## Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

# Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05/25/2023 Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - ➤ 05/11/23 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of April 2023 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 47573-47652
  - > Total Disbursements-\$85,592.45
  - > Fund Balance-\$177,229.35
  - Voided Checks-47629
- Correspondence
- League of MN Cities-\*Introduction to Race Equity \*Upcoming Events \*Legislative Recap
- Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
- o MAT-May 2023 Newsletter
- o IRRR-\*Ranger May 3, \*EV Growth \*Rural Housing Projects \*Ranger May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Thank you from Daniel Reing
- Public Input

## **Reports:**

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

## **Old Business**

- IRRR
  - Update on Meeting with IRRR
  - 2023 Infrastructure Project

- Broadband
  - McKinley Park-Quote for campground services
  - Quote for increased internet speed
- Blight Update

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills as presented
- Stuntz Bay Association-Dan Wiire
  - Bench @ Stuntz Bay
  - Parking/Traffic Control
- Fire Department
  - > Request for SCBA
- Police Department
  - ➤ Impounded Vehicle-2015 KIA Truck Follow Up
  - Goombaz Security Proposal
- Waive Fee for Shara Dostert event for Double Booking Community Center
- Dust Control-R & B received a quote. Cost has gone up.20/gal, potential bill to be increased by \$1100 this year, scheduled request before 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Request Bids for Propane
- Soudan Surface Story Tour-Sign Request
- Meet your Supervisor Opportunity
- Resolution 2023-16 Certification of 2024 Township Property Tax Levy
- Resolution 2023-17-Accepting Donations

Next Regular Board Meeting-June 22, 2023 @ 12Noon Breitung Community Center

Breitung Clean Up Days-June 5th, 6th and 7th, 2023

## **Adjourn**

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 05-11-23 at 2:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

## Present In Person:

<u>Board Members</u>: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Deputy Clerk-Renee Pearson <u>Public</u>: Jordan Schaefer-DNR Parks & Trails, Melinda Anderson-DNR/PAT, Joe Majerus-DNR, Tony Sikkora, Preston Tripp-JPJ, Jodi Summit-Timberjay

Call to Order @ 12:01pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

## **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept the agenda as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel
Motion Passed 3-0

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 03/23/23 Reorganization Board Meeting, and 04/27/23 Regular Board Meeting as presented  $2^{nd}$  by Supervisor Tekautz Motion passed 3-0

## **New Business:**

<u>Certificate of Deposit-Breitung Township currently has a 100k CD with Frandsen Bank that will be mature in October of 2023. Discussion to purchase another 50k Certificate as current rates are high. This would be funded out of the equipment reserve fund which is not needed to purchase equipment at this time or in the near future.</u>

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to purchase a 10 month, 50k CD from Frandsen Bank  $2^{\rm nd}$  by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

<u>Community Picnic-</u>it was noted that there may be more in attendance this year Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to have the Community Picnic on Sunday, July  $2^{nd}$  from 12-3pm  $2^{nd}$  by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

## **Old Business**

<u>Culture and Tourism Grant</u>-Currently funded from IRRR for 30% the Township's portion is 70% of the total cost of \$60,000. The Townships portion is currently listed at \$20k. Chairman Tomsich spoke with Stuntz Bay Association, and they may be able to assist with more than their original \$7500, they will let the Township know. A donation towards the Sound System

will be made from Eric Norberg to help with that cost. Suggestion to go with 2 docks instead of 3 at McKinley Park, and 5 tables instead of 8 at McKinley Park.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to scale back on the Culture and Tourism grant from 2 docks instead of 3 at McKinley Park, and 5 tables instead of 8 at McKinley Park  $2^{nd}$  by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

IRRR Meeting 05/17/23-Supervisor Tuchel, Clerk Sunsdahl and a representative from JPJ Engineering will be in attendance to discuss the 2023 Infrastructure Project. This project is the first project of the 5-year plan put together by JPJ Engineering. Discussion was to bring the 5-year plan, and ask IRRR to help with the cost burden placed on the Township. Preston to follow up on USDA grant/loan program.

Gravel Pit/Thompson Farm Road Project 16-268-Chairman Tomsich has met with St. Louis County in regards to the change in the Townships Gravel Pit as well as the potential move of the Thompson Farm Road. This also includes the Kultala property that the Township is looking to acquire, and an email has been sent to Wayne and the Township is awaiting a response. Chairman Tekautz spoke with Aaron Lustek and he is in favor of sharing the split of the potential new road with the Township but is not interested in anything having to do with MN DOT. Hwy 169 would have to be widened at the new location if the Thompson Farm Road is relocated and St Louis County has agreed to help us in discussion with the MN DOT approach. The Township's intent is to work with the DNR on relocation of the Thompson Farm Road. It would be beneficial if the Township could coordinate with the contractor of the Murray Road Project as Mobilization is a heavy cost burden.

2022 Infrastructure Project-This project along with the McKinley Park Trail Project will be starting soon with manhole replacement and repairs to be completed by the end of June

Next Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, May 25th, 2023 @ 12N Breitung Community Center

## <u>Adjourn</u>

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to adjourn the meeting @ 2:45pm  $2^{nd}$  by Supervisor Tuchel Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sunsdahl Clerk, Breitung Township

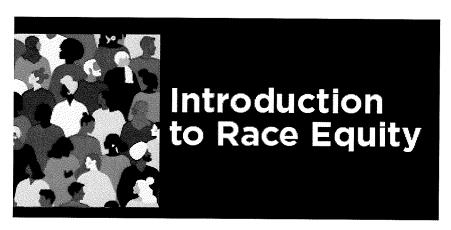
# Breitung Township Fund Balances April 2023

\$177,229.35

General	\$12,551.14
R & B	\$13,434.72
Fire	\$15,817.01
Park	\$33,340.85
Rec	(\$4,982.34)
Police	\$39,504.61
Projects	\$19,243.30
Water	\$48,320.06
ARPA	\$0.00

**TOTAL** 

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## Join us in Bemidji on May 31!

Don't miss the opportunity to explore the history of race and the role of local government in equity for all residents at <u>Introduction to Race Equity</u> in Bemidji later this month, or in Marshall in July. Come ready to participate as you learn more about implicit and explicit bias, understand your experiences with race, and identify ways cities are working to eliminate institutional and structural racism.

#### **Presenters**

**Arianna Bloom,** Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator, League of Minnesota Cities **Adriana Temali**, Learning Manager, League of Minnesota Cities

## Dates & Times May 31 – Bemidji

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### July 13 - Marshall

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **Audience**

Any city official who is interested in race equity is welcome to attend. If you know a city colleague or fellow elected official who might be interested, please forward this email! Space is limited! Reserve your seat today.

#### Fee

\$30

Learn More & Register

From:

League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>

Sent:

Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:30 PM

To:

Dianna Sunsdahl

Subject:

LMC selects new executive director

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Good afternoon LMC members,

I am pleased to announce the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors has named Luke Fischer as the new executive director of the LMC. The board met Tuesday to interview the candidates before voting unanimously to select Luke. Please read this press release for more information.

Luke is already well-known to many of you, having served as the League's deputy director since 2017. In his time with the League, he has traveled to cities in every corner of Minnesota and met with hundreds of city officials. He also oversaw the recent remodel of the League's offices in St. Paul, was instrumental in reshaping LMC's learning and events programs, and helped lead the organization and our cities through all of the challenges of the past few years. I am excited to continue to work with Luke and look forward to the energy and vision he will bring to the executive director role.

Current Executive Director Dave Unmacht previously announced his plans to retire May 19. Luke will officially assume the executive director role May 22. I want to express my gratitude to Dave for his eight years of service to the League (in addition to another 40+ years working in local government). He has led our organization with great kindness, intelligence, and empathy. Luke has some big shoes to fill, but I am confident he will continue the League's strong tradition of great leaders.

The League hired Baker Tilly, a nationwide executive search firm, to lead the search and interview process. They did an excellent job guiding the extensive and thorough process.

Sincerely,

From:

League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>

Sent:

Friday, May 5, 2023 9:30 AM

To:

Dianna Sunsdahl

Subject:

Upcoming Events & Learning: May 2023

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## **Upcoming League Events & Learning**



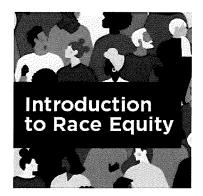
## **FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol**

## Clearinghouse

May 16 — Online

Learn how the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration Clearinghouse can assist cities, who is required to register, and the employer's role in keeping prohibited drivers off the roads.



## **Intro to Race Equity**

May 31 — Bemidji

July 13 — Marshall

Join fellow city officials in exploring the history of race and the role of local government in advancing equity for all residents. Come ready to discuss implicit and explicit bias, different types of racism, and ways to take action in your community.



## **Legislative Session Recap**

June 1 — Online

How did city priorities fare this legislative session? Join the League's intergovernmental relations staff to hear observations, key outcomes, and what it all means for your city.



## **LMC Annual Conference**

June 21-23 — Duluth

Show love for your city at our biggest event of the year!

Join us for 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

<u>Get to know MemberLearn</u>— the <u>League's online learning platform</u>. All you need is the internet and a phone, tablet, or computer and you will be able to access custom-designed courses that will help you build your city leadership skills.

