

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 08/24/2023

Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 07/27/23 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of July 2023 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 4747848-47955
 - Total Disbursements-\$232,877.26
 - Fund Balance-\$350,759.03
 - Voided Checks-47893-47904, 47868
- Correspondence
 - LMC-*Upcoming Events, * Direct Local Housing
 - MAT-*Broadband, * District 10 Election
 - IRRR-*August 2nd, 9th, 16th, Ranger
 - St. Louis County-*Public Health Updates, *CDBG
 - DNR-Prospectors Loop Trail System-Phase 2
- 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

- Infrastructure Projects
- Outdoor Recreation Project-McKinley Park

- Care Crossings Update
- Police Department-Updates
 - Impounded Vehicle-2015 KIA Truck
 - Goombaz Security Proposal Update-See Attached
- Housing Institute-Update
- Water Filtration Plant
- Stuntz Bay Road-authorization for County to call for bids
- Thompson Farm Road Relocation-update

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- 4 day use of Community Center
- Big Truck Night-Potential September 26th
- Agreement with St. Louis County-Allocation of Funds from Voter Account
- MN-DOT-State Aid and LRIP-Local Road Improvement Funding
- Police Department Policies
 - Use of Deadly Force by Police Chief
 - Ballistic Vest
 - Summer Season
 - Narcan
- Asking for Support
 - Youth in Action
 - Northwoods Partners
- Approve Payment
 - Project 21-847 Force Main Improvements-Payment request of \$177,743.93 once received payment from TBWWB
- LU 49-Open Negotiations

Next Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, September 28th, 2023 @ 12Noon Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 07-27-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center

Present In Person:

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

Public: Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Jim Battin, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Preston Tripp JPJ Engineering

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel 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 06/22/2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Propane Bids

2 companies brought in sealed bids for propane for Breitung Township, Lakes Gas and Edwards Oil which are on file in the clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept the 3-year term proposed by Edwards Oil @ 1.345 per gallon for 25, 500 gallons.

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMC-*Upcoming Events, * Safety & Loss Control-so noted
- MAT-*July Newsletter, * District 10 Meeting/Election-so noted
- IRRR-*July 12th Ranger-so noted
- St. Louis County-*Public Health Updates, *New Website for Projects, Plans, Studies-so noted
- On Systems-Thank You to Maintenance Staff, Park Staff and Guests-so noted, park guests pleased with service
- Alice Arola-Thank You for the Community Picnic-so noted

- MN Department of Human Services-Update Medical Information-so noted
- PERA-Newsletter-so noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached. 162 Calls for the month of June, increase in Speed Enforcement and increase in fraud calls
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma will be requesting quotes on the roof for the building at the Park, will need to notify insurance when work complete
- Recreation-No Report
- Wastewater Board-Halfway through the manhole project. Looking to JPJ for hard numbers for expansion pond project
- Ambulance Commission-Supervisor Tuchel unable to attend, Joint Powers committee to meet in August

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Infrastructure Projects-Currently waiting for Mesabi Bituminous update. No updates on Poplar Street, Mesabi Bit currently doing trail work. 2023 Infrastructure on hold. Supervisor Tuchel met with USDA, no new information. USDA only funds water & sewer (maybe some storm/sanitary but minimal). JPJ is aware of project qualifying for USDA. Would need a new Median Income done, and would need resident participation if going this route. USDA offers more loan dollars than grant dollars. Chairman Tomsich ready to go back to IRRR for 2023 Infrastructure Project. Currently the project sits @ 626k, look to see where costs can be reduced (there are 2 cost estimates, possibly reduce 1 of the 2). PFA a possibility, but may be needed for Mesabi Trail project as the pipe under the bridge needs to be changed, and may need to take a draw. Will discuss more at the August meeting.

Outdoor Recreation Project-McKinley Park

- Flagship Recreation and Landscape-Chairman Tomsich working with Stacey and will make a plan to meet with the company and park employees. Will take measurements during meeting. Stephanie Ukkola happy to volunteer time if and when needed.

Blight-Jasper St cleaned up some but still dealing with excessive items in the yard. Chief Reing working with residence on Poplar St and building rapport with homeowner

Care Crossings Update-Vermilion Park Inn held an informal Q&A on July 9th, 2023 from Noon-2pm, Supervisor Tuchel was in attendance. Owner of VPI stated that she never applied for a CUP through St. Louis County. All Supervisors getting questions from residents in regards to the sober living home. Correspondence from St. Louis County is that nothing is happening because a CUP has not been applied for. Commissioner Nelson asking for the public's feedback. Just a reminder that ambulance can not go to the sober living until police have arrived.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to send a letter to St. Louis County Planning and Zoning informing them that the Township is now aware that the Vermilion Park Inn never applied for a Conditional Use Permit and is operating without one

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Police Department Updates

- Impounded Vehicle 2015 KIA Truck-Chief Reing state he should have title in 30 days
- Goombaz Updated Security Proposal-Board awaiting proposal to approve for OSHA Safety Grant

DNR Grant-Soudan Park-The DNR has denied the grant request for the Soudan Park/Recreational Area. Many applicants, not enough funding

Thompson Farm Road Relocation-No word from Wayne Kultula on agreement of exchange of property. JPJ Engineering to start sketch work

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Grant Opportunities

- IRRR 50k Engineering Fees for Stuntz Bay-Engineering Fees not covered by State Park Account, Chairman Tomsich to talk with Chris at the IRRR to see if funding available
- DNR Community Forestry-This could be used at McKinley Park or Wayside Rest Area
- MPCA Grant-Preston from JPJ to look at for 2023 Project(s)

Resolutions

- 2023-19 Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor to accept resolution 2023-19 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

- 2023-20 Entering into a Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept resolution 2023-20 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to apply for and accept funds for the 50k in engineering fees for the Stuntz Bay Access Road

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Fire-Request purchase of 2 lunar camera @ a cost of \$2018/each. Misunderstand on the part of MacQueen, and they sent 2 cameras with order of other Fire Equipment. After the Fire Department looked at cameras, the department thinks this is a good investment, and will work in conjunction with other fire departments that have these cameras

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the purchase of 2 lunar cameras @ a cost of \$2018/each

2nd by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest

Letter of Support-the City of Tower is looking into the purchase of the County Building and property at Marina drive, Breitung Township would like to get salt and sand from there vs out in Kuglar township should the option be available. Consensus by the board to send a letter of support to the City of Tower.

