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*Jail + Jizzie approved
Jan. 2, 1964.
Hoisshoe approved as Clough.*

CASS COUNTY FORFEITED TAX LANDS

Office of Land Commissioner

WALKER, MINNESOTA

July 23, 1962

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

Reference is made to your letter of May 7, 1962 in which you enclosed petition to the Cass County Board of Commissioners concerning names of Lakes located in Cass and Crow Wing counties.

I am enclosing two certified copies of a resolution adopted by the board at a meeting held July 9, 1962.

Yours truly

J. E. Steadland
Land Commissioner

May 7, 1962

Mr. L. C. Peterson
County Auditor
Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Enclosed is a petition from the Minnesota Geographic Board suggesting clarifications in the names of two lakes in Crow Wing and Cass counties. Would you be kind enough to present this petition to the next meeting of the Cass County Board of Commissioners? The approval of your county board is necessary before the State Board will make these names official.

Please ask the commissioners to give us their opinion in the form of a resolution. We would appreciate receiving two certified copies of the resolution embodying the County Board's action in this matter.

We would also like your help in another matter. The State Board has been asked to rule on a fourth lake in your area and wishes to solicit the judgment of the county commissioners and residents before doing so. The lake in question is usually known as Horseshoe Lake, T. 138 N., R. 29 W., secs. 3, 4, 9, 10. It appears, however, that some mapmakers have confused this with Clough Lake, and for that reason the feature should have an official name.

The State Board is reluctant, however, to call this body of water Horseshoe Lake, since there are at least three other well-known Horseshoe Lakes nearby. Could the commissioners and residents of the area, perhaps with the help of the local newspaper, come up with a more distinctive and less widely duplicated name for this lake? If so, the State Board would be glad to entertain suitable suggestions to change this name.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

May 7, 1962

A PETITION

To clarify the confusion attending the use of the following two lake names, the State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board review and accept the following names for lakes located in Crow Wing and Cass counties described below:

LIZZIE LAKE, T. 138-139, R. 29 W., secs. 2, 3, 34, 35 (Not: Jule, Gail, Jale, Jake, Jute, nor Jail Lake).

It appears that Lizzie Lake is the name most commonly in use for this feature and that it was named for a homesteader's wife. Since at least six other names are sometimes erroneously applied to the lake, an official decision has been requested to clarify the matter for mapmakers.

JAIL LAKE, T. 138-139, R. 29 W., secs. 1, 2, 36 (Not Big Rice, Gail, Big Lake, Rice Lake,)n

According to one historian, the following accident gave this lake its name. During the spring in the 1890s, a caretaker was left in charge of the Smith Brothers camp to look after the oxen. He went to town, but propped the barn door open so the animals could go in and out. Two oxen tried to get out at once. Neither would back up so both pushed forward until they were so tightly wedged in the doorway that neither could move. The two oxen died, and the lake beside the camp was named Jail Lake. Another version of the story has it that all the men in the camp went to town and wound up in jail. While they were there, the ice melted and rotted to the point where the entire camp disappeared into the lake. Hence the name Jail Lake.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Kladt presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Geographic Board has requested that the Cass County Board of Commissioners state their opinion for clarification of names of certain lakes located in Cass and Crow Wing counties,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the judgment of the Cass County Board of Commissioners that the lakes located in the following areas be named on future maps as follows:

1. Lake located in Secs. 1 and 2, Twp. 138, Rge. 29, and Sec. 36, Twp. 139, Rge. 29 be officially named JAIL LAKE.

2. Lake located in Secs. 2 and 3, Twp. 138, Rge. 29, and Secs. 34 and 35, Twp. 139, Rge. 29 be officially named LIZZIE LAKE.

3. Lake located in Secs. 3, 4, 9 and 10, Twp. 138, Rge. 29 be officially named HORSESHOE LAKE.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sabin and unanimously carried.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF CASS) SS

Walker, Minnesota
July 23, 1962

I, L. C. Peterson, County Auditor of the County of Cass, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Cass County Board of Commissioners at regular meeting held July 9, 1962.



County Auditor

COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MINNESOTA

CASS COUNTY

MGB approved name: Lake Margaret 5-2-62. See U.S. Geographic Board Correspondence.

Cass County

SEP 1 1950

CHESTER S. WILSON
COMMISSIONER
E. V. WILLARD
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DIVISION OF GAME & FISH
FRANK D. BLAIR
DIRECTOR

ST. PAUL 1, MINN.