If you haven't already, check out some of these MemberLearn courses:

- NEW! The Crown Act (free for LMC members!)
- Tips for Seasonal Hiring (free for LMC members!)
- Land Use Regulation: Your Role in Land-Use Decision Making
- Skills for Communicating Effectively in a Crisis
- Respect@Work for Employees
- Respect@Work for Supervisors

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 and presentation slides through our MemberLearn platform. Please

note that you need a MyLMC account to access MemberLearn; if you don't have one, <u>learn how to create a new MyLMC account</u>.

Recent webinars include:

- Financial Scams and Fraud Control
- Creative Staffing Strategies







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From:

League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:00 AM

To:

clerk@breitungtownship.org

Subject:

Free webinar: How will the 2023 legislative session impact your city?

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Webinar: 2023 Legislative Recap

What did (and didn't) happen during the legislative session? And how will your city be impacted?

Join the League of Minnesota Cities' intergovernmental relations team on **Thursday, June 1, from 12-1 p.m.** to hear observations and key outcomes from the 2023 legislative session. Participants will leave with updates on issues affecting cities including cannabis, public safety duty disability, housing, bonding, LGA/aids to cities, paid family leave, transportation funding, and more.

#### Who Should Attend?

Elected officials, city administrators/managers, city clerks, finance directors, community development staff

From:

Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging <aaaainfo@ardc.org>

Sent:

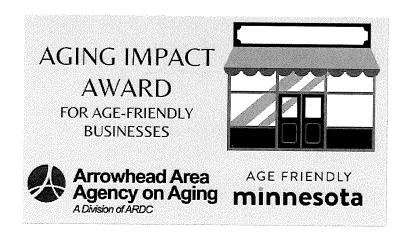
Thursday, May 18, 2023 6:04 AM

To:

Subject:



# Last Call for Aging Impact Award Nominations!



# Nominations Accepted Through May 19th! Click Here to Nominate Someone Today!

# Do you know of a business or community organization who excels in providing quality services for older adults?

This can be as simple as providing extra seating for customers to sit and rest, offering discounts or special hours for older adults, ensuring adequate lighting and large print materials, training employees to be aware of customers' varying circumstances or to avoid stereotyping and condescending behaviors, reducing noise or designating a quiet space, providing a delivery service, having a "live" person answer the phone, keeping sidewalks shoveled and clear of debris, and more!

The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging is recognizing businesses that go the extra mile and improve practices that benefit people of ALL ages! We are seeking nominations for our Aging Impact Award to promote Age-Friendly business practices.

- Strengthen the network of public and private businesses responding to the needs of older adults in the community.
- Recognize those public and private businesses that are going "above and beyond" to provide a quality service for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Reach toward an Age-Friendly Minnesota.

## Who is eligible?

- Business or community organization in the 7-county Arrowhead Region.
- The Business or Community Organization positively impacts older adults.
- The Business or Community Organization is responding to the needs of older adults in the community by:
  - Providing an innovative service or experience that goes above and beyond day to day operations
  - Adapting or making improvements to their physical space, hiring practices, training, marketing toward older adults, and/or customer experience
  - Other creative ways in which they respond to the needs of older adults and stand out in their community





ARDC is committed to building an inclusive culture that encourages and supports the diverse voices of our employees and of the communities we serve.

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Aging Service Organizations who receive Title III Older American's Act Funding from the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging are not eligible for this award.

From:

Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>

Sent:

To:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 4:54 PM clerk@breitungtownship.org

Subject:

May 2023 Newsletter



## May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Township Officers,

This is the final week of the state legislative session in St. Paul. MAT staff and our lobbyists have been working hard to support township priorities of transportation, broadband, annexation and more. We will have a full recap in the coming weeks. In addition, last week MAT Board and staff leaders travelled to Washington, DC where we spoke with many Minnesota Members of Congress. We're glad to have the ear



of our elected officials! (We're pictured with Minnesota's Second Congressional District Rep. Angie Craig.)

This e-newsletter also has information about our upcoming Town Law Review, updates for clerks and treasurers, and a variety of opportunities for townships.

Lastly, some new townships officers were elected this spring. If you haven't already, please keep your records up to date with MAT and email any NEW township rosters and contact information to info@mntownships.com.

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#

Recordings and details of past calls can be found on the MAT website here.

## **May 22 Webinar: USDOT Grants**

Join speakers from the national Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) <u>Rural</u>

<u>Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)</u> Initiative and the Secretary's Office for a webinar on <u>May 22 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.</u> Central Time to learn more about how to identify and respond to Federal transportation grant opportunities.

The webinar will showcase the USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard, a new tool that makes it easier to search for and find grant opportunities depending on the type of project you have, your organization type, and other considerations like match requirements. Rural, tribal and local governments will find this an especially helpful tool. The webinar will also highlight the FHWA's <u>Wildlife Crossings Program</u> and the <u>PROTECT Program</u> — both of which are currently accepting applications; and other new resources available on the **USDOT Navigator**.

This webinar is free to attend but registration is required – register here.

## **Trainer Tips**



Trainer Tips: A note from Training Manager Lori Stalker.

I am writing a little friendly reminder for all of our township officers. We have four (4) parttime trainers at MAT. These wonderful ladies do not work out of our office in St. Michael, they work remote from their homes. Please be patient if you leave a message, they will get back to you within 24 hours. If not, please contact me. Our trainers

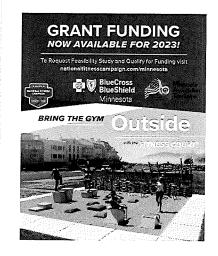
now have a direct line so you will not have to go through the main office line. Thank you for your patience and please call us when you have questions. Have a super great summer!

Direct lines:

Maria Bartsch: 763-488-4049 Gussie Croup: 763-488-4050 Jackie Bauer: 763-488-4059 Nicole Schluter: 763-488-4048

Training Manager Lori Stalker: 763-299-4648

## **Fitness Court Funding**



The National Fitness Campaign (NFC) and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota have announced \$1,000,000 in grant funding for up to 10 communities in the state of Minnesota for 2024. This funding will support municipalities across the state building healthy infrastructure. Please watch <a href="MFC's 3-minute video">MFC's 3-minute video</a> describing the program.

Thank you to the townships who have already participated in briefings and the funding process during the past months. Through our partnership with NFC, Minnesota Association of Townships is pleased to provide priority access to application briefings for our members who may be interested in qualifying for funding and partnership. The briefing is a 30-minute

Zoom call which will qualify your community for a feasibility study and grant application.

If you would like to receive a briefing to learn more about the program and how to qualify, please fill out the short contact form at <a href="mailto:nationalfitnesscampaign.com/minnesota">nationalfitnesscampaign.com/minnesota</a>. Funding is now available for 2024 site partners and is projected to be allocated over the next 60 days.

## Town Law Review - June 14, 2023

MAT's Town Law Review will be held **June 14**, **2023**, at the Best Western Nicollet Inn – Burnsville.

The Town Law Review is an educational event with presentations by MAT attorneys focused on the more-complex issues of township governance. Township officers attending this training tend to engage in city-like activities like land use



management, hiring staff, complying with the Data Practices Act, operating water utilities, and operation of other public amenities.

REGISTER here for the Town Law Review: https://bit.ly/2023TownLawReview

DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

**TIME:** On-site registration opens at 8:30 AM. The event begins at 9:00 AM and ends in the afternoon.

**LOCATION:** Best Western Premier Nicollet Inn in Burnsville, 14201 Nicollet Ave, Burnsville, MN 55337

COST: \$65 per officer, which includes breakfast, lunch, and printed materials.

AGENDA: (full description on the MAT website here) Topics include Land Use 101: How to Properly Process Applications, Handle the Public Hearing, Create a Defensible Record, and Make Findings; Employment Hot Topics; From Hire to Retire; Public Sector Labor Law; Data Practices Act: A Survival Guide; Drawing a Line in the Sand: Annexation and Strategies to Protect the Town's Boundaries; Cannabis is Coming to Town and There Isn't Much You Can Do About It.

# MAT 2023 Scholarship Application - application deadline is June 1!



The 2023 Scholarship Program will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by **June 1, 2023**.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship-program">https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship-program</a>.

2023 Scholarship Application Form

## **MATIT: Weather-Related Incidents**



Summer may not have officially arrived, but here at MATIT we already have an "eye to the sky." In anticipation of the summer storm season that may bring hail, high winds, and an occasional tornado we want to remind members how best to address a weather-related property loss.

#### 10 STEPS TO DEALING WITH A WEATHER-RELATED PROPERTY LOSS

#### 1. Assess potential property (buildings, structure) damage

Safety first - downed power lines, tree limbs, other debris may make the area unsafe. Please do not try assessing damage if conditions are unsafe.

- Walk around the building(s)
- Photograph any damage that you observe.

- Look for broken windows, damaged siding, missing shingles, broken gutters (but please no ladders we do not want to add injury to the list of damages!)
- Remember Other Structures like fences, bleachers, and playground equipment.

#### 2. Mitigate interior damages

- Make sure items inside a damaged building have been secured to avoid additional damage.
- 3. Survey damage to property in the open
- Look for damage to satellite dishes, antennas, air conditioners, pumping units, signs, fencing, monuments, etc.

#### 4. Examine vehicles

Do not forget inland marine and contractors' equipment can sustain damage.

