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**Instructions:** See page 2 for naming guidelines. Send form and inquiries to the above address.

**Geographic Feature Information**

Description of Feature – Include size (acres), length (miles) or population, etc. <u>Lake 2 1/2 Acres</u>	Recommended Name of Feature <u>Bosak lake</u>
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Other Names or Spellings in Use: <u>Baker lake</u> <u>Bosak lake</u>	By Whom: (Name and Address) _____
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Reason for this Proposal – Identify Problem and Need (Attach supplementary sheet if necessary)

attached sheet

Origin and Significance of Recommended Name – Attach Supporting Documents (resolution, historical data, etc.)

attached sheet

Feature Location	DNR Use Only	
County <u>Polk</u>	Lat. ____ ° ____ ' ____ " Long. ____ ° ____ ' ____ "	
Stream	Lat. ____ ° ____ ' ____ " Long. ____ ° ____ ' ____ "	
Heads: Sec. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E / W	Lat. ____ ° ____ ' ____ " Long. ____ ° ____ ' ____ "	
Ends: Sec. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E / W	Lat. ____ ° ____ ' ____ " Long. ____ ° ____ ' ____ "	
Lake, Village, etc.	Lat. ____ ° ____ ' ____ " Long. ____ ° ____ ' ____ "	
Secs. <u>34</u> , T <u>37</u> N, R <u>16</u> <del>E</del> W	USGS Quad. Name	Index Number
Secs. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E / W		
(or locate by landmarks and attach map)		

**Applicant Information**

Name <u>Avis Turner</u>	Agency _____	Telephone Number (include area code) <u>715-472-8221</u>	
<u>William Bosak</u>	City <u>Frederic</u>	State <u>WI</u>	ZIP Code <u>54831</u>
Address <u>2929 90<sup>th</sup> St.</u>		Date Signed <u>July 18, 2014</u>	
Signature of Applicant <u>William F. Bosak</u>			

DNR Use Only – Map Search and Field Investigation		
Name of Map or Other Reference	Date of Ref.	Name Given Feature
Person Contacted	Address	Occupation
Special Concerns		
Findings and Recommendation		
Signature of Investigator		Date Signed



Resolution No. 46-14

Resolution to Approve Name Change of Baker Lake to Bosak Lake in Section 34 Clam Falls Township, Polk County in Support of Application for Geographic Name Change

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1 WHEREAS, the County of Polk has received notice of an application filed by William Bosak on  
2 behalf of the William Bosak Jr. and Avis B. Turner Trust with the Wisconsin Department of  
3 Natural Resources and Wisconsin Geographic Names Council to change the name of Baker Lake,  
4 located in Section 34, Township 37 N Range 16 W, Town of Clam Falls, to "Bosak Lake"; and

5 WHEREAS, Baker Lake is a navigable lake surrounded by land owned by the William Bosak Jr.  
6 and Avis B. Turner Trust and is frequently confused with the lake named also "Baker Lake"  
7 located in Section 1 of the Town of Clam Falls; and  
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9 WHEREAS the lands surrounding Baker Lake in Section 34 of the Town of Clam Falls have been  
10 long owned by the Bosak family and there has been inconsistent usage of the official name of said  
11 lake in that the 1996 plat book refers to said lake as "Bosak Lake" and the 2010 plat book refers to  
12 said lake as "Baker Lake"; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Polk County Conservation, Development, Recreation and Education Committee  
15 met, received no opposition to the proposed name change, and recommended approval of the name  
16 change consistent with the application.  
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18 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Geographic Names  
19 Council have conditionally approved the name change pending county board approval pursuant to  
20 Wisconsin Statute Section 23.25(1)(c).

