Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02/23/2023 Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - ➤ 01/26/23 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of January 2023 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 47272-47381
 - > Total Disbursements-\$108,484.93
 - > Fund Balance-\$327,894.19
 - Voided Checks-47342 and 47343
- Correspondence
- LMC-Award Nominations and Upcoming Events
- o IRRR-The Ranger 01/25,02/08 and 02/09, 2/22
- o St Louis County-Noxious Weed Training
- Public Input

Reports:

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-no report
- Recreation-Update on Joint Power Rec Board asked to be the fiscal agent for the Howard Wagoner Ski Trails
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

Old Business

- ATV Trail-Updates
- Infrastructure Project 2023-Update and CDBG Grant Application
- Culture and Tourism Grant Project Update
- IRRR-5-year plan update

- Broadband
- McKinley Park Trail Upgrade
 - DNR Contract Extension till 2024
 - > IRRR Grant
- Project 16-268 Gravel Pit Property owned by St. Louis County

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- Club Mesabi, Inc-Use of Facility
- Breitung Fire and Rescue Department recommends the following Officers and Pay to become effective 02/01/2023

Fire Chief-Trevor Banks \$425/mo., Assistant Chief-Matt Tuchel \$375/mo., Captain-Doug Carter \$250/mo., Lieutenant-Lance Dougherty \$200/mo., Training Officer-Steve Burgess \$200/mo., Training Officer-Detton Koski \$200/mo.

Recommends the following for the Relief Association to become effective 02/01/2023 President-Matt Lenci \$100/year, Vice President-Ross Swanson \$50/year, Secretary-Chris Suihkonen \$599/year, Treasurer-Matt Tomsich \$200/year.

- Workman's Comp Deductible
- Congressional Spending
- Police Department-HALT Suit
- Resolution 2023-05 DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
- Resolution 2023-06-Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the town of Breitung, Minnesota temporary general obligation utility revenue note to the city of Tower

<u>Board of Audit-</u>February 23rd, 2023 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

<u>Township Elections-</u>Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 10am-8pm <u>Board of Canvass-</u>Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 Immediately following the Election <u>Annual Meeting-</u>Tuesday March 14th, 2023 Immediately following the Board of Canvass

<u>Next Regular Board Meeting-</u>Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 12noon <u>Reorganizational Meeting-</u>Thursday March 23rd, 2023 Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

<u>Adjourn</u>

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 01-26-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

<u>Board Members</u>: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

<u>Public:</u> Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Rachel Brophy-Timberjay, Tom Gorsma-Public Works, Jessica Hanine-Tower News (arrived 12:15pm), Matt Tuchel

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented 2^{nd} by Supervisor Tekautz Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 12/20/22 Special Board Meeting as presented 2^{nd} by Supervisor Dostert Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the December 2022 Treasurers Report as presented 2^{nd} by Supervisor Dostert Motion passed 3-0

<u>Correspondence</u>

- o IRRR-The Ranger 12/28, 01/11-so noted
- o MAT-December Newsletter, Day at the Capitol, Legislative Agenda-so noted
- St Louis County
 - ✓ Public Health and Human Services-Adult use of THC Products-so noted
 - ✓ Planning and Community Development-Public Hearing 03/09/2023 re: Ordinance 61/Subsurface Sewage Treatment System-so noted
- o Bud Van Deusen-ATV Trail-so noted
- Township Attorney-rates-so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached, thanked Matt Tuchel for assisting with plowing the sidewalks
- McKinley Park-No Report
- Recreation-Joint Power Rec Board asked by Wagoner Ski Trails to create a subcommittee and create a charter so they could be the fiscal agent for the Trails.
 Discussion to find out if they have their own EIN Number, will talk about again.
- Wastewater Board-Army Corp of Engineers now moving along on the Water Treatment Project. Engineers looking to meet the month of February. Manholes still on track to be done this winter. City of Tower put in a request for the 2.275-million-dollar cost gap in the project. Continue looking at the State's Bonding bill. Looked at the Wastewater Flow vs Water Usage for 2022. Wastewater increased in 2022 due to the wet spring. Water usage remains average. Matt Tuchel will give numbers to Chairman Tomsich to differentiate Tower's numbers and Soudan's numbers.
- Ambulance Commission-Next meeting is February 6th, 2023. There is an Ad Hoc Committee headed by Kevin Norby, but he has resigned and Bobby Anderson will be taking his place. The Ad Hoc Committee is coming up with suggestions on how to move forward and provide Ambulance Service at a reasonable cost.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept reports as presented $2^{\rm nd}$ by Supervisor Dostert Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

<u>ATV Trails-</u>Supervisor Tekautz spoke with Wayne Kultala on his property, clerk to locate deed to empty township property to see if there is something the Township may trade if there are no restrictions on the deed of the township property.

<u>Infrastructure Project 2023</u>-Chairman Tomsich has done the initial CDBG Application for \$150,000 and the award amount from CDBG would be \$75,000

<u>Safety Grant Program offered by MNOSHA-</u>Chief Reing and Officer Nyman found a camera and basic plan that will fit the Police Department needs. Clerk will not go after Safety Grant funds due to the fact that camera and plan are low cost, and the time it would take clerk to submit application would be more cost than the grant.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve Ring Camera and Basic plan as presented $2^{\rm nd}$ by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

<u>Hwy 169 Road Reduction, Signage, Speed Limits-</u>Supervisor presented all documents, application and cost of signage. This recommendation was from Officer Battin

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to submit application to MNDOT for signage on Hwy 169 $2^{\rm nd}$ by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Equipment Replacement Fund-Please see attachment that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. For 2023 there is \$60k set aside for the John Deere mower, suggestion to move to 2024 for a new Tool Cat Machine which would better serve the Public Works Department and trade in the John Deere mower. Currently only use the zero-turn mower for mowing. Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma will look at options. Chairman Tomsich brought up the fact that our bank is offering 9 month CD's at 3.5%, suggested moving funds for 9 months Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to move \$100,000 from the Equipment Fund to a 9-month CD with 2 signatures (Clerk Sunsdahl and Supervisor Tekautz)

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

New Benches for the McKinley Park Trail-Local citizens have asked about purchasing benches in memory of loved ones. Mesabi Bituminous has not purchased yet as part of the Manhole Project. Clerk Sunsdahl to work with Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma to pick out benches that are sturdy and in line with other benches on the trail. Residents could make a donation to the Township for the purchase of a bench and the Township will purchase. Plaques could be purchased by residents

IRRR 5-year plan-CDBG and IRRR grants have been applied for, JPJ Engineering to contact USDA and will follow up

Request for Utility Easement-Utility easements drafted and sent to owners of 30 Center St and 30 Main St, Soudan

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve and move forward with the (2) utility easements 2^{nd} by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Fire Department

➤ Request for minor changes to the Chief and Assistant Chief Positions
The Breitung Fire and Rescue is asking for minor changes to both positions as explained by
Assistant Chief Matt Tuchel. They are asking to remove NIMS 300 and NIMS 400 as a
requirement. The Department will be encouraging but not requiring the course. Assistant Chief
Tuchel has this training. The reason for the change is that it is very hard to find, and very
expensive. Training is out-of-state and a 3-day course.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve changes as presented 2^{nd} by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Apply for address at the Skating Rink-There is currently no address for the skating shack Motion by Supervisor Dostert to have Clerk Sunsdahl apply for an address at the skating shack (it used to be 10 Church St), and review Fire Number #5263 at the Baseball Field 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

CTC 5-year Contract

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the CTC 5-Year Contract as presented $2^{\rm nd}$ by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

<u>Broadband-</u>The State of MN is offering Line Extension Connection, a program to assist in the cost to connect residents and businesses that are unserved in the state. Clerk Sunsdahl suggested putting the program on our website for residents to apply. St Louis County is also offering grant assistance for broadband. Clerk Sunsdahl to work with CTC on getting a cost on Fiber Optics going to McKinley Park both for the Office and Guests. The trail will be torn up and it would be a good time to do it depending on the cost.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert for Clerk Sunsdahl to put the Line Extension on the Township website as well as work with CTC on a cost estimate for internet at McKinley Park. Can apply for funds under Culture and Tourism as well

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-04-Resolution to Apply for and Accept Culture and Tourism Grant Grant Manager Tomsich discussed that the maximum amount that can be applied for is \$60k. There are many projects that could be funded under this grant: Stuntz Bay Dock, 3 docks at McKinley Park, New Playground Equipment, Tables and PA System for Old Settlers, replacing Canopy that got damaged, as well as possibly High-Speed internet at McKinley Park Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2023-04 with correcting the date to 2023 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-01-Township Election Hours

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to have the Township Election Hours from 10am to 8pm 2^{nd} by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-02-Appointing Election Judges

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept Resolution 2023-02 as presented 2^{nd} by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-03-Absentee Ballot Board Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept Resolution 2023-03 as presented $2^{\rm nd}$ by Supervisor Dostert Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting:

February 23rd, 2023 at 12noon

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:33pm 2^{nd} by Supervisor Tekautz Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jan-23

GENERAL	46,074.34
ROAD & BRIDGE	74,661.59
FIRE	32,079.48
PARK	29,771.10
RECREATION	630.35
POLICE	69,581.88
PROJECTS	13,297.60
WATER DEPT	61,797.85
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TOTALS	327,894.19
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From: Reeder, Donald <dreeder@lmc.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:39 AM

To: Reeder, Donald

Subject: Show your city's good work through LMC award nominations

February 2, 2023

Dear City Official,

At the League of Minnesota Cities, we're committed to showcasing the outstanding work of cities and the individuals leading them. That's why we strongly encourage members to participate in the League's annual awards program.