August 31, 1950

Mr. Jim Sharp, Secretary
Big Boy Lake Conservation Club
Tobique, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Sharp:

In reply to your letter of August 25th, in reference to changing the name of Boy Lake to Big Boy Lake, the Minnesota Geographic Society is the body which has official charge of geographic names. The Chairman of the Society is Mr. Harold Dean Cater, 209 Historical Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

I suggest that you write to Mr. Cater for instructions as to how to proceed to secure the change in the name of your lake. You will be told, among other things, that the movement to secure the change of names of lakes must originate with the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the lake is situated. No one in the state organization, so far as I know, can commence proceedings for the change of names of lakes.

In the letter you receive from Mr. Cater I am sure you will be told the details to be followed.

Very truly yours,

E. V. Willard - Deputy
Commissioner of Conservation

EVW/R
CC/Harold Dean Cater





Maple Dell Lodge

AT THE END OF THE TRAIL

ON BIG BOY LAKE

TOBIQUE, MINNESOTA

RECEIVED
Department of Conservation
Administration
AUG 8 1950

Aug. 25

Cabins

Electricity

Gas for
Cooking

Boats and
Motors

Cold Beer

Minnows
and Baits

Fresh Milk

Groceries

Freezer
for your
Fish

Dear Mr Willard

As Sect. of The Big Boy Conservation Club
I am writing in regards to see
if we can get the name of
our Lake, "Boy Lake" changed
to read "Big Boy Lake"
What steps should we take in
this matter?

Yours Truly

Jim Sharp, Sect.

"Big Boy Lake Conservation Club"

DIRECTIONS

From the Twin Cities take Highway No. 169 to the junction with Highway No. 34 a half mile south of Hill City; then Highway No. 34 to Remer. Then 11 miles West on Highway 34, then follow Maple Dell signs in.

October 25, 1950

Mr. James Sharp, Secretary
Big Boy Lake Conservation Club
Maple Dell Lodge
Tobique, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Your inquiry to Mr. E. V. Willard in regard to the procedure to be followed in changing the name of Boy Lake to Big Boy Lake has been referred to me.

I am enclosing a statement of the procedure to follow, a blank petition, and copies of the laws governing the changing of geographic names in Minnesota.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary,
Minnesota State Geographic
Board

Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

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April 15, 1940

Mr. C. W. Ketcham
Hackensack, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ketcham:

Your letter to the Department of Drainage and Waters regarding the name Pickerel Lake has been referred to the State Geographic Board of Minnesota. In examining our lists of the names for lakes, we have found no lake with the name "Variety Lake," which you suggest as an alternate name.

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 of Minnesota 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 lake.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

AJL/U

Cass Co.

Koll
Leo

Chamber of Commerce

Tourist and Travel Bureau

Alexandria, Minnesota

August 12, 1937

RECEIVED
Department of Conservation
Administration
UG 13 1937

Answered

Hon. E. V. Willard
c/o State Conservation Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

The writer noticed in a news item that you are chairman of the State Geographic board which has to do with the naming of various lakes within the state.

The writer spent the past three years on Star Island in Cass Lake and noticed that occasionally, publicity is given to the lake named Lake Helen as being the proper name for the lake located in the center of Star Island in Cass Lake. However, the real name of this lake is Lake Windigo which is used by people on the Island and most Cass Lakers. However, some inaccurate maps and an occasional news-paper item carries the name still as Lake Helen.

If possible the writer would appreciate if your board would take official action on this to see that the name Lake Windigo is used for this lake rather than the other name sometimes used.

Thank you for your kindness in this matter, I remain

LK:SS

Cordially yours,

Leo Koll
Leo Koll
Secretary

U. S. G. B. decision, April 4, 1934, takes care of this -
Lake Windigo, according to the decision

AUG 18 1937

HERMAN C. WENZEL
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION



ROOM 356
STATE OFFICE BLDG.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

August 17, 1937

Mr. Theo. C. Blegen, Superintendent,
State Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Blegen:

The attached letter from Mr. Leo Koll,
Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria, Minnesota,
dealing with the confusion affecting the name of the lake
located in the center of Star Island in Cass Lake, is re-
ferred to you and to the State Geographic Board for attention.