Approve Payment for Force Main Improvements-Payment request from JPJ to pay 2EZ the amount of \$52,305.79 when the Township receives payment from the TBWWB (received payment as of today)

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve payment in the amount of \$52,305.79 as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Road and Bridge Request-Bid for installation of fans by Amptek included in packet, Supervisor Gorsma also discussed additional cost of lift rental of \$1000 to do the work

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve bid as approved with additional charge of \$1000 for rental of lift

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Housing Institute-Request to have Clerk Sundahl participate and attend Housing Institute Forum

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel with his thank you for Clerk Sundahl to participate and attend the Housing Institute Forum for the next 18 month

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Next Regular Board Meeting Thursday, August 24th, 2023 @ 12N Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:15pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl

Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jul-23

GENERAL	26,770.68
ROAD & BRIDGE	71,853.28
FIRE	46,308.45
PARK	52,870.68
RECREATION	5,453.94
POLICE	95,636.36
PROJECTS	5,423.11
WATER DEPT	46,442.53
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	350,759.03

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Subject: Upcoming Events & Learning: August 2023

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Upcoming League Events & Learning



Direct Local Housing Aid for Cities

Aug. 30 — Online

We are offering two free webinars, one for greater Minnesota cities and one for metro-area cities, to provide information on new and existing state programs to support the construction, acquisition, and preservation of housing opportunities across the state.

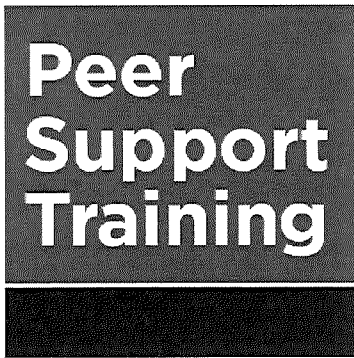


Clerks Academy

Sept. 7-8 — St. Paul

Sept. 14-15 — Staples

This blended-learning program is designed to help new city clerks navigate their complex role. Clerks Academy combines on-demand, online coursework with in-person sessions to explore current legal requirements, issues, and challenges that city clerks face.



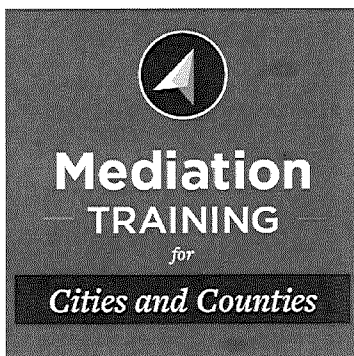
Safety and Loss Control Workshop: Peer Support Training

Sept. 26-27 — Duluth

Nov. 1-2 — Brainerd

Nov. 29-30 — New Ulm

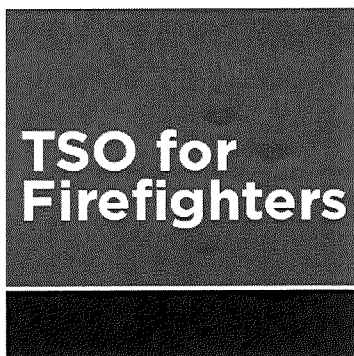
Encourage your city's first responders and public safety staff to be champions for mental health and well-being by becoming a peer-to-peer counselor. This Department of Public Safety-approved program combines in-person and online learning.



Mediation Training for Cities and Counties

Oct. 3-6 — St. Paul

Help your city communicate effectively, explore underlying needs, and collaborate better by becoming a mediator. This intensive four-day training is designed specifically for city and county officials. Limited spots available!

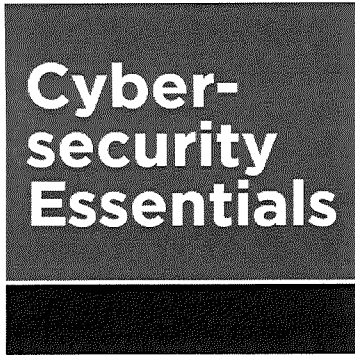


Safety and Loss Control Workshop: Fire-Focused Training Safety Officer (TSO) Program

Oct. 10 — Sleepy Eye

Oct. 11 — Spicer

Help prevent training injuries by encouraging your city's firefighters to become a Training Safety Officer (TSO). This half-day workshop will provide information on the TSO program and introduce a safety plan framework to build upon to meet your department's unique needs.



Safety and Loss Control Workshop:

Cybersecurity Essentials

Oct. 10 — Sleepy Eye

Oct. 11 — Spicer

Oct. 31 — Fergus Falls

Registration opens soon! Attend this half-day workshop to learn how to keep your city running when faced with a cyber disaster or other IT incidents.

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Direct Local Housing Aid for Cities

The \$1 billion housing agreement passed in the 2023 legislative session includes significant increases to existing and new programs to support the construction, acquisition, and preservation of housing opportunities across Minnesota. This includes a metro-area Local Affordable Housing Aid program that will provide formula-based aid directly to cities and counties to support local housing efforts. In addition, a new local housing aid program for greater Minnesota cities and counties was established in the tax bill.

Join us for a free webinar to hear from House and Senate Housing Committee chairs, staff from Minnesota Housing and the Department of Revenue on details about these new programs and learn how they will be administered. You will also hear directly from cities and counties who are collaborating in their housing efforts.

By attending this webinar you will:

- Understand the parameters and details of either the metro or greater Minnesota specific programs.
- Learn how the programs will be administered, what cities and counties can expect as far as receiving the payments, and what the dollars can be spent on.
- Recognize and encourage city and county coordination and collaboration on joint housing efforts.
- Gain awareness of how to maximize the resources and dollars available to your city and county.

