

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03/23/2023

Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 02/23/23 Regular Board Meeting
 - 02/23/23 Board of Audit
 - 03/14/23 Board of Canvass
- Approval of February 2023 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 47382-47479
 - Total Disbursements-\$80,198.79
 - Fund Balance-\$311,561.35
 - Voided Checks-47473, 47467, 47468, 47469, 47475
- Correspondence
 - Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan
 - Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
 - League of MN Cities
 - MAT-February 2023 Newsletter, March 2023 Newsletter, Spring Short Courses
 - IRRR-03/17, 03/10, 03/09
 - Lake Country Power-Grant Application
 - Thank You-Embarrass Regional Fair Association
 - St Louis County
- 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-Ad Hoc Committee Report

Acceptance of Reports

Old Business

- ATV Trail-Updates
- IRRR-5-year plan update
- Broadband-Updates
- Project 16-268 Gravel Pit Property owned by St. Louis County
- Resolution 2023-07 Applying for IRRR grant funds for overrun of Project (presentation only, passed last month)
- Outdoor Recreation Grant-DNR (JPJ to submit)

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- Youth using lawn care equipment
- Police Department
 - 2023 Cops Hiring Program
 - Updated Taser Contract with Axon
- Hwy 169 Taskforce-Congressional Spending
- Blight
- Anonymous Donation for Tower Ambulance Replacement Fund
- Waiver of Fees for ECFE renting the Pavilion

Reorganizational Meeting-Thursday March 23rd, 2023 Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Next Regular Board Meeting-TBD at Reorganizational Meeting

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 02-23-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

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

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Matt Tuchel, Preston Tripp-JPJ Engineering, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Trudy Hendricks (arrived 12:10pm)

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 01/26/2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the January 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMC-Award Nominations and Upcoming Events-so noted
- IRRR-The Ranger 01/25/23, 02/08/23, 02/09/23, and 02/22/23-so noted
- St Louis County-Noxious Weed Training-consensus by the Board to present at the Reorganizational Meeting

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached with Training Schedule
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- 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, meeting in March to follow up. Lost a lot of ice at the rink due to warm weather, Hockey Days for kids under 12 this Saturday 02/25/23.
- Wastewater Board-SEH moving forward on the Water Treatment Project. Project remains short 2.275M pending with possible funding from the States Bonding Bill this year, but can still start project. Manhole and Lift Station Project still on track to be started this winter. New RV Park off of Marina Drive is not tied into system, but could be at a later date.
- Ambulance Commission-Ambulance Commission met February 6th, 2023 and Ad Hoc committee met on February 22nd to continue to discuss alternatives such as a Joint Powers Board. Greenwood Township continues to not participate in meetings.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

ATV Trails-Supervisor Tekautz to continue wo have open dialogue with property owner Wayne Kultula with Clerk Sundahl to research next steps of the possible trade of properties.

Infrastructure Project 2023-Chairman Tomsich has done the initial CDBG Application for \$150,000 and the award amount from CDBG would be \$75,000. This project would include 1st Ave to Gordon St, Church St Corner to Mud Ditch and sewer line @ Jasper to the alley. Will be asking IRRR for additional funding.

Culture and Tourism Grant-Projected budget and timeline of 60k project(s) presented by Chairman Tomsich, awaiting to hear when next IRRR meeting is scheduled. Stuntz Bay Association to donate \$7500 towards dock Replacement

IRRR 5-year plan-Chairman Tomsich sent over approval letter from CDBG grant and 5-year plan. Awaiting to hear when next IRRR meeting is scheduled.

Broadband-No update from CTC, Clerk Sundahl to follow up with Richard Hanson as he is advocating for the City of Tower

McKinley Park Trail Update-Project currently 61k over budget. McKinley Park Revenue to assist in paying a portion of overrun cost.

- DNR Grant Contract Extension-DNR has granted an extension on the grant until 2024
- IRR Grant- Chairman Tomsich spoke with Jim Plummer from IRRR Trails Program and Jim Plummer stated he can support 50% of the gap funding.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to apply for and receive funding from the IRRR Trails program with a resolution to be presented at the next meeting
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to pay bills as presented
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

Club Mesabi-Request to use Breitung Township Community Center and Outdoors as a turn-around and rest stop for bike tour August 5th, 2023

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve application for facility use as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Fire Department-Request and recommends the following Officers/Relief Association Officers and Pay effective 02/01/23. All officers and pay to remain the same with the exception of the Relief Association Secretary will be Chris Suihkonen, Lance Dougherty has stepped down.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the BFD and Relief Association Officers and pay as presented by BFD and give a big thank you to the BFD for the terrific job that they do.
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

Workman's Comp Deductible-Various options presented for Workman's Comp Deductible

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to choose Option#2-Deductible Premium Option with a \$10,000 deductible per occurrence
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Congressional Spending

Motion by Supervisor Dostert for Clerk Sundahl to send a letter from the Breitung Town Board to support the TBWWB application(s) to Congress
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0

Police Department Halt Suit-Chief Reing stated this suit will be for Taser Training for Breitung and surrounding communities

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz for Chief Reing to purchase the HALT Suit at a cost of approximately \$855.25
2nd by Supervisor Dostert
Motion passed 3-0

Resolution 2023-05-DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant, Jennifer Tarnowski from JPJ Engineering is Working on the MN DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application. Cost still yet to be determined. Looking at Playground equipment, new fencing, trees, lighting and disc golf. Consensus by the board to have Clerk Sunsdahl request letters of support from Joint Recreation Committee, Athletic Association and TS Elementary School.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve the Resolution as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

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. Chairman Tomsich explained that original loan will be expiring, and will be refinanced when Water Treatment project is complete.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion passed 3-0

Board of Audit: February 23rd, 2023 immediately following the Regular Board Meeting

Township Elections: Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 10am-8pm

Board of Canvass: Immediately following the Township Elections, Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

Annual Meeting: Immediately following the Board of Canvass, Tuesday March 14th, 2023

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 at 12noon

Reorganizational Meeting: Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 1:32pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Board of Audit Meeting 02/23/2023-After Regular Board Meeting. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

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

Public: Matt Tuchel

Call the Meeting to Order: Chairman Tomsich called the meeting to order at 1:40pm

Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the agenda as presented

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Total Disbursements and Transfers:

\$2,127,559.47

Total Receipts, Transfers & Beginning Balance:

\$2,481,456.13

Fund Balances:

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to accept Clerk's Summary for Fiscal Year Ended 2022 with a EOY balance for both the Clerk & Treasurer of \$353,896.66

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Receipts or claims verified by board members:

None done at this time, this action is done on a monthly basis 30 minutes prior to Regular Board Meetings, books left on the table

Recommended levy amounts, by fund:

Discussion on levy amounts to leave Police as is for now, need a reserve in case City of Tower backs out of contract, discussion in regards to inflation increase on supplies and services, benefits and wage for R&B increasing Chairman Tomsich worksheet shows an increase of \$34,000 under R&B. Increase of 5.18%.

Motion made by Supervisor Dostert to recommend a 5.18%, \$34,000 in R&B increase in the levy for 2024 to be presented at the Annual Meeting

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to Adjourn the Meeting at 2:04pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung Board of Canvass Meeting
03/14/2023 approximately 8:30pm
In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tomsich @ 8:40pm

Clerk Sundahl issued the Oath of Office to Board of Canvass Members

Clerk Sundahl presented Canvass Report

103 persons voting:

Supervisor #1 Erin D Peitso	26
Supervisor #1 Tim Tomsich	76
Supervisor #3 Matthew Tuchel	94
Supervisor #3 Write-Ins	3
Treasurer Jorgine Gornick	102

Board reviewed and concurred with reports presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to declare the results of the vote as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion Passed 2-0

Chairman Tomsich abstained

Supervisors signed off on the Summary presented

Consensus by the Board to have Clerk to issue a notification to candidates and request signed campaign financial forms within the time period

Adjourn:

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:45pm

2nd by Supervisor Dostert

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Feb-23

GENERAL	49,711.74
ROAD & BRIDGE	66,442.00
FIRE	27,003.22
PARK	30,180.07
RECREATION	(2,953.10)
POLICE	57,558.79
PROJECTS	22,879.90
WATER DEPT	60,738.73
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	311,561.35



SVF

Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan

Notes & News

Public Employees Retirement Association

MARCH 2023

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2023 proposed legislation impact on SVF Plan

The Minnesota Legislature will decide during this year's session how PERA will count a volunteer firefighter's years of service that will impact their Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan benefit. If passed, PERA would count all years of a member's volunteer firefighting service in Minnesota to determine their benefit vesting percentage, regardless if that service was at a fire department participating in the SVF Plan. Currently, PERA uses a member's volunteer fighting service only in fire departments participating in the SVF Plan, lump-sum division.