Very truly yours,

E. V. Willard, *E. V. Willard*
Chief Engineer,
Department of Conservation.

EVW:VZK
Att.-1

August 18, 1937

Mr. Leo Koll, Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Alexandria, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Koll:-

Your letter of the twelfth to Mr. E. V. Willard has been sent to Mr. Blegen for reply. Mr. Blegen is secretary of the newly created State Geographic Board. He is away on vacation at present but will be back before the end of the month. There will doubtless be a meeting of the Board before long and this matter of the naming of the lake you mention will be laid before it.

Very truly yours

Chief clerk

August 18, 1937

Mr. E. V. Willard, Chief Engineer
Department of Conservation
Room 356 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Willard:-

In Mr. Blegen's absence I want to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday with its enclosure. Mr. Blegen is away just now but will be back next week and the matter will be taken up by him then.

Very truly yours

Chief clerk

January 17, 1940

Mr. Leo Koll
Chamber of Commerce
Alexandria, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Koll:

From the files of the State Geographic Board it appears that in August, 1937, you had some correspondence with the Board about confusion concerning the name of the lake within Star Island on Cass Lake. At the time of your correspondence action on such matters was deferred until the Board should be fully organized and its policies determined.

Investigation reveals that a decision made by the United States Board on Geographical Names on April 4, 1934, made "Lake Windigo" the official name of the lake, and no further action is necessary. Federal and state map-making agencies are obligated to follow the decision of the national board.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Larsen, Secretary
State Geographic Board

AJL/b

Cass

Re confusion affecting the name of the lake located in the
center of Star Island in Cass Lake, Cass County.

See

Leo Koll to E. V. Willard, 8/12/37

E. V. Willard referred Koll letter to T. C. Blegen, 8/17/37

Cass
Co
E. V. Willard
Gorham Road

M W B - Will you please draw up a report on this?
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Ketcham's Place

C. W. Ketcham, Prop.

On Pickerel Lake

HACKENSACK, MINNESOTA

Feb 29 - 1940

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Dept Drainage & Waters

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

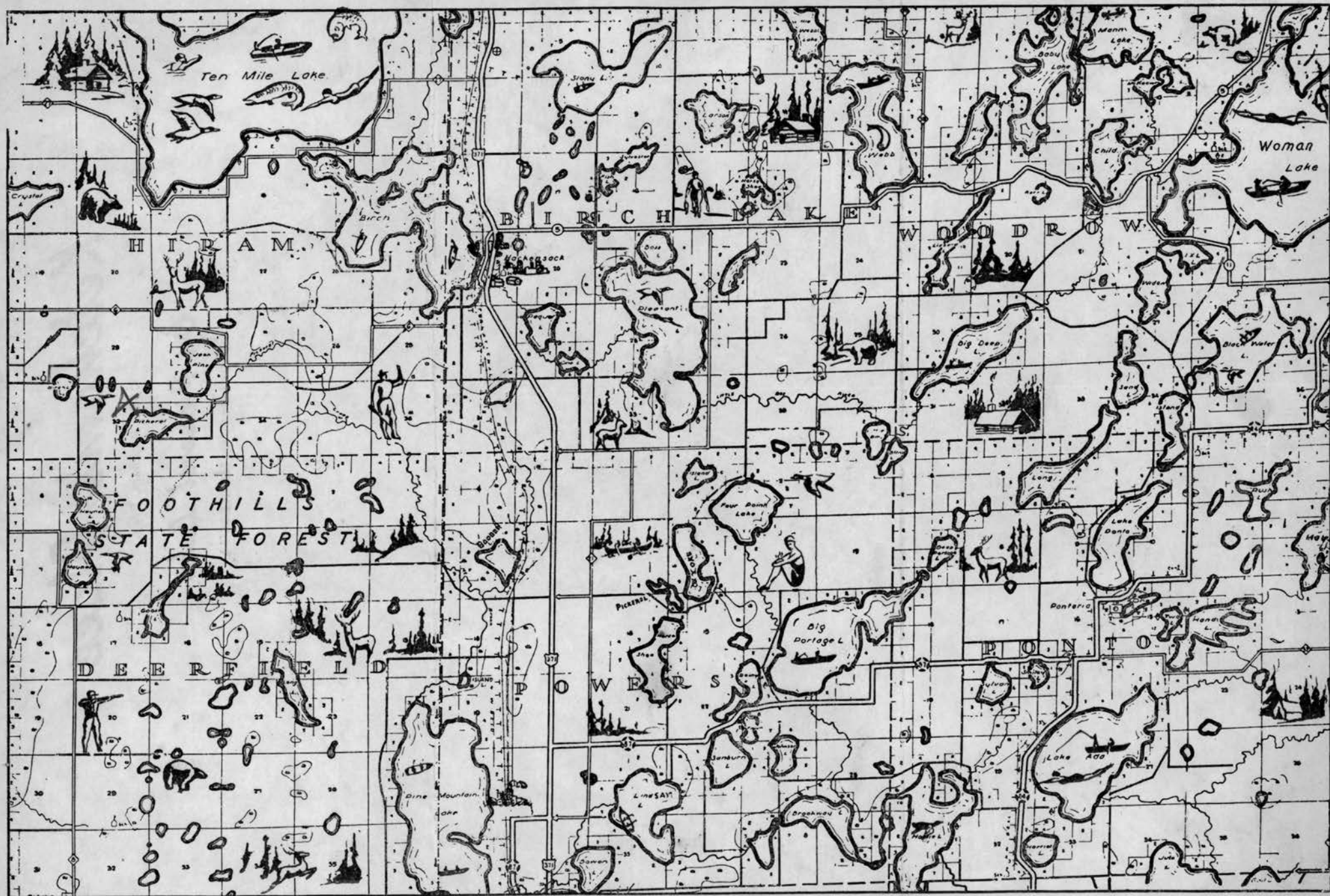
I am located on Pickerel Lake in Sec 33. Township 140 Range 31 Cass County Minn. We have, in past 5 years developed the surrounding's and built up summer resort the property owners on the lake, are desirous of changing the name of the lake, which is such a common name for lakes, we now have 4 lakes of same name in Cass County. The name "Pickerel" leaves the impression with visitors that it contains only fish of that name, and in fact we have NO Pickerel in it. It has Bass Crappie Sunfish Walleye and Northern Pike. We would prefer to name it, "Variety Lake" Will you advise as to necessary steps to take to officially change it.