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors approves the  
22 name change of Baker Lake, located SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 37 N Range 16 W, Town of  
23 Clam Falls, to "Bosak Lake" and instructs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to  
24 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Town of Clam Falls.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	November 12, 2014
Submitted and Sponsored By the Polk County Conservation Development, Recreation and Education Committee.	  _____ Kim O'Connell, Committee Chair
Submitted and Sponsored By:	  _____ <i>W.D. R.W.</i>

<p>Review By County Administrator:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p><u>Dana Frey</u></p> <p>Dana Frey, County Administrator</p>	<p>Review By Corporation Counsel:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only</p> <p><u>Jeffrey B. Fagg</u></p> <p>Jeffrey B. Fagg, Corporation Counsel</p>
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Acknowledgement of County Board Action

Mark As Appropriate:

At its regular business meeting on November 12, 2014 the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. 46-14: Resolution to Approve Name Change of Baker Lake to Bosak Lake in Section 34 Clam Falls Township, Polk County in Support of Application for Geographic Name Change, as follows:

- Adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Adopted by majority voice vote.
- Defeated by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Defeated by majority voice vote
- Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY: William F. Johnson, IV 11.13.2014  
William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: Carole T. Wondra  
Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk

**GRINDELL LAW OFFICES, S.C.**

BOX 585  
FREDERIC, WISCONSIN 54837

ROBERT L. GRINDELL  
JOHN GRINDELL  
DAVID L. GRINDELL

TELEPHONES  
715 - 327-5561  
715 - 327-8925

February 26, 1985

Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.  
P. O. Box 6126  
Rockford, IL 61125

Gentlemen:

Mr. Bill Bosak has contacted this office with respect to Polk County, Wisconsin, plat book page 39, wherein you have denominated the lake in the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 16 West, as Baker Lake. It is Mr. Bosak's contention that lake should be named Bosak Lake.

We are wondering if you could please supply us with an explanation as to why this lake's name has been changed. In addition, please inform us on what basis the change was made.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

GRINDELL LAW OFFICES, S.C.

John Grindell

JG:lg

cc: Bill Bosak



State of Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Carroll D. Besadny  
Secretary

BOX 7921  
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707

In Reply Refer To: 1430

March 28, 1985

Mr. John Grindell  
Grindell Law Offices, S. C.  
P. O. Box 585  
Frederic, WI 54837

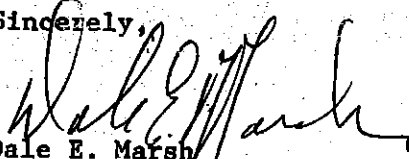
Dear Mr. Grindell:

Your March 8 letter for client William Bosak has been referred from the Department of Transportation. Enclosed are copies of various maps depicting the lake in section 34. The "old plat" map which shows the present Bosak property owned by J. S. Baker Estate explains the derivation of the Baker Lake name. It appears county plat maps have used the name Bosaks Lake since at least 1966 while federal and state maps have consistently used Baker Lake.

The Wisconsin Geographic Names Council has never received a request to approve an official name for the lake. Most often the Council's response would be to favor the earlier name, however, it is noted that another Baker Lake exists in section 1 in the same township and this could influence the Council to consider an alternative name for the lake in section 34. Frankly, an alternative lake name which avoided the use of surnames altogether would make the most appealing request. Descriptive names are less vulnerable to change than surnames when property changes hands in the future.

Enclosed is a Geographic Name Proposal form should you wish to submit a request to the Council. Return the completed form along with the maps to me. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Dale E. Marsh  
Executive Secretary  
Geographic Names Council

DEM:js

Enc.

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April 1, 1985

Mr. Bill Bosak  
Frederic, WI 54837

RE: Bosak Lake

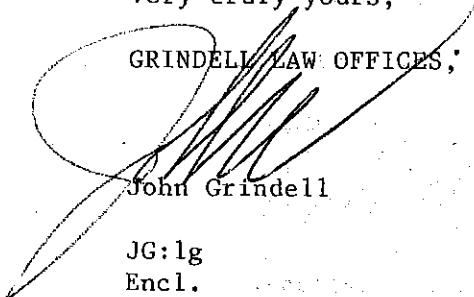
Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from the Department of Natural Resources. Please read this over carefully and let me know how you wish me to proceed.

Thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

GRINDELL LAW OFFICES, S.C.



