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November 4, 1960

Mrs. Thelma A. Johnson
County Auditor
Center City, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Mr. Frellsen of the Division of Waters has forwarded to us his recommendations concerning a petition to name Pioneer Lake, a meandered section of North Center Lake.

In order to become official the new name would have to be approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board. The Session Laws of 1937 (chapter 63) governing the board's activities read in part as follows: "No County Board shall order the change or establish the name of any lake, river, or other body of water without the written approval of the State Geographic Board ..." The State Board's rulings are in turn passed on to the United States Board on Geographic Names, whose decisions are binding throughout the country.

If your petitioners wish to have this lake named officially, it will be necessary for you to furnish us with a copy of the original petition, proof of publication of notice of hearing, and two certified copies of the resolutions of the Chisago County Board of Commissioners dealing with this matter.

Enclosed for your files is an outline of the procedure to be followed in officially naming or renaming bodies of water in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure



STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1

June 17, 1960

Ms Thelma A. Johnson,
County Auditor
Center City, Minnesota

Re: Naming of Lake
E $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 27-34-20
Chisago County

Dear Madam:

This is in response to and will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13, 1960, the copy of petition dated October 13, 1959, and certification of date of hearing thereon and publication of notice of hearing dated June 13, 1960, which were attached.

In compliance with M.S.A. Section 378.05, I submit the following:

FINDINGS:

- (1) That the proposed name, Pioneer, is not used, so far as I can determine, for any other lake in the state.
- (2) That this lake (which is considered to be a part of the public waters of the State of Minnesota and which has an area of 68 acres as shown on the U.S. Geological Survey, Forest Lake, Minnesota-Wisconsin, 1955 Quadrangle Map), at the time of the Government Land Office survey in 1848, was meandered with and considered to be a part of North Center, then called Big Lake, but has since that time become separated from it by a narrow strip of land now, and for many years past, used as a public roadway.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the name "Pioneer" be adopted by the County Board.

I have above made the findings and recommendations required, but I should like to point out that these should be requested and be in the hands of the County Board prior to the public hearing upon the petition to name or change the name of a lake. The purpose,

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it appears, is to make available to the Board any data on file here which may have a bearing on its consideration of the petition.

Yours very truly,

Sidney A. Frelsen, Director

Division of Waters



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CC- State Geographic Board ✓
c/o Mrs. June Holmquist, Actg. Secy.