Date

Wednesday, Aug. 30

9 – 10:15 a.m. – Greater Minnesota

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10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Metro Minnesota

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Presenters

Rachel Robinson, deputy commissioner, Minnesota Housing

Senator Lindsey Port, chair, Housing and Homeless Prevention Committee

Representative Mike Howard, chair, Housing Finance and Policy Committee

Kristie Strum, supervisor, auditor/treasurer services, Minnesota Department of Revenue

Moderator

Daniel Lightfoot, intergovernmental relations representative, League of Minnesota Cities

Audience

City administrators/managers, city clerks, elected officials, finance directors and staff, community development directors and staff.

County administrators and commissioners, finance staff, housing and residential related project staff, HRA Directors.

Questions

Do you have questions for our presenters? Please submit them to us ahead of the live broadcast by email (learning@lmc.org) on or before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. We will answer as many as we can during the live broadcast and will take questions during the webinar as well.

Background Materials

[2023 Law Summaries](#)

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MN Broadband Office Update

Township officers:

Below is an update from the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development - and a "Save the Date" for regional digital equity gatherings and more. We're sending this along as it provides valuable information that many officers may be interested in. (To sign up to directly receive updates, [subscribe here](#).)



Office of Broadband Development News

Save the Date(s) for Regional Digital Equity Gatherings

To encourage statewide conversation around the draft digital equity plan, OBD will be hosting 17 gatherings during the public comment period. Join us at whichever location is most convenient for you! Exact locations, times, and registration information is forthcoming:

- August 29 in Willmar
- August 30 in Marshall
- August 31 in Worthington
- September 5 in Saint Paul
- September 6 in Winona and Rochester
- September 7 in Faribault and Mankato
- September 12 in Crookston
- September 13 in Fergus Falls
- September 14 online
- September 18 in Hinckley
- September 19 in Two Harbors
- September 20 in Deer River
- September 21 in Minneapolis
- September 26 in International Falls

- September 27 in Bemidji
- September 28 online

BEAD Five-Year Action Plan

The Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program provides funding for broadband infrastructure and the preparation of a plan by each eligible entity for how to achieve internet for all. As Minnesota's eligible entity, the Office of Broadband Development submitted the state's BEAD Five-Year Action Plan (Appendix 7.1 OBD Meetings 2014 to 2022 and Appendix 7.2 NTIA Local Coordination Documentation Tracker) to NTIA in July. Minnesota will receive a total of \$651,839,368. State amounts were calculated from the number of unserved locations (locations without reliable broadband service of at least 25Mbps download and 3Mbps upload) within each state based on new maps that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) developed as well as the number of such locations in areas deemed to be high cost.

For more information visit mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/.

Congratulations to the Newest ReConnect 4 Awardees

Congratulations to the following Minnesota providers who were recently awarded ReConnect 4 Grants and Loans through the USDA – Rural Development Program. For more information regarding each project, please visit www.usda.gov/reconnect/round-four-awardees.

Applicant: Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association

Total square miles: 76.4

Funded Service Area Households: 155

Award amount: \$19,039,348

Applicant: MiEnergy Cooperative

Total square miles: 91.3

Funded Service Area Households: 377

Award amount: \$13,677,078

Applicant: Johnson Telephone Company

Total square miles: 59.2

Funded Service Area Households: 440

Award amount: \$15,832,816

Minnesota Rural Broadband Connectivity Initiative

Interested in federal and state resources, programs, and/or funding to address rural connectivity issues?

Join staff from the Midwest Region's federal agencies and Minnesota leaders to learn about resources that can be leveraged to support expansion of programs to increase rural connectivity. You'll hear from representatives from various state and federal agencies to assist you in leveraging available programs.

What

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Staff will review its ConnectHomeUSA program. The initiative allows organizations to produce locally-tailored solutions for narrowing the digital divide for HUD-assisted residents.

When

Wednesday, August 30, 10 am - 12:30 pm

[For full details on how to join the meeting, visit our website.](#)

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JOHN UPTON for Minnesota Association of Townships District 10 Director

Dear Township Officers:

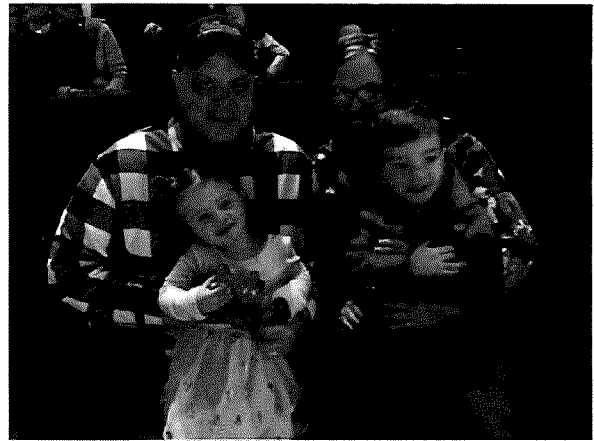
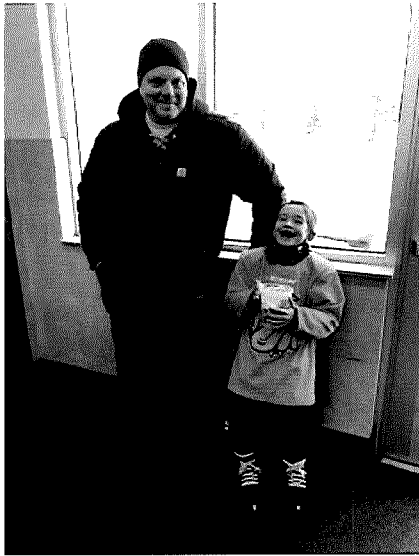
My name is John Upton, and I'm a candidate for the open Minnesota Association of Townships District 10 Director position on its statewide Board of Directors. (District 10 is the northeastern part of the state and includes representing the township officers of Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties.)