#### 5. Do not throw anything away!

- Disposing of property before a MATIT assigned claims adjuster can survey the damage and authorize its removal can adversely impact the amount of your recovery.
- **6. To prevent additional damage** make temporary repairs when safe. It is your responsibility to limit further damage to your property. Consider:
- Tarping the roof
- · Boarding up windows
- · Removing electronic equipment and important papers
- · Contacting local law enforcement to "keep an eye" on the property to avoid vandalism.
- **7. Save your receipts** for costs incurred due to the damage. You will be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to the terms and conditions of the policy which includes extra expenses.

## 8. Work with MATIT's assigned property claims adjuster

- As a matter of practice, the adjuster will generally visit the property to inspect property conditions.
- In some instances, a representative of your township will be required to be present during the visit. It is advisable to have a plan before a property loss occurs that designates which officer will be responsible for working with an adjuster. Failing to meet with the adjuster may delay the process and the repairs to your property.
- BE PATIENT. MATIT works closely with assigned adjusters to ensure a prompt response when a claim is made. When you sustain a weather-related loss, other property owners may also be dealing with similar challenges. Priority is given to the most urgent situations.
- **9. Complete MATIT's Incident Report** and return it along with photographs, invoices, receipts, and additional information related to the loss.
- **10. Work with the adjuster** and contractors to complete the replacement or repairs to your property as soon as possible.
- Buildings and structures are valued at replacement cost which is the schedule value of the property.
- MATIT will pay replacement costs only if the building or structure is replaced or repaired. Until such replacement or repair, MATIT will pay the loss on an actual cash value basis using advances against the projected repair or replacement costs.

For questions regarding a weather-related property loss contact MATIT at 763-497-2330.

## **State Legislative Update**

During the past few months of the state legislative session, MAT staff and Fredrikson & Byron lobbyists have met with and/or had more than 100 conversations with the Governor's Office, state offices, state agencies, key legislators (committee chairs, ranking members, chief authors, caucus leadership, etc.), key stakeholders and legislative staff in St. Paul. We have also monitored the introduction of more than 6,000 bills and/or testified in a number of committees on a variety of issues including transportation, elections, annexation, local government, taxes, etc.

Transportation funding update: To reach our \$40 million funding goal, MAT has been working with transportation committee chairs Rep. Hornstein and Sen. Dibble, the Small Cities association, the MTA and several transportation committee legislators (Sens. Morrison, Jasinski, Howe; Reps. Olson, Petersburg, Brand) on a variety of proposals.

Taxes: In order to protect current values of township land from future PILT payments, House File 825/Companion bill Senate File 697 (Authors Lislegard/Hauschild) proposes a number of items including preventing the appraised value of acquired natural resources land from decreasing. This bill looks promising for passage as it has bipartisan support and is being brought forward by the House Property Tax Division Chair.

For additional information on Broadband, Annexation, Pensions and more: **Read full Legislative Update**.

Click on this link to see the <u>MAT and MATIT bills of interest that we are tracking</u> for you. If you have specific questions about the bills included or if there is legislation that is not on this list that you have questions about, please let Jeff Krueger know.

## **Minnesota LTAP trainings and news**



View LTAP's online training offerings—including selfpaced courses, webinars, and videos— they can be taken anytime and anywhere. Many are eligible for Roads Scholar Program credit, PDHs, and other professional development credits. <u>Browse the online training</u> <u>library</u> at your convenience!

Article: Retention ponds are an important tool for stormwater treatment. When they work, they sequester

pollutants that would otherwise be washed into Minnesota's waterways. However, these ponds lose functionality over time if they aren't maintained properly. University of Minnesota researchers developed a powerful tool for cities and counties to <a href="maintained"><u>manage</u></a> <a href="maintained"><u>manage</u></a>

<u>Guide: helpful info to choose culvert types</u>. Minnesota transportation agencies commonly use three culvert types: concrete, corrugated steel pipe, or plastic. An LRRB synthesis helps you decide which one is right for your project.

Register and view the <u>full Minnesota LTAP Schedule of Trainings</u> to meet your needs in the coming year to enhance your skills in AutoCAD, leadership, pavement preservation, or other areas.

## **Grant Opportunities**

#### **Outdoor Heritage Fund**

Over \$140 million from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be available for projects that "protect, restore, and enhance habitat for fish, game, and wildlife." Projects that have received funding over the past 15 years have included: wetland, prairie, and forest restoration, fee-title and conservation easement acquisition of important habitat, invasive species removal, stream and lake restoration /enhancement, among many others. Eligible recipients for these grants include state and local units of government, Tribal entities, and non-profit organizations. Numerous entities have applied for and received Outdoor Heritage Funding and we want to make sure you're aware of this exciting funding opportunity for your potential projects. The application period is open through Friday, May 26, 2023. Read More

#### Safe Streets and Roads for All

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on Grants.gov and open for applications. The purpose of SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The deadline for applications is Monday July 10, 2023. <u>Read More</u>

#### Wildlife Crossings

The Department of Transportation has released FY 2022-2023 solicitations for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program. The funding agency seeks to fund projects that provide substantial safety benefits and advance safe, efficient transportation under the program. Applications are due by August 1, 2023. Read More

#### **Electric Charging Infrastructure**

The Department of Transportation offers grants for EV charging infrastructure and alternatives. Rural communities will be prioritized. Applications are due by May 30, 2023. Read More

## Minnesota Association of Townships www.mntownships.org

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From:

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation < IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 3:00 PM clerk@breitungtownship.org

Subject:

The Ranger - May 3



## The Ranger

May 3, 2023

# Broadband expanded to Wynne Ridge area in White Township

Mediacom Communications Corporation constructed a new fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network to the Wynne Ridge Rock N Pines residential area. The project involved 25 unserved households within White Township and a portion of Biwabik Township near Giants Ridge Recreation Area. Wynne Ridge residents can now connect to Mediacom's Xtream internet service that delivers download speeds of up to 2Gig and upload speeds of up to 1Gig. The Wynne



Ridge network was built using an advanced 10G broadband platform that delivers multigigabit speeds while supporting higher reliability, high security and low latency.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$65,000 Broadband Infrastructure grant to White Township. The total project investment was \$180,165.

"Our new 10G platform is future-ready," said Jason Janesich, Mediacom's director of area operations. "The fiber network deployed in the Wynne Ridge neighborhood has more than enough capacity for today's data needs, and capacity for future needs as well."



The project was initiated after White Township received a petition from a group of Wynne Ridge residents whose homes were unserved by broadband or high-speed internet service. There is high speed broadband infrastructure throughout the Giants Ridge Recreation Area, but there was a pocket within Wynne Ridge that was unserved and dependent upon slow and unreliable satellite internet service. The geographic gap and lack of service posed significant

challenges to the residents who work remotely from home, area business owners, educators and students. In response to the petition, White Township partnered with St. Louis County and Mediacom to proceed with construction of FTTH.

"Our township is very grateful for not only the financial support provided by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation, St. Louis County and Mediacom, but also for the leadership and collaboration of everyone involved," said Jodi Knaus, White Township manager and clerk. "This project is a great example of what working together across different agencies regionally can accomplish. The Township Board of Supervisors will continue to collaborate with area leaders bringing broadband infrastructure projects to underserved areas in the township."

Mediacom is a leading gigabit broadband provider to smaller markets primarily in the Midwest and Southeast. Mediacom has offered Gig-speed internet to Minnesota residents in all areas of its 48-county service area for more than six years. In addition to Wynne Ridge, Mediacom's fiber-based network delivers Gigabit-speed broadband service throughout St. Louis County including the communities of Aurora, Biwabik, Buhl, Chisholm, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Kinney, McKinley, Mountain Iron, Proctor and Virginia; and in parts of Fayal, Midway, Solway and White Townships. Nearly 25% of Mediacom's broadband customers choose to use 1 Gig speeds, and the company is transitioning its network to a 10G platform.



#### Learn more about Mediacom.

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

# Increasing licensed commercial drivers in Cook County to help address shortage



Cook County Higher Education (CCHE) is hosting a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) cohort that began May 1 in Grand Marais and has 12 people working towards obtaining their license. The certified course is being taught through Minnesota North College Customized Training Solutions (CTS). Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$50,000 Workforce Development grant to

CCHE. Total tuition investment for this cohort is estimated at \$70,000.

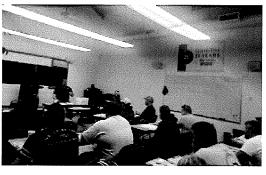
The cohort aims to help address the need for school bus and truck drivers in northeastern Minnesota and respond to the new federal requirement that CDL applicants attend a qualified course before seeking certification. CDL training tuition typically costs \$1,000 to \$5,495. The agency's grant and other funding sources helped offer the training free to Cook County residents.

The students will complete a one-month online course plus in-person training by instructors from Cook County and Minnesota North College CTS. They will learn how to perform a pre-trip inspection of a semi-truck and trailer. Students are required to pass a Department of Transportation physical and drug screen. They will receive Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) training and can then test to obtain their CDL. Once licensed, they will may legally drive school buses,



semi-trucks, dump trucks, garbage trucks and other large vehicles.

"We began noticing that our local school district was advertising the need for bus drivers," said Kelsey Rogers Kennedy, CCHE program director. "We started to research how we could be part of the solution and assist with training. It quickly became apparent that the need for CDL training was larger than bus drivers. There was a county-wide need for CDLs that was impacting all sectors of Cook County's economy."