Yours Truly
C. W. Ketcham
Hackensack Minn

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Walker Pilot, June 7, 1940, p. 1

"The board adopted a resolution to change the name of Pickerel lake in Hiram township to Variety lake for the reason that at least five lakes in Minnesota now bear the former name. Proceedings were started in this matter."

Walker Pilot, June 21, 1940. Official proceedings of board:

WHEREAS, petition has been presented requesting change in name of Pickerel Lake in sec.33, 140-31, Cass County, Minnesota, to Variety Lake, and

WHEREAS, substantial reasons are given for such change in name

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Cass County Board of Commissioners that said Pickerel Lake be designated as Variety Lake, and copy of resolution be sent to the proper authorities with proper authority to change the name of said Pickerel Lake

Carried

March 16, 1940

Mr. C. W. Ketcham
Hackensack, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ketcham:

Your letter of February 29 to the Department of Drainage and Waters, concerning renaming Pickerel Lake in sec. 33, township 140, range 31, has been forwarded to me as secretary of the State Geographic Board.

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 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.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Larsen, Secretary
State Geographic Board

March 16, 1940

Mr. L. C. Peterson, County Auditor
Walker, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Peterson:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. C. W. Ketcham,
of Hackensack, in regard to the renaming of a lake in Cass
County.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Larsen, Secretary
State Geographic Board

Ketcham's Place

C. W. Ketcham, Prop.

On Pickerel Lake

HACKENSACK, MINNESOTA

November 7th 1940

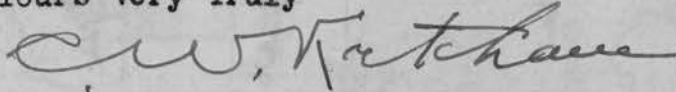
Dept, Drainage & Waters

St Paul Minn

Dear sirs;-

On June 4th the County Board of Commisioners acted favorably on an application to change the name of Pickerel Lake, located in Sec 33 Township 140 Range 31, ^{Cass Co} the new name selected was to be Variety Lake, since then we have not heard any thing from it, can your office give us and information as to what action has been taken on this matter.

Yours Very Truly



Hackensack Minn

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WILLIAM L. STRUNK,
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

St. PAUL, MINN.

November 14, 1940

Mr. A. J. Larson,
Secretary, State Geographic Board,
Historical Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

As per our telephone conversation, I am enclosing a letter from Mr. C. W. Ketcham of Hackensack, Minnesota, relative to a change in the name of Pickerel Lake, Cass County.

Yours very truly,

Walter S. Olson, Director
Division of Drainage & Waters

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Encl.