Nominations are now open for the League's 2023 City of Excellence awards, recognizing city achievement, along with individual awards honoring elected and appointed officials. Winners in all categories will be announced and will receive plaques at the League's Annual Conference in June. But the publicity that goes along with the honors extends well beyond. Each winner will be recognized throughout year via League-produced video to be first shown at the conference and shared on social media, a feature article in a future issue of Minnesota Cities magazine, and potential exposure through your city's local media. What better way to promote your good work not only to your city's residents, but to those around the state.

More information and nomination materials can be found at https://www.lmc.org/about/lmc-awards-programs/. Note that all nominations must be submitted by no later than April 17.

Please contact me at any time if you have questions. Thanks for your consideration – we hope to see your city's nomination soon!

Don

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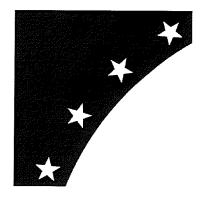


Creative Staffing Strategies

Feb. 21 — Online

Staffing shortages and turnover are among the biggest challenges currently facing cities across Minnesota.

Attend this free webinar to learn how to use creative staffing options to fill labor gaps in your city.



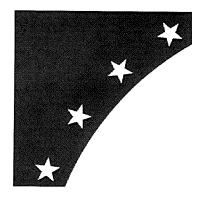
Elected Leaders Institute: Foundational

Program

Feb. 24-25 — Plymouth

March 3-4 — Alexandria

This blended learning program is for newly elected officials and those seeking a refresher in the fundamentals of city government. You'll complete self-paced online courses and attend a two-day in-person cohort taught by subject matter experts.



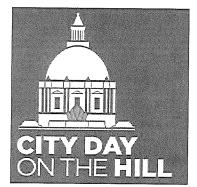
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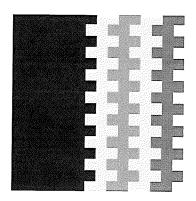
This program gives experienced elected officials a chance to come together to learn higher level leadership skills. Join the Advanced Program to sharpen your skills in navigating conflict, influence others through authenticity, and hear how cities and their local businesses are focusing on being welcoming to all.



City Day on the Hill

March 9 — St. Paul

Be a voice for your city at the Capitol! This day-long lobbying event is an opportunity to learn about legislative issues that impact cities, build relationships with your local legislators, and advocate for the needs of your community.



Safety and Loss Control Workshops

March and April — Various locations

Join your city colleagues as you explore new tools to help you in your work. Attend a workshop at one of eight locations to learn tips and tricks for managing risk and common safety challenges.



LMC Annual Conference - More info coming soon!

June 21-23 — Duluth

Save the date for our biggest event of the year! This year's conference will feature informative speakers and presentations, opportunities to network with other city officials, an exhibit hall where you can learn about new products and services, and much more.

MemberLearn Online Learning

NEW COURSES! Want to learn about your responsibilities in making land use decisions for your city? Find the information you need through two new online courses available through the League's **MemberLearn online learning platform**:



Land Use Mini-Course

This FREE 15-minute course is designed to introduce council members to core concepts about land use decisions.

<u>Land Use Regulation: Your Role in Land-</u> <u>Use Decision Making</u>

This 60-minute course provides a deeper dive into land use planning and regulation, and the roles city officials and planning commissioners play in the decision-making process.

Interested in other topics? MemberLearn offers an array of online courses for city officials on important topics such as the budget process, crisis communications, best practices for social media, conflict of interest, and more. **Explore the full MemberLearn library of courses on the League's website**.

Did You Miss a Webinar?

If you couldn't take part in a live webinar, or you want to rewatch one, you can view recent webinar recordings, including:

- Federal Grant Opportunities and Resources for Cities
- Property Tax Basics







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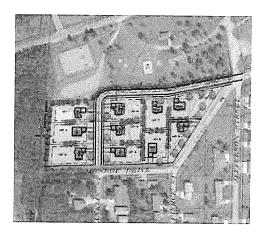


The Ranger

Jan. 25, 2023

Buhl offers new residential lots for sale

A new development with 10 single-family residential lots was constructed by the city of Buhl. Five of the 10 lots have sold to private individuals, who in turn will hire contractors to build the homes. Construction of new homes on the sold lots is anticipated to begin this summer. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with an \$87,000 Development Infrastructure grant to help pay for road excavation and infrastructure related to water, sewer and storm sewer. Total project investment is \$401,960.



The new Burnett Addition is located adjacent to Burton Park and on a site that was vacant ball fields. Each lot is graded and ready for construction. Extended to the lots are city utility services and private natural gas infrastructure.

According to city officials, the new development helps meet Buhl's housing needs. The city recently sold the last residential lot in Stubler Addition which created an immediate need for residential lots. Once the Burnett and Stubler Additions are built out over the next two to four years, the result will be 22 new single-family homes.



Buhl currently has 965 residents and is home to numerous businesses. The city is located along Highway 169, a main thoroughfare in the region. The community is situated high on the Laurentian Divide and midway across the Mesabi Iron Range offering panoramic views of the historic Grant Iron Mine.

Public amenities include a library, park, bocce and basketball ball courts, playground, pavilion and skateboard ramps, an 18-hole disc golf course, and trails for walking, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The paved Mesabi Bike Trail winds through the city, and Judson and Stubler Mine Pits offer fishing, boat access, docks, a swimming beach and campsites.

The new development helps fill a void in the region's housing market and increases Buhl's tax base.

St. Louis County Housing Redevelopment Authority also supported the project with a \$150,000 grant.

For Development Infrastructure grant information <u>email Chris Ismil</u> or call him at 218-735-3010.

'Thrive Up North' videos aimed at recruiting new residents

Itasca Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) launched Phase II of Thrive Up North, a marketing and recruitment campaign designed to attract new workforce populations to Itasca County including: professionals,



entrepreneurs, business owners and families.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$20,000 Development Partnership grant. Total project investment was \$162,000.

"Thrive Up North showcases Itasca County communities as a place that offers great work life balance, a great place to start a business, and a great place to raise a family," said Tamara Lowney, IEDC president. "In order to develop the most unified marketing possible, we sought input from area employers and businesses. Visit Grand Rapids provided the expertise from a tourism perspective on how to best showcase the region's amenities and assets."



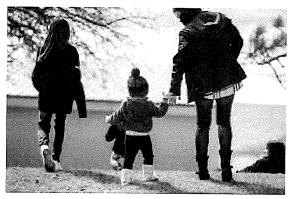
Phase I included video production, a new logo, a website and marketing campaign. Phase II produced storytelling videos, expanded marketing, rolled out an incentives package to encourage individuals and families to relocate to Itasca County, and created a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) plan for workforce recruitment.

Examples of the storytelling videos:

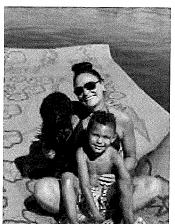
The Allen Family: They moved from the Twin Cities to Itasca County in 2021 to raise their family. Dr. Kaely Whiting-Allen is a Family Medicine Practitioner at Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital. Her husband Andrew Allen is a remote worker for Dahlen Systems. Their children, Mac and Raegan, enjoy their new home with a yard, playing in the outdoors and attending the local school.

Watch the Allen Family video.

The Erickson Family: Missy Erickson is from Spring Lake Park, Minn. and moved to Coleraine in 2011 after a blind date with her now husband, Kyle. The pair have made their home in Itasca County and share five children who thrive in the Greenway school district. Missy works at Affinity Plus Credit Union, and Kyle is an Operations Manager at Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI) and a softball coach at Minnesota North College-Itasca.



Watch the Erickson Family video.



The Peterson Family: Trisha Peterson grew up in Deer River, Minn. and spent 20 years away from the area after graduating from high school. She played and coached collegiate volleyball and served in the United States Air Force. She returned to Minnesota to help her family with a hardship and is now the Camp Director at Camp Hiawatha. Trisha enjoys raising her five-year-old son Kingston in the region with seasons and endless opportunities that Itasca offers.

Watch the Peterson Family video.

In addition to the videos, Phase II also introduced a relocation incentive package last year that included \$2,000 cash, \$50 to

a local brewery, \$50 to a local meat shop and a 20-quart Thrive Up North branded cooler.

"Relocation incentives are popping up across the country," said Lowney. "We received over 20 applicants, and 13 have been accepted so far including two child care teachers, three mental health therapists, a forester, a wildlife research



biologist and a production control manager. All of these new residents in our region filled professional job vacancies. Regional employers supported the incentive program and have seen great returns. We are excited with the response we've had and look forward to continuing these efforts in 2023."

