du Lac after an Ojibwe chief who gave his life to save his son.

Plan supporters want the bridge named after Chief Biauswah, who died about 1710,

to honor American Indian veterans who fought and sacrificed for their people.

"Why should we not recognize everyone?" project supporter Greg Price asked.

Biauswah — Bi-*aus-wah*, in some sources — was hunting when a Fox war party attacked his village along Superior's South Shore, about 40 miles west of La Pointe. Most

of the village residents were killed. The Fox took two — an old man and the chief's son — captive.

When Biauswah returned to his devastated village, he set out after the Fox to avenge his people. He arrived near the Fox village in time to see them execute the older prisoner by wrapping him in birch bark, setting it aflame and beating him to death.

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BRIDGE | *Chief sacrificed self so son could live*

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When the Fox brought out Biauswah's son for execution, Biauswah stepped forward to trade his life.

"He knew that he would be tortured beyond what he had just witnessed," Price said. "Can you imagine? Tied with birch bark, lit on fire and beaten to death while you burned to death? Would you volunteer to have that happen to you? That's an example of bravery that can't be matched."

The son, who was to take his father's name, grew to fight the Dakota, forcing them west and south and winning the Sandy Lake region for his people. He would live in Fond du Lac and near Sandy Lake.

Price and others suggested naming the Minnesota Highway 23 St. Louis River Bridge, at one end of Minnesota's Veterans Evergreen Memorial Highway, after Biauswah in the mid-1980s. The idea won the

Douglas county boards and several local veterans groups. But the state never formally adopted the name.

The Iraq war and the death of a veteran friend, Curt Hill, motivated Price to work again to get the bridge named for Biauswah. Price asked the Duluth American Indian Commission for its support last week.

Naming the bridge in honor of Biauswah would require legislative action and a guarantee that there would be no cost to the state, said John Bray, Minnesota Department of Transportation spokesman.

Rep. Mike Jaros, DFL-Duluth, will sponsor a bill to name the bridge after Biauswah.

Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson supports the idea. "It's a great tribute to a great man," he said. "This chief is a very respected man with the tribe, and it's only proper that we recognize the people who were real heroes before we were here."

Bergson has offered to help Fond du Lac Reservation pay for two monuments. One would honor Biauswah and be erected in Chambers Grove Park next to the bridge.

"It's going to be a stainless steel monument shaped like an arrowhead coming out of the ground," said Le-Roy DeFoe, cultural resource specialist for the Fond du

will be a big circle that is split into four pieces. Each piece will have a different colored flower, representing the traditional Chippewa colors for the four directions.

The monument will be engraved with Biauswah's story.

"It's going to take a lot of work, but it's going to look nice," DeFoe said. "If it's done properly and maintained, it will be there 1,000 years from now, after we're all dust."

A monument shaped like the first will be installed in the old Roussan Cemetery near the eastern boundary of Jay Cooke State Park. The cemetery holds the remains of Ojibwe reinterred from a Fond du Lac cemetery about a mile away during the 19th century. It will bear the story of the Fond du Lac Ojibwe.

DeFoe is still raising money for the monuments.

In addition to naming the Highway 23 bridge and erecting a monument for Biauswah, some want to see a historical trail created near Spirit Mountain.

"I would like to see that as part of the Spirit Mountain master plan," Bergson said. "Of course, that's up to the authority. But it wouldn't just be a nice tribute to the Native American community, it

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Chief Biauswak Loved This Spot

Tradition has it that Chief Biauswak, who lived here centuries ago, used words like these in praise of the valley of the St. Louis, between the Dalles and the lake:

"Our home here is in the right spot. There is no better place. We are safe here from any prowling bands. We don't have to go out in the lake for fish. They swim up the river to us, and all we have to do is to take them out of the water.

"The weather is good here most of the year. When it gets cold in mid-winter, there are plenty of sheltered spots, and all sorts of dry wood is more easily found here than elsewhere. Where are white birch trees for bark more plenty? Where do the birds have softer feathers and where do the animals have richer and warmer furs? I would not live nor be contented in any other place.

"It's grand here. If one goes to the East, he sails on the great lake for days, safe from all danger, seeing new lands and enjoying the fresh air. If one goes west he comes to a great river and no end of lakes full of rice, so much of that rice that people don't care for it. If he goes farther west he gets out of the forest and to a big prairie where herds of buffalo roam.

"If one goes south he finds a hundred streams full of beavers and some kinds of good small fish that don't go into the lake. There are no end of maple trees for sap, and many sweet fruits that way.

"If one goes north he sees moose almost as easy to get as buffalo. There are beavers up there too, and other game in plenty. There are many good spots for safe camps. So this is the center of all good things. Do not coax me to leave, for it would be a waste of breath."

Duluth Herald 4/10/33

NDAY, APRIL 10, 1933.

PIONEERS ENJOY TELLING LEGEND OF INDIAN CHIEF

Biauswau Made His Home at Fond du Lac.