Benefit calculation example under provisions of pending legislation

The following example shows how this bill would impact how PERA calculates the member's benefit who has volunteer firefighting service at fire departments both inside and outside of the SVF Plan.

- A 50-year-old volunteer firefighter retires after 5 years of service at the Red Fire Department and 15 years of service at the Green Fire Department. The years of service are non-concurrent. (5 + 15 = 20 total years of service).
- The Red Fire Department does not participate in the SVF Plan.
- The Green Fire Department participates in the SVF Plan at a benefit level of \$1,000 with a vesting schedule beginning at 40 percent after 5 years of service, increasing 4 percent each year until 100 percent vesting is reached at 20 years of service.

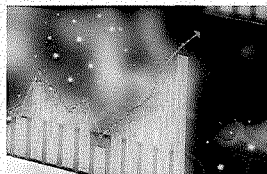
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The SVF Plan serves 217 departments with more than 6,500 firefighters enrolled and \$143.5 million invested.

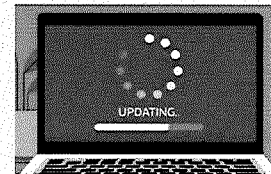
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- Since the firefighter had a total of 20 years of volunteer firefighting service at the time they retired from the Green Fire Department, their SVF Plan benefit is 100 percent vested per the Green Fire Department's vesting schedule.
- The volunteer firefighter would receive a benefit from the Green Fire Department's SVF Plan account based on:

1. The years of service at the Green Fire Department.
2. The benefit level in effect for the Green Fire Department at the time the firefighter retired.

3. The vesting level the firefighter achieved based on their total years of volunteer firefighting service. In this example, it would be:

$$15 \text{ years of service} \times \$1,000 \text{ benefit level} \times 100\% \text{ vesting} = \$15,000 \text{ benefit}$$

Fire Chiefs will be responsible for certifying service. If bill HR 217/SF 809 passes, PERA will work with fire chiefs and governing body representatives on the certification of service.

We will provide another 2023 Legislative Update in our Summer 2023 SVF Notes & News.

SVF Plan Account Performance

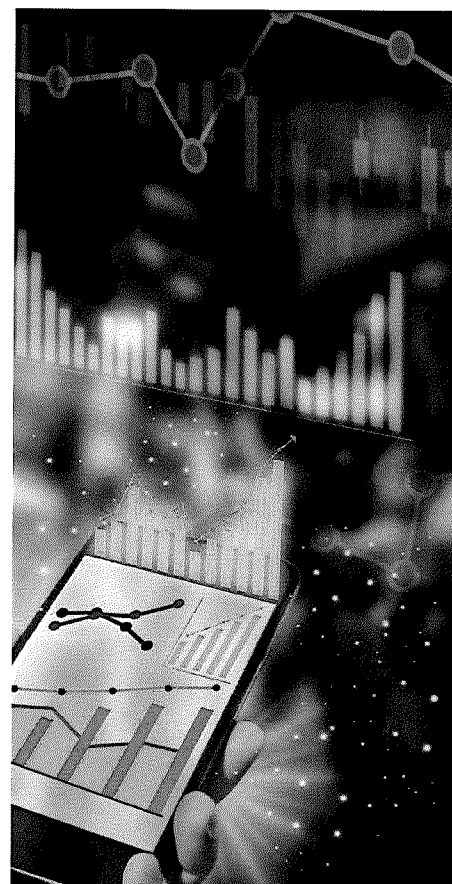
The Volunteer Firefighter Account returned -15.2 percent for the year ending December 31, 2022 and had \$143.5 million in assets.

Calendar 2022 was one of the most challenging years on record for investors in all asset classes with negative returns reported for both US stocks and bonds. These results reflect the extreme macro and geopolitical events of 2022: the first international conflict on European soil since World War II; headline CPI peaking at 9.1 percent in the U.S. (highest level in over 40 years); and an extreme level of policy, which saw the Federal Open Market Committee deliver 4.25 percent of rate hikes across seven meetings.

The strategic investment allocation continues to be 35 percent domestic equity, 15 percent international equity, 45 percent fixed income, and 5 percent cash.

The performance summary for the last five calendar years is shown below.

	Calendar Year End Returns (%)				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
U.S. Equity Index Fund	-19.2	26.2	21.2	31.1	-5.3
Broad International Equity Fund	-13.7	9.0	11.3	22.4	-14.5
Bond Fund	-14.1	-1.1	9.7	9.7	0.0
Money Market Fund	1.9	0.1	0.7	2.4	2.1
Volunteer Firefighter Account	-15.2	9.7	14.7	18.3	-3.7



Taxes on SVF Plan benefits explained

SVF Plan benefits paid directly to a person are subject to federal taxes and state taxes.

Unless the applicant elects different options on the benefit application form and completes additional tax paperwork, PERA will automatically withhold Minnesota state income taxes at the Single/0-exemptions rate and federal taxes of 20 percent from an SVF Plan lump-sum benefit payout. Note that Minnesota state taxes are withheld for Minnesota residents only; if you are a resident of a different state, contact your state's tax authority for details on how to handle state taxes applicable to your benefit.

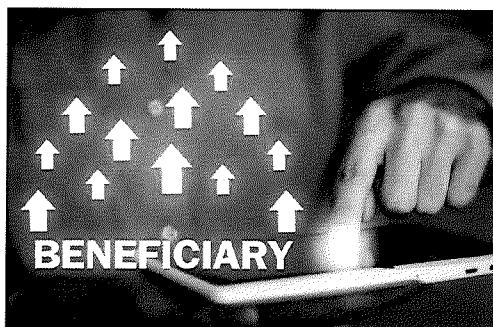
If you would like PERA to withhold federal and/or state taxes from your SVF Plan benefit at a rate different from the automatic withholdings, complete and submit with your benefit application a federal *W-4R* form and/or a Minnesota *W-4MNP* form. These tax forms can be found on PERA's website along with benefit application forms.



Beneficiaries in the SVF Plan

Volunteer firefighters in the SVF Plan do not need to designate the beneficiaries who would receive the SVF Plan benefit in the event of a volunteer firefighter's death. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 353G.12, PERA pays SVF Plan survivor benefits upon application to the surviving spouse of the deceased firefighter. If no

surviving spouse exists, PERA pays benefits to the firefighter's minor children. If no minor children exist, the deceased firefighter's estate receives the benefits. The survivor benefit amount is equal to the retirement benefit that would have been payable to the volunteer firefighter at age 50 based on their service credit earned as of the date of death.



SVF PLAN INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

PERA recently added SVF Plan information to its website. We hope that members, fire chiefs, and governing body representatives find value in having access to information about the SVF Plan online.

Explore this new web content here:
<https://mnpera.org/plan-information/statewide-volunteer-firefighter/>

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We need your help to ensure that the department's fire chief and SVF representative contact information stays current. Please note that the governing body's SVF representative must be an employee such as a clerk, treasurer, or finance director.

It's easy to provide the information we need. Simply send an email to: PERASVF@mnpera.org with the updated contact information.

STAY INFORMED

PERA does not maintain contact information for each firefighter. Please share the newsletter, annual funding report, and other information with your members.

Questions?

