

# Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Board Meeting 08/26/2021

Breitung Community Center 12noon

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 08/17/21-Special Board Meeting
- Approval of June 2021 Treasurers Report
  - Checks Written 45659-45751
  - Total Disbursements \$133,628.08
  - Fund Balance \$
  - Voided Checks-None
  - MN Department of Revenue
    - ✓ Production Tax-\$27,927
    - ✓ Taconite Municipal Aid-\$15,000
    - ✓ ARPA Funds-\$32,327.10
  - MN DNR PILT-\$160,122.13
- Correspondence
  - Northwoods Partners-update
  - St Louis County-Proposed Sale of Tax Forfeited Land
  - Mike Korpi-South Street
- Public Input

## Reports:

- Police-None
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge
- McKinley Park
  - Waiting on quote for electrical work for campsites
- Recreation
  - Donation of Hockey Boards
  - Recreation Committee Meeting
- Wastewater Board

- Ambulance Commission

## **Old Business**

- Update on Police Department
- Township Operations
- Follow-Up Parcel by gravel Pit to purchase
- Blight
  - Response from St. Louis County Sheriff regarding serving letters
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement
  - Project Update
  - Partial Pay Estimate-Draft
- Gravel on the Junction Road
- Rink Project Update
  - Purchase of a Peewee Rink
- Trees on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- McKinley Park Trail
  - City of Tower-Maintenance Assistance
- Echo Point Complaint (Air BnB's)-Follow Up with St. Louis County/Lodging Tax Board

## **New Business**

- Open bids for propane
- Open bids for vehicle
- Pay Bills as Presented
- Fire Department
  - New Computer
  - MN DNR-Commissioner's Order Restricting Fires in Portions of the State
- Mary Batinich-Water & Sewer to small garage
- Letter of Support for the Tower-Soudan Historical Society
- Tom Larson-IRRR Residential Redevelopment Grant
  - Resolution 2021-#15 Resolution to make an application and accept funds
- Lloyd McIntyre-Puncher Point Water Drainage
- Brad Erickson-Request to purchase property Lot 14 Block 8 Plat of Soudan-Next to 27 Church St, Soudan
- Emergency Action Plan

- 5701 Echo Pt Road-Rocks on Property
- MSRS-Health Care Savings Plan Contributions
  - Contract
  - Resolution 2021 #17-Health Care Savings Plan
- Minnesota Water Assistance Program
- Stuntz Bay Access Road
  - Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost

Next Regular Meeting Date-September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm

**Adjourn**

**Township of Breitung Special Board Meeting 08-17-2021 at 12:00PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center.**

**Present In Person:**

Board Members: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sundahl

Public: Tom Gorsma Maintenance Supervisor, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Valeda McDonald, Matt Tuchel, Denise Osterholm

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tomsich, Roll call taken

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the Minutes from the 07-22-21 Regular Board Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

**Old Business:**

- Update on Police Department

- Consensus by the Board to ask for patrol from St. Louis County Sheriff for the month of September 2021. Reviewed coverage from March 2021-August 2021.
- Tower Police vehicle returned to stock condition and returned to the City of Tower.
- Interview Committee recommended to the Township Board to move forward with background check on applicant #6. Discussion by Board in regards to interviews. Will ask Tom Krause to perform background check, and will ask how long it could possibly take.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to move forward with applicant #6 and do a background check on applicant.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- Regional Trails

- Prospectors Alliance seeking letter of support for a permanent bridge over the Beaver River to connect to trails in the region. According to Matt Tuchel the bridge is in Eagles Nest Township, by the Taconite Trail and would help connect Babbitt to Ely.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Letter of Support for a permanent bridge over the Beaver River

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0



- Tower Area Trails discussed. Survey is available in the township office, consensus by the Board to have Clerk Sundahl place the Survey on the Township Website. Surveys are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Dirt trail behind Main Street-Valeda McDonald mentioned the trail (which is an old snowmobile trail) needs brushing. No action taken.
- McKinley Park Trail-Cost is at \$350,000. Receiving \$150,00 from DNR grant, will ask for \$162,500 from IRRR, and \$37,500 to be covered from Revenue from McKinley Park.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve Resolution 2021-16, a resolution authorizing the township of Breitung to make an application to and accept funds from IRRR FY22 for the Regional Trails Program.

- Blight Letters

- 3 of the 5 Blight letters that were sent out by Clerk Sundahl were not accepted by individuals and returned to the township. Consensus by the Board to call the St. Louis County Sheriff and ask if they will serve the 3 individuals.

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Thursday, August 26th, 2021 at 12:00pm

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:32pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

## TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jul-21

GENERAL	44,482.20
ROAD & BRIDGE	71,999.73
FIRE	52,967.40
PARK	45,587.70
RECREATION	11,619.78
POLICE	72,671.19
PROJECTS	(8,670.34)
WATER DEPT	57,065.09
ARPA	32,327.10
TOTALS	380,049.85



July 26, 2021

Ms. Nancy Nilsen  
St. Louis County Auditor  
Rm. 201, County Courthouse  
100 North 5<sup>th</sup> Ave West  
Duluth, MN 55802

**COPY**

**Second half of the 2020 Production Tax Distributions (payable August 25, 2021)**

Dear Ms. Nilsen,

Please find enclosed a printout listing the amount of the second half taconite aid payment for each recipient within your county. Also enclosed is a list of the amount to be received from each company on or before August 24, 2021.

Please contact our office if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert A. Wagstrom'.

Robert A. Wagstrom  
Engineering Specialist, Sr.  
Minerals Tax Office  
230 1st Street S, Suite 102  
Virginia, MN 55792  
Phone: 218-735-3146

Enclosures

Cc: Krista Schmitz

# 2020 PRODUCTION TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY (2nd Half)

## PRODUCTION TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY

NAME	payable	8/25/2021 COUNTY	8/25/2021 RD & BRG	8/25/2021 TAC RR	TOTAL
ST. LOUIS		\$2,971,139	\$1,855,273	\$177,076	\$5,003,488

## PRODUCTION TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO CITIES & TOWNSHIPS

NAME	payable	8/25/2021 Mining & Conc	8/25/2021 Mining Effects	8/25/2021 M.S. 298.28 Subd. 3(b)	8/25/2021 Township Fund	8/25/2021 Taconite Railroad	9/15/2021 Taconite Municipal Aid	Money from Schools To Reduce Levies (Pay 2024)	8/25/2021 Excess school levy replacement money to City/towns	TOTAL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY										
Aurora		\$7,585	\$36,880	---	---	---	\$194,914	\$0	\$0	\$239,379
Babbitt		55,358	91,441	---	---	82,678	221,082	0	0	450,559
Biwabik		4,466	13,861	---	---	---	80,484	0	0	98,811
Brookston		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Buhl		---	18,023	---	---	---	85,290	0	0	103,313
Chisholm		---	29,665	---	---	---	559,622	0	0	589,287
Cook		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Ely		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Eveleth		32,593	56,375	---	---	---	378,649	0	0	378,649
Gilbert		12,358	25,150	---	---	---	488,906	0	0	577,874
Hibbing		208,849	98,240	---	---	---	192,029	0	0	229,537
Hoyt Lakes		108,950	43,216	---	---	---	1,586,543	0	0	1,893,632
Iron Junction		---	---	---	---	75,433	234,261	0	0	461,860
Kinney		---	---	---	---	2,500	---	0	0	2,500
Leonidas		5,877	2,948	16,762	---	---	30,334	0	0	55,921
McKinley		3,221	754	---	---	---	5,016	0	0	8,991
Meadowlands		---	1,752	---	---	---	11,678	0	0	13,430
Mountain Iron		264,894	53,921	---	---	---	341,753	0	0	660,568
Orr		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Tower		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Virginia		22,432	156,241	---	---	---	37,162	0	0	37,162
Winton		---	---	---	---	---	1,068,748	0	0	1,247,421
Alango Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Alborn Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	5,350
Alden Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	10,543
Angora Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	4,833
Arrowhead Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	5,125
Ault Township		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
		---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	2,518