Indians and pioneers of fifty and sixty years ago never wearied of telling about old Fond du Lac, and among their stories and legends was one about Chief Biauswau, who at one time made Fond du Lac his home.

Biauswau was a skilled warrior in whose footsteps victory always followed. He had come to the Fond du Lac village from La Pointe when a small boy and was the son of an Indian chief who bore the same name.

He was accustomed to lead his braves in forays against the Sioux, who remained in Minnesota territory, and his valor in battle was connected in tepee narrations with an incident occurring while he was still a boy.

Handed down from generation to generation, the story concerned his capture by the Odugamies (Foxes) of Wisconsin with another Indian. His father was not captured, but followed upon the trail of the marauders to their homes. After the other prisoner had been put to death, the story says:

"Then the young lad was brought forward and his doom was to run backward and forward on a long pile of burning fagots until he died.

"None but a parent can fully imagine the feelings which wrung the heart of the ambushed Ojibway chieftain as he recognized his only surviving child was about to undergo these torments.

GIVES OWN LIFE.

"His single arm could not rescue him, but the brave father determined to die for or with his son and as the cruel Foxes were on the point of setting fire to the heap of dry fagots, they were surprised to see the Ojibway chief step proudly and boldly into their midst and address them as follows:

"My little son, whom you are about to burn with fire, has seen but few winters. His tender feet have never trodden the war path. He has never injured you. But the hairs of my head are white with many winters and over the graves of my relatives I have hung many scalps. My death is worth something to you. Let me therefore take the place of my child."

"Taken wholly by surprise, the Foxes silently listened to the chief's proposal. Having ever coveted his death, they accepted his offer and released his son, bidding him to depart, and then burned the father to death."

Duluth News Tribune 10/18/33

Ogima Biauswah

It is planned to name the fine log cabin at Chambers Park—"Bi-aus-wah House." This is most appropriate. The rugged, solid and handsome structure might be named "Bi-aus-wah's Wig-i-wam," which means the same thing. This name is given in memory of Ogima Biauswah or Chief Biauswah, who lived at Fond du Lac about two hundred years ago.

His name, his history and his achievements are legendary in every Chippewa wigwam. The time of his activities is blurred, but before long the antiquarians may agree about it. The best opinion is that it was a few decades before Daniel Greysolon, Sieur Du Lhut, came hither.

Bi-aus-wah was well known on Chequamegon bay where he was born, at our Fond du Lac where he lived most of his active life, up and down the Mississippi where he led his warriors against the Sioux and where he established villages after driving out his enemies, all along both shores of Lake Superior, and far north to the Canadian lakes.

When he was a small boy he was a prisoner to the Odugamies of Central Wisconsin. His father, whose name he took, most nobly bought his freedom by giving himself up, a substitute to torture. Later, grown to manhood, Biauswah warred upon the Odugamies and destroyed them. He loved, won, and married a Chippewa girl whose home was at Nag-ad-jwan-ang, which is Chippewa for Fond du Lac, and he made his home there with her. He lived there very long, became chief, and thence led his people in their endless wars against the Sioux, who then held the upper Mississippi. He helped drive the Sioux to the prairies.

He was a mighty warrior. When age crept upon him he became a civil and peace chief. For his place as war chief he selected Ke-che-waub-ish-ash, a doughty fighter who fell in battle far down on the Mississippi at Elk river covered with the scars of a hundred fights.

Biauswah died when very old at Fond du Lac village, beloved and honored by every Chippewa within five hundred miles. Even the Sioux honored him while they feared him. His name will be rightly inscribed over the door of the palatial log cabin in the park at Fond du Lac at the western end of the city.

Bridge's forgotten name resurfaces

By Susan Stanich
News-Tribune staff writer

Jan 29, 1992

The bridge crossing the St. Louis River from Duluth's Fond du Lac neighborhood is a popular place.

Anglers settle under it to cast for walleyes. Daring swimmers jump off it. Canoeists glide under it, hooting into the echoing recesses of the looming concrete. Teen-agers climb inside it, scaring bats away. Motorists, horse riders, bicyclists and joggers use it in a more conventional way.

