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A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of _____ County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within _____
County, hereby petition your honorable board that a _____,
(lake or stream)
now named _____, which is located in _____
County in _____
(Give legal description)

shall be officially named _____ for the
following reasons:

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Dated _____, 19__.

Signed

- | | Name | Address |
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PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners
of _____ County

To name a _____

Present name _____

Suggested name _____

Filed in Office of County Auditor
_____, 19__.

Bond set at \$ _____,
_____, 19__.

Presented to County Board
_____, 19__.

Hearing set for _____ (AM PM)
_____, 19__, at
_____, Minnesota.

Notice of Hearing sent to State
Geographic Board of Minnesota,
_____, 19__.

Notice of Hearing published in

for _____, 19__.

Action taken _____

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20	_____

County in _____
 now named _____
 County's territory petition for _____
 the undersigned hereby advise residing within _____
 to the Board of County Commissioners of _____
 County's _____
 (Date of filing) _____
 (Date of hearing) _____
 (Date of action) _____

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To the Board of County Commissioners of _____ County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within _____ County, hereby petition your honorable board that a _____, now named _____, which is (lake or stream) located in _____ County in _____ (give legal description)

shall be officially named _____ for the following reasons:

[Faint, illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Dated _____, 19 ____.

Signed

Name

Address

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To the Minnesota State Geographic Board:

The Board of County Commissioners of _____
County, while in session at _____, Minnesota, on the
_____ day of _____, 19 ____, heard a petition requesting
that a _____, now known as _____, which
is located in _____ County, in _____

_____ be officially named _____, and adopted a reso-
lution (approving, disapproving) the same. A certified copy of
the resolution, together with certified copies of the petition(s)
and proceedings in connection therewith, are transmitted herewith
to the Minnesota State Geographic Board for consideration.

Signed

_____ Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners

This is to acknowledge the receipt of two certified copies of the resolutions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County on April 8, 1941, renaming certain lakes in St. Louis County. Inasmuch as these names were previously approved by the State Geographic Board of Minnesota, they now have official status in the state of Minnesota.

To county auditor

I am inclosing a resolution of the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners renaming Gnat Lake in Beltrami County Beltrami Lake.

The resolution is indorsed with the approval of the State Geographic Board, and is sent to you to file in the office of the Register of Deeds of Beltrami County, in compliance with chapter 35 of the Session Laws of 1937.

SAMPLE PETITION FROM STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD TO COUNTY BOARD

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Beltrami County:

The State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board accept the following names for geographic features located in Beltrami County and described below, for the reasons given in each case. These names were submitted to the State Geographic Board by the supervisor of the Chippewa National Forest, after consultation with local residents, and have been accepted by the Board, subject to the approval of the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners.

RABIDEAU LAKE (not Robideau Lake nor Lake Gladys): T.148 N., R.30,31 W., secs. 8,16,17,18,19,20;13. All three names are used on various maps. Rabideau Lake is the name in local use, and local residents acquainted with living members of the Rabideau family verify the spelling. Rabideau was the first homesteader on the lake.

ROADSIDE LAKE (not Loon Lake, Long Lake, nor Turtle River Lake): T.147 N., R.31,32 W., secs.6;1. Loon Lake has some local use because the lake affords a natural feeding ground for loons. One authority lists it as Long Lake, but Long has no local use. Another map gives it as Turtle River Lake, but that name is not considered authentic by local residents. Roadside Lake is recommended, with the approval of local residents, to establish a name that will not be confused with other lakes in the vicinity. A road extends around approximately one third of the shore line.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Secretary

Mr. R. J. Whaling, County Auditor
Grand Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Whaling:

I am enclosing a petition from the State Geographic Board to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Itasca County at its next meeting.

Since the name change mentioned in the petition was submitted to the state board only after local opinion had been determined by the United States Forest Service, local acceptance of the proposed name seems assured. Therefore, so far as the State Geographic Board is concerned, it will not be necessary for the county board to hold a hearing. All that is required is that your county board pass a resolution accepting or rejecting the name and forward a copy of the resolution to the state board for endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board
Historical Building, St. Paul

From Co. Auditor of Beltrami County to Board

Enclosed please find copy of Notice of Hearing on Petition for the change of the name of Gnatt Lake in Beltrami County, Minnesota, to Beltrami Lake, which notice is herewith served upon you in accordance with the provisions of the statutes in such cases provided.

For your information I also advise that petition is on file in my office, bond has been duly filed, this notice is being published in the local newspaper of this county for three weeks and notice is being served upon the Chairman of the town board of the two townships.

Larsen to Mrs. E. M. Sabin, Hubbard Co., June 21, 1940

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The State Geographic Board unfortunately does not have final authority in making a name change. That is a prerogative of the federal government. All that the state board may do is to recommend that the name be changed.

In the case of Little Sand Lake, I am afraid that you will run into difficulties. The U. S. Board on Geographic Names has adopted a policy refusing to recognize changes where the new name is the same as that of a living person, and in particular where the person with the same name is living in proximity to the lake. For that reason I am very doubtful that the name of Little Sand Lake could be officially changed to Sabin Lake.

Blegen to Krolop, Clearwater County, February 18, 1938

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I should like to suggest that, in choosing a name for a lake or stream, you adopt a name which is appropriate. A name may be appropriate because of its location, or the nature of the surrounding country. In many states, names have been selected which are based on the history of the lake or the surrounding country. It usually is not advisable to select a name simply because it is fine sounding. A homely name which has a reason for its selection is better. Furthermore, no name should be submitted which is repeated elsewhere in the state. For that reason, it probably will be advisable for you to communicate with us again before presenting your petition to the county board for action.

Larsen to Peterson, Co. auditor Cass Co., December 9, 1940

I am inclosing a resolution of the Cass County Board of Commissioners renaming Pickerel Lake in T.140 N., R.31 W., sec.33, Variety Lake.

The resolution is indorsed with the approval of the State Geographic Board, and is sent to you to file in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cass County, in compliance with chapter 35 of the Session Laws of 1937.

WV 903 BOND

Down county

Larsen to Ketcham, April 15, 1940. (Cass County)

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In accordance with your request, I am sending with this letter a copy of a blank petition such as the board recommends for use in changing the names of lakes. I also am enclosing a sheet of instructions based upon chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws for 1937. If you comply with these suggestions and obtain a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners from the County Auditor, the Board will be glad to act upon your request at its first meeting following the receipt of the resolution.

You may be sure that the Board will co-operate with you in changing the name of this lakes.

Permanized

MAJOR BOND

RACONDA

MADE IN U.S.A.

Larsen to Ketcham, March 16, 1940

(Cass County)

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Chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws of 1937 prescribe definite rules to regulate the procedure of changing the names of lakes. Although the State Geographic Board has the power to initiate proceedings, we believe that greater satisfaction will result if local wishes are consulted, and if the initial action for changing names comes from the communities in which the lake ~~XXXX~~ is located.

I am therefore enclosing a set of instructions to be followed in beginning such action, together with copies of the laws under which the Board operates. You will note that the petition, which is also enclosed, must be signed by fifteen legal voters residing within the county in which the lake or stream is located. If any questions arise, you probably can get additional information from the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Cass County, or from the county auditor. If they are unable to answer your questions, please do not hesitate to write to us.