There will be an election for this position at the annual MAT District 10 Meeting on Thursday, August 24 at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center, 919 6th Street South, Virginia, MN in St. Louis County with 6:30 PM registration, 7:00 meeting, and 8:00 PM election. (You should have also received the details by MAT by postal mail and email.) **I would encourage you to attend and would like to earn your support and vote.**

This letter outlines some of my experience and goals and how I would be a strong leader for township officers on the MAT Board of Directors.

My priorities and beliefs at your next District 10 Director:

- I will always be transparent, ethical, and a servant leader.
- MAT is a great organization that needs a board who will listen and work together to do great things for townships. I will be there to be productive and move forward, and not to win a personal battle.
- I will increase involvement in township government – particularly with the next generation of leaders.



More about me: My wife Stephanie (a program coordinator in the Carlton Co. Sheriff's Dept for 24 years) and I have three grown children, and three grandchildren. I prioritize service to God, family, and community. I enjoy life on the lake, golfing, and hiking in the woods with our dogs, and being with my family. Some of my experiences include:

- Supervisor for Ellsburg Township, St. Louis County.
- Testified on behalf of townships at the Minnesota Capitol, also at MAT's "Township Day at the Capitol."
- Retired from employment at the Federal Prison, Duluth, MN (27 years)
- Currently employed as Manager, Public Works and Utilities, City of Duluth, (5 1/2 years). 70 employees report to me.
- Vice President of the City of Duluth Supervisors Association (on the contracts negotiating team).
- Extensive knowledge and participation in Labor Management Relations and with the Joint Powers Enterprise Fund, the City of Duluth Health Care Fund.

Please show your support and attend the MAT District Meeting on August 24, 2023. I would appreciate your support and vote. Thank you for your service to townships.

John Upton
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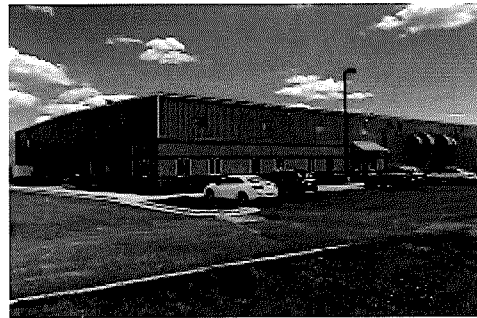


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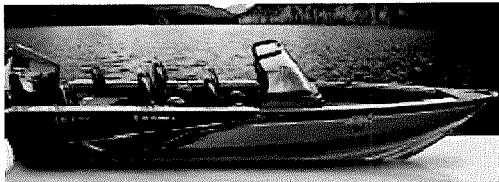
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Revolv Manufacturing in Hoyt Lakes upskills workforce to enhance its manufacturing

Minnesota North College used a Workforce Training grant from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation to upskill incumbent workers at Revolv Manufacturing in Hoyt Lakes, a custom plastics molding and assembly provider. Revolv employees were trained in the operation of a new Rotary Thermoforming machine.



The college's Customized Training Solutions department supports industries across northeastern Minnesota including mining, construction, transportation and manufacturing.



"This type of machine was new to our facility. Our staff was not familiar with how it operated and how it could be used in our manufacturing processes," said Sandy Bryant, Revolv plant manager. "The workforce training enabled us to

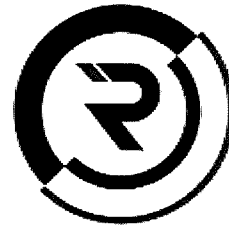
upskill our existing employees at no cost to our company. It was a great training opportunity and increased the expertise and skills of our employees."

Revolv recently received a new large order for consoles that are often seen on Lund brand boats. The staff used their newly acquired skills on the Rotary Thermoforming machine to fulfill the order. The boat console order is one example of how Revolv's new

machine and newly trained staff will expand its manufacturing operations and services to customers.

Revolv also used Minnesota North College's Customized Training Solutions for:

- **CNC Mastercam Training**, which resulted in saving time from trimming by hand.
- **Rotary Machine Training**, which resulted in the ability to make additional parts.
- **ISO (International Standardization Organization) Certification** to ensure that Revolv's manufacturing processes have all of the quality assurance, safety and efficiency requirements that are standard within an industry. ISO certification gives Revolv an added advantage in the manufacturing marketplace. When a company is ISO certified, their products are of the best possible quality.



Learn more about Revolv Manufacturing.



**Minnesota
North College**
Customized Training
Solutions

Regional businesses interested in training incumbent workers or seeking new workers can email Gail Anderson of Minnesota North College or call her at 218-293-6921. Depending on the training type, it may be conducted virtually or face-to-face in small groups onsite at businesses or in a

classroom setting at one of the six area college campuses: Hibbing, Itasca (Grand Rapids), Mesabi Range (Virginia and Eveleth), Rainy River (International Falls) and Vermilion (Ely) Community Colleges. Learn more about Minnesota North College Customized Training Solutions.

The workforce training for Revolv was part of a business assistance package provided by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Email Scott Sundvall or call him at 218-735-3015 for business assistance information.

F&D Meats in Virginia renovates building with grants geared to help small business owners

Owner Joseph Walls utilized a Business Energy Retrofit (BER) and Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grant to make energy efficiency and code compliance upgrades to the meat shop that he and his wife purchased in 2020. F&D Meats has been operating in Virginia for more than 40 years providing fresh cut meats and groceries. The Walls are carrying on the tradition and investing in the 50-year-old building to elevate the customer experience.

The interior walls of the retail areas were upgraded. Custom charred-wood shiplap was installed in the grocery and wellness sections, and a combination of brick, paint and corrugated metal was added to the main meat shop area.



The grants also assisted with new flooring, energy efficient lighting, doors and windows. Equipment upgrades included coolers, freezers and a new meat smoker to replace the existing smoker that gave out.