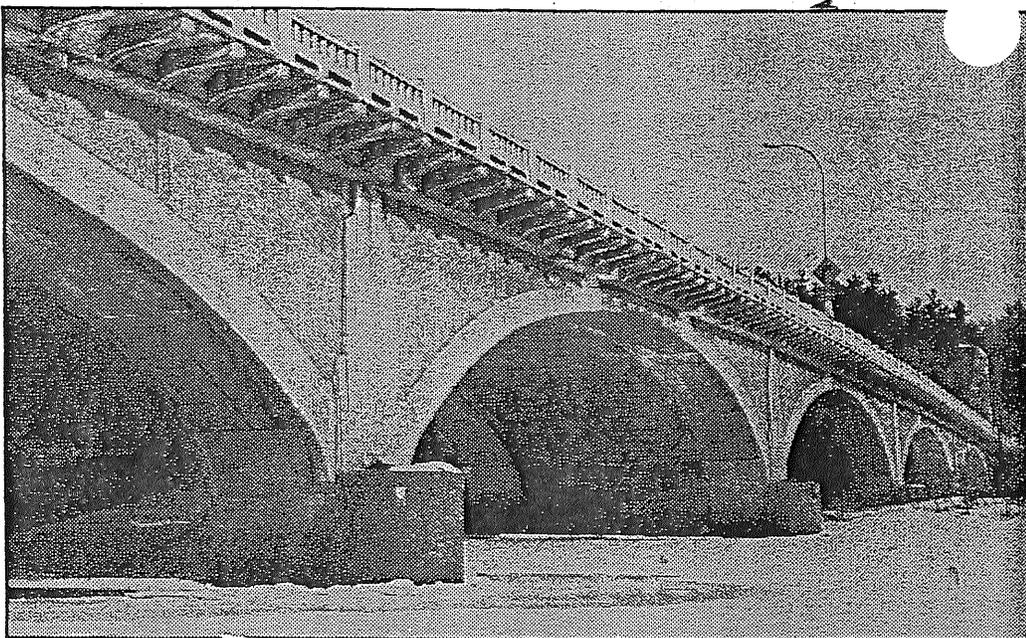
It's not likely that any of them know its name.

Neither, apparently, does officialdom: Although this gateway to the Veterans Evergreen Memorial Highway is known officially as Bridge No. 6910, its actual name appears to be Biauswah Bridge. At least, that's what two lawmakers, two city councils, two county boards and several veterans' organizations agreed to call it in the late 1980s.

Biauswah, born in 1690, was a Chippewa war chief who, from his home base near where the bridge now stands, mobilized thousands of fighters to expand Chippewa territory to the Aitkin and Mille Lacs areas.

He's the first veteran in recorded history in the area, and his war-chief father, also named Biauswah, had given himself up to free his young son from the enemy. So the name seemed an honorable one to bestow on this veterans' highway bridge.

William Houle, a veteran and the former chairman of Fond du Lac Reservation, and Greg Price, formerly of Wrenshall and an advocate-activist to dedicate Minnesota Highway 23 to veterans, got the ball rolling in early 1986. Both felt Indian veterans — of all



Bob King/News-Tribune

Bridge No. 6910, which spans the St. Louis River near Duluth's Fond du Lac neighborhood, could someday bear the name of Chippewa war chief Biauswah if to name the bridge are revived.

tribes and of all wars, including those whose nations fought against the federal government — could be honored in naming the bridge for Biauswah.

Sen. Florian Chmielewski, DFL-Sturgeon Lake, picked up the ball, and resolutions supporting the measure were passed by the Duluth and Superior city councils; the Douglas and St. Louis county boards; Minnesota

AmVets; AmVets Post 27; West Duluth American Legion Post 71; and VFW Post 137. The VFW Eighth District sent a letter of support. The Minnesota Department of Transportation offered its help and suggested the next steps, such as securing a site for the plaque.

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Bridge: It would honor all Indian veterans

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But someone had to carry the ball further and Houle left office in 1988. So the bridge never got an official name.

"It probably got mixed in the shuffle," said Duluth City Councilor M. George Downs. "Everybody expects somebody else to follow through on it."

Current Fond du Lac Chairman Robert Peacock agreed. The idea got lost in the heat of more pressing governmental matters, he said.

In the meantime, two things occurred that prompted a Fond du Lac Reservation member to revive the matter: the Persian Gulf war and the 500th anniversary of Columbus sailing to the Americas.

Jerry Ojibway's brother Gordon was injured in the war and received a Bronze Star. And President Bush has named 1992 the Year of the American Indian, partly because "American Indians have served in all wars ... often serving in greater numbers than the population as a whole."

"So this is the year to make it happen," Ojibway said. "Fond du Lac is the only American Indian governing body in the area, so we should do it."

