Proposed Name: Sandhill Lake

Location: Ozaukee County Size: 6 acres Access: Private

Current Name: Hansen Lake, O'Hare

Background:

The applicant has proposed to change the name of this small lake due to some confusion regarding the appropriate name and to recognize that Sand hill Cranes apparently nest on the lake. Families by the name of Hansen and O'Hare lived on this property in the 1900's but were apparently not homesteaders. The Ozaukee County Board has passed a resolution in support of the Sandhill name.

Discussion: There was some question regarding what was meant by homesteader and what is considered significant. The name Sandhill was determined to be acceptable based on local support demonstrated by the County Board resolution.

Action: Approved

Proposed Name: Mawikwe Bay

Location: Bayfield County Size: 2.5 miles wide Access: Public

Current Name: Squaw Bay

Background:

This proposal is from the National Park Service, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Squaw Bay is located on the southern shore of Lake Superior, within the National Lakeshore boundaries. The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas are located nearby and they have stated to the NPS they find the term Squaw offensive. The NPS is responding to concerns stated by the Tribe.

The proposed name, Mawikwe, recognizes early historical references to the bay as Mourning Squaw. The closest translation to this in Ojibwe is Mawikwe. A local township road within the park has been renamed from Squaw to Mawikwe.

Resolutions in support of this name have been completed by the Red Cliff Band, The Town of Bayfield, and Bayfield County

Discussion: Considerable discussion ensued regarding the history and meaning of the word Squaw and how the translation Mawikwe fit in. It was noted that an adjacent landowner to Squaw Bay raised concerns with the name Mawikwe and felt more research should be done into the translation in