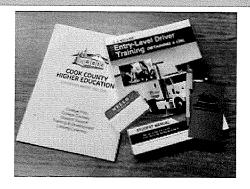


Rogers Kennedy explained that Cook County's demand for services is growing, and all sectors of the local economy benefit from an increase in CDL drivers including:

- Delivery trucks for local retail and food establishments.
- Garbage collection and delivery to Superior Landfill.

- Logging industry.
- Construction industry vehicles: concrete trucks, dump trucks, materials delivery.
- School bus drivers.
- Arrowhead Transit bus drivers.

CDL training traditionally is taught at Minnesota North College's Hibbing campus. Through a coordinated effort by CCHE, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and several local and regional advocates, CCHE brought the online learning modules, written exam, physical and BTW training to Cook County. Students are only required to leave the county for the drug screening and BTW testing.



There will be a summer 2023 training session for residents of Cook County who are interested in being a school bus driver for ISD 166. <u>Learn more about the Summer 2023 CDL training application</u>.

<u>Email Danae Beaudette</u> for Workforce Development grant information or call her at 218-735-3022.

Pictured above: Three CDL cohorts have been offered since 2022 that had a combined 59 people working towards their license. Total tuition investment was an estimated \$220,000.

## Agency grants support the skilled trades



May 3 is National Skilled Trades Day and draws attention to the importance of skilled craftsmen and the essential work they do in the United States. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation's Workforce Development grants support the skilled trades and the businesses and industries they serve. The grants assist with education, training and career awareness initiatives that address regional workforce needs and gaps

emerging in industries and schools.

Skilled trades recently supported by agency grants include:

- · Commercial drivers licensing.
- Welding.
- · Manufacturing machining.
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining.
- Heavy equipment operations and rigging.

Regional employers have upskilled their incumbent workers, and job-ready workers were developed to fill job openings for assemblers, fabricators, welders, heavy equipment operators, maintenance mechanics, auto technicians and electricians.

"Skilled trades workers across our region are responsible for keeping the area's industries going, whether that be manufacturing, logging, mining or construction," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "These workers build

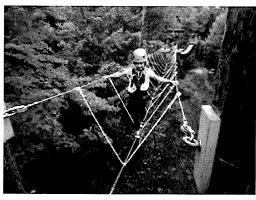
and renovate our homes and buildings. They repair our cars and drive commercial vehicles to transport goods and supplies in and out of the region. They drive our children to and from school, and they build and maintain our infrastructure. The skilled trades workers of northeastern Minnesota are highly qualified people who we all rely on in our daily lives."

<u>Email Danae Beaudette</u> for Workforce Development grant information or call her at 218-735-3022.

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

## New Adventure Ropes Course added to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

A new Adventure Ropes Course was added at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Finland, a small community on northeastern Minnesota's North Shore. The new course replaced a 34-year-old original course built in 1981. The project also included safety upgrades and replacement of fall protection systems to a second existing course built in 1997. The project put both courses at contemporary safety standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Professional Ropes



Course Association and made them accessible for all people, including those in a wheelchair. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$30,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$180,798.

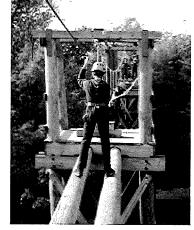


Wolf Ridge ELC was founded in 1971. In addition to the two ropes courses, there are two climbing walls, an organic farm, over 50 classes and adventures and access to lakes, streams and wilderness. Wolf Ridge offers guided trips and kayak tours into the Boundary Waters, Apostle Islands and other locations along the North Shore. The ELC has an overnight school program that serves approximately 12,000 middle school students, their teachers and parent chaperones

each year. Students travel there from all over the state of Minnesota to study environmental science for three to five days during the school year. The facility's summer camp programs run from one to four weeks and draw over 400 young people and families to experience outdoor adventure and environmental education woven into the activities.

"The ropes courses are the facility's most highly requested outdoor activity, and they are at the core of our programming, for children and adults, for summer and winter groups," said Meredith St Pierre, Wolf Ridge development director. "Our courses are some of the most intensely used courses in the nation, experiencing more than 30,000 trips each year. The Culture & Tourism grant will help us deliver decades of secure and safe programming."

Wolf Ridge was the first ELC in America to be accredited as a K-12 school. It is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in environmental education and is utilized by local residents and tourists. The facility is host to education,



cultural and community events that impact tourism, the local economy and quality of life.



#### Learn more about Wolf Ridge ELC.

Other Adventure Ropes Course project partners included the Cleveland Cliffs Foundation, Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation and Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation.

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

## Kabetogama area improves wayside entry signs

Kabetogama Township and the city of Orr improved 10 community wayside entry signs which lead into Voyageurs National Park. The existing signs were more than 20 years old, weather-beaten, cracked and difficult to read for the estimated 263,000 annual visitors to the Kabetogama region and Voyageurs National Park (VNP). Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$9,740 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$21,000.





Kabetogama Township is the northernmost township in St. Louis County. It is located on the shores of Lake Kabetogama, one of the four major lakes that make up Voyageurs National Park. The wayside signs are visitors' first introduction to Minnesota's only national park.

"Tourism is critical to the livelihood of the 20 resorts, businesses, workers and other residents within the Kabetogama region, as they travel

from all over the state and nation to spend time and money in the region," said Betsey Warrington, project volunteer. "People travel here from all over the country, as well as around the world. Improving the wayside signs was very important to our region's economy."

Project partners included Voyageurs National Park, Kabetogama Township, Kabetogama Community Club, Kabetogama Lake Association and the city of Orr. The project was also supported by financial donations from individual members of the Kabetogama Community.

Learn more about Voyageurs National Park.

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



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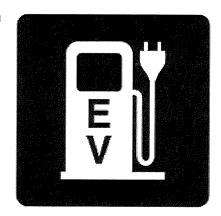
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## **EV GROW project to expand electric vehicle charging** infrastructure in rural northeastern Minnesota

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is leading a new project aimed at expanding electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in rural areas. The project, EV GROW, is designed to support the development of a comprehensive EV charging network across northeastern Minnesota with the goal of making it easier and more convenient for people to switch to electric transportation. The EV GROW project is part of a broader statewide initiative aimed at promoting the adoption of EVs and expanding charging infrastructure across



Minnesota. As part of this effort, Minnesota has already installed hundreds of charging stations throughout the state with plans to expand the network even further in the coming years.

The EV GROW project aims to prepare the region for opportunities such as the Department of Transportation's Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant and will involve a collaborative stakeholder approach to planning for EV charger placements. By bringing together local businesses, community groups and government agencies, the project will ensure that EV charging infrastructure is strategically located to maximize accessibility and convenience for EV owners. This will not only benefit local residents and visitors but also attract new businesses and industries to the area. Community leaders interested in EV charging for their

communities are encouraged to collaborate and provide input as the project is planned and implemented.

In the planning and siting of EV chargers, it will be important to prioritize equity and consider the needs of all community members. This means ensuring that EV chargers are accessible to low-income and historically marginalized communities, as well as rural areas with limited access to transportation options. To achieve this goal, the project will engage with communities to understand their needs and preferences and incorporate equity considerations into the decision-making process for siting EV chargers. Additionally, the project will explore funding opportunities and partnerships with organizations committed to promoting equitable access to clean energy and transportation. By prioritizing equity, all communities will benefit and have access to the resources necessary to thrive in a sustainable future.

"We are excited to lead this effort to expand EV charging infrastructure in rural areas," said Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Ida Rukavina. "With the transition to clean, electric transportation already underway, we believe that providing convenient and accessible charging options is critical to accelerating adoption of EVs in our region. The EV GROW project will help to ensure that northeastern Minnesota is well positioned to be part of this exciting clean energy transition."

The PLUM Catalyst, with its experience in community-driven transportation projects, will serve as the project manager for the EV GROW project. PLUM has a proven track record of bringing together diverse stakeholders to develop and implement successful transportation projects that benefit communities. With PLUM at the helm, the EV GROW project will benefit from its expertise in collaborative, community-focused planning and implementation.

## **Informational Meeting**

Because each community has unique needs and challenges, project organizers want to work closely with communities to ensure that the EV GROW project meets specific needs. Anyone interested in collaborating on this project is encouraged to participate in an informational Zoom meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 8 a.m.

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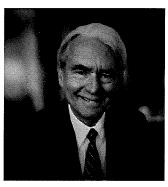
## **Greater Minnesota Housing Fund**

Join us for a virtual presentation with Warren Hanson, president and chief executive officer of Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF) on Wednesday, May 24 at 12 p.m. A



community seeking economic development opportunities may find it difficult, if not impossible, to recruit or retain the businesses or employers that will keep their communities economically vital. GMHF's Employer-Assisted Housing program was created to find solutions to these problems. This session will feature examples of employer-assisted housing across the state.

View GMHF's Employer-Assisted Housing Resource Guide.



New York.

About the Presenter: Hanson has over 40 years of experience working as a leader in the field of housing and economic development. He previously served as director of Riverfront Development for the City of Saint Paul and director of economic development for West Bank Community Development Corporation. Hanson is the co-founder of Community Reinvestment Fund USA. He holds a Master's Degree in City & Regional Planning from Pratt Institute's School of Architecture, Brooklyn,

Contact Whitney Ridlon at  $\underline{\text{Whitney.Ridlon@state.mn.us}}$  to receive the link to the virtual presentation.