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PERASVF@mnpera.org

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Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

A Division of ARDC

Live Well at Home and Dementia Grant Request for Proposals Released

The State of Minnesota has published two grant opportunities. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has published the Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting applicants for the [Live Well at Home Grant](#). The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) has published the RFP soliciting applicants for the [Dementia Grant](#).

- Through the Live Well at Home Grant RFP, DHS is seeking proposals to develop and/or provide services for older Minnesotans to live in the community of their choice, by improving their community's capacity to develop home and community-based services. The term of any resulting contract is anticipated to be 12 months, from July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2024, with the option to extend beyond that date potentially. The maximum initial award per year is \$350,000. There is a dollar-for-dollar or 50 percent project total matching requirement for all grant funds expended. Completed proposals are **due in the DHS online application portal by 4:00 PM CT on Friday, April 7, 2023**. For all grant details, visit the [DHS Live Well at Home website](#). The complete Request for Proposals with directions and online application portal, is available on the [DHS Live Well at Home Grants website](#). **DHS will host [WebEx Responders Conference](#) on February 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM CT.**
- Through the Dementia Grant RFP, MBA is seeking proposals for regional and local projects to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (ADRD), increase the rate of cognitive testing, promote the benefits of early identification, and/or connect family, friends and neighbors caregiving for persons with dementia to education and resources. Any resulting contract is anticipated to be with a term of 12 months, from July 1,

program/project total on estimated budgets between \$50,000 and \$150,000. No match is required for budgets less than \$50,000. Completed proposals are **due in the DHS online application portal by 4:00 PM CT on Friday, May 12, 2023**. For all grant details, visit the [MBA Dementia Grant Website](#). The complete Request for Proposals, with directions and online application portal, is available on the [MBA Dementia Grants website](#). **MBA will host a [WebEx Responders Conference](#) on March 1, 2023, at 1:00 PM CT**

The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging provides technical assistance with these grant applications. Our team will consult about project needs and design, outcomes, sustainability, and budget, and can review draft proposals as time permits. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact our staff [Brenda Shafer-Pellinen](#), [Kimberly Scanlon](#) or [Lori Kangas-Olson](#), as soon as possible to receive a consultation.



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LIVING WITH DISABILITIES, CREATING PERSON-CENTERED CARE

March 9, 11am-1pm via Zoom Webinar

Experts will discuss the tools and support available to help individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. Join us to learn from our featured speaker, Mary Junnila with the Lighthouse Center for Vital Living, to expand our perspective on older adults with disabilities seeking to find self-reliance, technological resources, and social-emotional support in their lives.

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**Arrowhead Area
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MN Caregiver Emergency Planning Webinar

Join us on March 16th from 1:00-2:00 PM for a free webinar to learn about the importance of emergency planning, local resources that are available to you, and have

time to ask questions. We are committed to accessibility. If you have an accommodation request that will allow you to participate in the class more fully, please contact Lynelle at lhanson@ardc.org by March 13th

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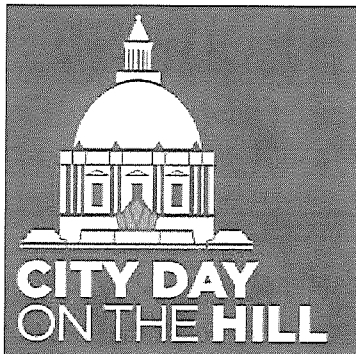
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Upcoming League Events & Learning



City Day on the Hill

March 9 — St. Paul

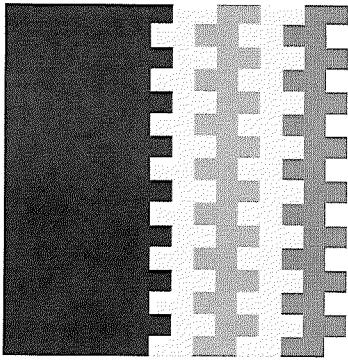
Be a voice for your city at the Capitol! This day-long lobbying event is an opportunity to learn about legislative issues that impact cities, build relationships with your local legislators, and advocate for the needs of your community.



Financial Scams and Fraud Control

March 14 — Online

Learn how to protect your city from fraudulent attacks and scams in this FREE webinar. You'll come away with useful resources, including the League's model policy and claims process information if you suspect a financial loss has occurred.



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

June 21-23 — Duluth

Registration opens soon! Our biggest event of the year 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

Did you miss this year's Elected Leaders Institute Foundational Program? Fear not! The League has the **on-demand coursework available for purchase on our website**.

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Land Use Mini-Course

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

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 4:10 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: February 2023 Newsletter



February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Township Officers,

Minnesota's state legislative session in St. Paul continues at a record-breaking pace. Approximately 100 township officers attended Township Day at the Capitol on February 1st and 2nd - thank you! We met individually with many, many legislators and discussed policy priorities with committee leaders and Governor Walz. More information about our township priorities and our bill tracker can be found on our [MAT Legislative Center webpage](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Short Courses held around the state in March and April. Details are below.

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely,
Jeff Krueger, Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Townships

"Township Tuesday" conference calls

Please join MAT staff for a casual update on the most recent township information, with question and answer time on any topic.

1st Tuesday of the month: 10 AM

3rd Tuesday of the month: 10 AM

Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88491131671>

Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671

OR participate via phone, (646) 558-8656 passcode 88-49-113-16-71#

[Listen to past recordings of the calls here.](#)

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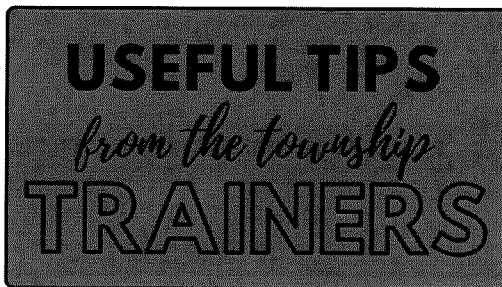
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2023 Scholarship Application Form

From MATIT: Workers' Compensation Audit



MATIT is wrapping up its annual workers' compensation audit. This was a year of firsts for the program and members; specifically:

- Members submitting payroll information electronically.
- MATIT's workers' compensation reinsurer (Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association - WCRA) requiring that each township submit a W-3 to verify 2022 payroll.
- No longer requiring that members provide contractors' certificates of insurance.

These changes have not been without confusion and difficulties. To those of you that have completed the audit, THANK YOU! Together we have learned a lot. This knowledge will be used to refine and improve the process for next year.

Members whose payroll information was not submitted in a timely fashion will receive a notice of delinquency along with a \$250 assessment. You are still required to provide your 2022 payroll data to MATIT by March 14, 2023. Absent current information, MATIT will calculate your 2023 workers' compensation contribution by increasing your last year's reported payroll by twenty-five (25%).

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Dates and Locations

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- [Register](#)

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MAT Calendar Error and Fix

It has come to our attention that there is an error for March in our calendar issue of the magazine.

This is pertaining to townships with March elections. The clerk's office must be open for absentee voting on March 11th, 2023 from 10 am to noon.

The calendar currently states March 10th 10 am-3 pm.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our township clerks.

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From: Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:05 PM
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Subject: March 2023 Newsletter



March 2023 Newsletter

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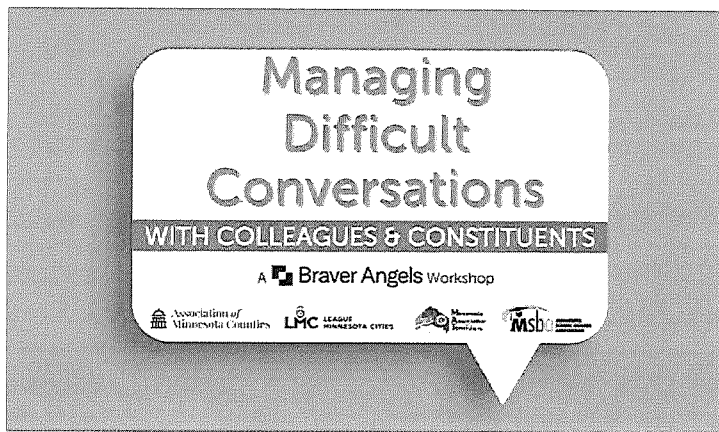
ARPA

- Reporting for spending that occurred from (4-1-2022 to 3-31-2023) will be open on April 1, 2023!
- ARPA funds spent during this

timeframe will have a project to report. If no funds were spent, your township still needs to complete the reporting for no projects to report for this timeframe.