Balkan Township	8,001	4,927	---	18,389	---	18,962	0	0	50,279
Bassett Township	---	2,974	---	1,056	---	---	0	0	9,853
Beatty Township	---	---	---	7,733	5,823	---	0	0	7,733
Biwabik Township	12,352	11,105	---	17,670	---	11,770	0	0	52,897
Breitung Township	---	---	---	12,927	---	15,000	0	0	27,927
Brevator Township	---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Camp 5 Township	---	---	---	652	---	---	0	0	652
Cedar Valley Township	---	---	---	---	---	---	0	0	0
Cherry Township	---	---	---	18,479	---	---	0	0	18,479
Clinton Township	---	15,405	---	22,054	---	---	0	0	37,459
Colvin Township	---	---	---	6,767	---	---	0	0	6,767
Cotton Township	---	---	---	10,049	---	---	0	0	10,049
Crane Lake Township	---	---	---	1,731	---	---	0	0	1,731
Culver Township	---	---	---	6,429	---	---	0	0	6,429
Duluth Township	---	---	---	25,000	---	---	0	0	25,000
Eagles Nest Township	---	---	---	5,305	---	0	0	0	5,305
Ellsburg Township	---	---	---	4,833	---	---	0	0	4,833
Elmer Township	---	---	---	2,968	---	---	0	0	2,968
Embarrass Township	---	---	---	13,039	---	---	0	0	13,039
Fairbanks Township	---	---	---	1,461	---	---	0	0	1,461
Fayal Township	1,864	27,920	---	25,000	---	26,211	0	0	80,995
Field Township	---	---	---	8,408	---	---	0	0	8,408
French Township	---	---	---	12,095	---	---	0	0	12,095
Great Scott Township	9,655	7,164	---	8,633	---	13,399	0	0	38,851
Greenwood Township	---	---	---	20,143	---	---	0	0	20,143
Industrial Township	---	---	---	17,670	---	---	0	0	17,670
Kabetogama Township	---	---	---	2,698	---	---	0	0	2,698
Kelsey Township	---	---	---	2,785	---	---	0	0	2,785
Kugler Township	---	---	---	3,866	---	---	0	0	3,866
Lavell Township	---	---	---	6,857	---	---	0	0	6,857
Leiding Township	---	---	---	8,520	---	---	0	0	8,520
Linden Grove Township	---	---	---	2,923	---	---	0	0	2,923
McDavid Township	52,335	---	---	9,959	---	12,293	0	0	74,587
Meadowlands Township	---	---	---	6,452	---	---	0	0	6,452
Morcom Township	---	---	---	1,978	---	---	0	0	1,978
Morse Township	---	---	---	25,000	---	---	0	0	25,000
Ness Township	---	---	---	1,236	---	---	0	0	1,236
New Independence Township	---	---	---	6,429	---	---	0	0	6,429
Northland Township	---	---	---	3,709	---	---	0	0	3,709
Owens Township	---	---	---	5,822	---	---	0	0	5,822
Pegaway Township	---	---	---	2,653	---	---	0	0	2,653
Pike Township	---	---	---	8,903	---	---	0	0	8,903
Portage Township	---	---	---	3,507	---	---	0	0	3,507
Sandy Township	---	---	---	7,486	---	---	0	0	7,486
Stoney Brook Township	---	---	---	2,833	---	---	0	0	2,833
Sturgeon Township	---	---	---	3,731	---	---	0	0	3,731
Toivola Township	---	---	---	6,160	---	---	0	0	6,160
Vermilion Lake Township	---	---	---	5,080	---	---	0	0	10,104
Waasa Township	---	5,024	---	25,000	---	94,534	0	0	227,145
White Township	12,679	33,167	61,765	2,653	---	---	0	0	2,653
Willow Valley Township	---	---	---	12,612	---	9,518	0	0	61,773
Wuori Township	29,176	10,467	---	---	---	---	0	0	---
Total	\$852,645	\$746,620	\$78,527	\$473,178	\$166,434	\$5,718,158	\$0	\$0	\$8,035,562



PRODUCTION TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

NAME	payable \$0.0343, \$1,372 of \$2,472, & TAC RR less money given To Cities/Townships	8/25/2021 School Dist Fund	8/25/2021 School Bldg Maintenance Fund (\$ .04)	8/25/2021 Tac Levy Replacement Shortfall Payment	Taconite Referendum	TOTAL
0695 - Chisholm	\$266,109	\$181,206	\$34,523	\$37,871	\$0	\$519,709
0696 - Ely	33,701	23,336	---	3,191	0	60,228
0701 - Hibbing	696,732	376,944	98,308	45,367	0	1,217,351
0712 - Mt. Iron-Buhl	353,070	66,980	43,111	3,620	0	466,781
2142 - St. Louis County	400,431	112,768	100,452	0	0	613,651
2711 - Mesabi East	379,800	104,436	74,416	0	0	558,652
2909 - Rock Ridge	616,800	385,054	236,476	0	0	1,238,330
Total	\$2,746,643	\$1,250,724	\$587,286	\$90,049	\$0	\$4,674,702

OTHER RECIPIENTS or FUNDS

Taconite Property Tax Relief	\$4,874,613	> DISTRIBUTED by ST. LOUIS COUNTY (See separate sheet for distribution dates of school bond payments.)
RAMS	63,898	
Evelaeth - Hockey Hall of Fame	35,447	
School Bond Payment To Chisholm (S.D. 695 - 2020 PY)	0	
	4,973,958	

St Louis Total  
\$22,687,710

**THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED FROM EACH COMPANY ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 24, 2021**

COMPANY	COUNTY							
	AITKIN	COOK	CROW WING	ITASCA	LAKE	ST. LOUIS	IRRR	TOTAL
Minorca	\$9,105	\$26,497	\$27,143	\$167,498	\$109,660	\$1,541,207	\$1,822,346	\$3,703,456
Hibbing Taconite	23,315	67,858	69,511	428,946	280,830	3,946,891	4,666,864	9,484,215
Northshore Mining	16,573	48,232	49,407	304,890	199,610	2,805,401	3,317,149	6,741,262
USS-Keetac	14,149	41,177	42,181	260,293	170,413	2,395,055	2,831,949	5,755,217
USS-Mintac	43,666	127,082	130,178	803,322	525,933	7,391,662	8,740,013	17,761,856
United Taconite	17,632	51,317	52,568	324,391	212,378	2,984,837	3,529,317	7,172,440
State of Minnesota	9,586	27,899	28,577	176,350	115,456	1,622,657	1,918,655	3,899,180
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$134,026</b>	<b>\$390,062</b>	<b>\$399,565</b>	<b>\$2,465,690</b>	<b>\$1,614,280</b>	<b>\$22,687,710</b>	<b>\$26,826,293</b>	<b>\$54,517,626</b>



August 18, 2021

Dianna Sundahl, Clerk  
Breitung Township  
P O Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

RE: TACONITE MUNICIPAL AID TO BE RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Dear Sir/Madame:

The attached list shows that amount of Taconite Municipal Aid to be received on September 15, 2021.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert A. Wagstrom'.

Robert A Wagstrom  
Engineering Specialist. Sr.  
Minerals Tax Office  
230 1<sup>st</sup> Street S, Suite 102  
Virginia, MN 55792  
Phone: 218-735-3146

Enclosure

Cc: RAMS

# TACONITE MUNICIPAL AID DISTRIBUTION - 2020 pay 2021

11-Aug-2021

Amount in the TMAA Fund --> \$6,743,652  
 Percentage of the guarantee --> 100.000000%

COUNTY	CITY/TOWNSHIP	GUARANTEED GRANDFATHER AMOUNT	CALCULATED DISTRIBUTION	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION
		plus Breitung Twp		
COOK	Schroeder Twp	\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
CROW WING	Crosby	0	200,015	200,015
	Ironton	0	43,118	43,118
	Riverton	0	2,717	2,717
	Trommald	0	3,144	3,144
	Irondale Twp	0	23,363	23,363
	Rabbit Lake Twp	0	0	0
	Wolford Twp	0	0	0
		\$0	\$272,357	\$272,357
ITASCA	Bovey	0	76,119	76,119
	Calumet	0	33,212	33,212
	Cohasset	0	0	0
	Coleraine	0	95,799	95,799
	Keewatin	8,326	96,790	105,116
	Marble	0	51,482	51,482
	Nashwauk	8,079	65,374	73,453
	Taconite	0	16,299	16,299
	Greenway Twp	7,511	22,419	29,930
	Lone Pine Twp	2,820	---	2,820
	Nashwauk Twp	8,370	9,980	18,350
		\$35,106	\$467,474	\$502,580
LAKE	Silver Bay	57,979	192,578	250,557
	Beaver Bay Twp	0	0	0
		\$57,979	\$192,578	\$250,557
ST. LOUIS	Aurora	\$3,047	\$191,867	194,914
	Babbitt	60,872	160,210	221,082
	Biwabik	0	80,484	80,484
	Buhl	0	85,290	85,290
	Chisholm	0	559,622	559,622
	Ely	0	378,649	378,649
	Eveleth	3,526	485,380	488,906
	Gilbert	1,606	190,423	192,029
	Hibbing	25,747	1,560,796	1,586,543
	Hoyt Lakes	92,896	141,365	234,261
	Kinney	0	30,334	30,334
	Leonidas	0	5,016	5,016
	McKinley	0	11,678	11,678
	Mountain Iron	145,670	196,083	341,753
	Tower	0	37,162	37,162
	Virginia	2,841	1,065,907	1,068,748
	Balkan Twp	0	18,962	18,962
	Biwabik Twp	0	11,770	11,770
	Breitung Twp	15,000	0	15,000
	Eagles Nest Twp	0	0	0
	Fayal Twp	0	26,211	26,211
	Great Scott Twp	11,910	1,489	13,399
	McDavitt Twp	8,048	4,245	12,293
	White Twp	29,481	65,053	94,534
	Wuori Twp	0	9,518	9,518
		\$400,644	\$5,317,514	\$5,718,158
TOTALS		\$493,729	\$6,249,923	\$6,743,652
				\$6,743,652

Note: Some numbers may have been manually adjusted due to round-offs.