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November 20, 1940

Mr. C. W. Ketcham
Hackensack, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ketcham:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 7 addressed to the Department of Drainage and Waters in the Department of Conservation.

We have not received any communication whatsoever from the Board of County Commissioners of Cass County with regard to the action of the Board on the petition to change the name of Pickerel Lake to Variety Lake. An investigation of the newspapers, however, shows that your statement is correct and that in the official proceedings of the Board, the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners is printed in full.

There is to be a meeting of the State Geographic Board of Minnesota on Monday, December 2, at three o'clock in the afternoon at which a number of important matters will be brought up for consideration. If you can get the auditor of Cass County to send me a certified copy of that resolution before the meeting takes place, I shall be glad to see that it is brought up for action before the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

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L. C. PETERSON, AUDITOR
W. T. MCKEOWN, TREASURER
C. E. MERRY, SHERIFF

L. P. PETERSON, REGISTER OF DEEDS
A. K. MCPHERSON, CLERK OF COURT
J. W. WICKLUND, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

EDWARD L. ROGERS, ATTORNEY
A. B. OLIVER, JUDGE OF PROBATE
E. M. THOMAS, CORONER

County of Cass
State of Minnesota

OFFICE OF
L. C. Peterson
AUDITOR

WALKER, MINN.

GLADYS C. ALSOP
DEPUTY AUDITOR

November 23, 1940.

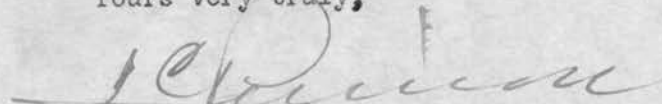
Arthur J. Larsen,
Secretary, State Geographic Board,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Dear Sir;

My attention has been called to action taken by the Cass County Board of Commissioners on June 4, 1940 wherein presented petition of C.W.Ketcham, et al was considered covering request for change of name of Pickerel Lake in Cass County to Variety Lake.

Our records disclose that petition was favorably acted upon and it is the belief that steps were taken to have copies of the resolution forwarded to the proper parties to consider such resolution and change in name of the lake. However, it is possible this office misplaced said resolution and they did not reach their proper destination.

We are therefore enclosing copy of the resolution certified by the writer as County Auditor and trust this will receive the proper consideration at the meeting on December 2, 1940.

Yours very truly,


Auditor of Cass County.

November 26, 1940

Mr. L. G. Peterson
Auditor of Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Peterson:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 23, enclosing the copy of the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners approving the change of name of Pickerel Lake, in Section 33, Township 140, Range 31, to Variety Lake. This resolution will be presented to the State Geographic Board at its meeting on Monday, December 2.

With many thanks for your co-operation, I am

Sincerely yours,

AJL/U

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

December 9, 1940

Mr. L. C. Peterson
County Auditor, Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Peterson:

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.

Sincerely,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board

AJL/B

December 9, 1940

Mr. C. W. Ketcham
Hackensack, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ketcham:

The State Geographic Board at a meeting on December 2, 1940, approved the resolution of the Cass County Board of Commissioners changing the name of Pickerel Lake to Variety Lake

The resolution with the endorsement of approval by the State Geographic Board will be sent to the register of deeds of Cass County, and the United States Board on Geographic Names, as well as various map-making agencies in the state, will be notified of the action of the State Geographic Board.

The State Geographic Board would like to have for its records further information about the origin of the name "Variety Lake." Was it so named for the variety of fish species in it, or for some other reason? Who suggested the name?

We shall be grateful if you will send us this information.

Sincerely,

Secretary, State Geographic Board

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Ketcham's Place

DEC 12 1940

C. W. Ketcham, Prop.

On Pickerel Lake

HACKENSACK, MINNESOTA

December 11 1940

Mr Arthur J. Larson

Sec, State Geographic Board

My Dear Mr Larson;

I want to thank you for the information I requested, regarding the change in name of Pickerel Lake,

This Lake is a beautiful lake ,but we were not pleased with that name Pickerel as, it cheapened the lake, and as the lake has about every specie of fish in it that is found in the Northern Lakes, I suggested the name "Variety" and every one on lake except one, agreed this one wanted to name it after his daughter,

On behalf of the residents on lake I want to thank yourself and the Board for its favorable action,