- Using Google Chrome for an internet browser is recommended.
- Reporting link: <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance/s/>. Sign-in using your Login.gov (Email and Password). Select "Continue to login to compliance portal."
- Email from SLFRP (Treasury) regarding "Updated Subaward Requirements." These requirements are only for those townships that **donated** ARPA money to another entity.
- For questions and assistance with this reporting, please email Nicole Schluter at nschluter@mntownships.org. (NOTE: Nicole will be training April 3-7, all calls/emails received on these dates will be returned later that evening.)

Workshop: Managing Difficult Conversations



These free workshops are open to officials and staff from cities, counties, school boards and townships... simply choose the date or location that works best for you. Develop skills to better navigate disagreements and encourage a more constructive public dialogue.

Brought to you through a collaboration between Braver Angels, the League

of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Minnesota School Boards Association, and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Wednesday, May 10 (1-3:30 p.m.) - Rochester
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[Registration Link](#)

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March 28, 2023—Virtual

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March 23, 2023—Brainerd

March 30, 2023—Willmar

April 5, 2023—Mankato

Register

Minnesota Truck-Weight Education Training

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April 12, 2023 - Thief River Falls, MN

Register

Pavement Preservation for HMA Pavements: Crack Sealing, Chip Sealing, and Microsurfacing

April 2023

3 in-person locations

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This February, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) is launching the \$15 million **Energizing Rural Communities Prize** to challenge individuals and organizations to develop partnership plans and innovative financing strategies to help rural or remote communities improve their energy systems and make progress on advancing clean energy demonstration projects.

Rural ring dike funding is available to farmsteads and other rural properties located in the Red River Basin of Minnesota. The DNR has program materials available now on the **DNR's Flood Hazard Mitigation program web page**. As a reminder, local governments, including townships, are eligible to apply. The funding can be used to construct ring dikes for localized flood protection on either private or public land. A local government entity or tribe would need to be willing to receive the funds and contract for the design and construction.

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TIME:

8:00 AM: Registration opens, light continental breakfast provided
9:00 AM: Speakers/classes begin
12:00 PM: Buffet lunch provided
1:00 PM: Classes resume
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From: Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation <IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 3:56 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: INVITATION: Rural Housing Project Case Studies



DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

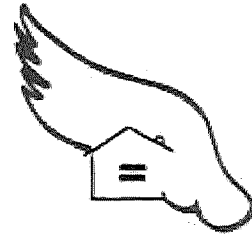
Rural Housing Project Case Studies

Join us for a virtual presentation with Kurt Keena, executive director of the Red Wing Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA), on Wednesday, March 29 at 12 p.m.

Kurt has worked in the housing and redevelopment field for over 30 years in both the public and non-profit sectors. He will share some of the tools the Red Wing HRA uses to bring more housing for workers to the community including the local Housing Trust Fund and Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Contact Whitney Ridlon at Whitney.Ridlon@state.mn.us to receive the link to the virtual presentation.

Please feel free to share this message with others who may be interested in participating.



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Subject: The Ranger - March 10



The Ranger

March 10, 2023

Ida Rukavina confirmed as Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation commissioner

The Minnesota Senate voted on March 9 to confirm Ida Rukavina as Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.

On Dec. 21, Gov. Tim Walz appointed Rukavina to lead the agency. She officially assumed the role on Jan. 2. Rukavina oversees the state of Minnesota economic development agency, with a mission of investing resources to foster vibrant growth and economic prosperity in northeastern Minnesota.

Rukavina was born and raised on the Iron Range. Most recently, she served as the executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS). She also has worked extensively with numerous levels of government and with the labor movement, representing public and private employees in northern Minnesota.

Her educational experience includes a Bachelor's Degree in Government and American Politics with a concentration in Race and Ethnic Relations from Clark University and a Master's Degree in Advocacy and Political Leadership from the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

"I'm proud that Ida Rukavina will serve as the next Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation," said Gov. Walz. "With a proven track record serving schools,



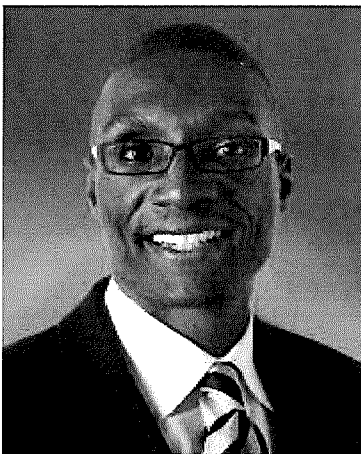
townships, and cities on the Iron Range, she is well-positioned to ensure the Northland doesn't just survive, but thrives."

"As a dedicated public servant with deep roots in community, Ida Rukavina will meaningfully serve the Iron Range," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan. "From good schools to reliable infrastructure to thriving businesses, she will lead with her One Minnesota values to ensure Minnesotans on the Range have the support and resources they need to succeed."

"I am humbled by the support of Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Flanagan to serve the people of northeastern Minnesota," said Commissioner Rukavina. "I am committed to working toward a future that includes jobs that support families, a strong educational system and thriving cities and towns."

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Sen. Bobby Joe Champion appointed to Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Advisory Board



Sen. Bobby Joe Champion of Minneapolis was appointed on March 9 to the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Advisory Board by the Minnesota Senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Champion represents District 59 and is the current president of the senate.

The Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Advisory Board consists of the state senators and representatives elected from state senatorial or house districts in which one-third or more of the residents reside within the agency's service area. One additional state senator is appointed by the Majority Leader of the senate.

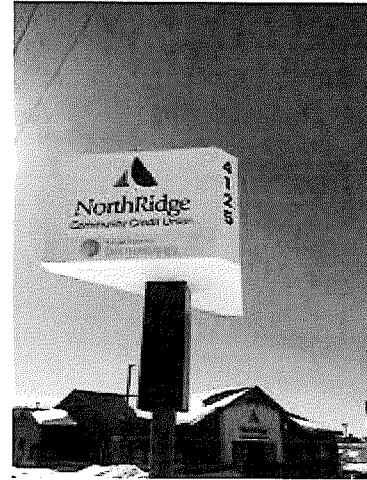
With this appointment, the board is now complete. Champion will serve with the following new and returning advisory board members:

- Sen. Grant Hauschild, District 3, new.
- Rep. Roger Skraba, District 3A, new.
- Sen. Justin Eichorn, District 6, returning.
- Rep. Ben Davis, District 6A, new.
- Sen. Robert Farnsworth, District 7, new.
- Rep. Spencer Igo, District 7A, returning.
- Rep. Dave Lislegard, District 7B, returning.

Credit union opens new facility in Hibbing

NorthRidge Community Credit Union opened a new 4,680-square-foot facility in January on an undeveloped commercial property in Hibbing. NorthRidge moved its location from East Beltline Road in Hibbing to the new facility north of the Hampton Inn on 9th Avenue West. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$300,000 Development Infrastructure grant to the city. Total project investment was \$3,358,600.

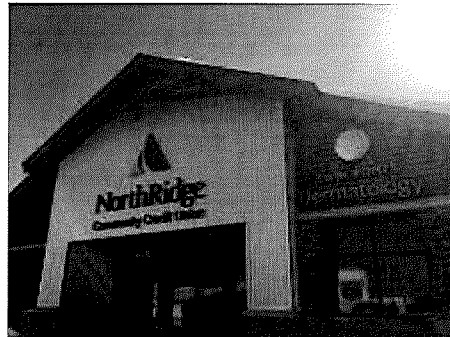
As a full-service financial institution, NorthRidge provides lending and banking services to nearly 7,000 members. Credit unions are member-owned, not-for-profit organizations that accept deposits, make loans and provide other financial services similar to traditional banks.