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# Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing expands at Range Regional Airport for electric battery production



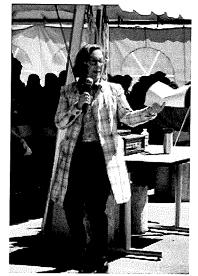
Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing LLC (Detroit Reman) in partnership with Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) broke ground last week on construction of a 60,000-square-foot addition to Detroit Reman's existing operations at the Range Regional Airport campus. The addition will double Detroit Reman's current manufacturing and

remanufacturing footprint to meet the demand for electronic components and the growing need for battery-electric vehicles (BEVs).

The added space will accommodate more production lines, additional warehouse space and the storage of cores and other EV components. The expansion supports Detroit Reman's strategy to prepare for the future of BEVs and the industry's shift toward cleaner and more sustainable technologies.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the expansion with a \$10 million business loan and \$500,000 infrastructure grant to CHAA. Total project investment is approximately \$20.8 million. Detroit Reman will lease the new space from CHAA through a long-term lease agreement.

"Detroit Reman is one of northeastern Minnesota's major manufacturers. With this expansion, their impact on the region's economy will grow even greater," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "For over 130 years, northeastern Minnesota's miners have been at work extracting iron ore. Now, the workers of our region will also be instrumental in producing the electric components needed for the



emerging electric vehicle and battery industry. Detroit Reman's expansion project here in Hibbing underscores the important role that northeastern Minnesota has long had in the nation's economy and innovation."



Detroit Reman already plays a significant role in the manufacturing and remanufacturing of truck and bus components, enabling it to support its parent company, Daimler Truck North America, in advancing its zero-emission goals by facilitating the electrification of commercial vehicles for its customers. The additional footprint will allow the Hibbing facility to dedicate space to safely expand the high-voltage manufacturing area resulting in more production lines for electric components, including the remanufacturing of batteries and inverters.

"We are committed to our Detroit Reman facility in Hibbing and excited to further grow our portfolio by expanding the existing site in preparation of the growing battery-electric vehicle commercial market," said Brian Lewallen, Detroit Reman president.

Detroit Reman is one of seven businesses located at Range Regional Airport including: Acar Auto Rental, Carey Lake Seaplanes, Premium Air, Life Link III, Midwest Aircraft Refinishing and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. In addition to providing daily air transportation through Delta Air Lines and Sun Country, the campus has become a commercial and industrial center in northeastern Minnesota.

"Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority is a major economic development hub for northeastern Minnesota, and the expansion of Detroit Reman's footprint and operations demonstrates what we can offer new and expanding businesses," said Barrett Ziemer, Chisholm-Hibbing



Airport Authority executive director. "The entire 58 acres is Shovel-Ready certified, which allows us to put development projects on a fast track. We are so pleased to add this expansion to our already bustling business community at the airport campus."



<u>Learn more about Detroit Diesel</u> <u>Remanufacturing.</u>

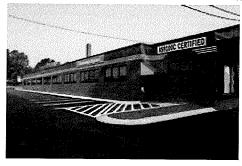
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation's loans and grants are funded through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry. <a href="Email Scott Sundvall"><u>Email Scott Sundvall</u></a> or call him at 218-735-3015 for loan information. <a href="Email Chris Ismil"><u>Email Chris Ismil</u></a> or call him at 218-735-3010 for Development Infrastructure grant information.

Pictured above at the Detroit Reman groundbreaking: Scott Sundvall, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation; Arik Forsman, Minnesota Power; Adam Lantz, city of Chisholm; Betsy Olivanti, city of Hibbing; Janelle Greschner, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation; Barrett Ziemer, Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority; Bill Statham, Detroit Reman; Brian Lewallen, Detroit Reman; Jeff Nelson, Department of Employment and Economic Development; Matt Sjoberg, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation; Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation; and Mayor Pete Hyduke, city of Hibbing.

Hibbing Fabricators sees growing demand for its products in aerospace and health care industries

The owners of Hibbing Fabricators (HibFab) utilized bank participation loans from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation to purchase the company's stock and real estate from the company founders.

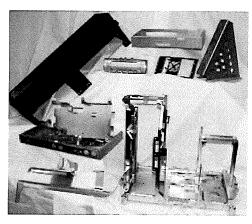
HibFab is a manufacturer and assembler of precision metal products comprised of materials such as aluminum, steel, stainless steel, copper,



brass, titanium and tin. It supplies to the aerospace, medical, computer, telecommunications, industrial, food processing, energy, technical and electronics industries. Their products manufactured in Hibbing eventually become components in equipment and aircraft sold and utilized throughout the world.

Over 50% of the company's production is for the aerospace industry. Three of its most well-known, direct and indirect clients are Cirrus Aircraft headquartered in Duluth, Panasonic Avionics of Bethell, Washington and Lockheed Martin.

"With the soft economy in 2020, Hibbing Fabricators' business experienced a dip in sales which was a direct reflection of COVID-19. Since that time, it has recovered particularly well with substantial growth in the aerospace, healthcare and electronics industries," said Rally Hess, HibFab co-owner. "We are anticipating continued revenue gains through 2026."



Hess explained that the business loans from Iron Range Resource & Rehabilitation helped the company's principals keep the company in Hibbing providing meaningful job opportunities and employment growth on the Iron Range. The ownership transition has poised HibFab for steady, long-term growth.

Along with its large national clients, HibFab's customer base includes companies in northeastern Minnesota including Nelson Williams Linings, RMS Tritec, L&M Radiator, Detroit Diesel,

Newcon Valve, Moline Machinery, Baldwin Supply, Electric Power Door Company, Velik Tek and Trison Solutions (common ownership to Hibbing Fabricators). HibFab supplies the local manufacturers with products and services to complement their operations.

HibFab employs more than 30 full-time workers including equipment operators, machinists and welders. Founded in 1985, the company has been successfully operating in northeastern Minnesota's Iron Range for over three decades. <u>Learn more about Hibbing Fabricators</u>.

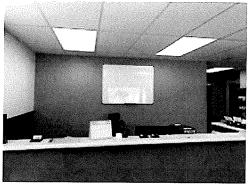
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported this project with bank participation loans totaling \$362,500. The agency's business loans are funded through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry. <u>Email Scott Sundvall</u> for more loan information or call him at 218-735-3015.

# Business Energy Retrofit grant helps chiropractor transform building into health care center

Dr. Jerrad Bergren and his wife Angela utilized a Business Energy Retrofit (BER) and a Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grant to help transform a vacant building in Balsam into a new health care center with three operating businesses: Bergren Family Chiropractic, Whispering Pines Massage & Spa and Round Table Market. The building is one of Balsam's few commercial properties. It was constructed in 1987 and operated as a café and laundromat until it closed in 2020.



The new multi-business operation opened to the public last year. Bergren's office provides chiropractic care for all ages including infants. Whispering Pines offers a variety of massage types including deep tissue, Swedish, pregnancy, trigger point, sports, geriatric and orthopedic. Round Table Market is scheduled to open later this year as a health supply and food store.

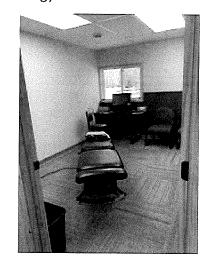


The Bergrens used the BER grant to complete energy efficiency improvements including new electrical wiring and light fixtures, a furnace and a forced air system. The DBR grant helped pay to make the entry doors, sidewalks and bathrooms ADA compliant.

"My practice outgrew its previous location in Balsam. The vacant building presented an opportunity to expand my practice and add other health care businesses that serve the people of

Balsam and surrounding area," said Dr. Bergren. "The BER and DBR grants were of great help to the renovation project and allowed Angela and me to make the needed improvements to modernize the building and make it more energy efficient."

Dr. Bergren grew up in Balsam Township and graduated from Grand Rapids High School. He attended Itasca Community College, University of Minnesota Twin Cities and Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington where he earned his Doctor of Chiropractic. Upon graduation, he returned to Balsam to begin his chiropractic career. He is an active member of the American Chiropractic Association, the Minnesota Chiropractic Association, the Balsam Township Board Supervisor and a former volunteer firefighter and EMT. Angela is a Paraprofessional with Grand Rapids School District.



Learn more about Bergren Family Chiropractic.



Since BER's inception in 2013, over 624 grants have been awarded to help small businesses with energy efficiency upgrades that can result in reduced utility bills, improved building aesthetics and increased building life. The program is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA).

Email Erik Bennett at AEOA or call him at 218-322-6512 to learn more about BER and DBR.

## Giants Ridge golf courses open for the season

The Giants Ridge golf season began on Friday, May 12 with the opening of The Legend and Quarry.

Located in Biwabik, approximately three hours north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, The Legend and Quarry courses have been a part of Minnesota's golf landscape for a quarter of



a century earning numerous national and state accolades. The most recent accolade was garnered from Golf Digest when Giants Ridge received the coveted 2022 "Editors' Choice Award" in the "Best Golf Resorts in the Midwest" category. Giants Ridge last year also appeared in Golfweek's Top 200 Resort Courses in the nation with The Quarry at number 36. In the magazine's Top Public Courses in Minnesota, The Quarry was ranked at number one and The Legend number six.