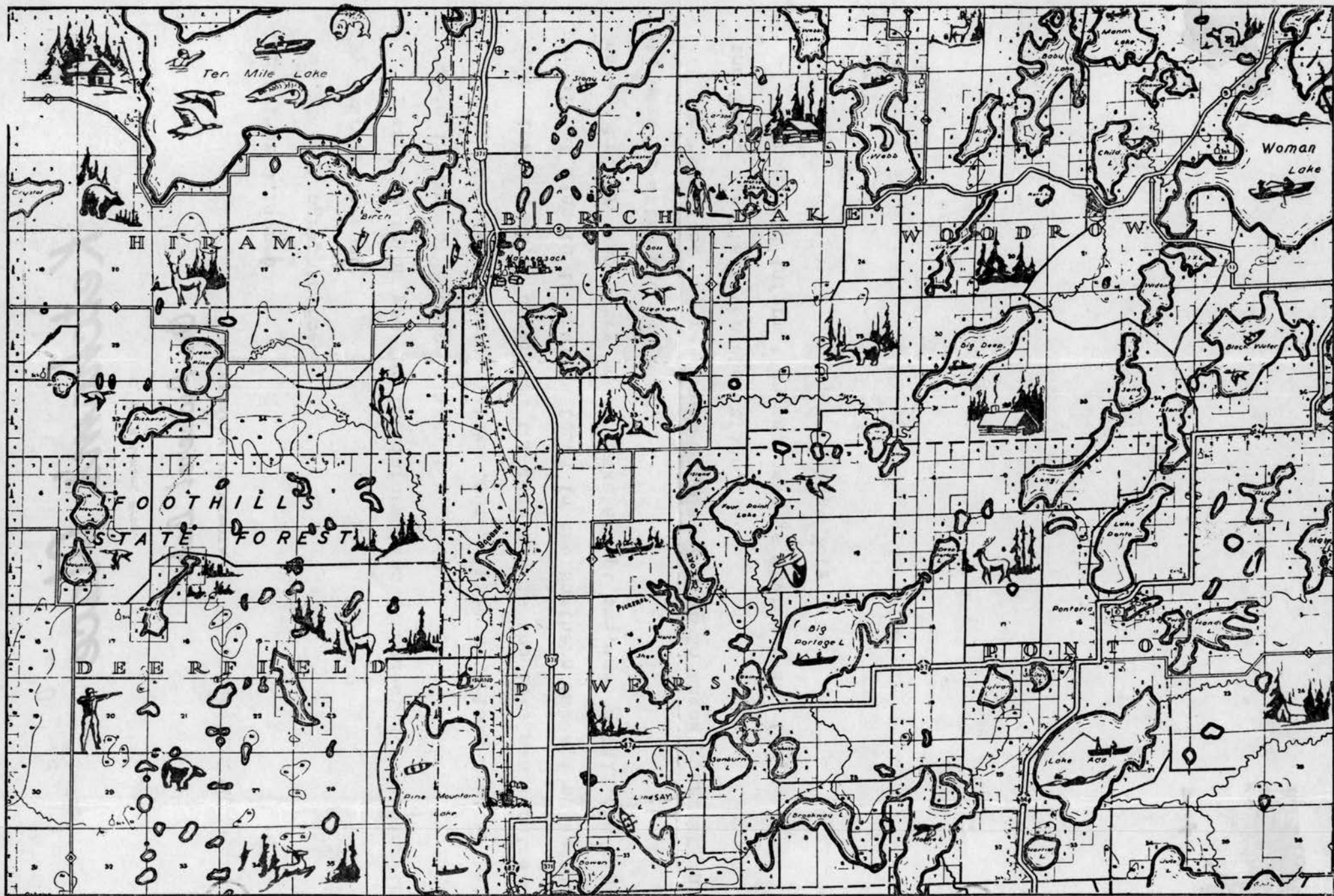
I trust the information enclosed is what you ask for,

Yours Very Truly

CW Ketcham



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."Where Hospitality Rules"

February 3, 1941

Mr. L. C. Peterson
County Auditor, Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Peterson:

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

Very truly yours,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board

AJL/B

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Cass County:

The State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board accept the following names for geographic features located in Cass 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 Cass County Board of Commissioners.