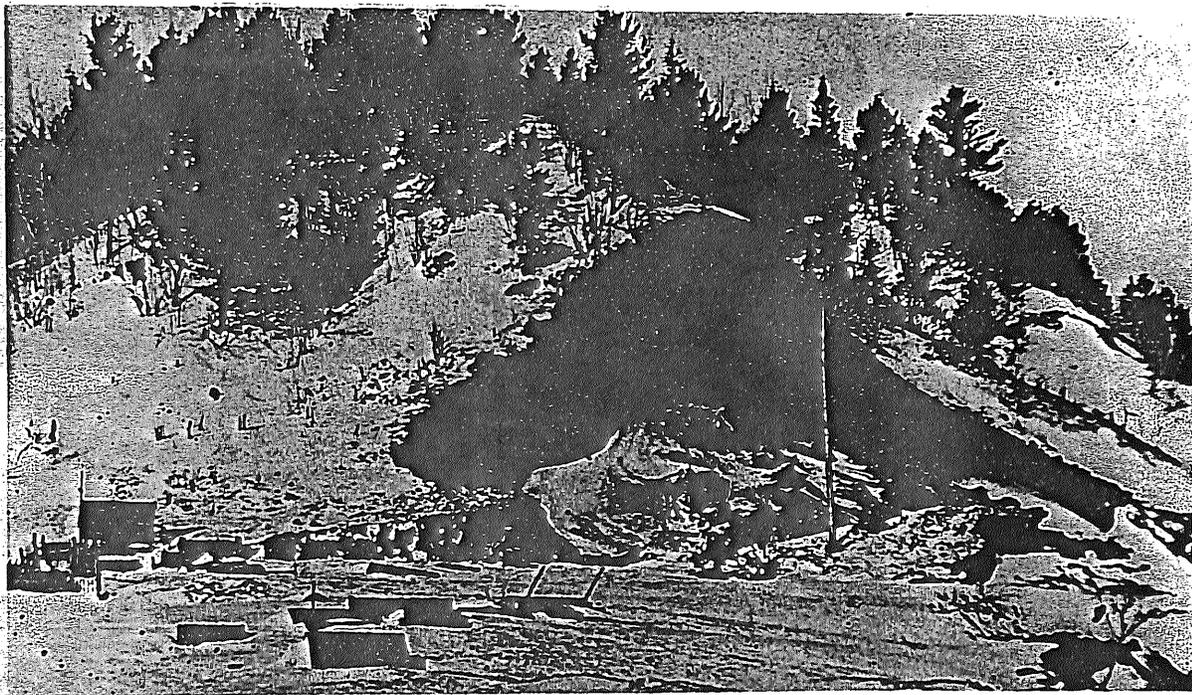
Ojibway said he will propose his plan to Fond du Lac officials on Thursday at their regular meeting.

There are two ways to name a bridge, said John Bray, a Duluth-based spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Transportation. If a simple, green-and-white highway sign is all

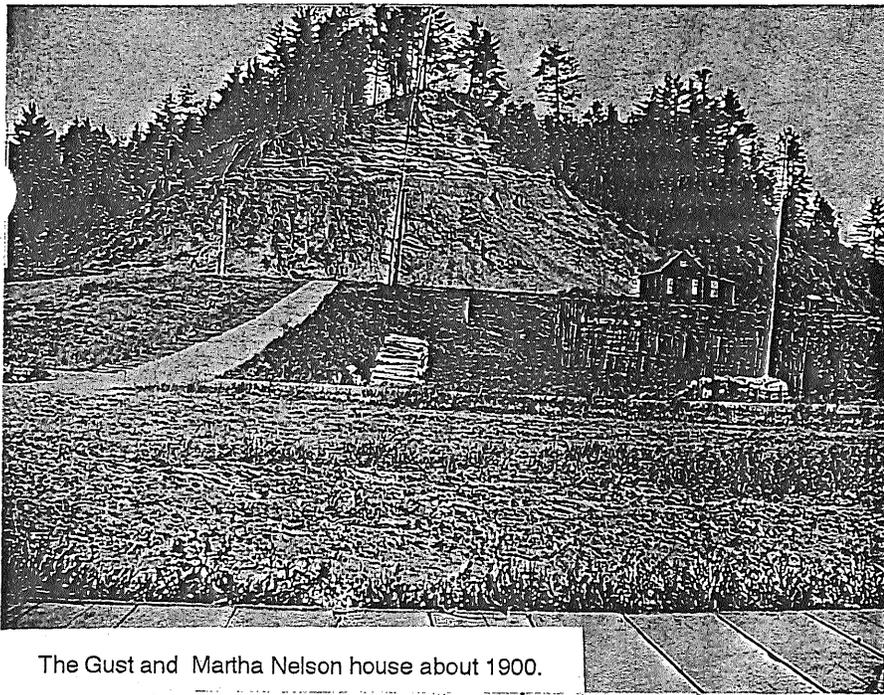
that's wanted, a letter of request from the appropriate governmental body, resolutions and historic background are sent to the department. And the agency puts up a sign.

But the value in naming a bridge usually is in spreading the word about why it's got the name, Bray said. For that, a historical plaque and dedication ceremonies are needed. That can be expensive, because it includes room for cars to pull off the highway so motorists can read the plaque.

"Obviously, there's a good spot in the Chambers Grove Park area," he said. "But we would have to have communication from the city of Duluth, because they own the land, and that hasn't happened. And we have never had any correspondence with the (Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee.)"



This is the Ojibway burial grounds before the railroad came through to Fond du Lac. Before the digging started, many of the graves were moved to the Roussain Graveyard.



The Gust and Martha Nelson house about 1900.

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The Payton house and later the Shirley and Rav Plvs house

D.N.T. article from 3-27-1987 regarding the Fond du Lac graveyards:
 One was for whites, another for Christian Indians and the third for non-Christian Indians. When the railroad came into the area, it crossed part of the old fur trading site, and the graves were moved to the Roussain Cemetery."

Fond du Lac Yields Bones Of Old Redmen

DNT — 8-27-1937
 Machinery and man, in preparing for the future, have once again delved into the mysteries of the past.