Payment Advice

To

Vendor ID: 0000198385  
Vendor Location: 001  
Vendor Name: BREITUNG TOWN OF  
Vendor Address: 39 1ST AVE  
SOUNDAN, MN 55782

Reference Information

Pay Cycle: DLYEFT  
Pay Cycle Seq Number: 2543

Payment Information

Payment Reference: 0006840894  
Payment Date: 07/26/2021  
Payment Method: Automated Clearing House

Agency Code / Description	Contact Phone	Voucher ID / Payment Message	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Customer Account	Paid Amt
G90 / REVENUE/INTERGOVT	651/556-6092	00 08791705	07/27/2021	22488A36900123A00 1	TOWN-690012 ARPA_COVID19	32,327.10
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN						
Total:						32,327.10 USD



BREITUNG TOWN TREAS

COPY

Check #: 50163561  
Check Date: 08/11/21  
Vendor ID: 00084301

A payment of \$160,122.13 from St. Louis County will be deposited to your account within 2 business days.

Invoice Information

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Invoice #: '21 MN DNR PILT  
Invoice Description: '21 MN DNR PILT

Invoice Date: 08/05/21

Invoice Amount: \$160,122.13



# NORTHWOODS PARTNERS

## *20th Anniversary*

June 23, 2021

Dear Friend of Northwoods Partners,

What an epic year 2020 was for all of us. As the world came to a screeching halt, Northwoods Partners had to rethink, adapt, and adjust our services and programs so that we could meet the needs of our seniors and caregivers. Throughout the global pandemic, our services became a lifeline for many of our families, friends, and neighbors. This past year, 59 volunteers and 2 staff members provided services to 500 individuals and families; all while adhering to the CDC and MDH COVID guidelines. In 2020:



**194** deliveries of groceries and essential items

**650** hours of Zoom Tai Ji Quan were attended

**782** rides were provided to seniors in our community

**8,096** volunteer hours were spent safely visiting with our area seniors

**47,584** miles were driven by Northwoods Partners volunteers

Our service area of 480 square miles includes clients in Ely, Babbitt, Tower, Soudan and surrounding townships. The number of persons in this area who are over the age of 65 is nearly double the state average. Demand for our services continues to rise. You are invited to visit our website, [www.northwoodspartners.org](http://www.northwoodspartners.org), to watch our 3½ minute informational video and to check our calendar for events and opportunities. You can also follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information.

COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from hosting the Theme Dinner and the Festival of Trees, our biggest fundraising events. The loss of those two events resulted in a budget shortfall of nearly \$30,000. We hope that you will make a financial contribution to Northwoods Partners so that we can continue to provide services so vital to our communities.

Northwoods Partners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations may be made by mail or online at [www.northwoodspartners.org](http://www.northwoodspartners.org).

**Together we can create a community where people are able to age with dignity.**

Sincerely,

Lisa Porthan, Executive Director/Caregiver Consultant

Executive Director/Caregiver Consultant: Lisa Porthan • Office Manager: Candy Schindele

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dick Flesvig, Chair   Caroline Owens, Chair Elect   Sheila Gruba, Treasurer/Secretary  
Rae Bentz   Shawn Bina   Norma Cersine   Heather Fitzgerald  
Walt Leino   Michael Musich   Dave Nichols   Joyce Passananti   Pat Rolando

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To "unsubscribe" from this mailing, please contact the office.



**From:** Northwoods Partners <office@northwoodspartners.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:15 PM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Hello Dianna,

Yes, we do have clients in the Soudan/Breitung Township area. In 2020 and 2021 our clients within your township area were/are specifically being provided rides for medical appointments, caregiver support, memory care support, friendly visitors, resources, referrals, and Caregiver Consulting services.

Thank you for the inquiry,  
Candy

On Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 10:46 AM <[clerk@breitungtownship.org](mailto:clerk@breitungtownship.org)> wrote:

Received your newsletter back in June of this year. Our Board is curious if your organization has clients you are assisting in the Soudan/Breitung Township area for the 2020 year, as well as 2021. Thank you.

***Dianna Sundahl***

**Clerk, Breitung Township**

**PO Box 56**

**Soudan, MN 55782**

**218-753-6020**

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**Candy Schindele**

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# Saint Louis County

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**Julie Marinucci**  
Land and Minerals Director

August 12, 2021

Town of Breitung  
Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Re: Proposed Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land

Dear Clerk:

The St. Louis County Board has approved the following property for sale at our Online Auction beginning September 23, 2021 and closing October 7, 2021:

270-0090-00080,110,120 - LOTS 8, 9 AND 10 AND LOT 11 AND LOT 12, NE-NA MIK-KA-TA  
270-0090-01290,1390,1400,1630,1670 - LOTS 129 THRU 138 INC and LOT 139 and LOTS 140 THRU 149 AND LOTS 152 THRU 162 INC and LOTS 163 THRU 166 and LOTS 167 THRU 175 INC, NE-NA MIK-KA-TA

This letter is being sent to you as a courtesy.

Please visit our website [www.stlouiscountymn.gov/landsales](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/landsales) for full listings of properties for sale.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Stacy Caldwell Melcher  
Senior Planner  
[melchers@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:melchers@stlouiscountymn.gov)

SCM/pb

cc: File

☒ Land Commissioner's Office  
320 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, GSC 302  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 726-2606  
Fax: (218) 726-2600

☐ Pike Lake Area Office  
5713 Old Miller Trunk Hwy  
Duluth, MN 55811  
(218) 625-3700  
Fax: (218) 625-3733

☐ Virginia Area Office  
7820 Highway 135  
Virginia, MN 55792  
(218) 742-9898  
Fax: (218) 742-9870

*"Trust Lands, Managed For The People Of This County"*

**From:** chairman@breitungtownship.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** Tom Gorsma; Dianna Sundahl  
**Subject:** Fwd: South Street repairs

Hi Tom:

Can this dip in the road be repaired/blacktopped when the contractor is over at the other end of South Street?  
Tim

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**  
**Date:** 2021-08-09 16:07  
**From:** Mike K <beemerguy28@gmail.com>  
**To:** chairman@breitungtownship.org

Hi Tim,

Behind our house on South Street is a dip in the road caused by Winger when he dug up the Street when my Mom had to get her line from the Street to the house repaired a number of years ago. Many vehicles have to slow down because of it.

I'm curious why so much work is being done on the Junction Road today when South Street dip behind my Mom's house and Terry and Sally Andersons trailer is disregarded? Why so much time/money spent on the gravel road? Kind of ridiculous.

Thanks,  
Mike Korpi



**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**August Fire Dept Report**

Regular monthly fire dept meeting was held on 8/11/21. Highlights review and discussion of fire calls, assigned members for monthly apparatus checks and equipment checks, SOG refinement by Minnesota Public Safety group is in progress with officer group, fire dept summer picnic was held at McKinley Park on 8/14 from noon to 6PM, discussion of pension and discussion on water rescue training that was conducted with TAS.

Hands on training conducted on apparatus drafting.

Since last regular meeting in July we responded to following emergency calls and fire dept events.

- 7/19 Mutual aid for TFD for unauthorized burning
- 7/23 Mutual Aid for GFD for 2 water rescue emergencies
- 7/30 Mutual Aid for GFD for auto extraction
- 8/6 Mutual Aid for GFD for auto extraction

# PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

<b>PROJECT:</b> 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements		<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 21-860	DATE: August 26, 2021 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 1 PAGE 1 OF 3
<b>OWNER:</b> Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782	<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. P.O. Box 566 Eveleth, MN 55734	<b>PERIOD OF ESTIMATE</b> FROM: August 9, 2021 TO: August 20, 2021	

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE
No.	Amount		
	Additions	Deductions	
			1. Original Contract \$435,780.00 2. Change Orders \$0.00 3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$435,780.00 4. Work Completed* \$0.00 5. Stored Materials \$34,856.55 6. Subtotal (4+5) \$34,856.55 7. Retainage 5% (\$1,742.83) 8. Previous Payments \$0.00 9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$33,113.72 *Detailed breakdown attached
TOTALS			
NET CHANGE			

CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days): Revised:	On Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Starting Date: August 9, 2021 Substantial Completion: October 15, 2021 Projected Completion: November 1, 2021

**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:**  
 The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following:  
 (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment;  
 (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests, and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such Liens, security interest, or encumbrances); and  
 (3) All the Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

**Contractor: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc.**

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:**  
 The undersigned certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief and to the extent of their assigned Contract responsibilities, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and that the work has been performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc.**