IEDC is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the creation of high-quality jobs in and around Itasca County. Other project partners included Blandin Foundation, McKnight Foundation, Northspan, The Promise is You organization of Chisholm/Hibbing, Visit Grand Rapids, Welcoming Communities Taskforce of Itasca County and regional employers.

Learn more about Thrive Up North.

<u>Email Whitney Ridlon</u> for Development Partnership grant information, or call her at 218-735-3004.

Commercial Redevelopment grant helps bring new business to the city of Virginia



Oxygen Service Co. (OSC) opened a new office in the industrial area located between Highway 53 and Hoover Road in the city of Virginia. OSC purchased the property from Firelight Galleries and converted the existing building from a retail occupancy to an office/retail/industrial occupancy. Firelight Galleries relocated its retail operations to Virginia Uptown Mall after the sale to OSC. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with an \$18,616 Commercial Redevelopment grant to the city of Virginia which helped pay for interior demolition of the Firelight building. Total project investment was \$249,000.

OSC is a 100% employee-owned company that provides welding tools and equipment from notable industry manufacturers. OSC offers equipment such as plasma cutters, MIG/TIG welding machines, multi-process welders, welding helmets and welding safety equipment. It also offers robotic platforms, automation equipment,

OSC Oxygen Sewice Co.

100% Employee Owned

rental equipment, industrial and specialty gases, dry ice, and welding rod and wire. OSC can serve all types of customers including large industrial, contractors and home hobbyists.



"The previous business (Firelight Galleries) that was located in our Virginia building utilized its fireplace displays as their primary heat source," said Dan Kipka, Oxygen Service COO. "Due to the nature of a retail operation versus an industrial operation, substantial interior renovations were required including interior demolition work. Our company was excited to open our Virginia office to expand our reach and service our valued customers even better."

OSC was founded in 1959 and is headquartered in St. Paul. It has six locations in addition to St. Paul and Virginia including Duluth, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Willmar, Minnesota and Eau Claire and Appleton, Wisconsin. OSC services customers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the eastern

Dakotas and northern Iowa.

"Oxygen Service Company is a great addition to the industrial area near the Trunk Highway 53," said Britt See-Benes, Virginia's city administrator. "They are a very reputable company with multiple locations and a strong history in Minnesota and the Midwest dating back nearly 60 years. We are very pleased to welcome them to the city of Virginia."



Learn more about Oxygen Service Co.

For more information about Commercial Redevelopment grants <u>email Chris Ismil</u> or call him at 218-735-3010.

Broadband Line Extension Connection Program funding available



In the 2022 Legislative Session, the Office of Broadband Development (OBD) was directed to create a new program, the Broadband Line Extension Connection Program. The purpose of the program is to award grants for the extension of existing broadband infrastructure to unserved locations. An unserved location is a location that does not have a wired broadband service of at least 25Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

View the Line Extension Connection fact sheet.

How the program works: People can report to OBD that a wired broadband service is unavailable at their residence or business by entering information on the online application below, by calling 651-259-7610 and requesting a

paper application or by talking to someone at OBD who will complete the application on their behalf.

What happens after an application is submitted: Every six months, OBD will send the list of addresses to each broadband provider offering service in Minnesota. Providers then have ten days to notify OBD that they can provide service at any of the addresses on the list. OBD will then contact those people to let them know the name of the broadband provider that can offer them service and any discounted pricing plans available.

For those addresses that are not served by a provider or in an area that will be built with an already awarded Border-to-Border Broadband grant project, OBD will hold a 60-day reverse auction where broadband service providers can bid to extend service to one or more of the addresses on the list.

View the online application.

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The Ranger

Feb. 8, 2023

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa expands its broadband infrastructure to over 3,600 households

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa is constructing a fiber-to-the-home buildout to bring high speed broadband to its reservation. The original project began three years ago and included about 440 homes within the reservation boundaries. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the initial project with a \$579,272 Broadband Infrastructure grant. Other funding partners included Shakopee Mdewakanton Community (\$600,000) and Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development (\$1,158,545).

Bois Forte recently received a \$19.8 million grant from National Telecommunications and Information Administrations (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity



Program. The funding will enable Bois Forte to continue its commitment to broadband and build out reservation areas surrounding Lake Vermilion, city of Orr and Pelican Lake, connecting an additional 3,200 homes.



When both projects are complete, a combined total of more than 3,600 homes, numerous businesses and several community facilities will be connected.

Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) will oversee the project design, engineering and construction of 375 miles of new fiber optic cable. In its assessment process, CTC concluded that 98% of the locations within the project area are unserved meaning they lack broadband speeds of less than 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload. When the project is complete, the locations will have access to speeds of over 1 Gigabit per second.

"Bois Forte is continually working to improve the economic viability and quality of life for our bandmembers," said Bois Forte Information Technology Director Randy Long. "Broadband service is one of the key areas we are focusing on. Currently, it is the largest barrier limiting us from competing and attracting jobs within the reservation area. It will also help our families be better connected to schools, medical facilities and cultural activities."

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa (also referred to as Ojibwe) is a sovereign, federally recognized Native American Tribal Nation whose people have lived in northeastern Minnesota for centuries. Their reservation land is located within the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation



service area. In addition to the residential homes, there are approximately 25 businesses that are either tribal government-owned or privately-owned.

<u>Email Whitney Ridlon</u> for Broadband Infrastructure grant information, or call her at 218-735-3004.

Virginia completes citywide street infrastructure project



The city of Virginia completed a large-scale roadway improvement project that consisted of upgrades to existing streets, sidewalks, sanitary sewer collection, water distribution and storm water drainage systems in six areas of town. The work was divided into two phases over two years

and completed in late 2022. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with Community Infrastructure grants totaling \$750,000. Total project investment was \$12.1 million.

The six areas included portions of:

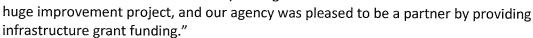
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- 10th Avenue.
- 3rd Street South.
- Pine Mill Court.
- 3rd Avenue West.
- · Southern Drive.

The roads were fully reconstructed with new subgrades, drain tile pipe, curbs, gutters and bituminous pavement. The sidewalks were reconstructed to meet ADA standards for width and accessible pedestrian ramps. Many of the street lights and poles were upgraded. Residential and commercial water and sanitary sewer services were replaced.

"The new roads were reconstructed with State Aid transportation standards that significantly reduce possible failures in the future such as settlement, heaving and cracking," said Britt See-Benes, Virginia's city administrator. "The road project elevated the city's visual aesthetics and road quality. The improvements poised the city for growth on the horizon and made it better for the residents and all travelers who access the city."

The city of Virginia has a population of about 8,400 people, approximately 4,200 households, over 300 businesses, a downtown area and several other large retail and commercial development zones. There are schools, a community college, child care centers, parks, a convention center and major medical center. Virginia is situated along the one of the region's main thoroughfares, the heavily traveled Highway 53.

"Road surface conditions have a large impact on communities in our region. The quality of our roads effects vehicles, drivers, businesses, pedestrians, residents and tourists," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "The city of Virginia took on a

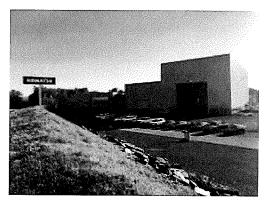


Other project partners included Virginia Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Department of Transportation's State Transportation Improvement Program.

<u>Email Chris Ismil</u> for Community Infrastructure grant information or call him at 218-735-3010.

Note: Number of households, as per 2020 census data. Number of businesses, as per 2017 census data.

Reconfiguration of major intersection improves safety for Komatsu, Minorca employees and vehicles



The P&H Road intersection at Trunk Highway 53 in the city of Virginia was reconstructed to resolve traffic safety issues. Improvements included expanding the median crossover to accommodate oversize vehicles and adding a southbound median left turn lane. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$176,894 Development Infrastructure grant to the city of Virginia. Total project investment was \$469,404.

Hwy 169 Construction

The original intersection configuration existed prior to the construction of a new Komatsu facility in 2011. Komatsu manufactures large mining equipment for the iron mining industries in Minnesota and Michigan and also produces large structure components that ship out of its city of Virginia facility to Canada and the western United States.

Traffic volume drastically increased at the intersection when the new Komatsu facility opened. It became utilized by mining haul trucks traveling into the facility from US Steel Minntac and other area mines. The intersection also saw use by Komatsu's outbound oversize/heavy freight carrier loads such as those transporting electric mining shovel dippers, shovel booms and shovel frames.

In addition, the intersection is used by approximately 70 Komatsu employees and 350 employees of nearby Cleveland Cliffs Minorca Mine (formerly ArcelorMittal). Of particular safety concern were the shift change times at the two businesses along with the routine traffic traveling north and south on Highway 53.

"The lack of a turn or acceleration lane posed a safety risk for the employees and other people traveling through Virginia," said Britt See-Benes, city administrator. "The speed limit on Highway 53 is 65 miles per hour, and most traffic was not expecting vehicles to turn or accelerate in the passing lane. In addition, the freight carriers exiting Komatsu and turning onto the highway often blocked the passing lane which created safety concerns."