John Grindell

JG:lg  
Encl.



State of Wisconsin

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Carroll D. Besadny  
Secretary

BOX 7921  
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707

June 6, 1985

File Ref: 1430

Mr. John Grindell  
Grindell Law Offices, S.C.  
Box 585  
Frederic, Wisconsin 54837

Dear Mr. Grindell:

Due to some difficulty with other proposals, the agenda which includes the Bosak Lake proposal is still pending. I am hopeful the agenda will be acted on in early July. I will be in touch as soon as action is taken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale E. Marsh".

Dale E. Marsh  
Executive Secretary  
Geographic Names Council

DEM:js



RECEIVED  
MAY 25 2011  
FACILITIES AND LANDS

William Bosak  
2929 90<sup>th</sup> St.  
Frederic, WI 54837

May 18, 2011

Dear Mrs. Fitzgerald:

I talked to you several weeks ago about the ~~laka~~ lake on my property. Years ago my father had the name changed to Bosak Lake and a small creek leading up to it Bosak Creek. These name changes then appeared in several plat books (see examples) now I see someone has changed the name in the plat book to the original name Baker lake and the creek was never named before my father named it Bosak Creek.

My father did many things to improve the lake and spent a lot of money on it. He went to an Attorney to get the name legally changed.

Why is it now being called Baker Lake in the plat book?

This lake was my Dad's pet project and Deserves the name change  
William Bosak



Bill Bosak &lt; bill.bosak@gmail.com &gt;

## Lake Name Change

Bill Bosak &lt; bill.bosak@gmail.com &gt;

Tue, Sep 17, 2013 at 10:26 AM

Draft To: "Wiese, Dennis - DNR" &lt;Dennis.Wiese@wisconsin.gov&gt;

Dear Sirs, I am sending you additional information on the lake name change that must have not have been carried out by the attorneys to the end result. The location is Polk County, Clam Falls township. the se 1/4 of the nw 1/4 and the sw 1/4 section 34 twp 37 north of range 16 w town of Clam Falls Polk County WI. The name appears Bosak Lake in an older plat book as my father wished. Since this was his pet project of improving the lake and spending a considerable amount of money and effort in its improvement. Recently in the 2010 Rockford Map Publication the name has reverted back to Baker Lake. I have talked to the Polk county board of supervisors chairman William Johnson and was told that in all of his years on the board they do not handle this type of business. I also talked to the Polk County Clerk of Court. I have also talked to Mr. Chris Larson, at the DNR in Spooner and was told that this was probably handled by the state. My sister and I own all of the property around this lake and wish its name change to Bosak Lake as to my father's wishes and work.

William F. Bosak  
2929 90<sup>th</sup> St  
Frederic, WI 54837

the Southeast quarter of the north west  
quarter and the South west quarter section  
34, township 37 North of Range 16 West,  
town of clam Falls, Polk County WI

Dear Sir: my parents purchased this  
property in 1948 with the intent of it  
being a sheep pasture which it never  
was. the ownership has now passed  
from my parents to my sister Avis Bosak  
Turner and myself William F. Bosak Jr.

Before county Highway "W" went through  
it was necessary for the family to travel  
to the lake through the woods on a road  
my father had bulldozed through. this  
was traveling on a tractor and wagon

the lake became my father's "project"  
planting hundreds of pine trees which the  
deer ate and diverting water to the  
lake to keep the lake level more  
constant. my father spent thousands  
of dollars improving the lake raising  
the water level.

finally my father wanted to change  
the lake name since Baker had only  
dropped trees into the lake which we were  
~~no~~ forced to pull out and never made  
any improvements

my father contacted Grindell law  
offices in Frederic Wisconsin and the lakes  
name was changed to Bosak's lake.  
this name then appeared in the local  
Polk county Plat book. Since then some  
one has changed it back to Baker  
lake without our consent or prior  
knowledge along with the small  
stream or dry run along the lake

