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May 8, 1963

Mr. I. I. Swanson
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Commissioner Prout has referred your letter of April 22 to this office for reply. The procedure for changing the name of a lake in Minnesota is somewhat involved. The enclosed sheets will outline it for you.

In the case of Worm Lake, however, we wish to advise you that under the present law the Minnesota Geographic Board would not have the power to change this name. The Board is prohibited from changing established names that have been in use for more than 40 years. According to our records Worm Lake has been firmly established for this body of water for well over 60 years. Thus it cannot be changed under present Minnesota law.


Sincerely,

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

JDH:pns

cc to Commissioner Prout

June - Please reply to this. The Geog. Bd.
seems to be bouncing back our way
Russ



STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1

April 22, 1963

Mr. I. L. Swanson
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Grant

Dear Mr. Swanson:

I have your inquiry of April 18 regarding the legal procedures pertaining to changing the name of Worm Lake.

Mr. Russell Fridley, Director of the Minnesota State Historical Society, is the Secretary of the Minnesota Geographic Board and I am asking him to send you a detailed statement regarding the various steps that are necessary to bring this matter before the Board. You will note from his statement that the action of the Minnesota Geographic Board is also reviewed and needs to be approved by the National Geographic Board in order to fully complete the change of name.

Very truly yours

Clarence Prout
Commissioner of Conservation

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CC/R. Fridley ✓
Enc.

I. L. SWANSON
ELBOW LAKE, MINN.

A. L. SWANSON
DETROIT LAKES, MINN.

LAW OFFICES OF
SWANSON BROTHERS
ELBOW LAKE, MINN.
DETROIT LAKES, MINN.

REFER REPLY TO: ELBOW LAKE, MINN. OFFICE

April 18, 1963

Conservation Department
State Office Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

The lake which surrounds the Village of Elbow Lake is named Worm Lake. It is desired to have this name changed. What are the proceedings in connection with having that officially done.

Yours very truly,

I. L. SWANSON

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