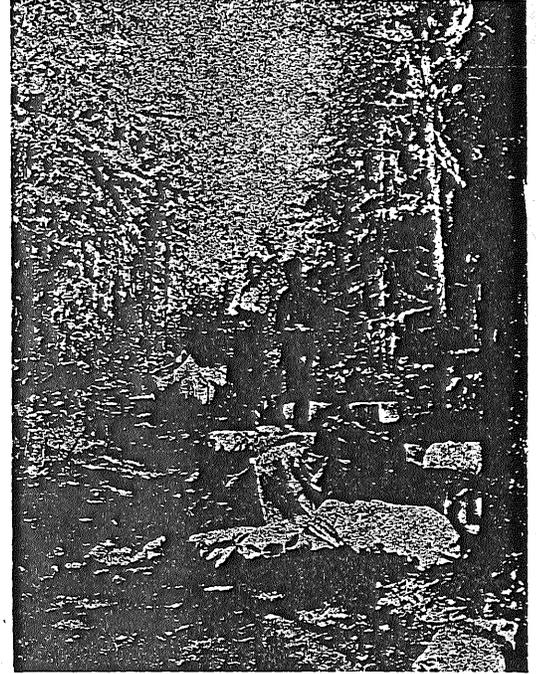
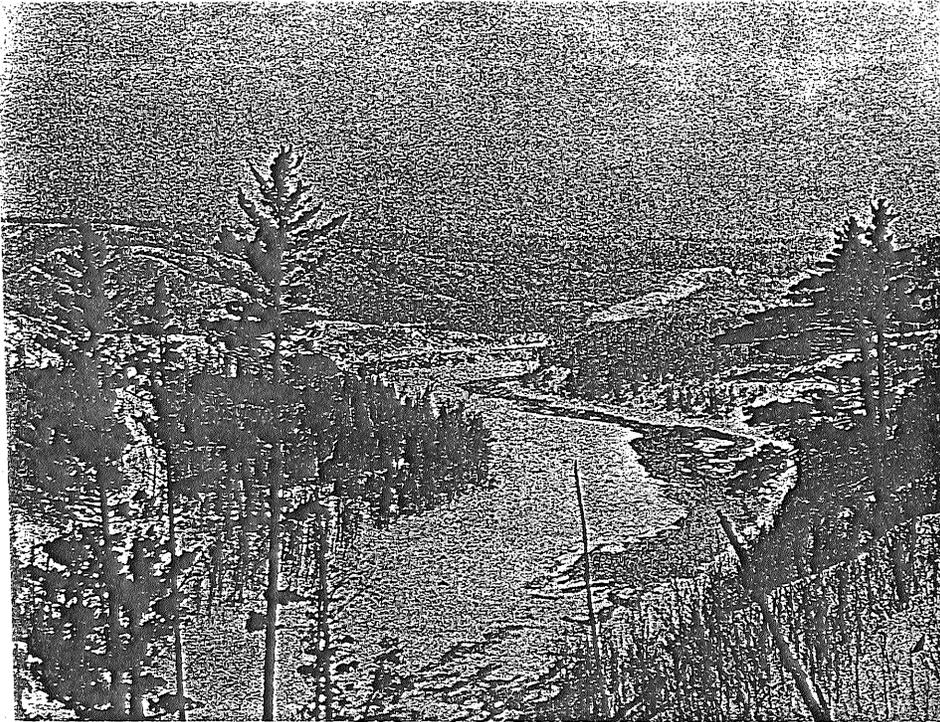
A crew, working on the new road which is being built through Fond du Lac, yesterday unearthed an old Indian graveyard. The cemetery is believed to be nearly 200 years old.

Of special interest was a skeleton which was wrapped in birch bark and an old Indian blanket. The blanket, of soft woolen material, was remarkably well preserved. Almost intact, it was torn by a steam shovel when it was unearthed. Bits of birch bark were evident on it. The skeleton also was broken by the force of the shovel.

The graves were found to be only two to three feet deep. Birch bark had been the only covering on the bodies. Among the bones found yesterday were four skulls, one with shiny black hair on it. John Richards of Ely, operating the shovel, unearthed the skulls within a small area. A muzzle-loading shotgun barrel also was found.

In a bank of dirt between the road and the railroad tracks, it is believed that there are many more such graves. In one particular spot it has been said there are at least 30 Indians buried. This bank probably will be dug away today.

From Wa ye Kwa gichi gamining
 Fond du Lac by Christine



Left: Winter scene of Jay Cooke Park, March, 1917.
 Above: A "Pause" on a portage in early '70s.