NorthRidge currently has nearly thirty full-time employees and is expected to add up to two more as the new Hibbing location grows. NorthRidge has four other offices in northeastern Minnesota: Biwabik, Ely, Hoyt Lakes and Virginia. [Learn more about NorthRidge Community Credit Union.](#)

“Our new location in Hibbing has significantly greater visibility,” said Nicholas Mathiowetz, NorthRidge president/CEO. “We look forward to the potential of adding new jobs and continuing to provide access to affordable banking and lending services, including to those who have poor credit or no credit history.”

NorthRidge leased a portion of the new building to Twin Ports Dermatology who is completing final interior construction of their new medical office space. Twin Ports is scheduled to open this spring to provide dermatology care to the Iron Range. [Learn more about Twin Ports Dermatology-Hibbing.](#)



Project partners for the new facility include NorthRidge Community Credit Union and the city of Hibbing.

[Email Chris Ismil](#) or call him at 218-735-3010 for Development Infrastructure grant information.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation grants are funded through taxes paid by Minnesota’s mining industry.

Northeastern Minnesota’s first adaptive mountain bike trail opens in Cuyuna



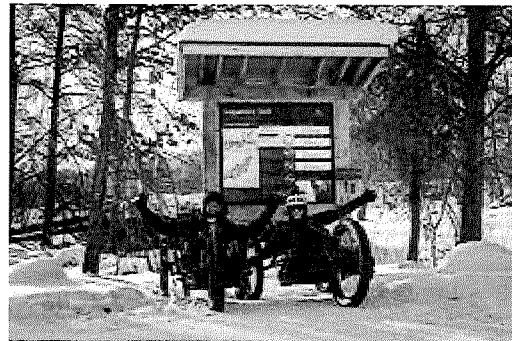
The Sagamore Adaptive Trail opened last year within the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area (CCSRA). It is the first purpose-built adaptive mountain bike trail in northeastern Minnesota and provides riding access to those who need handcycling equipment and trails to accommodate their physical disabilities. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$303,700 Regional Trails grant to the city of

Riverton. Total project investment was approximately \$2.1 million.

Most handcycles are built in a tricycle configuration and are powered by the rider's arms versus legs. The adaptive trails that accommodate handcycles and other adaptive equipment are typically wider with less downhill and uphill gradients.

The Sagamore Adaptive Trail is 7.4 miles and may be used by adaptive and non-adaptive cyclists. It is available year-round for biking and hiking. It connects to an additional 10 miles of mountain bike trails within the Sagamore Unit of CCSRA, an existing network of over 50 miles of mountain bike trails in CCSRA, and 9 miles of state paved trail. The trail network interconnects the cities of Riverton, Ironton, Crosby, Cuyuna and Deerwood.

"Many major businesses and organizations within the Cuyuna area have been able to recruit new workers to the region during the past several years, in part due to our outstanding outdoor destination and quality of life," said Aaron Hautala, president emeritus of Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew. "The trail systems and variety of trails can potentially impact the workforce recruitment and retention of an estimated 50 businesses and organizations in the Cuyuna area including those in the medical, manufacturing, technology and retail industries."



CCSRA is spread across 600 acres surrounding reclaimed mining lands. In addition to the 70 miles of mountain bike trails, there are 25 miles of natural shoreline. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), CCSRA had approximately 300,000 total users in 2021, of which 119,000 were bike users. The DNR anticipates those numbers to increase with recent expansions, which include the new Saginaw adaptive trail.



“Being able to offer riding experiences to people with disabilities opens up Cuyuna to a whole new population of outdoor enthusiasts,” said Hautala. “Mountain biking is more than people on standard bikes with two wheels. It is also for people who use wheelchairs in their daily life, and Cuyuna provides inclusivity and equity for them when they recreate off road on their handcycles.”

Other project partners included Minnesota State Bond Appropriation, Minnesota DNR Division of Parks and Trails, the city of Riverton, Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Crew and International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Email [Jim Plummer](#) or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional

Trails grant information.

[Learn more about CCSRA.](#)

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From: Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation <IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:09 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Senate confirms Ida Rukavina as Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation



DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

March 9, 2023

Senate confirms Ida Rukavina as Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation

Today, the Minnesota Senate voted to confirm Ida Rukavina as Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.

On Dec. 21, Gov. Tim Walz appointed Rukavina to lead the agency. She officially assumed the role on Jan. 2. Rukavina oversees the state of Minnesota economic development agency, with a mission of investing resources to foster vibrant growth and economic prosperity in northeastern Minnesota.

Rukavina was born and raised on the Iron Range. Most recently, she served as the executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS). She also has worked extensively with numerous levels of government and with the labor movement, representing public and private employees in northern Minnesota.

Her educational experience includes a Bachelor's Degree in Government and American Politics with a concentration in Race and Ethnic Relations from Clark University and a Master's Degree in Advocacy and Political Leadership from the University of Minnesota – Duluth.



"I'm proud that Ida Rukavina will serve as the next Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation," said Governor Walz. **"With a proven track record serving schools, townships, and cities on the Iron Range, she is well-positioned to ensure the Northland doesn't just survive, but thrives."**

"As a dedicated public servant with deep roots in community, Ida Rukavina will meaningfully serve the Iron Range," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. **"From good schools to reliable infrastructure to thriving businesses, she will lead with her One Minnesota values to ensure Minnesotans on the Range have the support and resources they need to succeed."**

"I am humbled by the support of Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan to serve the people of northeastern Minnesota," said Commissioner Rukavina. **"I am committed to working toward a future that includes jobs that support families, a strong educational system and thriving cities and towns."**

What northeastern Minnesota leaders are saying about Commissioner Ida Rukavina:

Minnesota North College

Dr. Michael Raich, President

"Commissioner Rukavina has long been a supporter of education at all levels in our region. As executive director of RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools), she worked diligently to build a coalition of leaders who successfully advocated for the needs of our area school districts. Ida is a champion of higher education and understands how, together, our local P-12 schools and Minnesota North College are the catalysts for regional prosperity."

Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.

Laurenco Goncalves, President, Chairman & CEO

"I am very pleased that the Minnesota Senate has confirmed Ida Rukavina as commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Ida is a person of integrity who has shown true dedication to public service. She is the right person for the job because she cares deeply about the people of the Mesabi Iron Range, and she has a vested interest in making sure there are good-paying, middle class, union jobs sustaining the region for decades to come."

Blandin Foundation

Tuleah Palmer, President/CEO

"It is long past the time of viewing Minnesota through the lens of urban or rural, metro or outstate. In reality, we are one state whose success depends on the success of every community and resident. Commissioner Rukavina understands the vital and interdependent role rural communities have always played and will continue to play in Minnesota's future. Tackling our workforce challenges,

responsible energy transition and economic disparities together is always our best foot forward. I look forward to working with her."

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Cathy Chavers, Tribal Chairwoman

"I look forward to working with Commissioner Rukavina on community, business and workforce projects that impact the region's tribal nations. Her past experience working with governments at the local, tribal, state and federal levels gives her great insight into the importance of involving multiple parties to create the best possible outcomes on large-scale projects such as those related to broadband, housing development, infrastructure and outdoor recreation."

City of Virginia

Larry Cuffe, Mayor

"I have had the privilege of working with Commissioner Rukavina on several projects and legislative issues. She has a passion, expertise and commitment to public service. She has been involved in issues that affect the Iron Range such as broadband, affordable housing, child care, municipal infrastructure and responsible mining. She is loyal, ethical and compassionate and will be very strong in her new leadership role as she helps provide for the success and vitality of the Iron Range and northern Minnesota."

City of Ely

Heidi Omerza, Mayor

"Dozens of small to mid-size thriving communities make up the landscape of northeastern Minnesota. Having lived and worked nearly all of her life in the region, Commissioner Rukavina understands the unique assets of each community. Ely has different traits and goals than Grand Rapids, and the Chisholm-Hibbing area has different needs and priorities than the East Iron Range. But greater than that, she recognizes that the region as a whole can set and achieve large common goals that enhance our economy and quality of life. She has a strong reputation for her ability to assemble many groups and organizations and then identify common ground to work towards what is best for the people, business and communities."