- AHSEBUN LAKE** (not Coon Lake): T.140 N., R.25 W., secs.13,24. Coon Lake is used on most maps, and it has been used by local residents for the past fifteen years, but the name is duplicated in this area. The name Ahsebun is derived from the Chippewa Indian name meaning coon, and is recommended to reduce duplication and to substitute an appropriate Indian name.
- GADBOLT LAKE** (not Horseshoe Lake): T.141 N., R.31 W., secs.22,27. Horseshoe Lake is used by some authorities, but it is not used locally. The lake has always been known as Gadbolt Lake, for the first settler and homesteader near the lake.
- HOVDE LAKE** (not Stocking Lake): T.141 N., R.30 W., secs.22,23,26,27. Stocking Lake is used by some authorities, but it is not recognized locally. There is another Stocking Lake some two miles east of this lake. Hovde Lake, for a settler who had property on the lake shore, is the only name used locally. Hovde is recommended to establish the recognized name and to avoid duplication of Stocking.
- WABEGON LAKE** (not Mud Lake): T.142 N., R.30 W., secs.21,28. Mud Lake is the name in common use. Wabegon Lake, derived from a Chippewa word meaning mud, is recommended to reduce duplication of Mud and to establish an appropriate Indian name. The lake has a muck bottom.
- WAHNEESHIN LAKE** (not Lost Lake): T.142 N., R.26 W., secs.15,22. The lake is usually known as Lost Lake, because the first white man to see the lake, it is said, was lost in the vicinity for several days. Wahneschin, an Indian word meaning lost, is recommended to reduce duplication of Lost Lake and to substitute an Indian word of equivalent meaning.
- WAX LAKE** (not Beauty Lake): T.141 N., R.27 W., secs.13,24. Beauty Lake appears on some maps, but it is not used locally. The local name is Wax Lake, for John Wax, who whomesteaded about 1905 and lived near the lake for twenty-five years.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Secretary

MW Bentel
Will you please draw
up a letter? ASL

February 6, 1941

Mr. John T. Pewters
262 Carroll Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: Long Lake No. 2 - Cass County

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 2, 1941, addressed to the Minnesota State Geographic Board, relative to the above-named lake, has been received by this Division.

We are referring your letter to Mr. Arthur J. Larsen, Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, for his attention.

Yours very truly

Walter S. Olson, Director
Div. of Drainage & Waters

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CC: Mr. Arthur J. Larsen ✓

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JOHN T. PEWTERS, Grand Lodge Deputy

282 Carroll Avenue

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Telephone, Elkhurst 0685



Minnesota State Geographic Board,
State Office Building,
St Paul, Minn.

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New Orleans, La.
February 2nd 1941.

Gentlemen:

It is stated that geographers have listed ninety-nine lakes in Minnesota that are named Long Lake.

In lower Cass County, in the Township of Ponto, about eight miles East of Backus and about two miles North of the intersection of State Highways Nos. 87 and 84, lays Long Lake No. 2.

There are two summer resorts located on the shores of Long Lake No. 2, and many other property owners have improved their lake shore land with summer homes, and still others with all-weather structures.

There is another Long Lake located on U.S No. 371 South of us, near Gull Lake, and often out of State friends of ours get confused and stop there in looking for us.

We desire very much to have the name of Long Lake No. 2 changed.

I have discussed the subject with the majority of those who own improved property fronting on Long Lake No. 2, and their choose the name of Pinecrest Lake as a substitute. The name is a befitting one as some of the pines along the shores are more than two hundred years old.

Please advise me as to how we may petition your Board to make this change of names possible.

Very truly yours,

John T. Pewters,
282 Carroll Ave,
St Paul, Minn.

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T.139,140, R.29, sec. 4, 5, 33

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Long on map

February 25, 1941

Mr. John T. Pewters
282 Carroll Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Pewters:

In accordance with your request in your letter of February 2 to the State Geographic Board for information as to the procedure to be followed in changing the name of a lake in Cass County, I am enclosing a sheet of instructions based upon chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws of Minnesota for 1937, and a copy of a blank petition such as the State Geographic Board recommends for use in the changing of names of lakes.

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 State Geographic Board will be glad to act upon your request at its first meeting following the receipt of the resolution.

The lake to which you refer, in T.139,140 N., R.29 W., secs. 4, 5, 33, is named Long Lake on some maps and Pickerel Lakes on others. Both names are duplicated many times in Minnesota. "Pinecrest Lake," which you suggest as a new name for the lake, should be acceptable, for, so far as the Board's files show, there is no other Pinecrest Lake in the state.

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

Sincerely yours,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board

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March 14, 1944

Mr. L. C. Peterson, County Auditor
Walker, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Peterson:

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

Since the name changes mentioned in the petition were submitted to the state board only after local opinion had been determined by the United States Forest Service, local acceptance of the names 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 names and forward a copy of the resolution to the state board for endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board
Historical Building, St. Paul

B/d

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Cass County:

The State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board accept the following names for geographic features located in Cass 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 Cass County Board of Commissioners.