From John Fritzen's book on Fond du Lac

Indian Cemetery

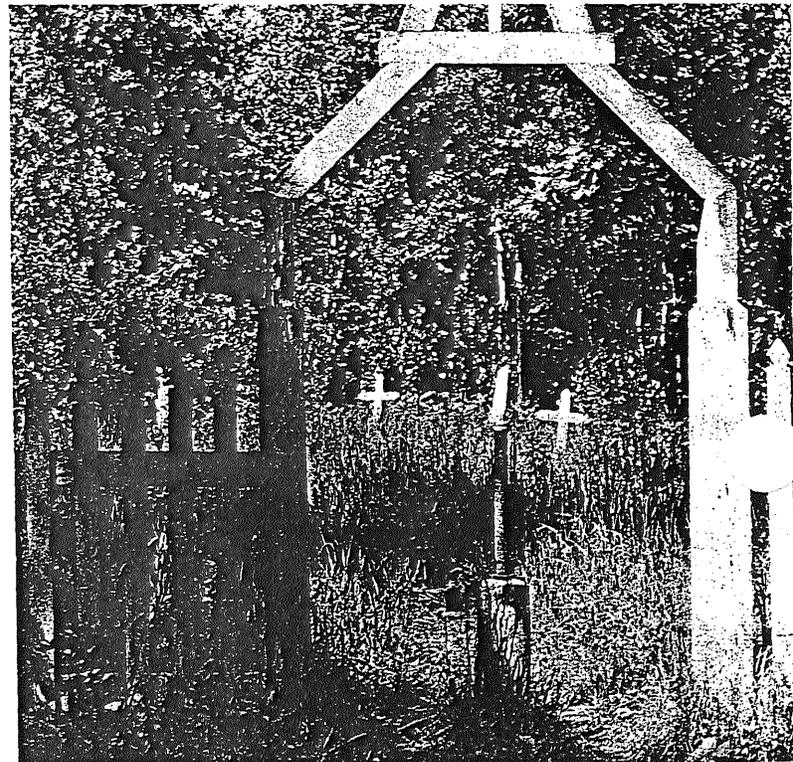
One of the better known historic sites in this area is the old Roussain Graveyard, otherwise known as the Fond du Lac Indian Cemetery. When the Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad survey was made it was learned that the road bed would pass over the two graveyards at the trading post site. The Fond du Lac people who had loved ones buried there could not think of allowing the graves to be desecrated so they arranged to have the remains moved to another location. Francis Roussain, a former employee of the American Fur Company had preempted land along the trail to Cloquet, a mile or so northwest of Fond du Lac and was improving it as a homestead. In order to properly take care of the remains of the deceased whites and Christian Indians in the trading post graveyard, he established one on his homestead. The trail was then improved to permit the use of ox teams and the bodies were moved to the new location. Although it was Mr. Roussain's intention that only whites and Christian Indians should be buried there, other interments were made and for many years a spirit house stood over one of the graves. The last burial was made in 1918.

Anyone familiar with the Dalles of the St. Louis River would be horrified to know that two half-breed boys actually descended this stretch of wild river in a birch bark canoe as a stunt. They started at the upper end of the Grand Portage and successfully negotiated the rapids, chutes and falls to the lower end. Here a large crowd had gathered. At this point the boys became less cautious and an accident occurred. The canoe capsized and one of the boys was drowned.

In recent years it has come to light that a distinguished traveler went through Fond du Lac and the present Jay Cooke State Park. Count Ferdinand Von Zeppelin, of Germany, who came to the United States in 1867 as a

military observer of the operations of the United States Army made the trip in August of that year. He and two Russian companions with their Indian guide traveled over the route in a birch bark canoe. He drew a rough map which shows Lake Superior, Superior City, St. Louis River, Savanna Portage, Sandy Lake and the Mississippi River.

Roussain graveyard (Indian cemetery) and how it appeared about 1917.



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CITIZEN'S comm Bird's eyeview of the picnic layout:

Host Alan Greenbaum, right
ing hamburgers and hot dog

Burial grounds lie neglected in woods

The weather-polished stones in the clearing read: John B., Died, Jan. 17, 1849, Aged, 7 years; and, Leas ... Died, Dec. 28, 1847, Aged, 2 years, children of F. and S. Roussain.

They herald the harshness of life on the Minnesota frontier.

The narrow base of another marker is barely visible above the grass just eight feet away. The assumption is that it supported the obelisk of Frances Roussain, once Indian agent at Fond du Lac.

Vicki Brown, Bemidji, was shown the area in 1977. Then, the remains of a fence contained the burial grounds of Chippewa from the area, just outside the border of Roussain's property, she said.

Roussain didn't want any non-Christians buried on his property. Pictures taken as late as 1917 show a Chippewa spirit house on the site just off the Roussain homestead.

The remote spot is Duluth's most obscure park. There is a sign on an oak at the edge of the clearing which warns that the property belongs to the Duluth Park Department and people who vandalize the homestead site and cemetery will be prosecuted.

The sign is twisted, rusted and shot full of holes.

There's not much interest in the site, although John Fritzen, in his history of Fond du Lac and Jay Cooke State Park, called it one of the most notable historic sites in the area.

Brown said she's been unable to stir interest from the Minnesota Historical Society.

The site seems to have been forgotten by the city, although someone this year spent the time to dump a load of fill to prevent people from driving four-wheel-drive vehicles and cars into the clearing.

n Brown first saw the site,



Staff photo by Charles Curtis

Gravestone of the Roussain children

a picket fence still stood shakily. When she next saw it, the fence was down and the wood stacked near the site.