“Our goal from the very beginning has been to continue providing the same quality products that F&D has provided to its loyal customer base for the past four decades,” said Walls. “The grants helped us give the store a major facelift that not only improved the aesthetics of the building but also added operational and energy efficiencies to help us achieve our goal.”

F&D has long been popular for its in-house smoked bacon, beef jerky, beef sticks and porketta. F&D continues to offer those items, traditional recipes and a variety of fish, beef, pork, poultry, seasonings, fresh produce, dairy products, party platters and household supplies. The Walls have added new options such as fresh coffee, honey, maple syrup, organic produce, health and beauty products, handmade artisan gifts and specialty holiday items.



“My family and I have been overwhelmed by the way the community has welcomed us,” said Walls. “I’ve enjoyed meeting all of the customers, and our staff is dedicated to serving them.”

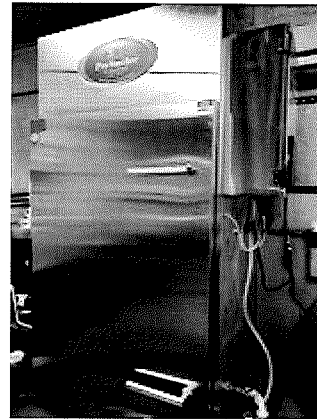


Walls is an International Falls native and has a background in retail, meat department, grocery store and warehouse management. He and his wife Tina moved to Virginia from the Twin Cities in 2019 with their four children ages 17 and under. The Walls family purchased F&D in 2020 and now reside in the city of Virginia.

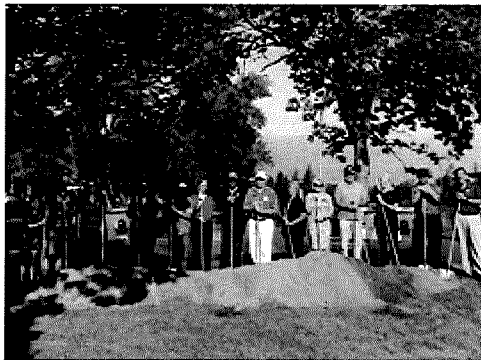
F&D Meats is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It employs about 12 people. [Learn more about F&D Meats.](#)

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. BER and DBR are 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.



City of Virginia breaks ground on new entrance to Olcott Park



The city of Virginia broke ground on a new historically-inspired entrance to Olcott Park. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$20,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment is estimated at \$109,000.

Construction began last week, and completion is anticipated in late August. In addition to creating a grand entrance to the park, the project will widen the northern entrance (9th Street) to allow for

two-way traffic and increased accessibility.

The park is home to the Olcott Park Electric Fountain and Rock Garden which the city refurbished in 2018. The fountain is officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places, placing it in the company of sites across the nation that have been declared worthy of preservation in order to protect America's historic and archaeological resources. The park is also the site of youth baseball, music in the park, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, a disc golf course, a paved walking trail, a community greenhouse and the local historical society. Three of the region's major festivals take place each summer in the park: Land of the Loon, Sand Lake Shuffle and Brewfest.





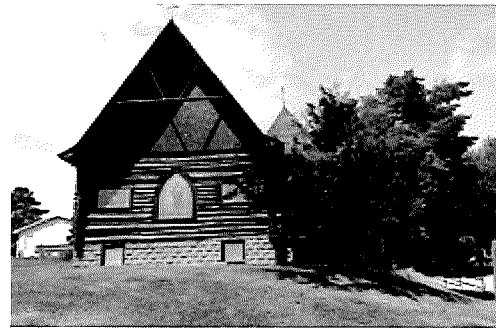
Other project partners include US Steel, Olcott Park Brewfest, Virginia Community Foundation and the city of Virginia.

[Learn more about Olcott Park.](#)

Email [Danae Beaudette](#) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

Coleraine restores historic landmark church, enhances heritage tourism

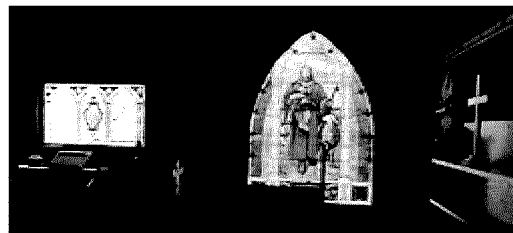
The city of Coleraine repaired and upgraded the exterior and deck of the historic Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, often referred to as “The Log Church.” The scope of work included grading and staining the deck, chinking and caulking the logs to prevent water traps and adding vertical log stair spindles. The church is a highly visible landmark in Coleraine that was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The facility is part of Coleraine’s historic walking tour and is used for community events, concerts and weddings. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$16,000 Downtown Streetscapes grant. Total project investment was \$32,000.



The Log Church was built in 1908 and was the first church to be completed in Coleraine. The last church service was held there in 1982. It was deeded to the city in 1987, which requires the city to maintain the building and uphold the basic architecture and appearance so that it remains on the Register of Historic Places.

Coleraine is nestled on the north shore of Trout Lake in north central Minnesota’s Itasca County. It was established as a Canisteo Company mining town in 1909 and named after Thomas F. Cole who was once the president of Oliver Mining Company. The church’s construction was supervised by John C. Greenway, a church parish member and Oliver Mining Company superintendent.

The logs used in the construction of the church were taken from one of the area’s few remaining patches of virgin timber. The church interior and cathedral ceiling are built entirely of wood. The altar rail and lectern are made of



birch logs, and a large stained-glass window is a memorial to Greenway's young nephew who drowned in a hunting accident.

The building maintenance and preservation is funded solely from proceeds of rental fees. Private donations, Blandin Foundation and Minnesota Historical Society have also helped fund past restoration projects.



Iron mining ceased decades ago in Coleraine. The rural community now offers abundant fishing, hunting, golf, outdoor recreation and winter skiing at Mt. Itasca to residents and tourists.

