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September 10, 1951

Miss Mary W. Berthel  
204 Historical Building  
Minnesota State Geographic Board  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Berthel:

Enclosed are copies of letters addressed to the respective County Auditors of Brown and Redwood Counties requesting that they submit to the respective Boards of County Commissioners the matter embodied in the letters addressed to them. We hope that the County Boards will act favorably on <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ suggestion.

Should either or both do so we trust that the Minnesota State Geographic Board will give early consideration to the matter and render a decision.

A ruling from the Board at an early date will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. R. Staffeld".

P. R. Staffeld, Acting Manager  
Highway Planning Survey

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cc: H. E. Swanson  
P. J. McCauley  
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Geographic Board

September 7, 1951

Mr. Ira R. Rogers  
County Auditor  
Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This section of the Minnesota Highway Department has as one of its functions the making of county maps showing roads, man-made culture, streams and lakes. One such map of Brown County has been made and a print sent to Mr. C. N. Robertson, County Highway Engineer, on January 22, 1951.

We have just written to Mr. Schmid, County Auditor of Brown County, citing conflicting names for two streams in that County and requesting him to present to the Board of Commissioners a suggestion that they request the Minnesota State Geographic Board to make a ruling as to which are the names whereby these streams are to be called.

Since one of the streams extends into Redwood County it may be that the Board of Commissioners may also wish to make a similar request.

The stream in question as far as Redwood County is concerned is the one entering Redwood County in TWP. 110 R. 34 and extending in a westerly direction thru some five townships. We have shown it as Sleepy Eye Creek, but the lower part in Brown County, Mr. Robertson, County Engineer said should be called the "North Branch of the Big Cottonwood River". A resident of your county, Mr. Herman Schultz living in Sec. 36 T. 110 R. 34 states that up until 15 years or so ago it was known as the "North Branch of the Big Cottonwood River". Mr. Kragh, one of your County Commissioners states that it is called Sleepy Eye Creek.

The following is an excerpt from our letter to Mr. C. E. Schmid, of Brown County stating the situation because of which a ruling is needed.

"The stream immediately to the southwest and north of the Village of Sleepy Eye and draining Sleepy Eye Lake should be named, according to Mr. Robertson, Sleepy Eye Creek. Mr. Robertson's authority for this name is the Government Plat of TWP 109, R. 33 of the land survey made in 1858. This creek is not named on any source of information that we have; it is now a part of Judicial Ditch number 1 of Redwood and Brown County, the outcome of a petition filed in the Redwood County Auditor's office on July 2, 1917; The stream in T. 109, R. 33, making a junction with the Big Cottonwood River in Section 11 of the above numbered township, is said by Mr. Robertson to be called "North Branch of Big Cottonwood River". Mr. N. H. Winchell, in his "Geology of Minnesota" in 1882, named this stream as Sleepy Eye Creek; Furthermore, a resident, Mr. Herman Schultz, residing

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near the south line of Section 36, T. 110, R. 34, Redwood County, who is now about 71 years old and who has lived in the same house all his life, states that it was called "North Branch of the Big Cottonwood River" up "until about 15 years ago". This implies that it is now called by a different name; On the other hand, Mr. Kragh, a resident of Morgan and a member of the Redwood County Board of Commissioners for the last 25 years, states he has always heard it named Sleepy Eye Creek."

Since, matters of this sort are usually referred to the Minnesota State Geographic Board by the Board of County Commissioners, usually with a resolution requesting that a ruling be made, we are asking that you present this request to the County Board at their next meeting.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS



P. R. Staffeld, Acting Manager  
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Red wood County

See rolled map of this county.

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