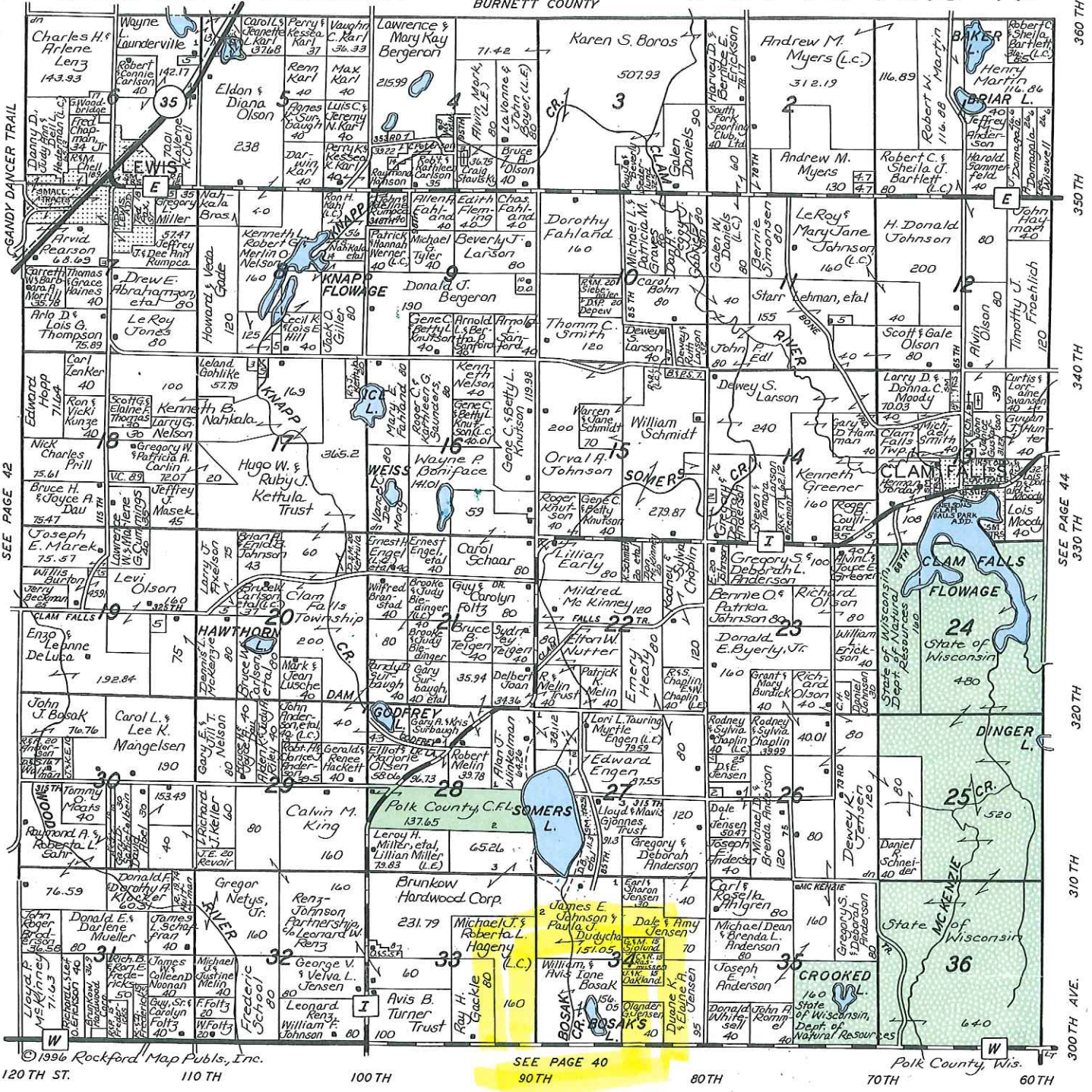
We would like in memory of our  
father to have the lake name to  
stay "Bosak lake" permanently for the  
work <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ money he put into the lake

my sister and myself own all the  
property around the lake and wish this  
name to be changed to "Bosak lake"  
my mother and father have both  
Died in the mid 1990's 1995