By DYLAFT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY OWNER:**

**Owner: Breitung Township**

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1

DATE: August 26, 2021

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements

CONTRACTOR: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734

## BASE BID

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2101	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV CURB & GUTTER	30	L.F.	\$4.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	880	L.F.	\$4.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	2,930	S.Y.	\$4.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV SIDEWALK	520	S.Y.	\$6.50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV CONC DRIVEWAY	26	S.Y.	\$6.50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV SAN MANHOLE	9	EACH	\$450.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	1,750	C.Y.	\$22.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	ROCK EXCAVATION	30	C.Y.	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	980	C.Y.	\$19.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC	2,950	S.Y.	\$3.50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	660	C.Y.	\$35.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING, CL 5 (CV)	50	C.Y.	\$52.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	360	TON	\$87.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	360	TON	\$87.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2451	GRAN BACKFILL MTRL (LV)	30	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2451	GRAN FOUND MTRL (LV)	60	C.Y.	\$26.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	11	EACH	\$5,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2506	SAN MANHOLE FRAME SEAL	11	EACH	\$1,700.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2521	4" CONCRETE WALK	650	S.F.	\$7.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2531	CONC C&G, DES B618	30	L.F.	\$27.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2531	6" CONC DRIVEWAY PVMT	26	S.Y.	\$69.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2557	SIDEWALK GRATE	1	EACH	\$1,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECT	6	EACH	\$400.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,300.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG - STRAW	600	L.F.	\$16.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	BALE BARRIERS	24	EACH	\$25.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	1.40	ACRE	\$1,800.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	SEEDING	1.40	ACRE	\$2,600.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	1,050	L.F.	\$51.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	80	L.F.	\$61.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	12" PVC SANITARY SEWER	160	L.F.	\$62.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	6" PVC SAN SERVICE LINE	385	L.F.	\$47.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" X 6" SAN SERVICE WYE	14	EACH	\$270.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	15	EACH	\$275.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$1,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	RECON EX SAN SERVICE	14	EACH	\$123.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	MANHOLE CASTING/COVER/ FRAME SEALS	17	EACH	\$1,100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	MANHOLE SEAL (GATOR WRAP)	1	EACH	\$6,700.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	MANHOLE COVER REPLACEMENT	6	EACH	\$950.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	50	S.Y.	\$45.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Base Bid.....

\$0.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Base Bid.....

\$0.00

# CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE - MATERIALS ON SITE

DATE: August 26, 2021

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements

CONTRACTOR: 2EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734

PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 1

## MATERIALS ON SITE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. PURCHASED	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY ON SITE	AMOUNT REMAINS
2112	GEOTEXTILE SEP FABRIC	1	L.S.	\$2,196.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$2,196.00
2506	MANHOLE FRAMES	1	L.S.	\$9,626.17	0	\$0.00	1	\$9,626.17
2621	MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS	1	L.S.	\$6,201.12	0	\$0.00	1	\$6,201.12
2621	6" PVC SANITARY SERVICE LINE	392	L.F.	\$4.39	0	\$0.00	392	\$1,720.88
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	1,050	L.F.	\$7.96	0	\$0.00	1,050	\$8,358.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	84	L.F.	\$12.40	0	\$0.00	84	\$1,041.60
2621	12" PVC SANITARY SEWER	168	L.F.	\$17.82	0	\$0.00	168	\$2,993.76
2621	8" X 6" SAN SERVICE WYE	14	EACH	\$78.33	0	\$0.00	14	\$1,096.62
2625	PIPE INSULATION	1	L.S.	\$1,622.40	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,622.40
TOTAL MATERIALS STORED ON SITE:						\$0.00		\$34,856.55

# Proposal

218-728-2427

**Rick's Tree & Stump Removal**  
4268 W Calvary Rd  
Duluth, MN 55803



**TREE & STUMP REMOVAL**  
For all your tree care needs

**Breitung Township 20210624**

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Breitung Township  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782  
Phone: Not on File

**Salesperson:**  
Dave Hanson  
2183915931  
dave@rickstreeduluth.com

**Worksite:**  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

#	Item	Description	Qty	Cost
1		<b>Tree removal</b> Remove large white pine and balsam between power line and garage, cut stumps low.	2	\$3,600.00

**Subtotal:** \$3,600.00

**Tax:** \$0.00

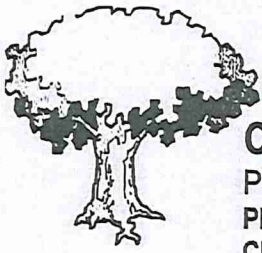
**Total:** \$3,600.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Proposal is valid for 30 days.





## PRICE QUOTE / BILL

### CALGARO & SONS TREE SERVICE

PO BOX 66 • IRON, MN 55751

PHONE (218) 744-1982

CELL (218) 780-7868

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Professional Tree Removal,  
Trimming, and Stump Removal

Insured for your protection

TOM

NAME	BREITUNG TOWNSHIP	DATE	8-12-21	PHONE	780-9463
JOB LOCATION	51 4 <sup>TH</sup> AVE	BILL TO			
	SOUDAN	clerk@breitungtownship.org			

51 4<sup>th</sup> Ave STANLEY PETROSKEY 753-6472

		PRICE
Surgery: _____		
CUT DOWN ONE WHITE PINE AND ONE WHITE SPRUCE		
SOUTH SIDE OF GARAGE.		
CLEAN AND HAUL ALL DEBRIS		
Subtotal		2,600 <sup>00</sup>
MN Sales Tax		191 <sup>75</sup>
TOTAL \$		2,791 <sup>75</sup>
Date	Price is good for 6 months from date quoted	

### BILL

Date work completed \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE UPON COMPLETION

WHITE: CUSTOMER QUOTE

YELLOW: CUSTOMER BILL

PINK: FILE



# PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM

## Trail Legacy Grants

### 2011 APPLICATION



Before completing this application read the program manual that contains instructions on completing this form.

*Type all responses within the boxes associated with each question.  
Handwritten applications will not be accepted.  
DO NOT change the format of this document.*

#### GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

1.	Grant Applicant (Unit of Government required):	Town of Breitung
2.	Contact Person:	Timothy S. Tomsich
3.	Contact Title:	Chair, Town Board
4.	Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 56
	Building Name (if applicable):	
	Street:	33 First Avenue
	City, State Zip:	Soudan, MN 55782
5.	Daytime Phone:	218-753-6020
6.	Fax Number:	218-753-3134
7.	E-mail Address:	<a href="mailto:breitung@accessmn.com">breitung@accessmn.com</a>
8.	Website (if available):	

#### TRAIL CLUB OR ORGANIZATION/PROJECT PARTNER (If applicable):

9.	Contact Person and Title:	
10.	Organization/Club Name:	
11.	Mailing Address	
	Building Name (if applicable):	
	Street:	
	City, State Zip:	
12.	Daytime Phone:	
13.	Fax Number:	
14.	E-mail Address:	
15.	Website (if available):	



**LOCATION OF PROJECT:**

16.	County Project is located in:	Saint Louis
17.	State Legislative (House) District:	06A
18.	Legislative House Representative:	Representative David Dill
19.	State Senate Representative:	Senator Tom Bakk
20.	Congressional District:	8
21.	Congressional Representative:	Congressman Chip Cravaack

**GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:**

22.	Project Title:	Vermilion Loop Trail		
23.	Total Project Cost:	\$180,000		
24.	Amount Requested:	<b>\$135,000</b>		
25.	Local Match:	\$ 45,000		
26.	Source of Local Match:	Town of Breitung and City of Tower General Funds		
27.	Has the local match been secured? (mark one)	X	YES	NO
28.	Will other non-local funds be used for this project? (mark one)	X	YES	NO
	If yes, give amount:	\$10,000		
29.	What is the source of the non- local funds?	Bikes Belong Coalition Grant		
30.	Have the non-local funds been secured? (mark one)		YES	X NO
31.	If this project has received federal funding through the Enhancements Program, please indicate which year your organization is programmed for construction? <i>(please include a copy of the award notification as attachment "G")</i>		FFY:	
32.	If this project is for a new trail development, please indicate estimated length:	Feet (if less than ½ mile):	Miles:	.85
33.	Below, indicate which primary and secondary recreation uses will directly benefit from the proposed project:			
	Primary Use	Secondary Use		
	X		Walking/Hiking	
	X		Bicycling	
			Mountain Bicycling	
			Horseback Riding	
		X *	Cross-Country Skiing	
	X		In-Line Skating	
		X *	Snowmobiling	
			ATV Riding	
			Off-Highway Motorcycling	
			4 X 4 Trucking	
		X *	Other (specify): Snow shoeing	

- The trail will not be groomed for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling or snow shoeing.

## QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

All applications must address each of the following six qualifying requirements.

*Failure to provide information on each of the requirements will result in the disqualification of the application.*

**Please complete each section as outlined in the instructions.**

### 34. Project Description:

The Vermilion Loop Trail Project is to construct a segment of paved trail that connects the Town of Breitung McKinley Park Campground facilities to the City of Tower Hoodoo Point Campground facilities. This .85 mile segment of off-road paved trail is the final segment and will complete the paving of the 6.5 mile biking and walking trail. It will connect the city-owned trail segment to the segment of trail owned by Breitung Township. It will provide a direct connection to the Lake Vermilion State Park, Soudan Underground Mine State Park and Tower's historic harbor development. The trail connects to the Mesabi Trail and its regional network of trails.

This particular segment of the Vermilion Loop Trail completes the gap between the two public campgrounds which improves safety to the public and provides a direct access to tourism and recreational destinations that offer statewide significance. It provides easy access to Lake Vermilion, swimming, camping, fishing and other popular outdoor activities.

### 35. Costs Associated with the Project:

Projects costs include: Put n the project budget detail when John Jamnick gets me an updated budget.

The Town of Breitung and the City of Tower will establish a Joint Powers, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, to construct and maintain this segment of the trail. The township residents approved funding for the trail project at our annual township meeting on March 8, 2011. The City of Tower committed match funds to the project as part of their annual budget and the city council gave approval at their March 14, 2011 meeting.