A working group formed in 2019 to explore multiple safety solutions. Group members included Komatsu, ArcelorMittal (now Cleveland Cliffs Minorca Mine), the city of Virginia, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). A plan was developed, and the reconfiguration project was completed last year.



"The intersection, prior to its reconfiguration, was an obstacle to potential future growth at our Virginia facility," said Jim Thune, Komatsu regional manager. "We are very pleased with the improved intersection. It created efficiencies and safety for our operations and for our employees."

For more information about Development Infrastructure grants <u>email Chris Ismil</u> or call him at 218-735-3010.

Note: MnDOT supported the project with a \$277,510 grant.

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Subject: NEWS RELEASE: State agencies react to Huber announcement



Feb. 9, 2023

State agencies react to Huber announcement

Huber Engineered Woods LLC (HEW) today announced that the company will not be locating its oriented strand board (OSB) manufacturing facility in Cohasset. In June 2021, the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board approved \$15 million in funding for the construction of the new facility, which was projected to bring 150 new jobs to the region. In addition, the project was expected to contribute to the business growth of Minnesota's logging and trucking industries. The Cohasset project involved constructing a new state-of-the-art facility located on more than 400 acres in southwest Itasca County.

Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Ida Rukavina said, "Our agency invested extensive time, energy and resources to bring this project to fruition. We are extremely disappointed that these high-paying, quality jobs will not be coming to our region. Our agency was eagerly looking forward to welcoming Huber to our manufacturing economy, and the positive impacts the new facility could have had on the region's timber and construction trades industries."

"Huber Engineered Wood's decision to forgo the proposed facility in Cohasset is a huge disappointment. The MPCA worked closely with Huber and prioritized their project by committing significant staff resources to develop and implement the most efficient and thorough permitting timeline, including partnering with local leaders to try to resolve outstanding questions from the federal government," said Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Katrina Kessler. "The MPCA stands ready to work with the City of Cohasset, Itasca County, IRRRB, and DEED to find new economic opportunities to benefit that community and is committed to efficient and transparent permitting processes to protect the environment and help create good jobs for northern Minnesota."

"The proposed Huber Engineered Woods facility in Cohasset was an important economic development opportunity – not just for Itasca County and northern Minnesota but for our entire state," said Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development Steve Grove. "We worked tirelessly across state agencies to coordinate permitting and regulatory decisions and to ensure it was a transparent process. Huber's departure is a loss for the region, and a loss for the state."

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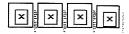
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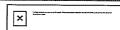
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Feb. 22, 2023

Broadband expanding in Cuyuna Range area

Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) is expanding its broadband fiber optic network to approximately 500 unserved or underserved homes, businesses and community institutions



within the Cuyuna Lakes area. All locations will have a minimum service of 250mbps download and upload, with service of 1Gbps download and upload available. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$742,850 Broadband Infrastructure grant to CTC. The total project investment is over \$5.7 million.

"The existing communications infrastructure throughout the Cuyuna Range is outdated and does not meet the needs and demands of families, schools or businesses," said Joe Buttweiler, CTC's chief strategy officer. "This became very apparent with the onset of the pandemic and during the past three years when education, health care and the overall economy became incredibly reliant on broadband."

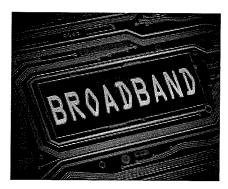


The three largest employers in the area are Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Crosby-Ironton School District and Graphic Packaging International. They represent industries that have come to depend on fast, reliable broadband for daily operations as well as providing online services such as telehealth and distance learning.

Buttweiler explained that access to broadband is as imperative today as electricity was 75 years ago. A reliable fiber optic network is the backbone necessary to provide rural residents, businesses, schools, community centers, remote workers, farmers and visitors with access to the benefits of unlimited bandwidth, cost efficiency and reliability. Residents in the Cuyuna Lakes service area do not currently have access to quality or affordable internet service for everyday needs and essential services.

CTC's network infrastructure is anticipated to evolve into the future. The newly serviced locations from the project will have the capability to be upgraded and grow with CTC as it works toward broadband services of 2, 5 or even 10Gb.

Other project partners include the State of Minnesota's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV Broadband Grant, Crow Wing County and CTC.



CTC is a member-owned cooperative established in 1952 and based in Brainerd, with additional offices in Baxter and Crosby. It has 16,000 residential and business members and 75 employees that serve as local support teams across northern Minnesota. It originated as a telephone service provider and has since added television and internet services for homes, businesses, cabins and apartment buildings throughout the state.

Email Whitney Ridlon for Broadband Infrastructure grant information, or call her at 218-735-3004.

End of the Road Film Festival enhances Ely's winter tourism



project investment was \$96,160.

Ely's Historic State Theater (EHST) hosted End of the Road Film Festival earlier this month. The inaugural four-day event coincided with the 30th Annual Ely Winter Festival, a 10-day celebration of winter in the north woods. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$12,210 Culture & Tourism grant to help pay for the film festival's marketing and advertising. Total

The festival organizing committee utilized an online platform, Film Freeway, to solicit film submissions by independent filmmakers. Over 165 submissions of feature films or "shorts" were received totaling almost 80 hours of content. The committee screened the films, which were all produced outside of Hollywood and other major film studio systems. Over 80 films were selected for the festival.

Some of the movie titles included: After the Gunflint, Beyond the North Woods, Bring Her Home, Daughter of a Lost Bird, Freshwater, Musher, Spirit of the Peaks, The Butterfly Effect, The Race to Alaska and Waiting on Walleye. There were also several film production workshops and live musical performances in the theater during the festival.





"Ely is a small town in northern Minnesota that is surrounded by the Superior National Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Because of its unique location, Ely has become a crossroads of history and cultures," said Jacob White, film festival director. "The festival's goal was to entertain, inform and engage our audiences by sharing stories of adventure, advocacy, indigenous traditions, rural economies, crafting in nature, mental health awareness, comedy and horror."

Leading up to the festival, a marketing campaign was launched that included a new website, videos, social media, digital and print advertising and billboards.

"Pairing the film festival with the annual winter festival showcased the wide variety Ely offers to residents and tourists," said White. "The film



festival attracted a new demographic of seasonal visitors to experience Ely. Over 1,600 tickets were claimed during the festival's four days."



Watch a short video about End of the Road Film Festival.

Learn more about End of the Road Film Festival.

<u>Email Danae Beaudette</u> for Culture & Tourism grant information or call her at 218-735-3022.

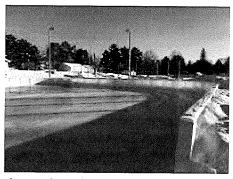
City of Aurora upgrades community park

The city of Aurora improved its primary outdoor community gathering space, Pine Grove Park. The existing ice-skating rink was relocated within the park and acquired new maintenance-free outboards. An ADA compliant parking lot is slated for near future construction adjacent to the splash pad that opened in 2021. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$25,436 Culture & Tourism grant to help pay for the parking lot



excavation and restoration of the rink system. Total project investment was \$105,000.

When the new splash pad opened, the need for more accessible parking quickly became apparent. The optimal location was the site of the existing rink. The city developed a plan to relocate the rink and replace the outdated hockey boards with new multi-use boards that are customizable for summer sports such as roller ball, street hockey, bocce ball and horseshoes.



Pine Grove Park is located in the center of the city and offers a wooded setting with a playground, disc golf course, multi-use rink, splash pad and a baseball/softball field which is utilized by Mesabi East school district. Pine Grove is the East Range's only outdoor non-scheduled hockey rink. It is maintained with a Zamboni ice machine and serves the youth of Aurora, Biwabik, Hoyt Lakes and surrounding areas. A blacktop path passes through

the park and connects to the region's 132-mile paved Mesabi Bike Trail.

Future park plans potentially include adding a half-court basketball court, warming shack, community pavilion and upgraded park lighting.

"Year-round outdoor recreation is one of the best ways to provide active, healthy amenities to our residents and visitors," said Kimberly Berens, Aurora's accounting clerk. "The improvements made the rink, splash pad and entire park more accessible to people of all ages. The new versatility of the rink allows the city to offer recreation options during all seasons."

Project partners included the city of Aurora and the local nonprofit organization, Caring for the Kids Community.

<u>Email Danae Beaudette</u> for Culture & Tourism grant information or call her at 218-735-3022.



Fayal Township adds new multi-purpose picnic shelter



A combination picnic shelter and warming shack was constructed at the Fayal Township Recreation Complex. The enclosed portion of the new structure accommodates a small warming shack for rink guests. There is garage storage for shovels, hockey nets and a snowblower. The picnic shelter portion of the structure provides four picnic tables and a shaded rest area. The new building will replace an aging and water-damaged structure. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported

the project with a \$24,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$64,500.

Fayal's Recreation Complex features a playground, skating rink, volleyball court, basketball court, tennis and pickleball courts and community center. The amenities are utilized by youth, adults and seniors for healthy recreation and gatherings that add to the township's quality of life offerings. The complex provides space for youth tennis lesson programs, a pickleball league, summer yoga classes and child birthday parties.

