

**October 2008 Petition to name Lake ID # 52-1 (Unnamed)  
"Lake Hallett"**

**1) Lake ID # 52-1 is located in Nicollet County in Saint Peter Minnesota at Latitude/Longitude: 44.33833333/-93.95247222**

**2) Lake ID # 52-1 has been known as "Lake Hallett," "Hallett's Pond," "Hallett's Pit," "the Pit" and "the Pond". The Department of Natural Resources has designated it a Public Waters Wetland.**

**3) We would like Lake ID #52-1 to be named "Lake Hallett" after E. W. Hallett (1882-1983). This site was one of the first mines of E.W. Hallett's, now multinational company, Hallett's Construction.**

**4) As registered voters of Nicollet County we would like to clear up confusion about references to and clarify the status of this body of water as a Public Protected Water of the State of Minnesota. Other designated Wetlands in Nicollet County include Sand Lake, Zwinggi Lake and Spring Lake.**

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**Signature**

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

Petition to Name a Lake in Nicollet County  
February 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 11:00 A.M.  
Nicollet County Board Room Nicollet County Government Center  
St. Peter Minnesota

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN NICOLLET COUNTY

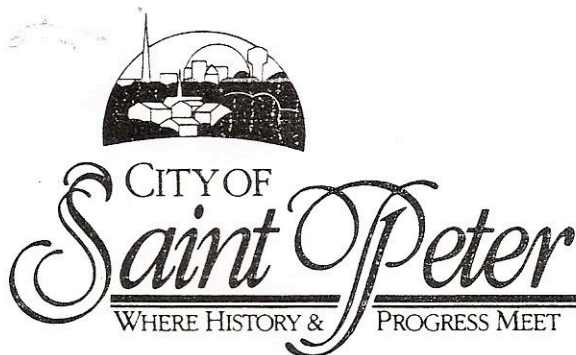
The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners will meet in the County Board Room of the Nicollet County Government Center at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 to consider a petition filed with the County Auditor-Treasurer to name a lake in the E½ of NE1/4 of Section 16 Township 110 Range 26, City of St. Peter. The desired name proposed is "Lake Hallet".

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, That all interested persons may appear and be heard and present arguments for or against the granting of this petition.

Dated at St. Peter, Minnesota this 23rd day of January 2009.

Bridgette Kennedy, Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer





Office of  
City Administrator

February 11, 2009

Nicollet County Commissioners  
Nicollet County Courthouse  
501 South Minnesota Avenue  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Re: Petition For Hallett's Pond Name Change

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input relative to the renaming of Hallett's Pond to Lake Hallett. The City of Saint Peter believes that a change of this type provides no benefit to the County, City or its citizens.

Parcels of land that are included as a one-time gravel pit are owned by specific property owners including the City of Saint Peter and others. The City owns the vast majority of the land and has plans for the surrounding property that includes a trail, dock and improved access. As supported by the Saint Peter Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City Council, there are no plans for the purchase of additional land to expand the City park system and we do not believe that a change in the name will enhance opportunities for grant funding should others pursue it. Please also know that this will not change the Parks Plan or the Comprehensive (land use) Plan for the City.

A change in the name may further confuse future users about the exact legal nature of the body of water as a Class 5 Wetland. We wonder whether the County or other instrumentality of the State has standing to change the name of property that the State or other State instrumentally has no underlying property right in. The State or its instrumentalities certainly may name streets, rivers, and/or bodies of water that it owns, but this property is held privately by multiple owners. This fact makes the application of this renaming process one that should be investigated further.

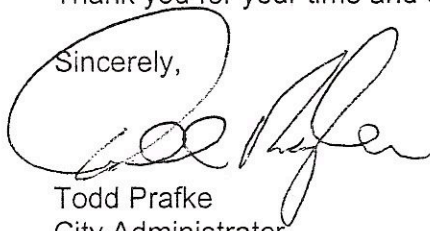
The City of Saint Peter and its Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, as the owner of the majority of the shore and underlying property, continued the use of "Hallett's Pond" even when asked to use alternative names. The Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce, a member based organization representing business interests, has used the name "Hallett's Pond" in its promotional advertisement publications. The Nicollet County Sheriff's Office has referred to the site as "Hallett's Pond" in its advertisements for the annual Polar Bear Plunge. Maps prepared by municipal, county and state agencies, have identified the body of water as "Hallett's Pond". Any assertion that there is confusion about the name or use of the Pond has been substantially overstated.