Annual operations and maintenance cost estimate is \$1,000. The Township and City committed these costs as part of our respective budgets.

### 36. Project Timeline:

DNR Award: July 2011

DNR Contract: August 2011

Engineering/Design Work: August 2011

Project Bidding: September 2011

Project Construction: October 2011

Project Substantial Completion: October/November 2011

Final Project Completion: July 2012



**37. Project Readiness:**

Planning for the project began in Fall 2010. Current status is the planning and design concept. The trail location will use existing footpath routes wherever possible on the Township and City-owned wooded land. Engineering/design work will start when the DNR/Township grant agreement is fully executed. Trail design will take advantage of views and landscape features that will add scenic value to the trail experience. There are areas with potential overlooks of the Lake Vermilion. Our project financial match is secured and the project is ready to go.

There are 2 separate components to the overall campground-to-campground trail connection project. The road distance between the campgrounds is 1.7 miles. Half (.85 miles) of the trail will be off-road and therefore eligible for the Minnesota DNR Trail Legacy Grant Program. The trail will be constructed on public land owned by Breitung Township and the City of Tower. This is the component for which we are applying to the DNR Trail Legacy Grant Program.

The other component that will complete the full 6.5 miles of the Vermilion Loop Trail is not part of our DNR grant request. It is a separate component that will be constructed on the right-of-way of County Road 697 by St. Louis County. It is wholly managed by the County as part of their County Road 697 road resurfacing project scheduled for summer 2011. This portion will be an on-road bike lane. It is important because it provides a safer connection than is currently offered on the county road. St. Louis County is an important partner in minimizing trail complications such as wetlands, private land acquisition and easements. It saves project development time and costs to the overall campground-to-campground trail connection, and more importantly, at the same time, provides a safe link from our off-road trail segment to the City's trail which picks up at Hoodoo Point.

**38. Year Round Trail Usage:**

The trail will be used as a winter hiking, cross-country, snowmobiling and snow shoeing trail. It will not be groomed for these activities. Our current trail segments are not groomed and are used heavily in the winter by these types of users. We expect the same for this trail segment.

39. **Regional or Statewide Significance** – To be eligible for this grant, the project must demonstrate that it is of regional or statewide significance. Read the criteria published on the website and in the manual and describe how your project is of regional or statewide significance:

This segment of the Vermilion Loop Trail is the final segment that will safely connect the Town of Breitung McKinley Park Campground to the City of Tower's Hoodoo Point Campground. Both campgrounds are located directly on Lake Vermilion and annually experience a high volume of camper use from May through October. The campgrounds serve as a revenue source for both units of government and do create an economic impact in our communities as part of our region's tourism economy.



McKinley Park Campground is located adjacent to the new Lake Vermilion State Park and the Soudan Underground Mine State Park. The campgrounds' popularity is expected to increase in 2011 with the new Lake Vermilion State Park recreational opportunities. This trail segment connects to the township trail which provides a direct access to the state parks. It also connects to the Mesabi Trail regional network of trails. The Mesabi Trail is a premier bike trail winding through some of the state's prettiest regions, including the Lake Vermilion State Park. When completed, the trail will traverse 132 miles and connect more than 25 communities.

This segment of trail will complete the entire 6.5 mile loop that connects our communities. The City of Tower's historic harbor is another major connecting feature on this trail, as well as the historic depot museum and train in Tower. Tower is the only city with direct access to Lake Vermilion. The historic harbor redevelopment will include new commercial space for retail business and restaurants, riverfront park and pavilion, public docking facilities, green space, and other community space. Completion of the harbor project and the new state park will generate 400,000 – 500,000 visitors annually to the new park and generate \$8.5 million in visitor spending each year.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

All applicants must address each of the following nine evaluation criteria that are listed, and in the order that they are presented below. *Failure to provide information on each of the criterion will result in the disqualification of the application.*

### 40. **Site and Project Quality:**

Surveys that were completed by residents in the development of the Breitung-Tower Comprehensive Plan back in 1999, as well as the Lake Vermilion Comprehensive Plan completed by St. Louis County in 2004, documented that walking and biking are the most popular of recreational activities. We are connecting 2 campgrounds with a total of 165 campsites that are reserved by families throughout the summer. The campgrounds are filled to capacity on weekends and holidays. Campground managers state that bikes are a staple of every family staying at the campgrounds. Biking, walking and inline skating have been popular on the township and city trails. A safe off-road trail connection will be especially welcomed by the campground users who will now be able to make the full 6.5 mile loop. Campers at Hoodoo Point will gain safer access to the state parks on this segment of trail.

The Lake Vermilion State Park and Tower historic harbor project developments will dramatically increase the volume of visitors who are seeking these types of recreational opportunities and connection to the communities. Our lakes and peaceful, natural environment are the attractive features of the trail. Users can view Lake Vermilion on portions of the trail.

### 41. **Accessibility:**

The trail will be 10' wide and will be accessible for persons with disabilities. In addition to suitable grades, the design will take into consideration wheelchairs with enough maneuvering spaces on the trail. Areas with steep slope will be designated with signage.

This trail segment facilitates access to the entire trail loop that connects the communities. It creates a safer route. Currently users are walking, wheeling and biking on the county road (without a right-of-way shoulder) with a lot of traffic making for an unsafe environment.

The ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities and federal transportation publications related to designing accessible trails have been referenced and will be used for the final design of the project.

### 42. **Public Need for and Benefit of Project:**

The project should be funded for safety of the users of the trail. We anticipate a large increase in trail use with more camping families coming to the Lake Vermilion State Park. McKinley Park and Hoodoo Point campsites will be even more popular because of their locations' convenience and easy access to the state parks and features of our natural environment. It should be funded because the trail will offer recreational and fitness opportunities for local residents and visitors.



It will complete a trail link that is very important to Breitung Township and City of Tower families. It is important to our school community education programs. It connects the campgrounds and the communities. Children will be able to safely ride their bikes from home to both of the beaches.

A sense of physical and personal safety will be achieved as users will be off the road and away from traffic. With the harbor and new state park developments, it is anticipated that traffic on the county road will increase substantially.

The trail will provide a continuous and varying experience that takes users to a variety of destinations: Lake Vermilion State Park, Soudan Underground Mine State Park, McKinley Park Campground, Hoodoo Point Campground, Tower Airport, Tower Historic Harbor, Tower-Soudan Depot and Train Museum, Potter's Field Cemetery, Mesabi Trail, City of Tower, Soudan, Stuntz Bay Historic Boathouse District, and Lake Vermilion water access boat landings and swimming beaches.

**43. Community Commitment to Trail Use:**

The Town of Breitung and City of Tower will establish a Joint Powers Agreement with the general purpose of this Agreement to provide an organization through which the local units of government will work jointly and collaboratively for efficient use of public resources. We have worked together, and with St. Louis County, over the past year to plan the project and to raise funds to achieve our Vermilion Loop Trail goals of connectivity and safety. We have made the commitment to budget funds for its long-term maintenance and sustainability.

**44. Impact on Adjoining Landowners in the Vicinity of the Project:**

The land on which the trail will be constructed is owned by the Town of Breitung and the City of Tower. Adjoining land to the city parcels is private and primarily vacant land. This segment of trail will not have any direct impact on that property. Property across the county road, to the north, and directly on the shores of Lake Vermilion is privately owned, except for the McKinley Park Campground. The trail will improve conditions for owners because it will remove bikers and other users off the county road making the road much safer for everyone. A neighborhood trail has a positive impact on property values.

**45. Attention to the Potential Environmental Impact of the Project and Efforts to Avoid or Mitigate Adverse Effects:**

The trail is far removed and away from the lakeshore, on the south side of the county road. No wetland issues have been identified on the publicly owned land on which the trail will be constructed. The existing trail access routes currently in use on the township and city land will be used when feasible to avoid creating a larger ecological footprint and further encroachment into ecologically sensitive areas. The potential trail route is located in a natural wooded

environment. Landscaping or plantings in the project area, if any, will be native to Minnesota and of local ecotype.

**46. Connectivity:**

The trail will provide a continuous and varying experience that takes users to a variety of destinations: Lake Vermilion State Park, Soudan Underground Mine State Park, McKinley Park Campground, Hoodoo Point Campground, Tower Airport, Tower Historic Harbor, Tower-Soudan Depot and Train Museum, Potter's Field Cemetery, Mesabi Trail, City of Tower, Soudan, Stuntz Bay Historic Boathouse District, and Lake Vermilion water access boat landings and swimming beaches.

It will safely connect the City of Tower to the Soudan location in the Town of Breitung and complete the entire 6.5 miles of the Vermilion Loop Trail.

**47. Enhanced Opportunities for Commuters:**

Our area is rural and sparsely populated with commuting distances primarily to larger populated centers such as Virginia and Hibbing. As such, commuting opportunities will not be enhanced. However, safer bike routes encourage bicycling and this trail has potential to provide that opportunity. With many year-round homes in the vicinity of the bike trail, and as new jobs are created through the state park and harbor project developments over the years, commuting by current or new property owners has some potential.