Beginning last year, the Downtown Streetscapes grant merged with the Culture & Tourism grant and has a fiscal year budget of \$600,000. [Email Danae Beaudette](#) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

The Quarry at Giants Ridge named one of the top public courses in the nation

Congratulations to The Quarry at Giants Ridge. Golf Digest just ranked it 43rd in America's Top 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses. Golf Digest compiles the list every other year to recognize exemplary golf design and provide golfers a list of top places to visit. The rankings are compiled based on thousands of evaluations from Golf Digest course panelists who play courses throughout the nation.



Appearing on the 2023-24 list, The Quarry in Biwabik once again finds itself in the company of renowned courses such as Pebble Beach in California, Pacific and Bandon Dunes in Oregon and Kiawah Island in South Carolina.

[Read more about The Quarry & America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses.](#)

[Book a tee time and plan your fall golf trip to Giants Ridge.](#)



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 in 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.

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Businesses, communities, outdoor recreation and education in northeastern Minnesota receive over \$7.4 million in economic development funding

At today's Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board meeting, approximately \$3.1 million in loans, \$3 million in infrastructure grants, \$700,000 in trails grants and \$630,000 in higher education grants were approved to advance projects in northeastern Minnesota. Agency total investment for all projects combined is approximately \$7.4 million. Total project investment is approximately \$87 million. The projects are expected to increase the regional tax base, retain and create new jobs, provide essential services, increase the housing inventory, expand outdoor recreation and enhance higher education. The loans are anticipated to impact 178 jobs. The infrastructure projects are projected to impact 22 jobs and create 169 construction jobs.

Direct Loan: \$2,500,000

Agency Investment \$2,500,000 | Total Investment \$55,427,035

L&M Supply, Inc., Grand Rapids: \$2,500,000 to construct a 200,000-square-foot greenfield, state-of-the-art distribution center. The new distribution center will replace one that is operating in nearby LaPrairie but is not large enough to accommodate the company's current operations and anticipated future growth. The project involves the addition of advanced computer-aided forklifts, conveyor systems for moving product within the distribution center, a sortation system to increase efficiency and a new warehouse management system to increase accuracy, visibility and systematic knowledge of inventory at all states of processing. Thirty-five to 50 new jobs are projected, and 83 jobs will be retained.

The first L&M Supply store opened in Grand Rapids in 1959. It was a 30' x 60' wooden building. Today, L&M has one corporate office/distribution center and 12 retail store locations in northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. It is led by the third generation of family owners who reside in the Grand Rapids area. L&M stores offer outdoor power equipment sales and service, and products related to fishing, marine, hunting, firearms, workwear, fashion clothing, footwear, automotive, farm, pet and home improvement.

"The Grand Rapids area has been the home base for L&M for the past 64 years and we are proud to continue our company growth in our hometown. Our mission has always been to serve our customers' needs, and this new distribution center will ensure that we can fulfill that mission for years to come." – *Shawn Matteson, L&M Fleet Supply Co-Owner.*

"The Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority and the city of Grand Rapids appreciate Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation's support of this hugely significant project for our area. We are proud of the hometown success story that L&M Supply is, and we are honored to be a part of this collaborative effort to help secure their growth, investment and employment in Grand Rapids." – *Rob Mattei, City of Grand Rapids Director of Community Development.*

"L&M Supply stores have been a retail tradition in northeastern Minnesota dating back to the 1960s. Our agency is extremely pleased that a dynamic company like L&M is making such a substantial economic investment in the region. The project will create jobs for the construction trades as the distribution center is built out over the next year and jobs for local residents when it is up and operating." – *Ida Rukavina, Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.*

Participation Loan: \$600,000

Agency Investment \$600,000 | Total Investment \$1,200,000

Cast Corporation, Hibbing: \$600,000 to make facility improvements related to a 5,4000-square-foot foundry expansion that includes a loading dock, remodel of an existing 3,050-square-foot heated storage building and addition of a new 3,200-square-foot cold storage building.

“Our agency has enjoyed a long relationship with Cast Corporation. We congratulate the company, its employees and owners on their exciting new expansion. Cast is an excellent example of how the region’s economic landscape has strengthened and diversified through manufacturing.” – *Ida Rukavina, Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.*

Development Infrastructure Grants: \$1,151,362

Agency Investment \$1,151,362 | Total Investment \$7,061,845

- **City of Buhl: \$151,362** to construct infrastructure, site work and roadways for a new housing development. The Damian II Addition will provide 10 single-family home lots. The city recently sold the last available lot in the Stubler Addition creating a need for the development of new residential lots.
- **City of Chisholm: \$500,000** to construct infrastructure, site work and roadways for a new 11,000-square-foot building that will house a new child care facility, clinic and county services. The child care center will be licensed for 90 full-time children ages six weeks to 12 years.
- **City of Silver Bay: \$500,000** to excavate and construct infrastructure and site work for a new housing development near Bayview Park. The Boathouse Bay project includes 53 housing units and a resort to be built out over the next five years.

Community Infrastructure Grants: \$1,865,364

Agency Investment \$1,865,364 | Total Investment \$19,344,892

- **Bois Forte Band of Chippewa: \$386,500** to construct infrastructure and site work for a new 13,800-square-foot public works facility. The Vermilion Public Works Facility will provide space for equipment and vehicles used in the public works and housing departments. There will be office space, a conference room and a food shelf area that provides services to band members residing in Vermilion and to surrounding communities.
- **City of Grand Marais: \$250,000** to construct infrastructure and new road surfaces for Fifth Avenue West, a major connector between Highway 61 and the Gunflint Trail. The avenue serves public service centers related to

health care, water, fire suppression, recycling and the court system. Residential housing and private businesses are also served by the avenue.