The City further believes that a change in the name has additional incremental costs including changing the mapping at City, County and State levels.

Lastly, the current name, "Hallett's Pond", pays appropriate respect to the history of the family and company that mined gravel there. It seems clear that no matter the name that is applied to this accidentally constructed, manmade body of water, the historic name of Hallett's Pond will remain its most used descriptor. It is unlikely that any change will impact our local, common language use. A name change will add confusion to what you all know as Hallett's Pond.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the process.

Sincerely,

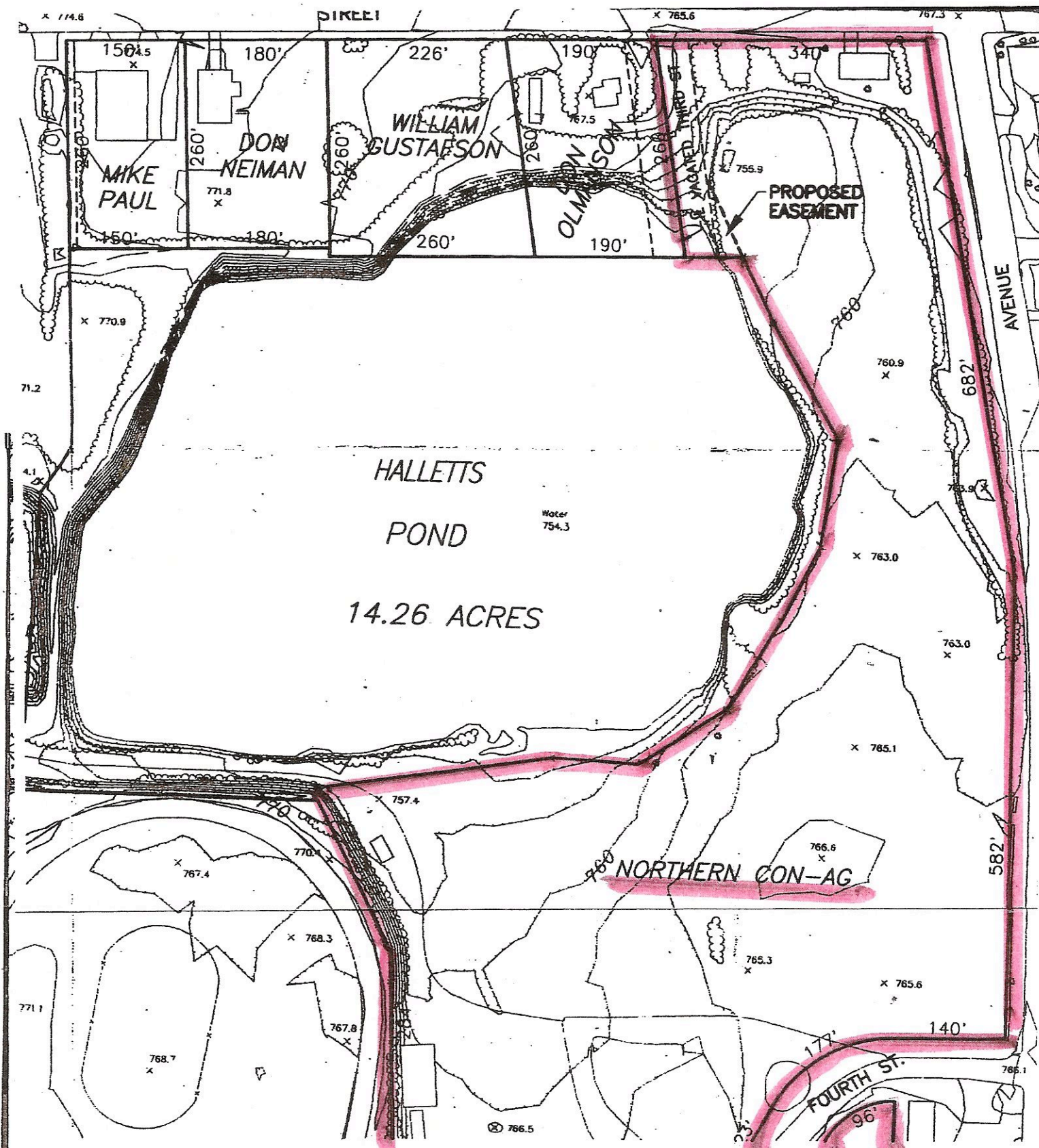
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Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