**48. Enhanced Safety:**

The project will increase safety by removing users off the county road away from traffic.

## Commissioner's Order – Restricting Open Fires in Portions of the State

**Date:** August 16, 2021

**Authorities:** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 88.10, 88.16, 88.17, and 88.22.

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### BACKGROUND

**WHEREAS:**

Minnesota's drought conditions continue to worsen, with over three-quarters of the state currently classed as in severe, extreme, or exceptional drought; and

Weather conditions continue to contribute to significant drying of forests, brushlands and grasslands of the state, resulting in fuel conditions conducive to wildfire hazards; and

The majority of the north and central areas of the state, covering Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Sherburne, Stearns, St. Louis, Todd, Wadena, and Wright counties, are experiencing particularly high fire danger indices, reflecting conditions that allow fires to start and spread easily; and

Recent precipitation received in the state did not alleviate the long-term fire danger indices and concerns, leaving much of north and central Minnesota dry, and the extended forecast predicts continued hot and dry conditions; and

The dry conditions now allow fires to ignite organic soils and large heavy fuels that require extensive effort to extinguish; and

Fires in dispersed and remote areas hinder fire suppression efforts and additional out-of-state resources to assist in fire suppression are limited; and

Partner agencies within the Minnesota Incident Command System (MNICS) support restricting open fires in these areas of north and central Minnesota and have done so within their jurisdictions; and

On June 17, 2021, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Commissioner) issued a Commissioner's Order restricting open fire in portions of the state that continued until revoked or modified; and

On July 12, July 27, and August 6, 2021, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources modified that order to include additional counties and strengthen the restrictions in Cook and Lake counties; and



Additional fires are occurring each day and fires are becoming more difficult to suppress, particularly in the north-central and northeast areas of the state, where existing fires are using resources that are needed to respond quickly to new fires; and

Fire control agencies have met and agree that further expanding burning restrictions is warranted and necessary; and

Acting on behalf of the Commissioner, and for the reasons described above, the Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources now desires to modify the order again to:

- 1) add Clay, Douglas, Grant, Kittson, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, the western portion of Roseau, Sherburne, and Wright counties to those counties under burning restrictions, and
- 2) further restrict open burning in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Mahnomen, and the northern portion of St. Louis counties.

## ORDER

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 88.10, 88.16, 88.17, and 88.22, that for the period commencing at 12:01 am, August 17, 2021, and continuing until revoked or modified by further order of the Commissioner for Aitkin, Benton, Carlton, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Sherburne, Stearns, the southern portion of St. Louis, Todd and Wright counties, excluding tribal lands (Exhibit A - Open Burning Restricted):

1. No burning permits may be issued except for special exceptions issued by the state or federal agency having suppression responsibilities; and
2. Attended campfires or recreational fires are allowed only in a designated fire receptacle designed for such use and associated with a residence, dwelling, campground, or resort; and
3. No use of fireworks is allowed outside of municipalities; use of fireworks within a municipality remains under the municipality's control.

It is also ordered that for the period commencing at 12:01 am, August 17, 2021, and continuing until revoked or modified by further order of the Commissioner for Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Mahnomen, Otter Tail, the northern portion of St. Louis and Wadena counties, excluding tribal lands (Exhibit A - Additional Restrictions):

1. No burning permits may be issued except for special exceptions issued by the state or federal agency having suppression responsibilities;
2. Prescribed burning on private lands is prohibited, except that state and federal agencies may burn under an Approved Prescribed Burn Plan;
3. Campfires or recreational fires are prohibited on all land subject to state jurisdiction. Only gas or propane camp stoves may be used in the backcountry or at campsites. Charcoal fires are allowed, in a grill designed for that purpose, at occupied homes, cabins and resorts;
4. No use of fireworks is allowed outside of municipalities; use of fireworks within a municipality remains under the municipality's control; and

5. The use of welding devices, acetylene torches, or other devices with open flame is prohibited in proximity to combustible vegetation, except when operated pursuant to a special permit issued by the Commissioner.

Exhibit A: Counties subject to this Commissioner's Order.



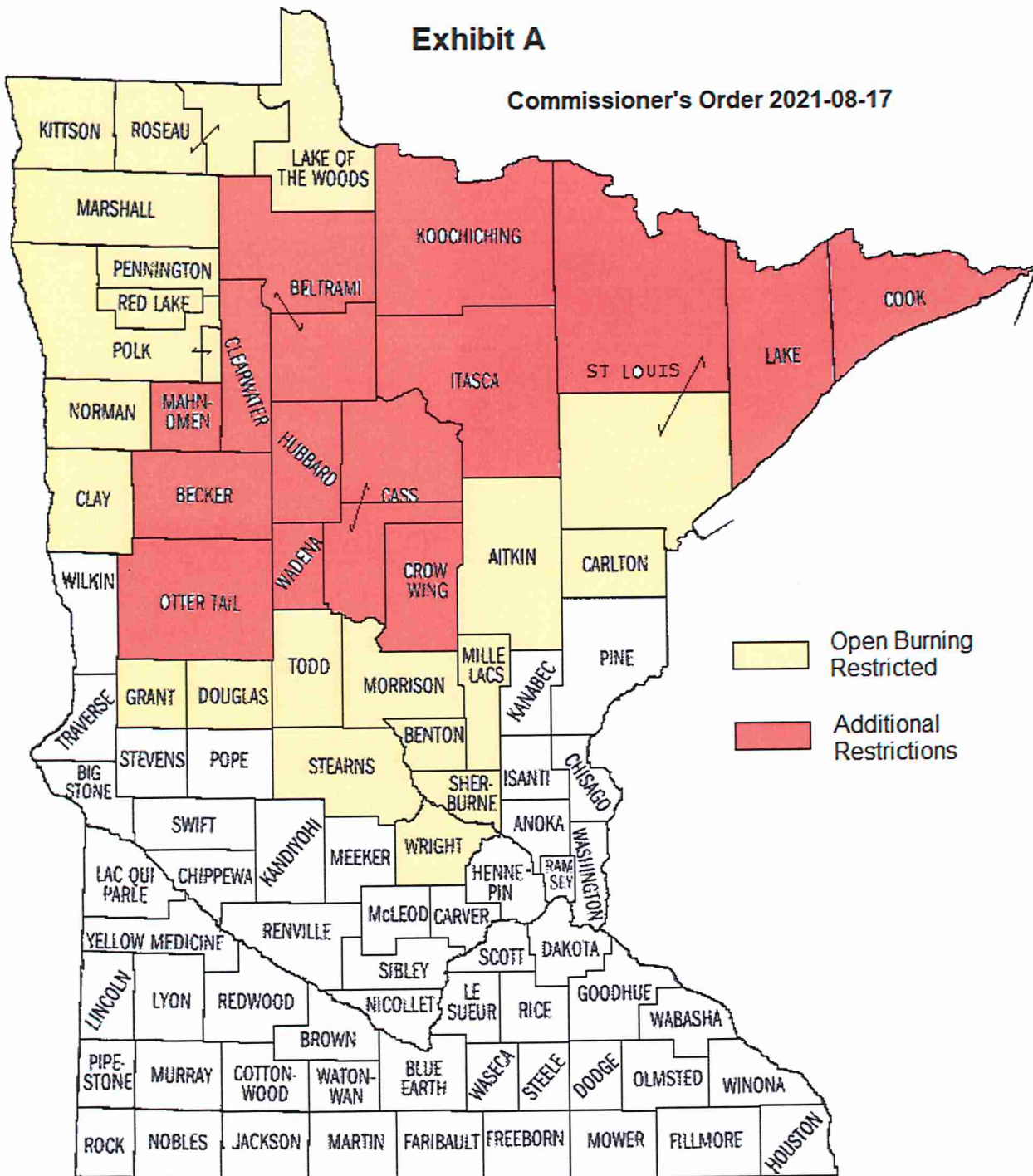
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Barb Naramore, Deputy Commissioner

Date: August 16, 2021

## Exhibit A

Commissioner's Order 2021-08-17



# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

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PO Box 56 | Soudan | MN | 55782

August 26, 2021

Tower-Soudan Historical Society  
PO Box 465  
Tower, MN 55790

RE: Letter of Support

The Town of Breitung supports the Tower-Soudan Historical Society efforts in restoring the Historic Fire Hall on Tower's Main Street. Our joint comprehensive plan with the City of Tower supports preserving the historic assets located within our communities.

Preserving the history of our community is important. Our cultural heritage is linked to the historic buildings and collections of information on how people lived during the early settlement of Breitung Township because of Minnesota's first iron ore mine in Soudan. The Historic Society provides a valuable service in bringing our history alive throughout the Tower-Soudan and Lake Vermilion area, and we understand it will continue through the historic fire hall's story.

We support the fire hall as an attraction for visitors and tourists, but more so as an educational facility and gathering place for local residents. Multiple stories have been passed down through the generations about the old fire hall, city hall and jail and we need to continue sharing that history.

Thank you so much for your organization's good work. We wish you the best in securing the grants and financial support needed to restore the historic landmark.

Regards,

Timothy Tomsich  
Chair, Town of Breitung



August 19, 2021

Town of Breitung  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Town Board,

I have purchased a dilapidated property at 21 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Soudan and plan to demolish it so that I can construct a new structure on the property.