It's marked on the city's park maps, which designate it as "the old Indian cemetery" off Oldenberg Drive through Jay Cooke State Park.

Roussain lived in Fond du Lac near the John Jacob Astor trading post. He had buried his children there when, in the 1860s, the Lake Superior & Mississippi

Railroad surveyed its line.

The railroad obtained right-of-way through the Fond du Lac cemetery where Roussain and other residents had buried their loved ones. Not wanting their graves desecrated, Roussain and the others moved the cemetery.

Roussain took his family's remains up the hill, opening the trail to his homestead to allow passage by ox cart. There, in what is now a quiet woodland meadow, they rest.

Duluth, Minn. - 1936
Topic: Historic Cemeteries (F.C.) 624
Submitted by: Delia Swanson

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The original trading post cemetery was located on the mound extending east from the railroad depot in Fond du Lac, and contained the graves of many Indians and early white traders.

The charter for the Lake Superior, Mississippi Railroad was granted in 1859, and in 1860 surveyors came and located the railroad right through the middle of the cemetery. F. Roussain has some members of his family buried there. He sent to New York for a monument to mark their graves. In 1869, the N.W. 1/4 of Section 6, now a part of Fond du Lac, was pre-empted by Mr. Roussain. With this land available, he established a family cemetery at the top of the hill, just north of the old portage trail which led from Fond du Lac around the Dalles, to a point near the present town of Cloquet. Without asking Roussain's permission, some Indians moved graves of their relatives into this spot and Mr. Roussain felt he could not object, as some of them were his relatives, and as a trader, he preferred to be on a friendly terms with the redmen. Later Roussain lost title to the property which has become an interesting spot visited by many tourists each year.

This cemetery is near the old portage trail, 1/2 mile north, on the Jay Cooke State Park road. It is enclosed with a white picket fence and has an attractive entrance.

Sources of Materials:

Fond du Lac felder, Historical Society.

Duluth Herald, August 20, 1935.

Duluth News Tribune, August 14, 1934. - Find

1 lies northerly and westerly of the following described line:

2 Commencing at the center of said Section 5; thence north on
3 an azimuth of 359 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds (azimuth
4 oriented to Minnesota State Plane Coordinate System) along
5 the north and south quarter line of said Section 5 for
6 781.42 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be
7 described; thence on an azimuth of 108 degrees 12 minutes
8 41 seconds, 231.14 feet; thence on an azimuth of 98 degrees
9 27 minutes 03 seconds, 1486.78 feet; thence run
10 northeasterly for 447.16 feet on a nontangential curve,
11 concave to the northwest, having a radius of 720 feet, a
12 delta angle of 35 degrees 35 minutes 02 seconds and a chord
13 azimuth of 76 degrees 55 minutes 11 seconds; thence on an
14 azimuth of 59 degrees 07 minutes 40 seconds, 192.89 feet;
15 thence run northerly 398.14 feet on a nontangential curve,
16 concave to the northwest, having a radius of 850 feet, a
17 delta angle of 26 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds and a chord
18 azimuth of 29 degrees 26 minutes 05 seconds; thence on an
19 azimuth of 16 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds, 303.65 feet to
20 the north line of said Tract A and there terminating;

21 Containing 52.41 acres, more or less.

22 (b) The conveyance shall be by quit claim deed without
23 consideration in a form approved by the attorney general.

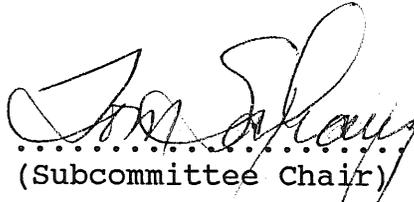
24 (c) This property was acquired by the Department of
25 Transportation for construction of a new portion of Trunk
26 Highway No. 10 west of Interstate Highway 35W. The property was
27 not needed for highway purposes. In 1988, the commissioner of
28 transportation deeded the property to the city of Mounds View
29 subject to a right of reverter. The state of Minnesota and the
30 Department of Transportation no longer need the right of
31 reverter.

1 To: Senator Marty, Chair
 2 Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
 3 Senator Saxhaug,
 4 Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Waters, to
 5 which was referred

6 S.F. No. 182: A bill for an act relating to state lands;
 7 authorizing transfer of certain property interests in Ramsey
 8 County.

9 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill
 10 do pass and be referred to the full committee.