Iron Range Tourism Bureau

Beth Pierce, Executive Director

"Having grown up in northeastern Minnesota, now raising her own family here, and being an outdoor enthusiast, Commissioner Rukavina is keenly aware how the tourism industry benefits the region on many levels. She understands that a robust tourism industry with a large array of attractions, abundance of outdoor recreation and trails, arts and retail not only attract visitors to our region, but also improves the quality of life and creates jobs for those who live here."

Northland Foundation

Tony Sertich, President/CEO

"Ida has the rare gifts of an appreciation for the history and cultures of the Iron Range with an eye toward the future and what is possible when we work together. As someone who was honored to serve in this position, I couldn't be more pleased with her confirmation."



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RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

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March 8, 2023

Township of Breitung
Tim Tomsich, Chairman
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

Subject: Operation Round Up® Application

Dear Tim:

The Operation Round Up® Electric Trust Board of Directors met earlier this month and reviewed 51 grant applications. I am sorry to advise that your grant application did not receive funding this quarter. Due to the abundance of applications for community requests related to basic human needs, public safety, and other human service and community needs, the Board was not able to approve an award at this time.

Furthermore, the Trust Board has deemed your project a capital fund campaign, which generally doesn't meet the program's giving criteria. While some building improvements and property development such as playgrounds can qualify under certain conditions, the availability of funds and project type were taken into consideration.

Operation Round Up® is a program designed to allow Cooperative members the ability to contribute, through their electric bill, to community and charitable organizations. More than \$3 million has been granted since the inception of the program in 2004.

Thank you for your application. We wish you good health, safety and all the best in 2023.

Regards,

Greg Schulzetenberg
Manager of Community Relations & Marketing

GS/gs

clerk@breitungtownship.org

From: Tana Johnson <tanajohnson@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:54 AM
To: chairman@breitungtownship.org; supervisor1@breitungtownship.org; supervisor2@breitungtownship.org
Cc: clerk@breitungtownship.org; breitung@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Thank you From The Embarrass Region Fair Association

Supervisor Tomsich, Supervisor Dostert, Supervisor Tekautz, and Township of Breitung,

On behalf of the Embarrass Region Fair Association, we thank you for your relational and financial support in our mission to connect people and join communities. The link below is a thank you video.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kkvxQD8CEHTrNgYi6>

Personally, I truly appreciate your support and your support for the communities, including Embarrass. The absence of financial support from Embarrass Township for your ambulance fund did not fall on deaf ears. I pray and hope the future will bring satisfactory change. Stay strong, Breitung, you're a phenomenal example of solid leadership and township support.

Thank you,

Tana L. Johnson

From: Ryan Bauers <BauersR@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Dustin Letica
Cc: Ryan Bauers
Subject: Reaching out with an URGENT update and an IMPORANT request . . .

Importance: High

Dear Community Partners,

As you may have heard, a pandemic-era rule that was put in place to ensure continuous insurance coverage for people receiving Medical Assistance (MA) is ending July 1. This means the annual eligibility renewal requirement for over 55,000 St. Louis County residents is beginning now. As you can imagine, this has the potential to create challenges for recipients, county staff, and others tasked with helping complete renewals, and for service providers who may belatedly learn a customer has lost insurance.

Our goal is to do our best to stay proactive to help providers and community partners understand the situation and better prepare for it. St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services staff will hold two town hall meetings later this month, designed to help providers and community partners understand this process. **This is where you come in: we are inviting you to participate (virtually or in person) in one of these two meetings and also forward this information to any other key providers or community partners who you feel should attend.** (Please note that these first two town hall meetings are intended for organizations and providers. We will hold information sessions for the individuals impacted at a later date).

Please join us (virtually or in person) at one of these meetings and help spread the word:

Wednesday, March 29, 10-11:30 a.m.
St. Louis County Government Services Center - Virginia
201 South 3rd Avenue West, Virginia – Liz Prebich Conference Room
[Click HERE to access the Teams Meeting](#)

Friday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.- noon
St. Louis County Government Services Center - Duluth
320 West 2nd Street, Duluth – Lake Superior Room
[Click HERE to access the Teams Meeting](#)

While the renewal process is not new, it will be a significant undertaking as Medical Assistance enrollment has increased by 25% since 2020. New and existing enrollees may not be fully aware of the renewal requirement and its impact on their coverage. Furthermore, any recipients who have moved in the last three years may not have a current address on file, which means they may not receive their renewal paperwork.

For more information on renewal requirements, visit mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage.com.

Thank you for your help as we endeavor to make this process as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

Dusty Letica
Director, Economic Services & Supports
St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services
LeticaD@StLouisCountyMN.gov



BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERVING BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, THE TOWN OF SOUDAN, AND THE CITY OF TOWER

PHONE: (218) 753-6660

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DANIEL REING

FAX: (218) 753-2407

SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

February was the most quiet month we have had in a long time. A highlight of the month was spending a morning at Northwoods High School with students at their annual Bagels and Books. I also spent time visiting the Tower Soudan Elementary and Vermilion Country School at various times throughout the month. Many office projects and much needed paperwork being completed were some of the tasks completed this month. We are taking this time to get projects done that we will not have time for later this year. The weather is going to warm up eventually and our area will be busy once again.

I will see you again next month. Be safe.

Daniel Reing
Chief of Police
Breitung Police Department



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DANIEL REING
CHIEF OF POLICE

February 2023 Police Report

Calls for Service (ICRs): 49 calls

Investigations: 3

Community Engagement 1

Assist Other Agencies 2



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@breitungpolice

Road and Bridge Report

February 2023 Report

Snow plowing, sanding, winging and scraping streets

Hosted Hockey Days February 25th

Closed Rink March 4th

Located water leak on 4th Avenue and assisted C7C Winger with repair

Continue televising sewer laterals on Poplar St

Repairing and or changing water meters that aren't functioning

Jetting culverts

Maintenance on equipment and making preparations for spring

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG TO
MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUND FROM IRRRB FY23
REGIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Regional Trails Program – McKinley Park Trail Upgrade-Overrun Costs.

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

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

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For: 3

Against: 0

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2023-07 was declared duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of February 2023.

Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Dianna Sunsdahl - Clerk



Tower-Soudan Agency, Inc.

415 Main Street
PO Box 499
Tower, MN 55790

Phone: (218) 753-2101 • Fax: (218) 753-6032 • tsagency@frontiernet.net

- 1) If they're under age 16, they are prohibited from using powered machinery. If they're 16 or 17 years old, they are restricted from operating power-drive machinery and the city needs to make sure they have documented training for that employee:

Effective May 28, 2020, minors who are at least 16 years of age can operate "lawn care equipment" (including lawn trimmers, weed cutters, and machines designed to cut grass and weeds that meet safety specifications of the American National Standards Institute/Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (ANSI/OPEI) – including push and ride-on mowers) for cities on golf courses, resort grounds, or municipal grounds, provided:

- Prior to operating lawn care equipment, the 16- or 17-year-old is trained in the safe operation of each type of lawn care equipment operated by the minor; and
- The 16- or 17-year-old wears personal protective equipment, including, but not limited to, safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, safety vest, and work boots, as necessary, at all times when operating the lawn care equipment.
- The city ensures all safety rules and instructions provided in the equipment's operator manual are followed, including prohibiting the operation of lawn care equipment on a slope greater than is recommended by the operator's manual; and
- The city ensures required safety equipment is in place and operational on all lawn care equipment, including roll-over protection, seat belts, operator presence control systems, interlocks, guards, and shields.

See Minn. Stat. Section 181.116 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/181A.116>).
(ATTACHED)

- 2) Minors cannot work where hazardous materials are present (pesticides, etc).

See Minn Stat. Section 5200.0910 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/5200.0910/>) (ATTACHED)



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ACCOUNT ACCESS

NOW OPEN:

The FY 23 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) will close on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:59 PM ET.*

***IMPORTANT:** Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline.

STEP 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.justice.gov/grants).