The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation has a Residential Redevelopment grant program to assist property owners with demolition costs. The program benefits both the Township and me as the new property owner in constructing a higher value property than currently exists.

I have been in contact with IRRR staff and am aware of their process which must go through the Township.

I have requested bids from qualified contractors who are licensed and insured and meet all program requirements. I have prepared the required documentation for the grant request.

I am aware that the IRRR and Township will enter into a grant contract, and that demolition cannot begin prior to execution of the grant contract. I am aware that the selection of the lowest bid will be approved by the IRRR in granting the award, and that I am responsible for ensuring the contractor starts and completes the project timely.

I have been in communication with the Township Maintenance Supervisor Tom Gorsma to learn the Township's requirements in preparation for the demolition project. There will be no additional work burden placed on the Township staff.

The IRRR staff has approved assistance to the Township for submission of the application. It can be prepared within the grant portal at no cost to the Township by Nancy Larson, approved by the Town Chair or Clerk, and submitted by the authorized Township staff. Reimbursement documents will be prepared within the grant portal by Nancy Larson, approved and submitted by authorized staff.

Once the grant amount is calculated by IRRR staff and awarded, I can issue a check payable to the Township for the balance, if requested by the Township at that time.

I am looking forward to being a property owner of a newly constructed structure in Soudan, and assure you that I will be a good steward of the property throughout its life.

Regards,

Tom Larson  
21 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Soudan MN 55782  
763-568-9969



## Residential Redevelopment Program Process

The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation offers a Residential Redevelopment grant program to assist property owners in demolishing dilapidated residential structures. The goal is to improve the community by removing blight, substandard and irreparable structures. The objective is to eliminate blight, improve properties, promote health and safety and encourage new development to expand the tax base.

Property owners must apply through the Township to access available grants to achieve one of the objectives. The Township will coordinate the grant application with the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation on behalf of the property owner.

### Eligible structures include:

- Single-unit residential homes
- Residential duplex homes
- Garages
- Sheds
- Barns

### Ineligible structures include:

- Decks
- Roofless structures
- Commercial buildings
- Structures with debris removal
- Insurance policy coverage due to fire
- Excludes for profit businesses

### Costs

- There is a maximum of \$3 per building square foot, or 75% of demolition costs including basements, whichever is less.

### Process and Payment

- The IRRR will calculate the final grant award and disbursement based on the worksheet and drawings submitted with the grant application. The property owner is required to complete the worksheet and drawings using IRRR required forms.
- The IRRR and Township will enter into a grant agreement if the project is deemed eligible and awarded a grant.
- The Township will pay the contractor 100% upon completion of the project and contractor's submission of required documentation to the Township.
- The property owner will pay the Township the balance of the contractor demolition invoice which will be determined at the time of the grant award.
- The Township will request reimbursement of the grant amount through the IRRR grant portal payment process.

### Application

Required documentation at time the application is submitted by property owner to the Township for submission to the IRRR through the IRRR grant portal:

- Property owner worksheet (including sketch completed by property owner)
- Release of liability form
- Pre-demolition photos
- Two written quotes for demolition for eligible property structures
  - The contractor must be licensed and insured

IRRR will review and award within 2-4 weeks and complete grant agreement execution with the Township.

Required documentation after demolition:

- Post-demolition photographs

**RESOLUTION 2021-15**

Breitung Township  
St. Louis County, Minnesota

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BREITUNG TO MAKE APPLICATION  
TO AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION**

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Residential Redevelopment - 21 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project;

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for the underlying projects if approved by IRRRB.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of the Town of Breitung does hereby adopt this resolution.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 26th day of August, 2021.

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Charles Tekautz, Vice-Chair

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Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk

Brad Erickson  
29918 Hardwood Road Chatfield, MN 55923

July 22, 2021

Breitung Township  
Attn: Jorgine Gornick  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Jorgine:

I recently purchased and am in the process of remodeling the house at 27 Church Street. I would be interested in purchasing the vacant lot to the north owned by Breitung Township. Can you please present this request to the township board at their next meeting on my behalf. My cell phone number is 507-259-7564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Erickson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brad Erickson

LAND-SALE  
TIME:11:26:14

FINAL STATEMENT - CONTRACT CLOSED

PAGE: 1  
DATE: 5/13/1994

ACCOUNT: C22940191

PARCEL: 270 110 670  
CONTRACT DATE: 5/ 4/94

DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT  
GOVT. SERVICES CENTER, ROOM 607  
320 WEST 2ND STREET  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55802  
PHONE: 218/726-2606

BILLED TO:

TOWN OF BREITUNG  
BOX 363  
SOUDAN MN 55782

### CONTRACT INFORMATION

NUMBER OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULED: 1

PRINCIPAL REMAINING: \$ 0.00

PRINCIPAL REFINANCED ON / /

CURRENT INTEREST RATE: 10.0000%

ANNUAL PAYMENT REQUIRED: \$ 0.00 PLUS INTEREST

RECORDING FEE \$ 19.50

DEED FEE \$ 25.00

APPLICATION FEE \$ 25.00

TOTAL: \$ 69.50

### CHARGES AND PAYMENTS TO DATE

ITEM	CHARGES	PAYMENTS
FEES	\$ 69.50	\$ 69.50
DOWNPAYMENT (sale amount less fees & 90% of land price)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
ANNUAL PAYMENT ON PRINCIPAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
INTEREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL CHARGES AND PAYMENTS	\$ 69.50	\$ 69.50
REMAINING BALANCE THIS PERIOD	\$ 0.00	



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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

**CONVEYANCE OF FORFEITED LANDS**

(Issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.01, Subdivision 1)

**THIS INDENTURE**, made this 18th day of April, 1994, between the State of Minnesota, as party of the first part, and Township of Breitung, a Municipal Corporation, as party of the second part, **WITNESSETH**:

**WHEREAS**, the land hereinafter described was duly forfeited to the State of Minnesota to be held in trust in favor of the taxing districts for the nonpayment of taxes, and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, Subdivision 1a, the party of the second part has applied to the Commissioner of Revenue for the conveyance of lands hereinafter described to be used by it exclusively for construction of a public parking lot, and,

**WHEREAS**, unless not required under Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, Subdivision 1b(b), the Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, has recommended to the Commissioner of Revenue by resolution adopted on the 1st day of March, 1994, that such conveyance be made,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the State of Minnesota, pursuant to said laws and in consideration of the premises, does hereby grant or convey unto the party of the second part, all the tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 14 Block 8 Plat of Soudan,

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME**, together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said party of the second part so long as it shall continue to use said land for the purpose aforesaid, and upon condition that if such use shall cease said land shall revert to the party of the first part as provided by law.

**THE GRANTOR CERTIFIES** that the Grantor does not know of any wells on the described real property. The State of Minnesota is issuing this deed for the county and other taxing jurisdictions and in reliance on the Auditor's certification stating no wells are located on the above described property.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the State of Minnesota, party of the first part, has caused this deed to be executed in its name in the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, the day and year first above written.

In presence of:

Diana Rogge  
Sharon Constantine

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
MORRIS J. ANDERSON  
Commissioner of Revenue

By: [Signature]

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
County of Ramsey )

OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER  
STATE OF MINNESOTA } ss.  
County of St. Louis }  
I hereby certify that the within instru-

On this 18th day of April, 1994, before me personally appeared MICHAEL P. WANDMACHER, the duly appointed representative of the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing conveyance in behalf of the State of Minnesota, and acknowledged that he executed the same as the free act and deed of said state pursuant to the

## 1. General information

Employer name <b>Township of Breitung</b>	Minnesota tax ID number <b>8020839</b>
Your name and title <b>Dianna Sunsdahl-Clerk</b>	E-mail <b>clerk@breitungtownship.org</b>
Phone number <b>218-753-6020</b>	Date <b>09/01/2021</b>

## 2. HCSP contract details

This HCSP contract is for:

- ☐ New employer enrollment - employer has not previously participated in HCSP
- ☐ Enrolled employer - adding new employee group
- ☒ Renewal of existing employee group - select the appropriate option below:
- ☒ Contract language has been revised and supersedes previous language
- ☐ Contract language is in addition to the existing contract language
- ☐ No change to contract language



MSRS requires a minimum 2-year commitment before modifying the existing HCSP contract language.

Effective dates of contract     06 / 01 / 2021    to    05 / 31 / 2031  
    Start date                                      End date

### 3. Bargaining unit/group information

1. Please select one (a separate form must be completed for each employee group)

- ☐ AFSCME
 ☐ Teamsters
 ☐ Other Union \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Education MN
 ☐ IUOE
 ☒ Non-Union \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ LELS

2. Local/Chapter # (if applicable) NA

3. Approximate number of employees in this group/unit Two (2)

4. Funding source(s)

- ☐ Severance
 ☒ Payroll deductions
 ☐ Employer contributions
- ☐ Vacation at termination
 ☐ Excessive leave balance
 ☐ Incentive pay
- ☐ PTO at termination
 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Internal use only
ER ID: _____ Approved: _____ Declined: _____ Emailed ER: _____
Reviewer: _____ Field Rep: _____
Notes:



TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG TO  
ENROLL AND CONTRACT WITH MSRS/HCSP HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached contract renewal with MSRS to enroll in the Health Care Savings Plan. The Township of Breitung employees are eligible to participate in the Minnesota Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) established under Minnesota Statutes, section 352.9 (Minn. Supp.2001) and as outlined in the Minnesota State Retirement System's Trust and Plan Documents. All funds collected by the employer on the behalf of the employee will be deposited into the employee's post-employment health care savings plan account.