"Giants Ridge has been in demand for decades among golfers throughout the Midwest and Canada," said John Kendall, Giants Ridge director of golf. "We are thankful to have a high repeat rate of golfers traveling from distances of three hours or more, as well as by the loyal Iron Range market. We want to make certain their investments of time, travel and money are well worth it while they visit this remarkable facility in northeastern Minnesota."



Golfers playing The Quarry will traverse through a former sand quarry and iron ore mine with vast Iron Range vistas. Dramatically raised tees and hazards are forged from the reclaimed and repurposed mine land. The Legend is carved out of the Superior National Forest and plays through towering pines and alongside Sabin Lake.

The spring daily rate of \$87 is available through June 1 with juniors 17 and under playing for \$40

any day during the season. Dubbed "Minnesota's Greatest Value in Golf," the 37-Hole Special begins June 2 and includes golf on both courses with lunch for \$180 Monday through Thursday and \$200 Friday through Sunday. Throughout the 2023 season, Iron

Range residents may play either course for \$55 Sunday through Thursday. Tee times are required, and all golf rates include a golf car rental and range balls. Call the Golf Shop at 218-865-8030 for details on green fees and offers.

Giants Ridge is owned by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and managed by Guest Services, a hospitality management company in the United States since 1917. The agency invests into the Giants Ridge amenities and infrastructure to support the facility's significant annual economic impact of roughly \$55 million. Giants Ridge has welcomed about 135,000 visitors annually in



recent years, and it spills out into the local economy as well as creates full-time and part-time jobs for local residents.

The recreation area offers lift-served mountain bike trails, hiking, a climbing wall and lake access during the summer. The winter months bring alpine and cross-country skiing, snow tubing, snowshoeing and access to over 2,000 miles of snowmobile trails.

Book a tee time and plan your 2023 golf trip to Giants Ridge.

## Grand Rapids goMARTI Shuttle project makes international news



The goMARTI self-driving shuttle is an 18-month pilot project that kicked off last fall as part of Minnesota's Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative. The pilot offers free, on-demand rides to Grand Rapids residents and visitors on board self-driving shuttles. The pilot consists of a fleet of five Toyota Sienna Autono-MaaS vehicles, three of which are ADA-compliant and wheelchair accessible. The vehicles are considered self-driving, but there is an autonomous vehicle operator onboard at all times who verifies the safe operation of the vehicle and aids passengers as needed. The shuttle route area covers nearly 17 square miles and includes approximately 70 pickup and drop

off points. Rides may be requested through a mobile app or by phone.

goMARTI was recently featured on British Broadcasting Corporation's StoryWorks. The video demonstrates what economic development this innovative pilot brings while attracting future talent and technology to the Iron Range.

Watch the goMARTI video on BBC.

Learn more about the goMARTI project.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the goMARTI project with a \$300,000 Development Partnership grant and a \$50,000 Downtown Streetscapes grant.





Other project partners include Minnesota Department of Transportation, city of Grand Rapids, The PLUM Catalyst, May Mobility, Itasca County, Via, University of Minnesota, Arrowhead Transit, Mobility Mania and others.

<u>Email Whitney Ridlon</u> for Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation grant information or call her at 218-735-3004.

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DANIEL REING CHIEF OF POLICE

April 2023 Police Report

Calls for Serivce: 80

Traffic Citations: 6

- 1 Speed citation, also warned for numerous other violations.
- 1 Speed citation.
- 1 Wireless Device Violation, (watching golf while driving).
- 1 Citation for Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Driving with a Cancelled License. (DAC)
- 1 Citation for Expired Registration on vehicle (1 year).
- 1 Citation for Driving with a Revoked license. (DAR)

Arrests: 1

1 DWI Arrest, adult male driver was nearly 3 times the legal limit.

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April was a busy month. Traffic has picked up and the weather slowly started to warm. Other notable calls not listed were a house fire that was a total loss, a burglary at a residence, and a fatal car accident outside of Tower. Breitung Officers along with Babbitt Officers completed their annual in-service training. The training was a success this year, it was mostly hands on with little classroom work. May is coming fast, as is summer. Have a safe week. May will be a busy month, the monthly report will be much larger.

Daniel Reing Chief of Police Breitung Police Department Breitung Fire & Rescue
Box 337
33 1st Ave.
Soudan, Mn. 55782

## **April Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 5/10/2023.

This month's training consisted of Advanced Vehicle Extrication, car fires and dealing with electric vehicles during a crash. This training was conducted by the Blue Fire Group out of the Brainerd Area.

One of the many important pieces of equipment we have is our SCBA packs which help us fight interior building fires has come to the end of its life expectancy and need to be replaced. We have attempted several times to apply for FEMA grants to assist in paying for this equipment and each attempt has failed. We have some money set aside in our equipment replacement fund but not enough to cover the entire cost. Please see attached quote.

We received three calls for service in the month of April which were an electrical fire in Tower at a business, a gas leak at another business in Tower and a structure fire in Breitung Twp on the Junction Road. The residence was a total loss as the fire had consumed the basement and attic at the same time upon our arrival. Numerous fire departments were called to assist. A huge thank you to Jill Anderson, Jenny Nevala and Trisha Poderzay for making food for the fire fighters during the house fire and Cory Winger for assisting with the need for a piece of heavy equipment.

## Road and Bridge Report

April 2023 Report

**Sweeping Streets** 

Opened McKinley Park Campground

Removed Snow Plows for the season

Assisted AMPTEK with electrical maintenance at McKinley Park

Turning water on for seasonal residents

Docks In

Preparing Ballfield for the upcoming season, and have hosted 3 games

Mowing and Trimming

Garbage Pick Up

**Grading Gravel Roads** 

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

## IRRR Meeting

05-17-23

Attendees: Matt Tuchel, Dianna Sunsdahl, John Jamnick-JPJ, Preston Tripp-JPJ, Chris Ismil-IRRR, Ida Rukavina-IRRR Commissioner, Tyler Ray-USDA Area Specialist, Al Becicka-IRRR Legal and Deputy Commissioner

The meeting started out with Chris explaining the process of the grant funding. Breitung Township's 2023 Infrastructure rated 52/100 by an independent group. Minimum 45 points to be eligible. Developmental opportunities take precedence over community development. With all projects IRRR ran out of money to give away, our application is still under advisement but would like to see the Township partner with USDA for loans/grants. CDBG is also looking @ projects with higher dollar/longer terms. \$1M of work=6.5 jobs, the higher the dollar amount, the higher the jobs created=increased score

It was explained when a township carries more debt, more funds are available. Tyler Ray ran the numbers for Breitung Township median income and stated we wouldn't qualify for grants. When we explained to him that the Town of Soudan is where the infrastructure lies, we asked to rerun the numbers for Soudan for qualification of grants. USDA currently offers 40-year loans at 3%. USDA will work with MN DEED as well as CDBG to see if projects may be a better fit for funding somewhere else. To qualify for USDA grants/utilities need to be involved, if no utilities-loan only.

Discussion on the \$51k for Stuntz Bay, and looking at the Mine Reclamation funding for that projects Design Fees.

Discussion on our upcoming project/Gravel Pit and Thompson Farm Road, and how it is in the beginning stages, but this project involves the DNR Parks & Trails, Lustek, Breitung Township, St Louis County and MN Dot. This will be a project we may be able to add in to the 5-year plan. Recreational Trails may help with funding here.

Discussion about Broadband. There is State Border to Border, IRRR and St Louis County dollars available for this. Discussion that possibly the manner in which service is being calculated in a rural community is incorrect. Fed money available, but not at the state level yet. Matt Tuchel meeting with Randy Lons from Bois Forte, it was suggested maybe he call Whitney Ridlon from IRRR as she is familiar with some processes and could give assistance.

## **ON SYSTEMS**

## McKinley Park Campground

Wireless as a Service (WaaS)

Power usage notes:

 $1.5W+36W\ Max\ (24W\ per\ port)$ 

Total MAX Power Consumption

18.5W MAX

.444 kWh/day

13.32 kWh/month

Cost @ \$.12/kWh = \$1.60/month per access point



## On Systems Inc.

Quote

DATE:

5/16/2023

PO Box 520

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472 Phone: (855)-512-1024 info@onsystemsinc.com