<u>Email Danae Beaudette</u> for Culture & Tourism grant information or call her at 218-735-3022.

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FW: 2023 Noxious Weed Updates

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From: Kristin Fogard < Fogard K@StLouisCountyMN.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 9:05 AM

Subject: 2023 Noxious Weed Updates

Hello Township Supervisors, Local Weed Inspectors (LWI),

Clerks - please forward to both.

For your information:

Each year brings some turnover in township positions and volunteers. For those of you who are new Supervisors, new Local Weed Inspectors, or would like a refresher, the MN Dept of Ag has created two power points located here (right hand side of the page):

Noxious and Invasive Weed Program | Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us)

- Noxious Weed training Part 1
- Noxious Weed training Part 2

In addition, 2023 has brought some changes to the Noxious Weed list. No two counties in the state are the same and even within St. Louis county, different townships will have different concerns. Please remember, not ALL the plants on this list are found in St. Louis County.

Minnesota Noxious Weed List | Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us)

Where are they? **EDDMapS**

For St. Louis county, we do consider tansy and Canadian thistle "too far gone" species – collectively, we do not have the economic means to effectively reduce or eradicate these populations.

For Supervisors and LWI in agriculture areas, please continue to be on the lookout for Palmer Amaranth: <u>Palmer Amaranth | Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us)</u>

Last year the state saw a HUGE increase in purple loosestrife, with many reports of loosestrife in areas it wasn't present in before. Efforts are underway with the DNR to increase beetle populations.

Purple Loosestrife | Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us)

Purple loosestrife control: Biological | Minnesota DNR (state.mn.us)

And there is lots of additional information on the MDA website.

Nate Anderson and myself are available to answer any questions and concerns, and what we can't answer, we have resources to help us figure it out. The County Ag Inspector is a "duties as assigned" position for both of us and NOT a full-time position. We work FOR the Land and Minerals Dept, not the MN Dept of Ag. We are available to meet in person with prior notice and we can do weed training later this Summer upon request.

Thank you! Kristin

Kristin Fogard

Resource Group Supervisor | County Ag Inspector

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DANIEL REING CHIEF OF POLICE

January 2023 Breitung Police Report

Calls for Service (ICRs)

57

Arrests:

1 arrest for 2nd Degree DWI.

The female adult driver was driving in the opposite lane of traffic. She tested

over 3 times the legal limit of .08.

Mental Health:

1 adult male taken to the hospital for a mental health crisis.

Community Engagements:

3 events



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DANIEL REING
CHIEF OF POLICE

It is already 2023. January went quickly. Our service continued to stay busy during the month helping our neighboring agencies, responding to calls for service, and community engagements.

I attended the Northwoods School for Bagels and Books. I was able to observe our youth learn to read. The students are proud of their progress. The annual Finlander Bocce Tournament went well. The weather was much more pleasant than last year. The new location seemed to be popular as well. It is an interesting game with interesting characters year after year. Earlier this month, Vermilion Country School was visited as it was law enforcement appreciation day for them. It was an honor to eat lunch and visit with the students and staff.

Our fingerprint kit is up and running. We are so appreciative of the donations! We cannot stress enough how we appreciate this community! We are excited for our 2^{nd} Tacos with Cops this fall.

As a continued reminder, if we receive measurable snow, please move your vehicles off the streets. Our plow trucks need room to operate. Also, as a continued reminder to snowmobilers, please watch your speed and stay on the designated routes. It is a great recreational activity please do not abuse it.

The Ring camera was also ordered for the department entrance. This will be a nice addition. We have learned of people stopping at our office and we may not hear them. If we are upstairs or in the back, we have trouble hearing the door.

I want to give a special thank you to the Embarrass Region Fair Association for the notebooks. Our officers love those to take notes on calls. The blue line stickers were also a nice touch.

Have a good day,

Daniel Reing Chief of Police Breitung Police Department



Breitung Fire & Rescue Box 337 33 1st Ave. Soudan, Mn. 55782

January Fire Dept Report

Regular monthly and annual fire dept meeting was held on 1/21/2023

This month's training consisted of SCBA Inspections and fit tests, and OSHA required subjects.

Our secretary Doug Carter stepped down after several years and taking his place will be Chris Suihkonen.

We received one call for service for the month which consisted of a fire alarm in Tower which turned out to be false.

Breitung Fire & Rescue

2023 Training Schedule

Month	Subject	Instructor	Date
January	SCBA inspection , OSHA required subjects	BFD & MPSG	1/21 5 pm
February	Hazmat & CPR?	BFD	2/8 6:30 pm
March	Firefighter rescue	MPSG	3/8 6:30 pm
April	Advanced extraction, car fires, electric vehicles	Blue Fire	4/15 8 am
Мау	Boat operations	BFD	5/10 6:30 pm
June	Engine Operations	Blue Fire	TBD
July	Apparatus operation	BFD	7/12 6:30 pm
August	Apparatus operation	BFD	8/9 6:30 pm
September	SCBA	BFD	9/13 6:30 pm
October	CO calls, 4 gas monitor, chimney fires	BFD	10/11 6:30 pm
November	Radio Operations,IC, Fire ground operations,SCBA	BFD	11/8 6:30 pm
December	Cold water rescue, snowmobile operations	Blue Fire	TBD

Road and Bridge Report

January 2023 Report

Normal snow plowing, sanding, winging and trying to scrape streets

Extreme temperature changes have made street and rink conditions difficult to maintain

Extensive maintenance on John Deere 1025, snowblower and broom

Started televising sewer laterals on Poplar St for upcoming project

Brushing and removing downed trees

New hockey boards have been completed

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

Township of Breitung Recreation & Culuture 2023 budget & timeline

ne	July,23 Sep, 23 Total	\$ 14,800 3,000 20,000 1,000 23,000 2,000 5,000 4,000 9,000	\$ 1,500 \$ 18,300 \$ 9,700 \$ 25,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 4,000 \$ 60,000	ent attached
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		Stuntz Bay dock replacement McKinley Park dock decking Playground/picnic upgrades Sound system and bullhorn Large capacity canopy Serving tables Picnic tables	Total	Cost Estimates information: Stuntz Bay dock replacement McKinley Park dock decking Playground/picnic upgrades Sound system and bullhorn Large capacity canopy Serving tables Picnic tables



DIGITAL CONNECTION COMMITTEES

WHAT ARE DIGITAL CONNECTION COMMITTEES?

Office of Broadband Development (OBD) is developing a digital equity plan to strategize improvements in internet affordability, access to internet-enabled devices, and access to digital skills training. Digital Connection Committees serve as key partners in ensuring the plan reflects the goals and needs of all Minnesotans.

Digital Connection Committees can be formed by a wide variety of entities, including but not limited to political subdivisions, non-profits, anchor institutions, faith-based organizations, Minnesota-based businesses, and more — or any combination of these. Digital Connection Committees representing one or more of the following populations are especially encouraged to participate:

- People age 60 or older
- People who are incarcerated
- Veterans
- People with disabilities

- People from low-income households
- People learning to speak or read English
- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- People living in rural communities

WHAT ARE DIGITAL CONNECTION COMMITTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES?

Digital Connection Committees gather information about local digital inclusion strengths, needs, and goals and share summaries with OBD. This could involve holding a conversation circle, conducting a survey, or creating an asset inventory of existing digital inclusion resources. Connection Committees' participation is voluntary; the workload is flexible based on Committee capacity.

To support Digital Connection Committees' work, OBD will provide resources, templates, and general guidance. OBD is also offering optional, non-competitive mini-grants to eligible Digital Connection Committees. A brief application is required, due March 3 at 3:00 p.m. Central. Visit OBD's Digital Inclusion webpage for details, including eligibility requirements.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

DATE	ACTIVITY
March 3	Mini-grant applications due. Visit OBD's Digital Inclusion webpage for details.
March 15	Deadline to register Digital Connection Committees with OBD.
March 31	OBD distributes resources and templates to Digital Connection Committees.
April 3	Digital Connection Committees begin gathering information.
April 12	Optional: Virtual networking hour for all Digital Connection Committees. Details forthcoming.
June 14	Optional: Virtual networking hour for all Digital Connection Committees. Details forthcoming.
June 30	All summary information due to OBD. Further instructions will be provided.

While Digital Connection Committees may choose to disband after June 30, additional opportunities to review and provide feedback on OBD's draft of the digital equity plan will be communicated beginning in July.



HOW DO I REGISTER OR JOIN A CONNECTION COMMITTEE?

Visit OBD's Digital Inclusion website and submit the Connection Committee registration form by March 15. OBD will also help connect individuals who want to join a committee in their area.

mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/adoption

Contact: Hannah Buckland, Digital Equity Program Lead hannah.buckland@state.mn.us or 651-259-7267

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To:

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Subject:

Broadband/Digital Connection Committee Information



Broadband/Digital Connection Committee Information

Dear Township Officers:

Minnesota's Office of Broadband Development, part of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), is developing a digital equity plan to strategic improvements in internet affordability, access to internet-enabled devices, and access to digital skills training.

<u>Please see this handout</u> for more information about creating or participating in a digital broadband committee that will assist in this plan.