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 (Subcommittee Chair)
 January 31, 2005.....
 (Date of Subcommittee action)

- 1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 182 as follows:
- 2 Page 1, delete line 13
- 3 Page 1, line 14, delete "Tract A:"
- 4 Page 1, line 16, delete the period, and insert a semicolon
- 5 Page 1, delete lines 17 to 30
- 6 Page 1, line 31, delete everything before "which"
- 7 Page 2, line 21, delete "52.41" and insert "40.41"

Proposed Medtronic Campus at the Bridges Golf Course

Senate File 182 / House File 310

Act Relating to Transferring Certain Interests in Real Property in Ramsey County to the City of Mounds View

- ❖ The City of Mounds View owns 118.1 acres of land at the junction of State Highway 10 and Interstate 35W. (The land located within the yellow line shown on the attached map). This is divided between the developed portion of the Bridges Golf Course (72.2 acres, the former MnDOT & other acquired property) and the undeveloped portion (45.9 acres, the former SYSCO property on the west side).
- ❖ In 1988, the City of Mounds View was able to acquire title to 52.41 acres of excess lands originally taken by the State of Minnesota for the State Highway 10 construction project connecting to I-35W. Approximately 40.4 acres are located north of State Hwy. 10; and 12.1 acres are located south of State Hwy 10 in Mounds View.
- ❖ The 1988 legislation required that the property be transferred to the City without consideration, with the property being subject to the requirement that the property be used for a public purpose or title would revert back to the State of Minnesota. The City first received a deed in 1989 that contained the “public purpose” deed restriction.
- ❖ During 1994 the golf course was constructed on the 72 acres of land north of State Highway 10 controlled by the City. The current debt related to the golf course is about \$4,150,000.
- ❖ In the Fall of 2004 Medtronic began working with the City regarding the redevelopment of the property for a proposed corporate office development. The campus would be used by the Company’s largest division, Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM) for research and development activities.
- ❖ The first phase of the Medtronic campus would involve the construction of 820,000 sq. ft. of office space in several buildings and would entail an investment of \$65 million in new facilities. Employment during the first phase is projected to reach 3,300 employees. Ultimately, the Medtronic campus at the Bridges could reach between 1.5 million and 2.0 million sq. ft. of office space and upwards of 6,000 employees.
- ❖ The Medtronic development, which would be the Company’s largest facility in the world, will not move forward with the City if the public purpose or reverter clause is not removed from the title.
- ❖ Medtronic has indicated that it wishes to begin site preparation activities in September of 2005. This schedule requires prompt review and approval of the project by federal, state, and local agencies.
- ❖ Senate File 182 is among the most important actions necessary for this project to move forward. The City of Mounds View is seeking to have the “public purpose” deed restriction removed at the earliest possible time.

Medtronic Project Area in Mounds View



Senators Tomassoni, Bakk and Ruud introduced--

S.F. No. 418: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to public lands; authorizing alternative
3 investments of county environmental trust fund
4 deposits; amending Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 16,
5 section 31, subdivision 4, as amended.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

7 Section 1. Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 16, section 31,
8 subdivision 4, as amended by Laws 1999, chapter 180, section 3,
9 and Laws 2001, chapter 164, section 5, is amended to read:

10 Subd. 4. [COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND.]

11 Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter
12 282, and any other law relating to the apportionment of proceeds
13 from the sale of tax-forfeited land, and except as otherwise
14 provided in this section, a county board must deposit the money
15 received from the sale of land under subdivision 3 into an
16 environmental trust fund established by the county under this
17 subdivision. The county board may: (1) deposit part or all of
18 the environmental trust fund money as provided in Minnesota
19 Statutes, chapter 118A; (2) invest part or all of the money in
20 investment instruments listed in Minnesota Statutes, section
21 11A.24, subdivisions 1 to 5, under the control of the county
22 board; or (3) enter into an agreement with the State Board of
23 Investment to invest all or part of the money in investments
24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.24, subdivisions 1 to 5,
25 on behalf of the county. The following may be withheld by a

1 county board and are not required to be deposited into an
2 environmental trust fund: the costs of appraisal, abstracts,
3 and surveys; money received from a sale which is attributable to
4 land owned by a county in fee; amounts paid to lessees for
5 improvements; amounts paid to acquire land which is included in
6 a county plan for exchange and is conveyed to the state in the
7 exchange, including the purchase price, appraisal, abstract,
8 survey, and closing costs; and the costs of sale to lessees or
9 other parties, including the costs of advertising, realtors, and
10 closing services. If the proceeds from the sale of
11 tax-forfeited land in a county is are \$250,000 or more, the
12 ~~principal-from-the-sale-of-the-land-may-not-be-expended,~~ the
13 amount the county may spend from the fund each calendar year may
14 not exceed 5-1/2 percent of the market value of the fund on
15 January 1 of the preceding calendar year, and the county board
16 may spend ~~interest-earned-on-the-principal~~ money from the fund
17 only for purposes related to the improvement of natural
18 resources. To the extent money received from the sale is
19 attributable to tax-forfeited land from another county, the
20 money must be deposited in an environmental trust fund
21 established under this section by that county board.

22 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective the day
23 following final enactment.

1 To: Senator Marty, Chair
 2 Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
 3 Senator Saxhaug,
 4 Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Waters, to
 5 which was referred

6 S.F. No. 418: A bill for an act relating to public lands;
 7 authorizing alternative investments of county environmental
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 9 16, section 31, subdivision 4, as amended.

10 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill
 11 do pass and be referred to the full committee.

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 (Subcommittee Chair)

January 31, 2005
 (Date of Subcommittee action)