#### Quote For

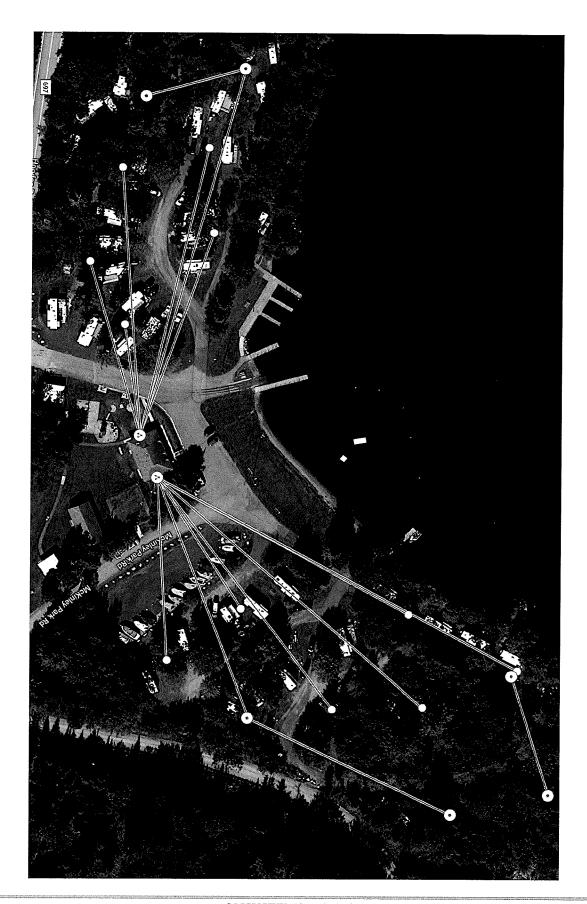
**McKinley Park Campground** 

\*Non-Tax Status

DESCRIPTION	UNIT \$	QTY	TAXED	A	ТИПОМ
Always On WaaS - Per Access Point BH+	45.00	19			855.00
* Reoccurring Monthly Service Per-Access Point					-
* Includes Dedicated Wireless Backhaul Infrastructure					-
* Includes Equipment and Installation With No Up Front Costs					
* Complete Wi-Fi Network Management and Monitoring	· cer				-
* Support for Wireless Infrastructure Included					-
* Software & Hardware Maintenance Included			Í		_
* Full Hardware Warranty Coverage For Wi-Fi WaaS Networks Deployed By On Systems With Active Wi-Fi WaaS Agreement					_
* Hardware Refresh At The End of The Life Expectancy of The Wireless Equipment With Active WaaS Agreement					-
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			Subtotal	\$	855.00
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OTHER COMMENTS  * Outto is valid for 30 days			Tax rate	<u> </u>	
* Quote is valid for 30 days			Tax due	Ş   c	-
			Other TOTAL Due	\$   <b>\$</b>	
			TOTAL Due	<b>&gt;</b>	855.00

If you have any questions about this quote, please contact us.

Thank You For Your Business!







#### clerk@breitungtownship.org

From:

Hannah Anderson < Hannah@goctc.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 4:25 PM clerk@breitungtownship.org

Subject:

RE: CTC Proposal - McKinley Park Campground

#### Hi, Dianna!

The standard price for 200M would be \$200, but since you have multiple sites with us, I would lower it to \$150 so it would be a \$50 increase. The wireless system would not impact your CTC internet cost, unless you want to upgrade your speed. You can upgrade at any point!

#### HANNAH ANDERSON

**Business Account Lead** 

D: 218-454-1260 F: 218-829-6071 **goctc.com** 

#### $\equiv$ CTC

From: clerk@breitungtownship.org <clerk@breitungtownship.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Hannah Anderson < Hannah@goctc.com >; Chad Larson < Chad@goctc.com >

Subject: RE: CTC Proposal - McKinley Park Campground

CAUTION: This email originated from outside CTC. Do not open links or attachments unless you are expecting this message a

#### Good morning-

I just got off the phone with John at On-Systems had a question in regards to speed of the Internet. He states it may be a bit low, and suggested possibly 200M/200M of Fiber Internet? What would be the cost difference in that? Also with the wireless system being put up around the park how will that effect our internet monthly cost, if at all. Also, we may see what the 100M does, then upgrade if that is a possibility. I am also waiting for a response to Frontier phone, and apparently there was a freeze on the account to switch over to CTC. I'm kind of a tech dummy, so not sure how it all works. Thanks.

## Dianna Sunsdahl Clerk, Breitung Township PO Box 56

Soudan, MN 55782 218-753-6020



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# MSA G1 2216PSIG SCBA QUOTE PREPARED FOR: BREITUNG FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUANTITY:	DESCRIPTION:	UNIT PRICE:	TOTAL:
	CARRIER HARNESS CONFIGURATION:		
8	MSA G1 GLOBAL SCBA FIRE SERVICE EDITION. 2018 NFPA COMPLIANT. 15 YEAR WARRANTY.	\$7,425.00	\$59,400.00
	ATO G1FS- 242MA2C0LAR 2 - 2216 PSIG SYSTEM OPERATING PRESSURE 4 - CGA QUICK CONNECT REMOTE CONNECTION 2 - STANDARD HARNESS WITH CHEST STRAP M - *METAL CYLINDER BAND A - *ADJUSTABLE-HEIGHT SWIVELING LUMBAR PAD 2 - SOLID COVER REGULATOR, LEFT SHOULDER C - CONTINUOUS REGULATOR HOSE 0 - NO EMERGENCY BREATHING SUPPORT L - *LEFT CHEST VOICE AMP SPEAKER MODULE A - RIGHT SHOULDER PASS W/ STANDARD CONTROL MODULE R - *RECHARGEABLE BATTERY TYPE -(1) BATTERY INCLUDED W/ EVERY CARRIER PURCHASED		
	** FACE PIECE AND CYLINDER PURCHASED SEPARATELY BELOW.		
	FACE PIECE BAG		
20	10126742-5A MACQUEEN BLACK FACE PIECE BAG	\$13.28	\$265.60

\*SCBA CARRIER HARNESS OPTION(S) ONLY OFFERED BY MSA\*\*

M - MEDIUM SIZE FACE PIECE BLANK

	CYLINDER OPTION(S):		
	FACE PIECE:		
20	MSA 10161810 G1 GLOBAL FACE PIECE FIRE SERVICE EDITION W/ INTERNAL HEADS UP DISPLAY (HUD). 2018 NFPA COMPLIANT. 15 YEAR WARRANTY. ATO G1FP-FM1M4C1	\$449.66	\$8,993.20
	F - FIRE SERVICE EDITION (NFPA/NIOSH)		

#### MacQueen Emergency Group

MINNESOTA ILLINOIS INDIANA MISSOURI NEBRASKA NORTH DAKOTA SOUTH DAKOTA

	1 - HYCAR RUBBER COMPOSITION	
ı	l l	
	M - MEDIUM NOSE CUP	
	4-4 PT Adjustable Kevlar Head Harness	
İ	C - HEAT RESISTANT CLOTH NECK STRAP	
	1 - FIXED "PUSH-TO-CONNECT" REGULATOR CONNECTION	

	ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:		
1	MSA 10158385 Kit, 6-Position Charging Station, G1 SCBA	\$953.04	\$953.04
6	MSA-10148741-SP LITHIUM BATTERY PACK	\$491.89	\$2,951.34

ALL MEMBERS  ALL M		INITIAL IN-SERVICE FIT TESTING:		
ALL MSA G1 SCBA UNITS  REPORT) SHALL BE PROVIDED AT \$N/C FOR RECORDS. EACH SCBA UNIT WILL INCLUDE (1) INITIAL QUANTITATIVE SCBA FLOW TEST REPORT DELIVERED FROM THE FACTORY WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL UNIT.  TRAINING:  ALL MEMBERS  IN-SERVICE SCBA TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY A FACTORY TRAINED INSTRUCTOR IN A CLASSROOM SETTING DURING A TIME AGREED UPON BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS INCLUDES A CUSTOMIZED POWER POINT PRESENTATION, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL HANDS-ON TRAINING UNTIL EVERY MEMBER IS COMPETENT ON THE COMPLETE USE OF THE SCBA. HANDS-ON TRAINING WILL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: - EQUIPMENT FUNCTION AND OPERATION - DONNING AND DOFFING OF EQUIPMENT - CLEANING AND DECONTAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT - INSPECTION AND FUNCTIONAL TESTING OF EQUIPMENT - WARRANTY INFORMATION AND REPAIR/REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES A CUSTOMIZED POWER POINT FILE WILL BE PROVIDED TO		INITIAL QUANTITATIVE FACE PIECE FIT TESTING (WITH PRINTED REPORT AND DIGITAL COPY) SHALL BE PROVIDED AT \$N/C FOR RECORDS. MACQUEEN EMERGENCY GROUP WILL INCLUDE VARIOUS SIZES OF FACE PIECE ASSEMBLIES TO INSURE PROPER FIT FOR ALL MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE INSURE AND USE OF ALL SCBA EQUIPMENT.	\$N/C	\$N/C
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TOTAL:

SCBA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REPLACEMENT.	Purchase	\$72.563.18
SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT THE OFFICE. TURN-AROUND TIMES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO WARRANTY PART REPLACEMENT AVAILABILITY (TYPICALLY 24 TO 48 HOURS). IN THE EVENT A SCBA UNIT IS NOT ABLE TO BE REPAIRED WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, A TEMPORARY LOANER		
MACQUEEN EMERGENCY GROUP HAS (2) FULL-TIME SERVICE STAFF MEMBERS AND (4) FULL-TIME SALES/ADMIN MEMBERS C.A.R.E CERTIFIED. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED CENTRALLY IN EAST BETHEL, MN. THERE IS ALSO A MOBILE MAINTENANCE UNIT THAT COVERS THE ENTIRE STATE OF MINNESOTA. ALL MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK PROVIDED IS DONE EITHER ON LOCATION, OR IN THE		

Date of Quotation: May 22,2023 Quote Expires in: 60 Days

We appreciate the opportunity to earn your Business!