Thank you,
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Amendment # 1 for Grant Contract # 212014, PO # 3000209062

Contract Start Date:	5/19/2022	Total Contract Amount:	\$150,000
Original Contract Expiration Date:	6/30/2023	Original Contract:	\$150,000
Current Contract Expiration Date:	6/30/2023	Previous Amendment(s) Total:	\$ NA
Requested Contract Expiration Date:	6/30/2024	This Amendment:	\$ NA

This amendment is by and between the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources ("State") and Township of Breitung, 33 First Avenue, PO Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782 ("Grantee").

Recitals

- 1. The State has a grant contract with the Grantee identified as Contract # 212014, PO # 3000209062 ("Original Grant Contract") and Project Number C003-21-2B to upgrade the paved trail constructed in 1988 to maintain a safe access from Soudan, Tower, Mesabi Trail and the new Lake Vermillion Underground Mine State Park.
- 2. Grant to be amended to extend the grant agreement to allow for completion of the project. Scheduled work to be completed by summer, 2024.
- 3. The State and the Grantee are willing to amend the Original Grant Contract as stated below.

Grant Contract Amendment

REVISION 1. Clause 1. "Term of Grant Contract" is amended as follows:

1.1 Effective date:

July 1, 2021, Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, the Commissioner may make payments for otherwise eligible grant-program expenditures that are made on or after the effective date of the appropriation. No payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract is fully executed.

Expiration date:

June 30, 2023 June 30, 2024, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

1.2 Survival of Terms.

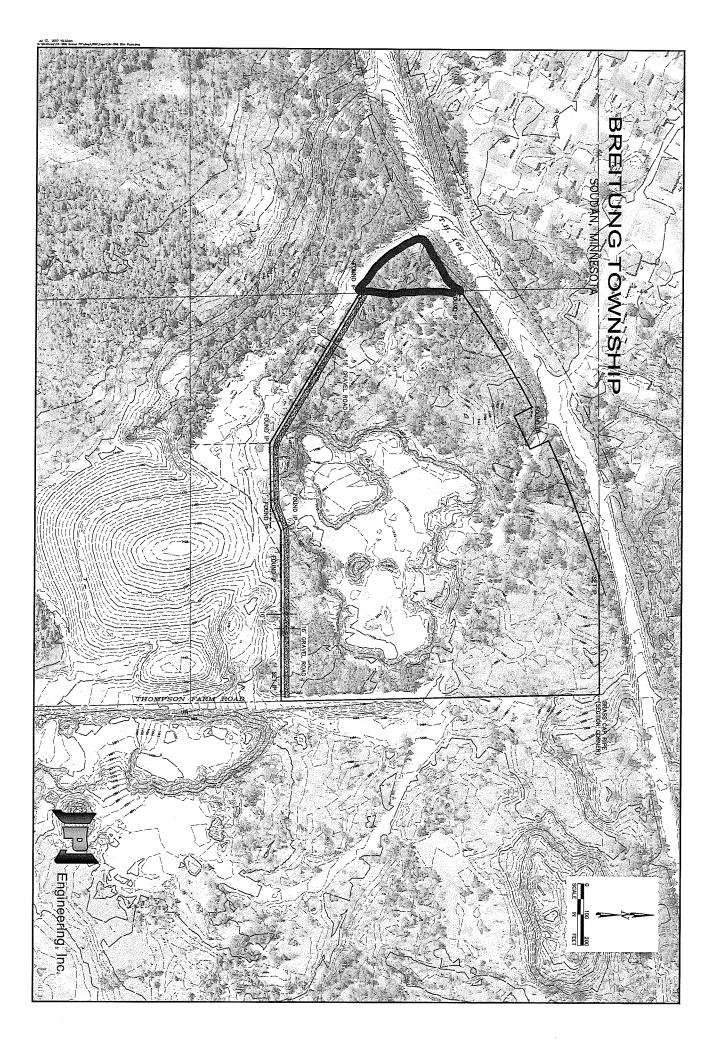
The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue, 15. Data Disclosure, 20. Resource Management and Protection and 24. Land Retention and Deed Restriction.

Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the Original Grant and all previous amendments remain in full force and effect.

June 25, 2021 Project No. 16-268

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter: thence South 1 degree 32 minutes 03 seconds East, assumed bearing along the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 447.84 feet to the southeasterly right of way line of State Trunk Highway No. 169, the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continue South 1 degree 32 minutes 03 seconds East, along said east line 320.26 feet to the northeasterly right of way line of Thompson Farm Road; thence northwesterly 239.05 feet, along said northeasterly right of way line, being a non-tangential curve, concave to the northeast, having a radius of 603.62 fee, a central angle of 22 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds and a chord which bears North 40 degrees 11 minutes 34 seconds West; thence North 28 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West, continuing along said northeasterly right of way line, being tangent to said last described curve 19.73 feet to the southeasterly right of way line of State Trunk Highway No. 169; thence northeasterly 95.16 feet, along said southeasterly right of way line, being a nontangential curve, concave to the northwest, having a radius of 1727.02 feet, central angle of 3 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds and a chord which bears North 56 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds East; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 36 seconds East, continuing along said southeasterly right of way line, being tangent to said last described curve 79.60 feet; thence North 34 degrees 36 minutes 24 seconds West, continuing along said southeasterly right of way line 15.00 feet; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 36 seconds East, continuing along said southeasterly right of way line 21.19 feet to the point of beginning.



Dianna Sunsdahl Breitung Township PO Bo 56 Soudan, MN 55782



Club Mesabi, Inc. PO Box 139 Virginia, MN 55792 218-749-4331

Dear Dianna,

Thanks for sharing our request with the Township Board to use the Community Center as part of our annual Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

This is our 18th annual bicycle tour, the route changes every year to highlight different portions of the Mesabi Trail. Now that the Trail is complete between Tower/Soudan to Ely, we are excited to be able to bring visitors your area!

The Tour will be traveling between Ely and Soudan. Cyclists will be traveling out and back on the Mesabi Trail from Ely to three different locations – 50 miles out & back to Soudan, 30 miles out & back to Eagles Nest, 12 miles out & back to a spot on the trail outside of Ely. We anticipate 500-600 riders will participate, but registration numbers after COVID are hard to predict these days.

We would like to "turn-around" at the Breitung Township Hall, we are still working on the final logistics, but in general they will involve:

- Somewhere around 200 250 riders would turn-around in Soudan. This is a recreational tour with a staggered start in Ely, so they won't all be there at the same time. They will come and go throughout the day. This is pretty mellow crowd, with a mix of ages and including families.
- We're still working out the schedule, but we would be set up from approximately 9 am to about 2 pm.
- If appropriate, setting up a large tent behind the Hall near where the trail enters town, which will serve as a rest stop with water and food for the riders. If on pavement, it will be a frame tent with no stakes involved.
- We will bring in portable toilets.
- The Community Room to be available as a storm shelter should there be inclement weather and riders need to shelter in place until it passes. Unless you suggest something different?
- We would also like to bring in another smaller tent for a couple of folks performing music this would require access to a power.
- Access to water to fill several 10 gallon coolers.

I understand there may be a discounted rental fee available for non-profit community events. That won't be necessary, we're happy to contribute to the Township.

Thank you for considering our request – we look forward to working with Breitung Township!

Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg

Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg
Executive Director, Club Mesabi, Inc.
Tour Director, Great River Energy Mesabi Trail Tour
tourinfo@mesabitrail.com / 218-780-9164 (cell)

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust

Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan 145 University Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55103-2044 Phone (651) 215-4173

Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of \$25,000 - \$50,000

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP PO BOX 56 SOUDAN, MN 55782-0056

Agreement No.: WC 1001805 Q-7

Agreement Period:

From: 03/01/2023

To: 03/01/2024

Enclosed is a quotation for workers' compensation deposit premium. Note: Renewal Coverage will be bound as per the expiring coverage arrangement, including coverage for elected and appointed officials, with the premium indicated on the quote, unless the member or agent sends a written request not to bind renewal coverage.

PAYROLL DESCRIPTION

CODE

RATE

ESTIMATED

DEPOSIT

PAYROLL **PREMIUM**

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS

	Manual	Premium	22,691
	Debit	1.24	5,446
	Standard	Premium	28,137
Deductib	le Credit	0.00%	0
	Premium	-2,198	
Net Deposit Premium			\$25,939
Adjustment for Commission*			. 0
Total	Net Deposit	Premium	\$25,939

^{*}Workers compensation rates assume a 2% standard commission. The commission adjustment accounts for the commission difference, above or below 2%.

Agent:

00716

Tower Soudan Agency Inc Po Box 499

Tower, MN 55790-0499

Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of \$25,000 - \$50,000 (Con't)

OPTIONS

Please indicate below the premium option you wish to select. You may choose only one option and you cannot change options during the agreement period.

1.	Regular Premium Option	Net Deposit Premium	Commission Adjustment	Total Net Deposit Premium
		25,939	0	25,939

Deductible options are available in return for a premium credit applied to your estimated standard Premium of \$ 28,137. The deductible will apply per occurrence to paid medical costs only. There is no aggregate limit.