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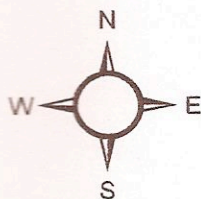
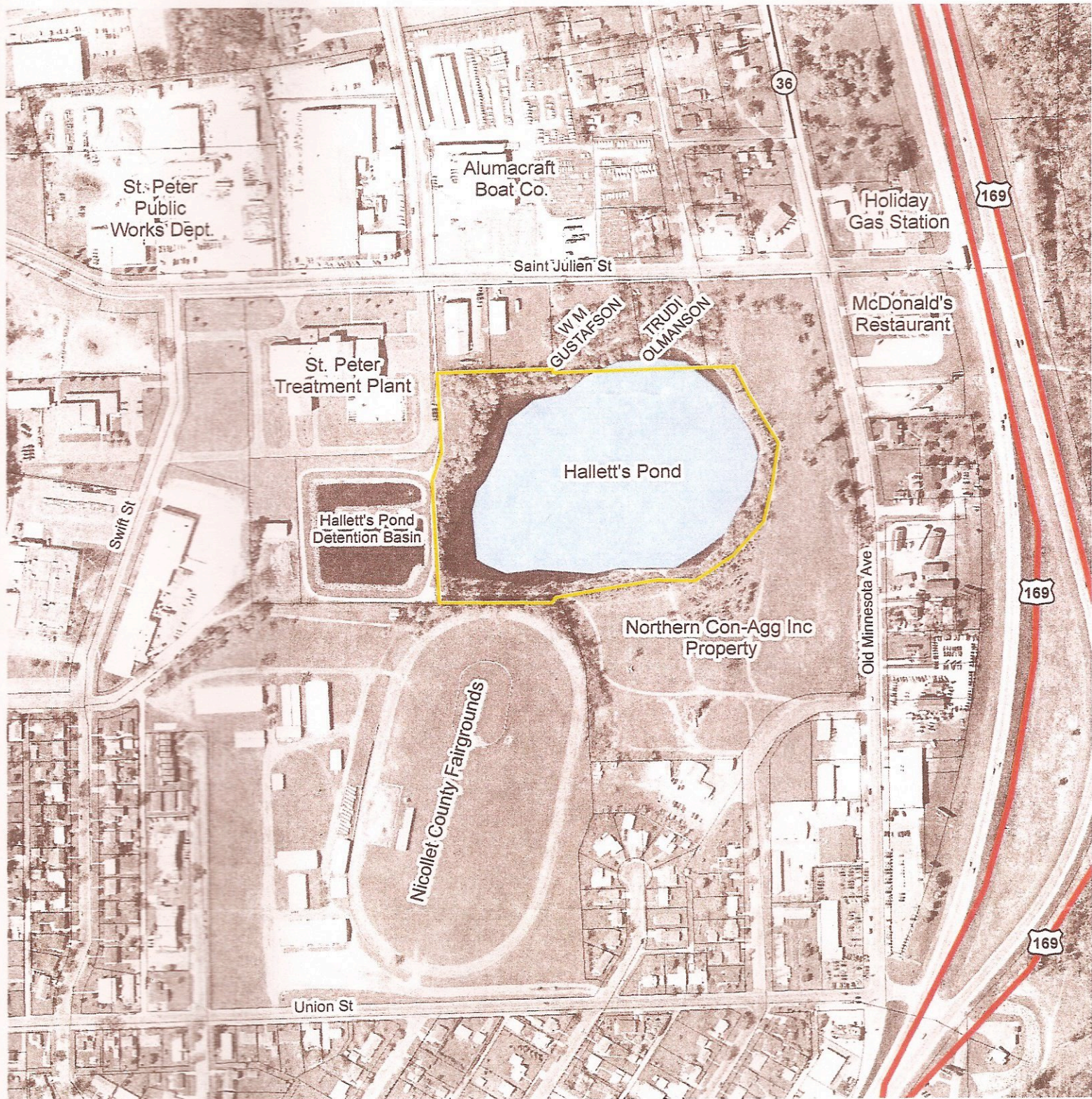




