

Bradley J. Jordahl Redlin

REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

May 2012 – present Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Manager:

Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program Manager
Soil Health Financial Assistance Program

Manage the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program established by MOU between the State of Minnesota, United States Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Lead program design and development with the MDA Commissioner's office, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Responsibilities include managing and directing program operations, staff, budget, communications, legislation, and staffing.

Manage the Soil Health Financial Assistance Program overseeing staff and processes for creating and operating grant program. The program is unique in addressing the obstacle of accessing specialized equipment necessary to adopt soil health on farms, when federal farm programs prohibit funding for equipment, by providing grants for equipment purchases. Responsibilities include managing and directing program operations, staff, budget, communications, legislation, and staffing.

April 2004 – May 2012 Izaak Walton League of America
1619 Dayton AVE, STE 202
St. Paul, MN 55104

Director of Agricultural Programs: Develop and advocate agricultural and river resource policy for national membership and supervise program staff. Manage budget, public policy promotion, membership policy committees, and media and outreach projects for the Agricultural Conservation, Mississippi River, and Missouri River policy programs – including public speaking, writing, and media communications.

February 2001 – April 2004 Center for Rural Affairs
PO Box 136
Lyons, NE 68038

Federal Policy Analyst; Media and Outreach Coordinator: Develop and advocate federal policy proposals through grassroots organizing, opinion columns, public speaking and direct lobbying. Developed and led media and outreach campaigns for the Center's programs, projects and initiatives locally, regionally and nationally.

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE:

Chairman, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) organizational council.

Served four elected terms as chair of NSAC, a national alliance of more than 80 family farm, food, conservation, rural and urban organizations that together take common positions on federal agriculture and food policies. Duties included overseeing grant making and review process of annual NSAC Strategic Initiative Grants. Also served as Co-chair of the NSAC Conservation, Energy, and Environment Committee, leading member organizations' efforts addressing agricultural conservation, energy, and climate issues in federal policy. In 2008 served as Chair of the joint Merger Implementation Committee leading the structural and legal merger process between the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition forming NSAC.

Member, Advisory Board, Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership – University of Minnesota.

Presently serving; tasked with informing organizational priorities to ensure MCAP remains responsive to emerging climate-related issues, help define organizational approaches to center principles of equitable resilience and social equity in all facets of climate resilience research and practice, and further develop organizational mission and values.

Contracted Analyst, Review Committee member, and Project Advisor.

National foundations and grant-making entities including The McKnight Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, and the USDA's North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grant Program Review Committee.

Member, Biofuels Technical Review Committee for The Wilderness Society.

Served on technical review committee of non-governmental organization and state agency representatives formed in 2007 to assess conservation and wildlife impacts and opportunities of biofuel development.

Member, Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Clean Energy Technical Review Committee.

Committee appointment 2007-08 to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' RIM technical review committee established by the state legislature to determine project areas, land management and productivity index for clean energy program.

Member, Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group (AWWG) facilitated by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Served from 2006 – 2012 as representative to the working group of leading national conservation and wildlife organizations coordinating the community's shared goals for agricultural conservation policy.

Member, Minnesota State Technical Committee, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Participant from 2004 – Present including as member of sub-committees for the Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Additional participation in AGree, Conservation Coalition; Clean Water Network; Corps Reform Network; Green Lands, Blue Waters consortium; the Green Group; Mississippi River Collaborative – Farm Conservation Workgroup; National Association of Farm Broadcasters; National Farmers Union; Trout Unlimited.

Other Special Experience: Active private consultancy for federal agricultural policy; Part owner of family farm corporation; Grant review and awarding; Grant writing and management; Media coordination; Report and legislation development and writing; Budget administration; Staff management, recruitment and training; Volunteer coordination; Product development and marketing; Public speaking and media commentator; Produced, host and distributed weekly radio program.

Other Activities: English as Second Language tutor; English grammar and composition work shop instructor; Athletics coaching; 24-Hour Helpline crisis and information operator; Community improvement projects; Political campaigns.

Computer skills (PC and Apple): Word Processing, Database, Publishing, Spreadsheet, Power Point, Social networking (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, other), HTML.

EDUCATION:

Southwest State University, Marshall, Minnesota

Bachelor's Degrees in Literature and Language Arts Education: Achieved Dean's List, completed student teaching, and competed in varsity athletics.

Dakota State University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Completed additional course work in accounting and information systems management.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:

Redlin, Brad. "Amendment E: Rural Communities and the Family Farm." *South Dakota Law Review* 49.4 (2004): 787-794.

Redlin, Brad. "Rural Development, Farm Programs and Entrepreneurship." Government in the Countryside: Politics and Policies in Rural America. Ed. Gary Aguiar. Dubuque: Kendall/Hunt, 2006.

Redlin, Brad. "The Farm Bill and Minnesota Agriculture." Perspectives on Minnesota Government and Politics; 6th Edition. Ed. Steven M. Hoffman. Boston: Pearson, 2007.

Redlin, Brad. "Conserving Habitat through the Federal Farm Bill: A Guide for Land Trusts and Landowners." Principal Author Aimee Weldon. Washington, 2010.