GRANTS.GOV APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 (4:59 PM ET).

STEP 2: Submit the full application including attachments in [JustGrants](https://www.justice.gov/grants).

JUSTGRANTS APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 (4:59 PM ET).

ABOUT THE CHP PROGRAM

The Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

Who is Eligible? ▾

Funding ▾

Solicitation Documents ▾

Need more information on how to apply to any of our programs?

For additional assistance we encourage you to visit the [How to Apply page](#), which includes frequently asked questions, appendices, additional fact sheets, links to webinars, and other resources.

The COPS Office is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and build trust between law enforcement and the community.

Axon Enterprise, Inc

Original Quote presented to the Board	\$8494.80 for 5 year contract \$1698.04 per year
New Quote	\$10,800.00 for 5 year contract \$2159.99 per year
5 year Increase	\$2305.20 over 5 years
Yearly Increase	\$461.95 per year

New quote includes more taser cartridges and more training

03/23/23



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Scottsdale, Arizona 85255
United States
VAT: 86-0741227
Domestic: (800) 978-2737
International: +1.800.978.2737

Q-435212-44922.733CE

Issued: 12/27/2022

Quote Expiration: 12/31/2022

Estimated Contract Start Date: 01/15/2023

Account Number: 311098

Payment Terms: N30

Delivery Method:

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Delivery 41 1st Ave 41 1st Ave Soudan, MN 55782-5000 USA	Bretlung Police Department - MN PO Box 6 Soudan, MN 55782-0006 USA Email:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE	PRIMARY CONTACT
Cade Edwards Phone: Email: cedwards@axon.com Fax:	Daniel Reing Phone: (218) 753-6660 Email: daniel.reing@bretlungtownship.org Fax: (218) 753-2407

Quote Summary

Program Length	60 Months
TOTAL COST	\$10,800.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL W/ TAX	\$10,800.00

Discount Summary

Average Savings Per Year	\$844.92
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$4,224.60

Payment Summary

Date	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Dec 2022	\$2,160.04	\$0.00	\$2,160.04
Dec 2023	\$2,159.99	\$0.00	\$2,159.99
Dec 2024	\$2,159.99	\$0.00	\$2,159.99
Dec 2025	\$2,159.99	\$0.00	\$2,159.99
Dec 2026	\$2,159.99	\$0.00	\$2,159.99
Total	\$10,800.00	\$0.00	\$10,800.00

Quote Unbundled Price: \$15,024.60
 Quote List Price: \$10,800.00
 Quote Subtotal: \$10,800.00

Pricing

All deliverables are detailed in Delivery Schedules section lower in proposal

Item	Description	Qty	Term	Unbundled	List Price	Net Price	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Program									
T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	60	\$83.47	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00	\$10,800.00
Total							\$10,800.00	\$0.00	\$10,800.00

Delivery Schedule

Hardware

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Delivery Date
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	20008	TASER 7 HANDLE, YLW, HIGH VISIBILITY (GREEN LASER), CLASS 3R	3	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	20018	TASER 7 BATTERY PACK, TACTICAL	3	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	20160	TASER 7 HOLSTER - SAFARILAND, RH+CARD CARRIER	3	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22175	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	9	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22175	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	9	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22177	TASER 7 HOOK-AND-LOOP TRN (HALT) CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF NS	6	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22178	TASER 7 HOOK-AND-LOOP TRN (HALT) CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUART NS	6	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22179	TASER 7 INERT CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	3	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22181	TASER 7 INERT CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	3	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	70033	WALL MOUNT BRACKET, ASSY, EVIDENCE.COM DOCK	1	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	71019	NORTH AMER POWER CORD FOR AB3 8-BAY, AB2 1-BAY / 6-BAY DOCK	1	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	74200	TASER 7 6-BAY DOCK AND CORE	1	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	80087	TASER 7 TARGET, CONDUCTIVE, PROFESSIONAL (RUGGEDIZED)	1	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	80090	TARGET FRAME, PROFESSIONAL, 27.5 IN. X 7.5 IN., TASER 7	1	12/15/2022
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22175	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2023
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2023
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2024
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22177	TASER 7 HOOK-AND-LOOP TRN (HALT) CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF NS	6	12/15/2024
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2025
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2025
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22178	TASER 7 HOOK-AND-LOOP TRN (HALT) CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUART NS	6	12/15/2026
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22175	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, STANDOFF (3.5-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2026
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	22176	TASER 7 LIVE CARTRIDGE, CLOSE QUARTERS (12-DEGREE) NS	6	12/15/2026

Software

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	20248	TASER 7 EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE	3	01/15/2023	01/14/2028
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	20248	TASER 7 EVIDENCE.COM LICENSE	1	01/15/2023	01/14/2028

Warranties

Bundle	Item	Description	QTY	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	80374	EXT WARRANTY, TASER 7 BATTERY PACK	3	12/15/2023	01/14/2028
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	80395	EXT WARRANTY, TASER 7 HANDLE	3	12/15/2023	01/14/2028
Taser 7 Certification Bundle	80396	EXT WARRANTY, TASER 7 SIX BAY DOCK	1	12/15/2023	01/14/2028

Payment Details

Dec 2022					
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax
Year 1	T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	\$2,160.04	\$0.00
Total				\$2,160.04	\$0.00
					\$2,160.04

Dec 2023					
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax
Year 2	T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	\$2,159.99	\$0.00
Total				\$2,159.99	\$0.00
					\$2,159.99

Dec 2024					
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax
Year 3	T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	\$2,159.99	\$0.00
Total				\$2,159.99	\$0.00
					\$2,159.99

Dec 2025					
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax
Year 4	T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	\$2,159.99	\$0.00
Total				\$2,159.99	\$0.00
					\$2,159.99

Dec 2026					
Invoice Plan	Item	Description	Qty	Subtotal	Tax
Year 5	T7Cert	Taser 7 Certification Bundle	3	\$2,159.99	\$0.00
Total				\$2,159.99	\$0.00
					\$2,159.99

Tax is estimated based on rates applicable at date of quote and subject to change at time of invoicing. If a tax exemption certificate should be applied, please submit prior to invoicing.

Standard Terms and Conditions

Axon Enterprise Inc. Sales Terms and Conditions

Axon Master Services and Purchasing Agreement:

This Quote is limited to and conditional upon your acceptance of the provisions set forth herein and Axon's Master Services and Purchasing Agreement (posted at www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions), as well as the attached Statement of Work (SOW) for Axon Fleet and/or Axon Interview Room purchase, if applicable. In the event you and Axon have entered into a prior agreement to govern all future purchases, that agreement shall govern to the extent it includes the products and services being purchased and does not conflict with the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix as described below.

ACEIP:

The Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program Appendix, which includes the sharing of de-identified segments of Agency Content with Axon to develop new products and improve your product experience (posted at www.axon.com/legal/sales-terms-and-conditions), is incorporated herein by reference. By signing below, you agree to the terms of the Axon Customer Experience Improvement Program.

Acceptance of Terms:

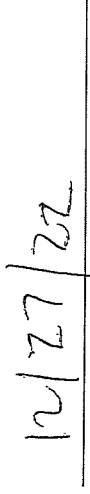
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Signature



Date Signed

12/27/2022





Saint Louis County

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Paul McDonald
County Commissioner

February 27th, 2023

Congressman Pete Stauber
5094 Miller Trunk Hwy, Suite 900
Hermantown, MN 55811

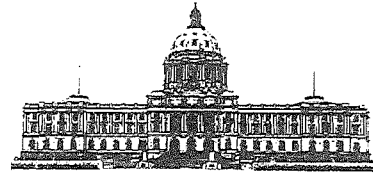
Dear Congressman Pete Stauber:

I am writing this letter of support for the Highway 169 North Task Forces' application for Congressional Community Project Funding. The funding will be used for Reconstruction - TH 169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements between TH1/169 and County Road 88 west of Ely.

These five projects listed in the application are safety driven. These projects were included in the original plan but due to increase in cost they were dropped from the previous funding allocation. With the amount of traffic traveling on Highway 169, it is imperative to address these community projects.