- **City of Hibbing: \$500,000** to construct infrastructure related to 1.6 miles of water main, add a water valve and replace a hydrant. The new water main will replace antiquated and malfunctioning cast iron pipes which were installed from 1923 to 1925. The project will provide Hibbing Public Utilities the opportunity to replace 33 lead service lines.
- **City of Keewatin: \$350,578** to improve the O'Brien Reservoir recreation area with demolition of an existing dilapidated restroom facility, construction of a 24' x 30' four-stall handicap accessible restroom facility, septic system installation and parking lot improvements. The project will also replace the curbs, sidewalks and overhead street lights on North First Street.
- **City of Orr: \$243,411** to replace Orr Regional Airport's outdated fueling system. The existing fueling system and supporting software does not meet current standards and will soon be obsolete. The airport has seven hangars with a waiting list. It is utilized by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a base for fire suppression and wildlife surveillance.
- **City of Virginia: \$134,875** to upgrade the elevator and men's handicap accessible restroom at Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency's (AEOA) headquarters in Virginia. AEOA provides essential services in several area counties related to energy assistance, seniors, nutrition, early childhood and adult education, homelessness, housing, weatherization, employment and training, food access, transportation, youth services and business assistance.

Regional Trails Grants: \$700,000

Agency Investment \$700,000 | Total Investment \$3,982,430

- **Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club: \$50,000** to purchase a new 2023 Piston Bully snowmobile trail groomer that will improve uptime, reduce maintenance costs, improve safety and improve trail conditions in the Grand Rapids area.
- **Lutsen Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club: \$100,000** to replace a highly used snowmobile trail bridge that was destroyed in a flood during the spring of 2022. The bridge crosses the Poplar River and is on the Lutsen Access Trail, which provides access from remote area trails to downtown Lutsen where riders can access food, fuel, emergency services and lodging. The trail and bridge are also used by bikers and hikers.

- **North Superior Ski and Run Club (NSSRC): \$50,000** to purchase a new snow cat groomer to groom the Pincushion Nordic ski trails in Grand Marais for classic and skate techniques.
- **St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority: \$500,000** to complete construction of a five-mile gap segment of Mesabi Trail from McKinley to Biwabik, connecting the Virginia area to the Giants Ridge and Embarrass area. A portion of the new segment includes a floating trail over the wetland.

Iron Range Higher Education Account: \$630,000

Agency Investment \$630,000

- **Minnesota North College: \$400,000** to support the Iron Range Engineering BELL program which collaborates with private industry and allows students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Minnesota State University Mankato. Since 2009, the program has graduated 290 students and has received worldwide recognition for its innovative engineering education approach.
- **Minnesota North College: \$230,000:** to support the operations of the five foundations that serve the college's students and campuses of Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion. The grant will help purchase donor and scholarship management software, staff professional development.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is funded through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry. The projects approved at today's board meeting support the agency's FY24 spending plan which helps the agency funds projects in business, community and workforce development that retain and create jobs, address customer priorities, leverage investment and improve the quality of life for all residents.



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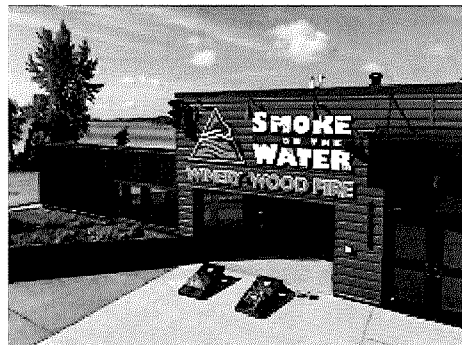
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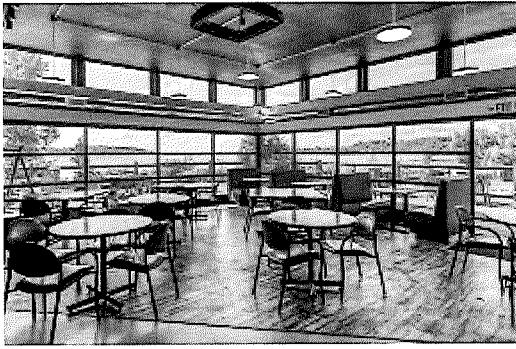
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New production winery in Coleraine uses combination of grants and loans to launch successful opening

Smoke on the Water, a production wine and cider facility located on Trout Lake in Coleraine, opened for business in June. Owner Tia Marie utilized grants and loans from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and her own private investment to transform a vacant firehall into a winery and restaurant with a wood-fire kitchen and specialty bar.

Tia Marie purchased the building from the city of Coleraine which is located five miles east of Grand Rapids. It had been vacant for several years and was in disrepair. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation provided a \$50,470 Commercial Redevelopment grant to the city to help with internal and external demolition of roofing, siding, walls, windows and other components.

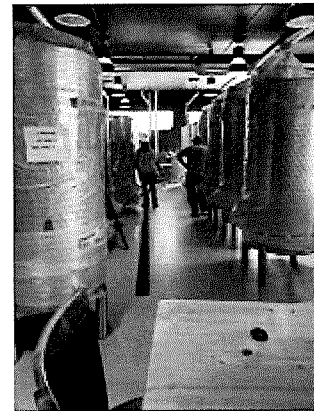




"Smoke on the Water is a tremendous asset to our economy and community," said Coleraine Mayor Tom Nielsen. "We were fortunate that the building was available for a local business entrepreneur to open such a unique place for residents and tourists to enjoy."

Tia Marie was awarded a \$20,000 Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grant to help make the building more energy efficient with new siding, electrical, plumbing and 12-foot waterfront-facing windows. She also secured a \$380,121 business loan to launch her new enterprise. Total project investment was \$1.5 million.

"Several of the grants and the loans offered by our agency are designed to help small business owners expand and improve their buildings and sites, their internal operations and their workforce," said Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Ida Rukavina. "Our Business and Community Development staff is available to answer questions and guide business and cities through potential projects, whether that be a production winery like Smoke on the Water, a storefront on main street or a large manufacturing business in an industrial zone."



