

## Doug La Follette Biography

Doug La Follette has served on the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for 40 years, serving as Chairman for 14 of those years. Mr. La Follette was elected as Wisconsin's Secretary of State in 1974 and 1982, and has been reelected since 1986. He also served as a state senator from 1972 – 1974.

When Mr. La Follette was first elected as Secretary of State in 1974, the Common School Fund earnings were approximately \$2 million. As a long-serving member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, Mr. La Follette has witnessed nearly \$800 million in distributions to Wisconsin's public school libraries.

Mr. La Follette has deep environmental roots in Wisconsin. He started Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, now known as Clean Wisconsin, and has been fighting for local, renewable energy since the 1970s.