MACQUEEN EMERGENCY GROUP'S RETURN POLICY:

\*ALL RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO MACQUEEN EMERGENCY GROUP'S
RETURN POLICY - SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS CAN NOT BE CANCELLED OR

RETURNED

### clerk@breitungtownship.org

From:

Chairman < chairman@breitungtownship.org>

Sent: To: Saturday, May 20, 2023 7:47 AM clerk@breitungtownship.org

Subject:

FW: Soudan Underground Mine Township highway signs

Dianna:

Have this request on the agenda for next week

Tim

From: Guy-Levar, Sarah (She/Her/Hers) (DNR) <Sarah.Guy-Levar@state.mn.us>

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2023 2:32 PM **To:** chairman@breitungtownship.org

Subject: Soudan Underground Mine Township highway signs

Hello,

I am sure you have the news that underground tours will not be offered again this summer. ② Our mine interpreters have done such a good job developing excellent surface tours. Do you think the township would be willing to add temporary signs to the existing Soudan entry signs to promote our surface tours? I was thinking something along the lines of a

# This summer only! Soudan Surface Story Tours \$5 per person

I am trying hard to be less apologetic about not having underground tours...and more promotional about our incredible surface tours.

Please let me know if you would be receptive to this idea.

Thank you,

#### Sarah Guy-Levar

Interpretive Supervisor | Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park

#### **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**

1879 Stuntz Bay Road Soudan, MN 55782 Phone: 218-300-7005 Cell: 218-235-1111

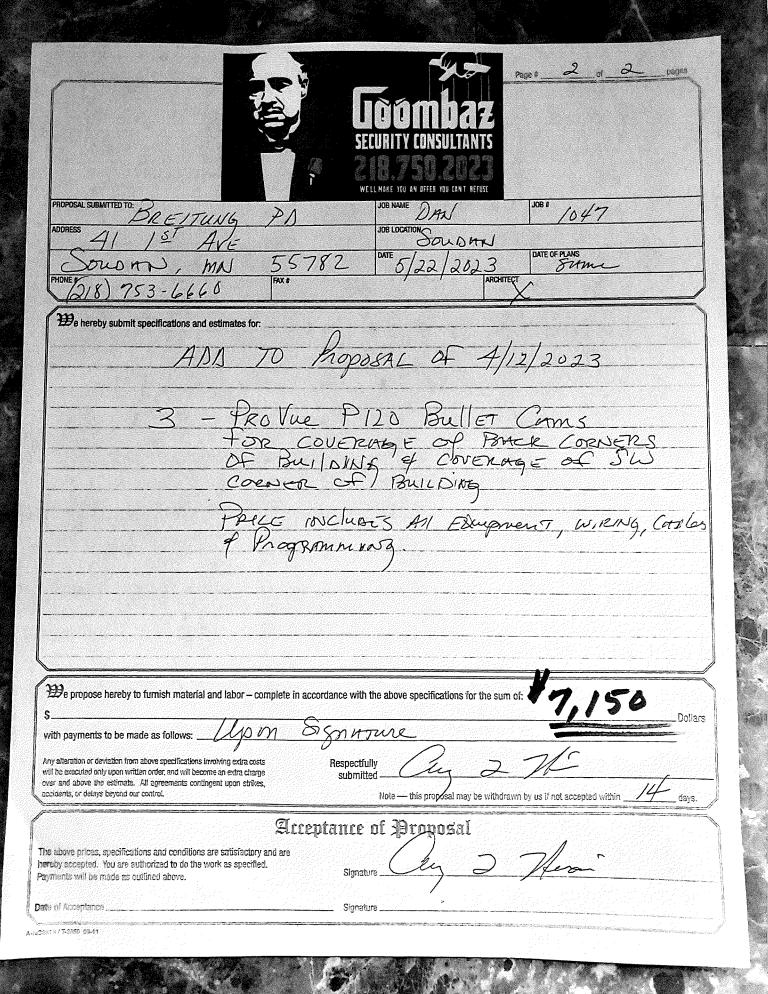
Fax: 218-753-2246

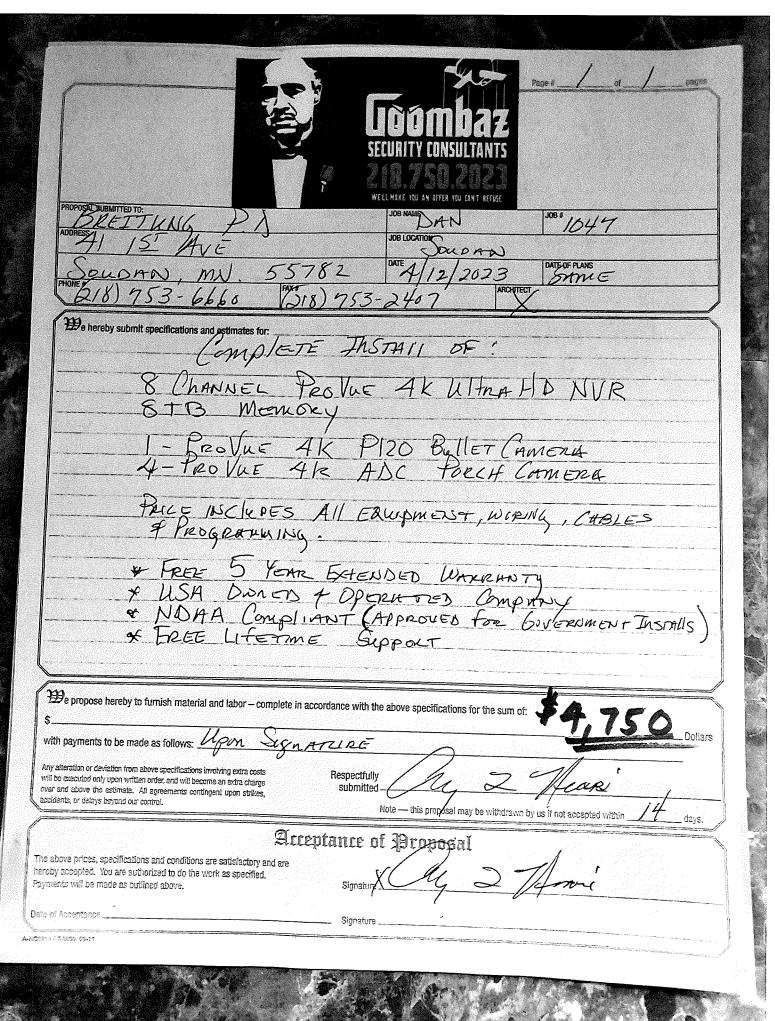
Email: sarah.guy-Levar@state.mn.us

mndnr.gov

"One touch of nature make the whole world kin."-William Shakespeare







#### clerk@breitungtownship.org

From:

clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com

Sent: To: Monday, May 15, 2023 11:13 AM 'Dianna Sunsdahl'

Subject:

RE: Meet Your Councilor-Supervisor

Attachments:

6.6\_Community, Engagement Discussion.pdf

I think this is a great idea and will plan on having it on the agenda. We can discuss closer to the meeting. We had an item on the agenda at the May meeting that was to discuss ways to engage the community more effectively and provide information to the public. The Councilors were tasked with thinking of ideas and we were planning on circling back in June. So this fits right in with that. I attached the agenda item.

Anyways, great idea and we'll talk more about it soon!

Michael

From: Dianna Sunsdahl <truckindee2001@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 8:36 AM

To: Michael Schultz <clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com>; Dianna Sunsdahl <clerk@breitungtownship.org>

**Subject:** Meet Your Councilor-Supervisor

I had and idea last week of opening up Tower's Gathering Gallery for a day or two a month for Meet your Councilor Day. I think if there could be a councilor or two from Tower, a Supervisor from Breitung, and also a member from one of the Boards, it would be a great opportunity for the community to ask questions in a comfortable environment. Let me know your thoughts. I'll ask my Supervisors as well. Maybe 2 times a month for 6 months? An hour or so? I read the article in the paper and thought I should let you know my thoughts.

Dianna

## TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

## RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY FINAL 2024 BREITUNG TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota statute requires that the Breitung Township Board certify a property tax levy to the Saint Louis County Auditor's Office Tax Division; and

WHEREAS, the Breitung Township Board hereby adopts the following property tax levy for Breitung Township for payable year 2024 is as follows; and

General Fund	\$145,057.00	21.02%
Road and Bridge	\$294,967.00	42.75%
Fire	\$77,955.00	11.30%
Recreation	\$38,056.00	5.52%
Police	\$133,965.00	19.41%
Total	\$690,000.00	100%

WHEREAS, the property tax levy tax base for the Township of Breitung for payable year 2024 is as follows; and

Tax Capacity Based Levy \$690,000.00

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

Upon vote taken, the following voted by Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Tuchel:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2023-16 was declared duly passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Timothy Tomsich, Chairman	Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk

## TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

#### RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Breitung Township is authorized to accept and maintain donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the donations set forth below to the township:

Name of Donor Donations Date
1. Vermilion Energy Advisors \$315 05/25/2023

WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

**Donation Number** 

**Terms or Conditions** 

Vermilion Energy Advisors

Portable Sound System w/Stand

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the township for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The Township Board finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used in accordance with noted terms or conditions either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.
- 2. The town clerk is hereby directed to acknowledge to each donor the town's acceptance of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the Town Board of Breitung Township on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Charles Tekautz, and Supervisor Matthew Tuchel

Ayes: Nays:			
Approved: Chairpe	erson	Attested: Clerk	
Timothy Tomsich -	– Chairman	Dianna Sunsdahl - Clerk	_