Deductible per Occurrence	Premium Credit	Credit Amount	Net Deposit Premium	Commission Adjustment	Total Net Deposit Premium
\$250	0.70%	-197	25,742	0	25,742
\$500	1.20%	-338	25,601	0	25,601
\$1,000	2.00%	-563	25,376	0	25,376
\$2,500	3.50%	-985	24,954	0	24,954
\$5,000	5.50%	-1,548	24,391	0	24,391
\$10,000	8.00%	-2,251	23,688	0	23,688
\$25,000	12.50%	-3,517	22,422	0	22,422
\$50,000	17.50%	-4,924	21,015	0	21,015

3. Retrospective Rates Premium Option

Retro-Rated Minimum Factor	Est. Minimum Premium	Retro-Rated MaximumFactor	Est. Maximum Premium
0.717 %	20,174	1.150 %	32,358
0.699 %	19,668	1.250 %	35,171
0.662 %	18,627	1.500 %	42,206

This quotation is for a deposit premium based on your estimate of payroll and selected options. Your final actual premium will be computed after an audit of payroll subsequent to the close of your agreement year and will be subject to revisions in rates, payrolls and experience modification. While you are a member of the LMCIT Workers' Compensation Plan, you will be eligible to participate in divident distributions from the Trust based upon claims experience and earnings of the Trust.

If you desire the coverage offered above, please return this signed document for the option you have selected.

This quotation should be signed by an authorized representative of the city requesting coverage.

Signature	Title	Date
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CONTINUATION SCHEDULE FOR QUOTATION PAGE

REMUN	IERATION	RATE	CODE	DESCRIPTION	EST. PREM
	120,918	9.66	5506	STREET CONSTRUCTION	11,681
	7,800	4.06	7520	WATERWORKS	317
POP	530	253.34	7718	FIREFIGHTERS (VOLUNTEER)NON SMOKING	1,343
	83,947	9.97	7721	POLICE-NON SMOKING	8,370
	16,483	0.76	8810	CLERICAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES NOC	125
	1,423	8.25	9016	SKATING RINK OPERATION	117
	6,500	7.91	9102	PARKS	514
	13,606	0.95	9410	MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES	129
	18,200	0.52	9411	ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS	95
				Manual Premium	22,691

Congressional Greated Spending

The Senate Appropriations Committee announced the return of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), previously known as Earmarks, in the Fiscal Year 2024 federal appropriations process. Any request for support must be submitted via electronic application by 5:00 p.m. C.T., Friday, March 10, 2023. Any CDS request must comply with Senate Rule XLIV (https://www.rules.senate.gov/rules-of-the-senate).

Congressionally Directed Spending is capped at one percent of all discretionary spending. For-profit entities are not eligible for Congressionally Directed Spending. A specific list of accounts that will be open for CDS requests can be found here (https://smithsenate.box.com/s/46nvexag5o1eq2yk93tecus8stgh1xwi). Only these accounts are available for CDS requests.

The link to the Congressionally Directed Spending request application can be found here (https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/4ed06d02-ca6a-4754-912d-0f67f852a236/).

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS

Members are required to post Congressionally Directed Spending requests 15 days after the subcommittee deadline for submitting requests. Members must also certify in writing that they are not pursuing any request to further his or her financial interest or that of his or her immediate family. In total, the following information must be disclosed publicly:

- Member name & state
- Recipient name
- Project purpose
- · Project location
- Amount requested
- · Financial certification letter

BELOW ARE THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE FORMS FOR EACH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FY 23:

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/uhqyix6ow9s16ypcduymfq0r34tq822d.pdf)
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/zi01gypzfpmb6z1pnph0lu24l15t3a8l.pdf)
- Energy and Water Development (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/7xu1c4ns8xgkljg0numhv8d5lj28niqi.pdf)
- Financial Services and General Government (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/qatfqrgau02ztbod7putmetx34zanfw3.pdf)
- $\bullet \quad \text{Homeland Security (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/i0xjbkgy710cibxtcl9j4ukt8p8sp6dc.pdf)} \\$
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/ozg7aodun97umdmip2kdgvpvda6qr7na.pdf)
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
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BELOW ARE THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE FORMS FOR EACH SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FY 23:

- Energy and Water Development (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/1x8d8xot37ymw1ug3fpfm4pwnxj6nyi6.pdf)
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
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- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
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- Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (https://smithsenate.box.com/s/spsyz3fcvofodix4xbpnh2loo5vxgj80)
- Interior, Environment and Related Agencies (https://smithsenate.box.com/s/c2pe6f29wrae4b5xqkryly4xqeheq6x7)
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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- $\bullet \quad \text{Homeland Security (https://smithsenate.box.com/shared/static/0hxz018tb2wa4jq11oh9nhvkn5lbj4g9.pdf)} \\$



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Daniel Reing

Breitung Police Department - MN daniel.reing@breitungtownship.org

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MN - 55782-0006

USA

Ship To:

41 1st Ave Soudan

MN - 55782-5000

USA

Quote Items:

PRODUCT	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
20050 HOOK-AND-LOOP TRAINING (HALT) SUIT	855.25	1	855.25

Contract

This quote is valid for 30 days.

Quote Subtotal:

\$855.25

Estimated Quote Tax:

\$0.00

Quote Grand Total:

\$855.25

Tax calculated at checkout. Ground shipping is no additional cost.

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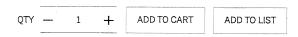


HOOK-AND-LOOP TRAINING (HALT) SUIT

SKU 20050

**Compatible with training Hook-and-Loop cartridges SKU 22177 and SKU 22178.

Price Unavailable



Product Details

Includes: Pants, Jacket, Gloves, Helmet, Face Shield and Carrying Bag.

The HALT (Hook-and-Loop) suit is intended for scenario-based training exercises in conjunction with TASER 7 HALT cartridges SKU 22177 and SKU 22178 only.

The HALT suit is designed for use with TASER 7 HALT cartridges ONLY and does not stop electrical current. Using a drive-stun (with or without a TASER cartridge attached) or deploying probes from other than a HALT cartridge may result in an incapacitating effect and/or pain to the wearer.?

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Resolution 2023-05

Breitung Township Of St Louis County, Minnesota

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DNR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUDAN PARK AND RECREATION AREA

BE IT RESOLVED that <u>Breitung Township</u> act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Outdoor Recreation Grant application to be submitted on the <u>31st of March</u>, <u>2023</u> and that the <u>Chairman</u> is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of <u>Breitung Township</u>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant has read the Conflict-of-Interest Policy contained in the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program Manual and, upon discovery, certifies it will report to the State any actual, potential, or perceived individual or organizational conflicts of interest to the application or grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that <u>Breitung Township</u> has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and it has the financial capability to meet the match requirement (if any) and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that <u>Breitung Township</u> has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the Cost Breakdown section on this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that <u>Breitung Township</u> has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over the land described in the site plan included in the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of its application by the State, <u>Breitung Township</u> may enter into an agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that <u>Breitung Township</u> certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the funding grant program into perpetuity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the <u>Chairman</u> is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the <u>Breitung Township Board</u> of <u>Breitung Township</u> on the <u>23rd day of February 2023</u> by Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, and Supervisor Dostert.

Chairman, Breitung Township	(Date)	Clerk, Breitung Township	(Date)
Timothy Tomsich		Dianna Sunsdahl	
SIGNED:		WITNESSED:	
Ayes: Nayes:			

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE TOWN OF BREITUNG, MINNESOTA TEMPORARY GENERAL OBLIGATION UTILITY REVENUE NOTE TO THE CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Town of Breitung, St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "Town"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

- A. Under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, the Town and the City of Tower, Minnesota (the "Town" and together with the City, the "Members"), have entered into the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board Joint Powers Agreement dated December 29, 2017 (the "Joint Powers Agreement"), establishing the Tower Breitung Wastewater Board (the "Joint Powers Board") for the purpose of jointly acquiring, maintaining, and operating water facilities (the "System") and wastewater disposal facilities, for the mutual benefit of the Members.
- B. The Joint Powers Board has determined that an upgrade and improvements to the water treatment plant serving the System are necessary (the "Project") and the Members have agreed to share the costs of the Project equally.
- C. The Members have previously entered into that Amendment No.1 to Joint Powers Agreement General Obligation Revenue Obligations (the "JPA Amendment") specifying the terms and responsibilities of each Member to finance the Project.
- D. The City has applied, on behalf of itself, the Joint Powers Board and the Town, to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (the "PFA") for assistance in the form of a tax-exempt loan (the "Anticipated Loan") to finance a portion of the total costs of the Project.
- E. The City has agreed to issue temporary obligations, including its \$258,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2023A (the "Temporary Note") to payoff the City's \$253,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2020A issued to finance Project costs prior to receipt of the Anticipated Loan.
- F. The Town has agreed to issue a General Obligation Note payable to City in a principal amount equal to its fifty percent (50%) share of the Temporary Note and payable as to interest at the rate then in effect on the Temporary Note.
 - G. The Town desires to authorize issuance of its Town Note (as defined below);
- H. The Town will pledge net revenues derived from the operation of its water utility, including its portion of the System, and its full faith, credit and taxing powers to the repayment of the principal of and interest on the Town Note when due;

- I. If the Town Note cannot be paid from the proceeds of the Anticipated Loan, the Town Note will be paid from the proceeds of long term definitive bonds or additional temporary obligations issued by the Town which shall be offered for sale in advance of the maturity of the Town Note;
 - J. The Town will benefit from the Project.
- <u>Section 2</u>. <u>Approval of Temporary Note Issuance</u>. The Town hereby approves the issuance and sale of the Temporary Note by the City in a total principal amount not to exceed \$258,000 on the further terms and conditions as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement and JPA Amendment (together, the "Agreements").
- Section 3. Authorization of Payment of Allocated Share of Debt Service. The Town authorizes payment of the Town's fifty percent (50%) share of principal of and interest on the Temporary Note.