William F. Bosak



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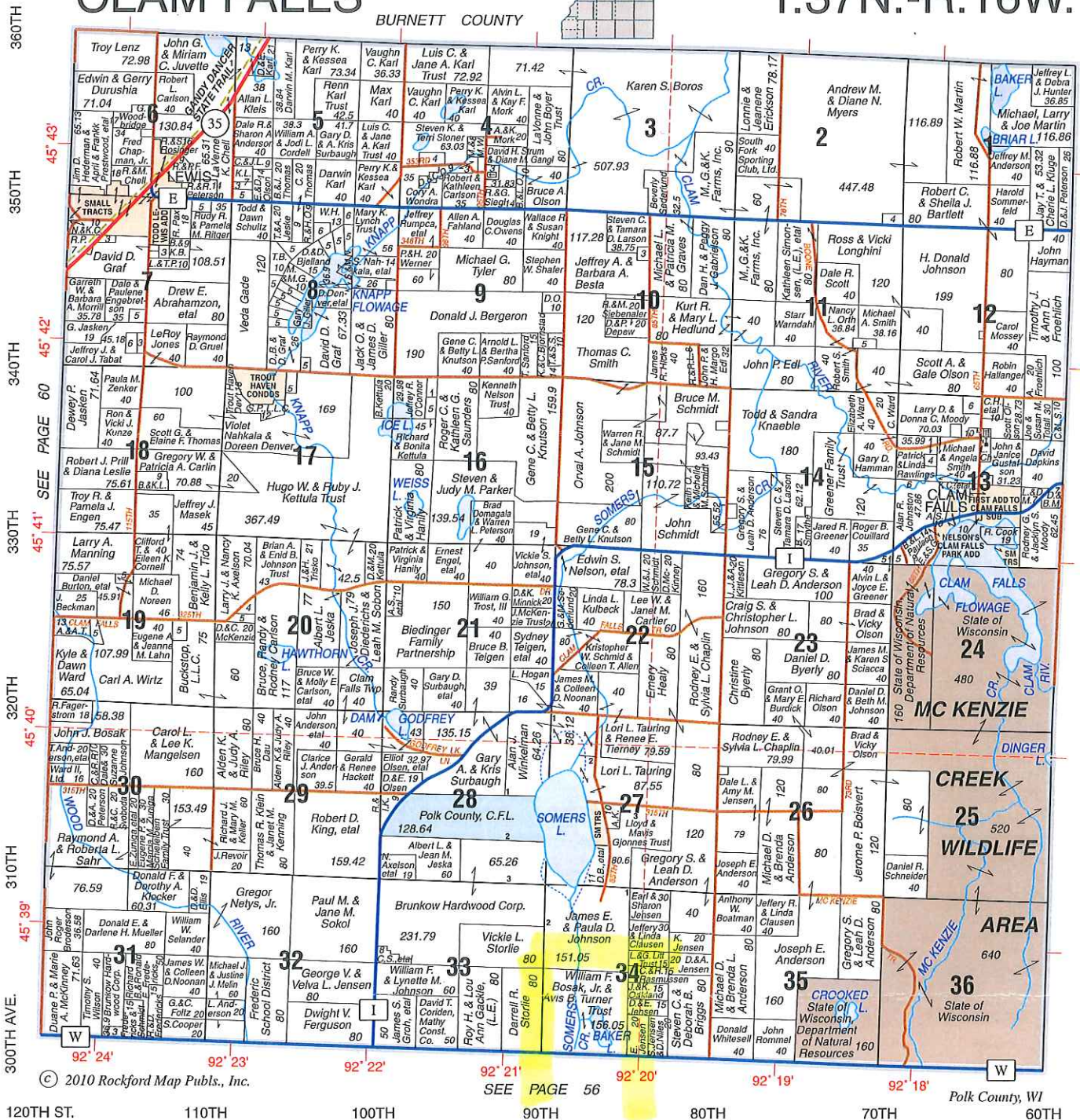
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