Sincerely,


Paul McDonald
4th District St. Louis County Commissioner



Senate

State of Minnesota

March 6th, 2023

Representative Pete Stauber
145 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stauber,

I am writing this letter of support, in reference to the 2024 Federal Congressionally Designated Spending application for TH169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction projects in St. Louis County, Minnesota identified by the Highway 169 North Task Force.

This overall project is a locally led project on MnDOT's Trunk Highway System, and includes spot improvements for Safety and Mobility on the corridor at the following locations as part of on-going planning efforts with MnDOT District 1:

- Reference Point 267, grade lowering on TH 169 near Soudan State Park Entrance;
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- Reference Point 278-279, Wolf Lake Road (County Road 404), turn lanes and TH 169 realignment with grade corrections through Soley's Corner.

These areas have horizontal and vertical deficiencies resulting in crash clusters with fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage and are in need of the Safety and Mobility Improvements identified and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Senator Grant Hauschild
Minnesota State Senate
District 3





Ely City Hall, 209 E Chapman St, Ely MN 55731

March 7, 2023

Representative Pete Stauber
145 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Stauber,

We are writing this letter of support, in reference to the 2024 Federal CDS application for TH169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction projects in St. Louis County identified by the Highway 169 North Task Force.

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These areas have horizontal and vertical deficiencies resulting in crash clusters with fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage and are in need of the Safety and Mobility Improvements identified. The City of Ely requests federal assistance be provided for MnDot to complete their necessary improvements.

Sincerely,

Heidi Omerza
Mayor City of Ely

March 10, 2023



To:
Rep. Pete Stauber
145 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject:
2024 CDS Applications
TH169 Spot SAFETY and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction – Soudan to Ely

Dear Rep. Stauber and CDS Staff,

I have worked on the Safety and Mobility Improvements on Highway 169 North since 1997, a long 26 years now.

Our Highway 169 North Task Force was officially formed with support from our St. Louis County Commissioners and have worked with MnDOT District One since July of 2000. We had meetings every month for nearly a year with Andy Hubley of ARDC, Arrowhead Regional Development, compiling the information and creating a bound booklet about our needs for the much needed improvements. MnDOT Engineers, ROW persons, Environmental crews, etc. have all been involved. We continue to work together.

I was elected as a Co-Chairman along with my other Co-Chairman, Rudy Semeja. We worked long and hard with the MnDOT statistics and personal experiences of many of the 30 plus members of the Committee, the general public, and MnDOT's Mike Robinson, John Bray, Brian Larson, and others, along with Rep. James Oberstar over these 23 plus years!

Over the years, staff has changed at MnDOT, and we have worked with, or are working with Duane Hill, Michael Kalnbach, Jim Miles, Dan Squires, Alex Peritz, Mike Tardy, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Nancy Daubenberger, Michael Barnes, John Chiglo, Serge Phillips, and many others including General Cossalter, Rep. Rick Nolan, Rep. Pete Stauber, Rep. Tommy Rukavina, Sen. David Tomassoni, Sen. Tom Bakk, Rep. David Dill, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Grant Hauschild, Rep. Rob Ecklund, Commissioner Paul McDonald, John Eloranta, Mike Forsman, Mayor Novak, Mayor Omerza, Supv. Bob Berrini, Supv. Terry Soderberg, Supv. Greg Dostert, City, Township, and School District entities, and many others along the way.

My personal experiences of travelling over a *million miles* driving this Highway 169, 116 miles round trip to where I worked at U.S. Steel's Minntac plant from Ely everyday of my nearly 34 year career. I was one of the first ones at 3 fatalities, and dozens of severe injury accidents, head-ons, roll-overs, in the ditch situations, etc.

Having been in several accidents, side swiped, T-Boned, and in the ditch myself with our carpool because of poor grade and alignment conditions, bad sight-lines, roadway shading causing black ice situations, which in poor weather created dangerous situations, inadequate safe pull off shoulders, and other deficiencies resulted in these accidents. We knew what and where things had to be corrected and therefore reconstructed for the absolutely necessary Safety and Mobility Improvements!

So, speaking for the Task Force and the motoring public, and those who have passed on, I humbly ask for your unwavering support of this third CDS application to finish these last major reconstruction Safety and Mobility Improvements on Highway 169 North between Soudan and Ely.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bill Erzar'.

Bill Erzar, Chair
Highway 169 North Task Force
c/o 1232 Heather St.
Ely, MN 55731
218-343-7448 (cell)
zar@frontiernet.net

Town of Morse

**P.O. Box 660
Ely, Minnesota 55731**

March 9, 2023

Representative Pete Stauber
145 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stauber:

The Town of Morse Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of the Highway 169 Task Force project to make improvements between Ely and Virginia. As you are aware, a good portion of this road passes through the Town of Morse and it is a vital link for our community.

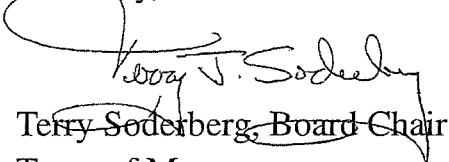
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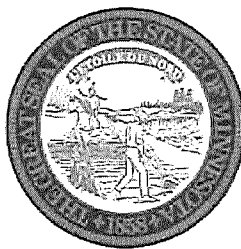
These areas have horizontal and vertical deficiencies resulting in crash clusters with fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage and are in need of the Safety and Mobility Improvements identified. We, the Town of Morse Board of Supervisors, ask for your support.

Sincerely,



Terry Soderberg, Board Chair
Town of Morse

Roger J. Skraba
State Representative
District 03A



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 7, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support, in reference to the 2024 Federal CDS application for TH169 Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements Reconstruction projects in St. Louis County identified by the Highway 169 North Task Force.

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As the local legislator representing this area in the Minnesota House of Representatives, I can speak to the importance of these improvements for the constituents that I represent.

These areas have horizontal and vertical deficiencies resulting in crash clusters with fatalities, serious injuries, and property damage and need the Safety and Mobility Improvements identified and I ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger J. Skraba".

Roger J. Skraba
State Representative





395 John Ireland Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

March 9, 2023

The Honorable Tina Smith
United States Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pete Stauber
United States House of Representatives
461 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter for Congressional Interest for Community Project Funding

Dear Senator Smith and Representative Stauber,

This letter is in reference to the Spot Safety and Mobility Improvements project in St. Louis County identified by the TH 169 Task Force. This is a locally led project on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Trunk Highway System, and includes spot improvements to safety and mobility on the corridor at the following locations as part of on-going planning efforts with District 1:

- Reference Point 267, grade lowering TH 169 near Soudan State Park entrance;
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- Reference Point 276-278, Wolf Creek Pass Road (Morse Township Road), turn lane construction and realignment; and
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Currently, the total project cost estimate is \$14.3 million. MnDOT does not have this project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), or funding identified for this project in MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) at this time; full project funding is not secured. If funding for this project is awarded, MnDOT will add it to the STIP once it is fully funded. MnDOT will also coordinate with St. Louis County and the TH 169 Task Force to implement the project.

MnDOT is committed to partnering and continued cooperation with the TH 169 Task Force as we develop this project and explore other funding opportunities as this effort moves forward to address this transportation need.

Thank you for your interest and support to improve Minnesota's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberger'.

Nancy Daubenberger, P.E.
Commissioner

cc: Bill Erzar, Chair, TH 169 Task Force
Jim Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, St. Louis County

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clerk@breitungtownship.org

From: Sarah Hansen <shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:03 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: ECFE spring picnic

Hi Dianna

I am wondering if ECFE can reserve the pavilion at the Breitung Park for our spring picnic on Thursday May 11th from 11:00-1:30. It will be an informal event with families there from 11:30-1:00.

We look forward to playing on the playground and having a light lunch together. If there is a charge to having the building open, then we would love to know if we might be able to waive the fee.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

--

Sarah Hansen

Parent & Family Educator

Early Childhood Family Education

Northeast Range School & Tower-Soudan School, ISD 2142

shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us