Renewal of the group contract language approved in 2002 is superseded by the following language:

WHEREAS THE Employees have agreed to contribute to the Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan as described below based on years of service:

Employees with 21 or more years of service shall contribute \$100 per pay period.

The Township of Breitung has agreed to contribute to the Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan as described below:

The Township of Breitung shall contribute a monthly payment in the amount of \$75.00 to all employees with 21 years to 45 years of service.

This shall become effective June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2031.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution.

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2021-17 was declared duly passed and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Timothy Tomsich, Chairman

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Dianna Sundahl, Clerk

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## Minnesota's Water Assistance Program

### Overview

- Congress created an emergency water assistance program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Minnesota received \$14,666,970.
- The water assistance program begins October 1, 2021.
- Water assistance can make payments to public water suppliers on behalf of eligible residential customers.
- Program can pay for past due and current water and wastewater usage charges, fees, deposits, up to \$1200.
- Cannot pay for other municipal services like trash or cable television.

### How Benefits are Distributed

- Customers apply for water assistance using the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) application.
- Local EAP Service Providers are the main point of contact for water suppliers and for customers.

Per federal guidance, water assistance benefits are prioritized for eligible residential customers in this order:

1. Currently disconnected from water or wastewater services.
2. With a pending water or wastewater disconnection.
3. With a past due water or wastewater bill.

### What we ask of water suppliers

- Complete and submit a Vendor Registration Form – so water assistance can pay you.
- Sign and follow the Vendor Agreement – details about water supplier and Service Provider responsibilities.
- Refer customers to apply for water assistance.

When customers apply, Service Providers may ask water suppliers to verify information:

- Water/wastewater account number and name.
- Water/wastewater account balance – including past due amount, current bill amount, fees.
- Water/wastewater actual or scheduled disconnection date.
- Total annual water bill amount.
- Total annual wastewater bill amount.

### Questions?

Contact the Energy Assistance Program Service Provider in your area:

***AEOA Energy Assistance Program  
702 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S  
Virginia, MN 55792  
Jean EAP Manager 218-748-7352***



## Agreement Between Water Vendor and Service Provider

(Water supplier) at (address), and successor home water providers, hereafter referred to as “the water vendor,” hereby agrees to cooperate with (local EAP and LIHWAP Service Provider) hereafter referred to as “the Service Provider,” and the Minnesota Department of Commerce (COMM), Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), hereafter referred to as “the State” to deliver the Minnesota LIHWAP for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

### **I. The water vendor and the Service Provider will:**

1. Follow Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) policies and procedures in the *MN Energy Assistance Program (EAP) Policy Manual*.
2. Comply with the Minn. Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA), Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the water vendor, the State, or its contractors under this agreement and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained or disseminated by the water vendor or the Service Provider, in performing the duties under this agreement. To administer this program, the water vendor and the Service Provider utilize a secure database with private information on individuals protected under the MGDPA. The water vendor and Service Provider agree to not release any private data, including from the database, to any third party without written authorization from the subject of the data. By signing the application, applicants consent to the use of their private information for purposes of this agreement.
3. Use information obtained from water vendor, the State, or its contractors for the sole purpose of performing responsibilities and duties for water programs run by the State. Further, Service Provider and water vendor shall implement and maintain appropriate and reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect such information from accidental or unauthorized access, use, disclosure, and loss or destruction.
4. Negotiate for continuation or reconnection of service to households determined eligible for LIHWAP benefits.
5. Establish a dispute resolution process to resolve issues arising during the term of this agreement.
6. Collaborate and do everything possible to ensure the customer has continuous access to home water service.
7. Minimize the risks of a customer’s home water crisis using the LIHWAP benefits.
8. Encourage regular payments from the household.
9. Work together to ensure LIHWAP payments are appropriately applied to accounts and used for LIHWAP services as designated by the Service Provider.

### **II. The Service Provider will:**

1. Determine customer eligibility.
2. Provide new and existing water vendors with information about the eHEAT software system.
  - Work to ensure all water vendors become eHEAT users.
  - Provide necessary and/or ongoing training to water vendors using eHEAT.
3. Make authorization through eHEAT, telephone, fax, or electronic communication of payments for current and past due amounts for water and sewer services.
4. Maintain customer authorizations for exchange of private data between the Service Provider and the water vendor.
5. Enter account number into eHEAT in the format supplied by the water vendor.

### **III. The water vendor will:**

1. Ensure LIHWAP eligible households are not treated adversely compared to other households.
2. Supply account number format to the Service Provider.
3. Timely provide at the request of the customer, the Service Provider or the State, information on applicant households’ home water costs, bill payment history, or arrearage history. This information will be provided in the format requested.
4. Register with the State to receive LIHWAP payments.
5. Use the warrant or EFT date as the LIHWAP payment date.
6. Apply all LIHWAP payments to the household’s account within 5 business days of receipt of payment.

# Vendor Registration for Energy Assistance Program (EAP) Water Assistance Payments

To receive payments through EAP Water Assistance, a vendor must register by completing the form below.

## 1. Enter the name and address of your vendor business or operation (\* indicates a required field):

1.1	Full Legal Business Name*	
1.2	Common Name (DBA), if different than above	
1.3	Location Address: Street*	
1.4	City, State Zip*	
1.5	Mailing Address: Street*	
1.6	City, State Zip*	
1.7	County*	
1.8	Contact Name:*	
1.9	Phone + extension:*	
1.10	FAX number:	
1.11	Email Address:*	(Email address required for eHEAT access and payment notifications)

## 2. Check ONE to identify this vendor operation business type:

- 2.1 ☐ A government entity
- 2.2 ☐ A business as a corporation
- 2.3 ☐ A business as a partnership
- 2.4 ☐ LLC (Limited Liability Corporation)

## 3. If this vendor operation is a corporation, partnership or LLC, please enter:

3.1	Federal Employer Tax Identification Number (TIN) - begins with a 41:	
3.2	Minnesota State ID Number (if available) – nine digits, begins with 00:	

## 4. Energy Assistance Program (EAP) Water Service Providers:

4.1	Please list all EAP Water Assistance Service Providers you will work with:	
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## 5. Services (check all that apply):

- ☐ Water ☐ Wastewater

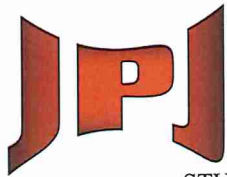
## 6. A signed IRS Form W-9 must accompany this form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email this completed form and a signed IRS Form W-9 to [ehat.doc@state.mn.us](mailto:ehat.doc@state.mn.us).

Questions: contact Jon Brown, MN Department of Commerce, Vendor Management, 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. Phone: (651) 539-1869; FAX: (651) 539-0109





# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

## STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD

STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD FROM JASPER STREET TO NATURAL AREA  
STUNTZ BAY ACCESS ROAD PAVEMENT REPAIRS  
PROJECT NO. 21-923

August 3, 2021

### PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

NO.	ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
2021	MOBILIZATION	1.00	L.S.	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2104	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	3,700	SQ. YD.	\$4.00	\$14,800.00
2104	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	495	LIN. FT.	\$6.00	\$2,970.00
2104	REMOVE CURB AND GUTTER	218	LIN. FT.	\$4.00	\$872.00
2104	SALVAGE CATCH BASIN FRAME AND CASTING	1	EACH	\$500.00	\$500.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	1,600	CU. YD.	\$15.00	\$24,000.00
2105	ROCK EXCAVATION	50	CU. YD.	\$50.00	\$2,500.00
2105	TOPSOIL BORROW	150	CU. YD.	\$15.00	\$2,250.00
2211	AGGREGATE BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	1,000	CU. YD.	\$25.00	\$25,000.00
2221	AGGREGATE SHOULDERING, CLASS 5	110	CU. YD.	\$35.00	\$3,850.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	350	TON	\$85.00	\$29,750.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	350	TON	\$85.00	\$29,750.00
2503	INSTALL SALVAGED FRAME AND CASTING	1	EACH	\$500.00	\$500.00
2531	CURB & GUTTER	218	LIN. FT.	\$20.00	\$4,360.00
2554	GUARDRAIL	300	LIN. FT.	\$65.00	\$19,500.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2573	SILT FENCE	3,000	LIN. FT.	\$3.00	\$9,000.00
2573	CONSTRUCTION SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	0.3	ACRE	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
2575	SEEDING	0.3	ACRE	\$1,500.00	\$450.00
2575	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	500	SQ. YD.	\$3.00	\$1,500.00

TOTAL PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST

\$189,152.00

CONTINGENCIES

\$18,915.20

LEGAL, FISCAL, AND ENGINEERING

\$34,047.36

TOTAL PROBABLE PROJECT COST

\$242,114.56

SAY	\$242,200
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