Section 4. Approval of Town Note Issuance. The Town approves the issuance and delivery of its temporary general obligation utility revenue note to the City in the amount of its fifty percent (50%) share of principal of the Temporary Note and payable as to interest at the rate then in effect on the Temporary Note (the "Town Note"). The Town Note shall be payable as to principal on the maturity date of the Temporary Note, and payable as to interest on the dates interest is payable on the Temporary Note. The Town Note shall be prepared for execution by the manual signature of the Chair and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk and is approved in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A**.

Section 5. Pledge of Net Revenues, Proceeds of Definitive Bond or Additional Temporary Bond, and Full Faith, Credit and Taxing Power.

- A. The Town hereby pledges and appropriates net revenues of the Town's water utility, including its portion of the System ("Water Utility") in excess of claims duly approved and allowed for payment of expenses of the Water Utility which, under generally accepted accounting principles, constitute normal, reasonable, and current expenses of operating and maintaining the Water Utility and to maintain such reasonable reserves for such expenses of the Water Utility as the Board shall determine to be necessary from time to time, in the amount which along with the Town's allocated fifty percent (50%) share of the Anticipated Loan will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Town Note when due.
- B. As required by law, the Town covenants and agrees with the City that if the Town Note cannot be paid on its maturity date from the proceeds of the Anticipated Loan and available funds appropriated by the Members, including net revenues, the Town Note will be paid from the proceeds of definitive obligations which will be issued and sold by the Town prior to the maturity date on the Town Note or exchanged for definitive obligations in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 1. It is recognized, however, that the Town's liability on the Town Note is not limited to its allocated fifty percent (50%) share of the Anticipated Loan proceeds and net revenues so pledged, and the Town covenants and agrees that it will levy upon all taxable property within the Town, and cause to be extended, assessed, and collected, any

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taxes found necessary for full payment of the Town Note and any definitive obligations, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 6. <u>Prepayment</u>. Regardless of the redemption and prepayment terms of the Temporary Note, the Town reserves the right to prepay the Town Note, in whole or in part on any date, in an amount sufficient to defease all or a portion of its allocated share of principal of and interest on the Temporary Note.

Section 7. <u>Consent/Cooperation</u>. The Town hereby consents to the distribution, by City, of any offering materials describing the Temporary Note, the Project and the Members (including the Town), and agrees to take such further actions, and authorizes its appropriate officers to execute such documents, as necessary to provide for the issuance of the Temporary Note by the City in accordance with the terms of the Agreements and this Resolution.

Section 8. <u>General Tax Covenant</u>. The Town covenants and agrees to comply with the tax covenants made by City in the bond resolution and certificates approved in connection with the Temporary Note, and the Chair and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute such certificates as may be requested by bond counsel relating to such tax matters.

Adopted: February 23, 2023.		
	Approved:	
Attest:	Chair-Timothy Tomsich	
Clerk-Dianna Sunsdahl		

EXHIBIT A

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(Town Note)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

R-1

\$129,000

TOWN OF BREITUNG, MINNESOTA GENERAL OBLIGATION UTILITY REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2023A

Rate 3.30%

Maturity Date
March 1, 2026

Date of Original Issue March 1, 2023

REGISTERED OWNER:

CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS

The Town of Breitung, a public corporation and political subdivision under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the "Town"), for value received, promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above, and to pay interest on said principal amount to the registered owner hereof from date of original issue set forth above, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date (defined below) to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount is paid, said interest being at the rate per annum specified above.

Interest is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on September 1, 2023. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. This Note is payable as to principal on the maturity date set forth above. Payments shall be applied first to interest due on the outstanding principal balance and thereafter to reduction of the principal balance.

Both principal hereof and interest hereon are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the main office of the Clerk as note registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Registrar"), or at the office of such successor Registrar as may be designated by the governing body of the Town. The Registrar shall make all payments with respect to this Note directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the bond registration records maintained on behalf of the Town by the Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (whether or not a business day) at such owner's address shown on said bond registration records, without, except for final payment of principal of this Note, the presentation or surrender of this Note, and all such payments shall discharge the obligation of the Town to the extent of the payments so made. The payment of principal of this Note shall be made upon presentation and surrender of this Note to the Registrar when due.

This Note comprises the entire series issued by the town in the aggregate amount of \$129,000 pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 444.075 and 475.61, Subdivisions 5 and 6, Chapter 475 and all other laws thereunto enabling, and pursuant to an authorizing resolution adopted by the governing body of the Town on February 23, 2023 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing funds for (i) the temporary financing of upgrades and improvements to the water treatment plant serving the Members including preliminary expenditures; (ii) to pay certain expenses incurred in the issuance of the Note; and (iii) to pay a portion of the interest cost of the Note. The principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid primarily from net revenues (the "Net Revenues") derived from the operation of the Town's municipal water utility, including its portion of the System (the "Utility"), in excess of normal, reasonable and current costs of the operation and maintenance of the Utility and from the proceeds of permanent bonds or additional temporary bonds which the Town shall offer for sale in advance of the maturity of this Note (the "Permanent Obligations"). (The Permanent Obligations and Net Revenues are collectively referred to herein as the "Pledged Revenues.") The Pledged Revenues are sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of this Note.

The registered owner has applied for and anticipates approval of a loan from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (the "Anticipated Loan"). Notwithstanding anything in this Note to the contrary, the obligations of the Issuer hereunder shall be deemed fully satisfied and no principal or interest shall be due to the registered holder hereunder if proceeds of the Anticipated Loan are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the registered owner's \$258,000 Temporary General Obligation Utility Revenue Note, Series 2023A (the "City Note"). If proceeds of the Anticipated Loan satisfy a portion but not all of the City Note, the principal hereof shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) of the Anticipated Loan proceeds applied to the City Note.

In the Resolution the Town has covenanted and agreed that if this Note cannot be paid at maturity from the Net Revenues or from other funds appropriated by the governing body of the Town or the Anticipated Loan, this Note will be paid from the proceeds of additional definitive obligations or additional temporary bonds which will be issued and sold prior to the maturity date of this Note. The holder of this Note shall have and may enforce, by mandamus or other appropriate proceedings, all rights respecting the levy and collection of taxes that are granted by law to holders of permanent bonds, except the right to require the levies to be collected prior to the maturity of this Note. If this Note is not paid in full at maturity, the holder hereof may require the issuance in exchange for it, at par, of a new temporary bond maturing within one year from its date of issue but not subject to any other maturity limitation, and bearing interest at the maximum rate permitted by law. Reference is made to the Resolution to which reference is made for a full statement of rights and powers thereby conferred.

For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as they become due, the full faith and credit and taxing power of the Town are irrevocably pledged.

The Note is prepayable in whole or in part on any date without notice at a price of par plus accrued interest to the prepayment date.

IT IS CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts and conditions required by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota to be done and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this Note, in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the Town in accordance with its terms, have been done and do exist in form, time and manner as so required; that all taxable property within the limits of the Town is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to the extent needed to pay the principal hereof and the interest hereon when due, without limitation as to rate or amount and that the

issuance of this Note does not cause the indebtedness of the Town to exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Breitung, Minnesota, has caused this Note to be executed in its behalf by the manual signatures of the Chair and Clerk, the Town having no seal or said seal having been intentionally omitted as permitted by law.

ATTEST:		
Chair-Timothy Tomsich	Clerk-Dianna Sunsdahl	

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This Certificate must be registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books to be kept by the Clerk of the Town of Breitung, as Bond Registrar. No transfer of this Certificate shall be valid unless made on said books by the registered owner or the owner's attorney thereunto duly authorized and similarly noted on the registration books. The ownership of the unpaid principal balance of this Certificate and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of the Town in the name of the registered owner last noted below.

<u>Date</u>	Registered Owner	Signature of Clerk
3//2023	City of Tower	•
	P.O. Box 576	
	Tower, MN 55790	
	Federal Taxpayer I.D. No.: 41-	
	6005577	

ASSIGNMENT

(1	Name and Address of Assignee)
	al Security or Other cifying Number of Assignee
the within Note and all right registration thereof with full power of	attorney to transfer the said Note on the books kept for of substitution in the premises.
Dated:	
	NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.
Signature Guaranteed:	