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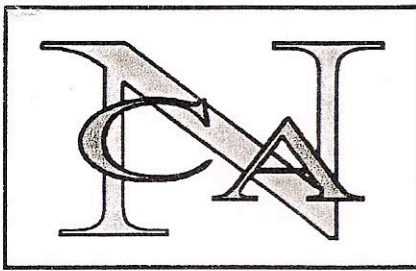


# Hallett's Pond Area



1 inch = 400 feet





*C. Commissioners*  
*Mandy L.*  
*Bridgette K.*  
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*Mike Riley*

February 16, 2009

Nicollet County Board of Commissioners  
501 South Minnesota Avenue  
St. Peter, MN 56082

To: Chairman of County Board of Commissioners, Nicollet County

As an adjacent land owner to the body of water being considered for a name change to "Lake Hallet" and as the past owner of most of the pond, we request that the name of the pond now owned mostly by the City of St. Peter be continued in its traditional name of "Hallet Pond". The word pond is much more descriptive of the body of water than the word lake. We see no justification to change the name to "Lake Hallet".

Sincerely,

Joseph Egan  
President  
Northern Con-Agg, LLP

## NICOLLET COUNTY RECEIPT

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ASSOCIATION

2/27/2009

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Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer

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## BRIEFS

### County Board says no to Lake Hallett

**ST. PETER** — A petition to officially name a small body of water in St. Peter was rejected Tuesday by the Nicollet County Board.

The Lake Hallett Association had requested that the informally named Hallett's Pond receive the name Lake Hallett to distinguish it from its generic state designation as Lake 52-1.

The Board recommended that the city of St. Peter could suggest a name because the city has assumed possession of the pond, but City Administrator Todd Prafke said a name change likely would result in additional confusion regarding the body of water and surrounding land uses.

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### The Valley

A news brief on Page B1 Thursday identified Hallett's Pond in St. Peter as being in the city's possession. The pond is on city land, but the body of water itself is under the auspices of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.







# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-40

January 28, 2009

Ms. Bridgette Kennedy  
Nicollet County Auditor-Treasurer  
Nicollet County Government Center  
501 S Minnesota Avenue  
St. Peter, MN 56082

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Thank you for the notice of a public hearing on February 24, 2009 to consider a petition to rename a lake in your county. The following is offered as findings and recommendations pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 83A.07 subd. 2.


The subject basin, DNR ID number 52-1 wetland, is located in Section 16, Township 110 North, Range 26 West in the city of St. Peter and is presently unnamed according to the DNR Public Waters Inventory for Nicollet County (1987). The petitioners are seeking to name the basin "Lake Hallett" after E.W. Hallett who passed away in 1983.

There is no geographic feature named "Hallett" in the state of Minnesota according to the U.S. Geological Survey's Geographic Names Information System. "Lake Hallett" would be a unique geographic name for Minnesota, and would be acceptable to the DNR.

According to M.S. 83A.06, legal voters in Nicollet County may propose different names for the lake during the public hearing. If the county board should favor an alternative name, please check the DNR Public Waters Inventory for Nicollet County for potential duplication before adopting the alternative name in the form of a resolution.

For further assistance with your public hearing, please contact Pete Boulay of my staff. Pete can be reached by telephone at 651-296-4214, or by e-mail [Peter.Boulay@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:Peter.Boulay@dnr.state.mn.us) to discuss this further.

Sincerely,  
DNR Waters

  
Kent Lokkesmoe  
Director

Cc: Regional Manager  
Leo Getsfried Area Hydrologist  
Pete Boulay

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