WEGWOS LAKE (not Birch Lake): T.140 N., R.31 W., secs.30,31. The lake is named Birch Lake on county and state maps. The State Geographic Board accepted the name Wegwos to avoid confusion with another Birch Lake in the same township. Wegwos is a Chippewa Indian word meaning "white birch."

WAWA LAKE (not Goose Lake nor Mud Lake): T.141 N., R.29 W., secs.9,10,15,16. Goose Lake and Mud Lake are both used on various maps. The State Geographic Board accepted the name Wawa, a Chippewa Indian word meaning "goose," to reduce the large number of Mud and Goose lakes in the state.

GIJIK LAKE (not Cedar Lake): T.141 N., R.28 W., secs.25,36. Cedar Lake has been used on some maps. The lake is partly surrounded by cedar trees. The State Geographic Board accepted the name Gijik, a Chippewa Indian word meaning "cedar tree," to reduce the number of Cedar lakes in the state.

ODODIKOSI LAKE (not Kidney Lake): T.141 N., R.26 W., sec.8. The name Kidney Lake has been in use for this lake for about 25 years, but U. S. foresters found no objection to the use of the proposed name after interviewing local officials and other residents. Ododikossi is the shortened form of a Chippewa Indian word meaning "kidney." The State Geographic Board accepted Ododikossi to avoid further duplication of the name Kidney.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

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Historical Building, St. Paul

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April 5, 1944.

Lewis Beeson,
Secretary, State Geographic Board,
Historical Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Dear Sir;

Attached is a copy of a resolution adopted by the
Cass County Board of Commissioners as to approval of names
of certain geographic features in Cass County.

Yours very truly,

L. C. Peterson
Auditor of Cass County.

*Approved by State Board
May 2, 1944*

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Resolution;

Whereas, the State Geographic Board has submitted information as proposed naming of certain geographic features located in Cass County, said names having been submitted to the State Geographic Board by the Supervisor of the Chippewa National Forest.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Cass County Board of Commissioners of the County of Cass, State of Minnesota that said names be approved as submitted and as follows;

WEGWOS LAKE (not Birch Lake) Secs. 30 and 31, 140, 31

WAWA Lake (not Goose Lake nor Mud Lake) Secs. 9, 10, 15, 16, T. 141, 29

GIJIK LAKE (not Cedar Lake) Secs. 25, 36 T. 141, 28

ODODIKOSSI LAKE (not Kidney Lake) Sec. 8, 141, 26

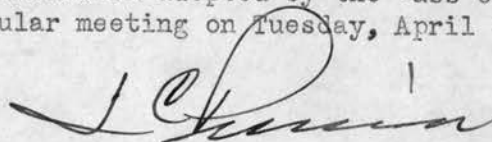
The motion was made by Commissioner Mohler and seconded by Commissioner Goss and duly carried.

Attest;



L.C. Peterson,
Cass County Auditor.
April 4, 1944.

The above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Cass County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 1944.



April 14, 1944

Mr. L. C. Peterson, Auditor
Cass County
Walker, Minnesota

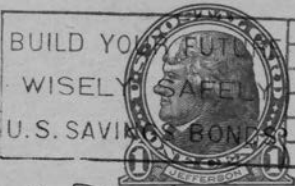
Dear Mr. Peterson:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution adopted by the Cass County Board of Commissioners approving names of certain geographical features in Cass County. The resolution will be consider at the next meeting of the State Geographical Board.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Superintendent

LBe/hc



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

State Geographical Dept.
St. Paul 1
Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Please send me all the information you have about changing the name of a lake. I own 74 1/2 acres on Lake Hardy in Cass County, Homebrook township and wish the name change because of a lake near me bearing the same name.

Sincerely

LOUIS A. KAAR

CHICAGO 51, ILL. 1132 N. LEAMINGTON AVE

Cass County

September 9, 1947

Mr. Louis A. Kaar
1132 Legmington Avenue
Chicago 51, Illinois

My dear Mr. Kaar:

In response to your request for information on the changing of the name of a lake, I am enclosing a sheet of instructions for naming or changing names of lakes and streams in Minnesota, and a blank petition to be filled out and presented to the county board of the county in which the lake is located.

If you wish any further information on the subject, please do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely yours,

CARLTON C. QUALEY
Secretary

By
Deputy to the secretary

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