Smoke on the Water will produce its own ciders and wines in tanks onsite and using grapes grown in Minnesota and California. Beverage manufacturing has been one of the fastest growing industries in northeastern Minnesota over the last 10 years. Brewery, cidery, winery and distillery employment rebounded quickly from the pandemic and surpassed pre-pandemic levels in under a year. The robust recovery indicates continued consumer demand and growth in an industry that connects to tourism.



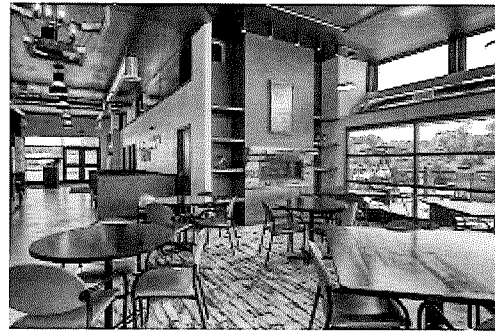
"Smoke on the Water is the only restaurant on Trout Lake, making it a popular choice for boaters and anglers," said Tia Marie. "We can host groups up to 125 people, and a small party room can accommodate 15. An outdoor deck overlooks the lake and provides access to Cotton Beach. Our future plans include an outdoor stage for live music where boaters may dock and listen."

Tia Marie is a retired school teacher of 28 years. In addition to Smoke on the Water, she owns UnWined Up North which is located in Grand Rapids and opened in 2019. UnWined Up North won Star Tribune's Best Wine Bar in Minnesota Award for 2021 and 2022. Smoke on the Water has five full-time and ten part-time employees and is open daily serving pizzas, sandwiches, homemade bread and soups, wine, ciders, beer and cocktails. [Learn more about Smoke on the Water.](#)

Email Scott Sundvall or call him at 218-735-3015 for business loan information.

Email Chris Ismil or call him at 218-735-3010 for more information about Commercial Redevelopment grants.

Email Erik Bennett at Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Association or call him at 218-780-8061 to learn more about BER, a grant program funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered by AEOA.



Beverage industry source: Department of Employment & Economic Development.

Goodland Township renovates community playground



Goodland Township expanded and renovated its existing 25-year-old playground to better serve the community and make it ADA compliant. Outdated and aging equipment was replaced with features that appeal to children of varying age levels and abilities. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$30,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$110,018.

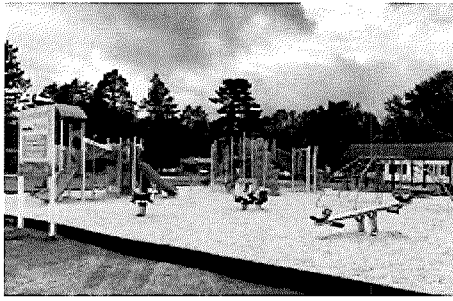
The playground is a popular gathering place for Goodland families and residents who often use it for family picnics and birthday parties. It is located adjacent to a ballfield and community center that serves as a rental venue for private functions such as weddings and funerals. The facility is also utilized as a senior center, community gathering space and election polling site.

"The upgrades created a wonderful park for families and children of all ages," said Sarah Detjen, Goodland Township resident and community volunteer. "It supports the overall quality of life in Goodland and strengthens the township's offerings to our residents."

Goodland Township is located in southeast Itasca County and has twice the geographic area than most townships at 12 miles long and six miles wide.

The enhanced playground and adjacent community center is a focal point of the township that draws from Goodland and the surrounding areas of Warba, Sago and Floodwood Lake.





Project partners included Goodland Township, Blandin Foundation, Nashwauk Area Community Foundation, Itasca County Transportation Economic Development, Essentia Health, Minnesota Power and community volunteers.

[Learn more about Goodland Township.](#)

[Email Danae Beaudette](#) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

Veterans Park in Cook improves accessibility

A 130-by-50-foot paved parking lot was completed at Veterans Riverfront Park in Cook to make the park and veterans flag dedication area handicap accessible. Curbs and much needed drainage were added to the parking area to eliminate flooding that was occurring during heavy rainfalls. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$24,999 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$130,839.

The park features a memorial honoring past, present and future veterans. There are picnic tables, grills, a flag pole, steel swings, benches, landscaping and a fence separating the park from the parking lot. An estimated 500 veterans reside within a 45-mile radius of the park. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1757 is located in Cook, and American Legion Post 480 is in nearby Orr.



Veterans Riverfront Park began development in 2021 on an unoccupied parcel of land on the banks of the Little Fork River at the end of Cook's main street. The project was led by local nonprofit Friends of the Parks with unanimous support from the Cook City Council.



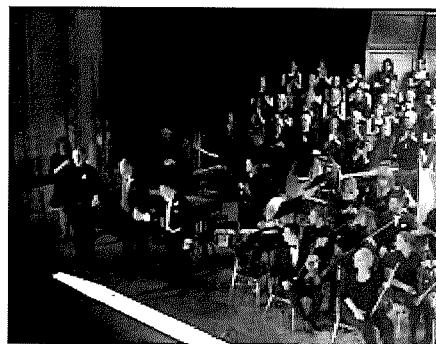
"The park provides an outdoor community space for residents, tourists and area veterans, and the new parking lot provides greater accessibility for all visitors," said Tammy Palmer, Friends of the Parks member. "It has benefited local businesses by drawing traffic into our community. People can share meals, gather with friends, exercise and play outdoors."

Other project partners for the parking lot included St. Louis County, local businesses, construction unions, organizations and private individuals who donated time and money.

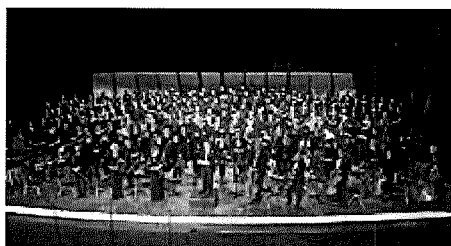
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Iron Rangers bid farewell to historic auditorium

Mesabi Symphony Orchestra hosted a final and farewell concert this past May to honor the decommissioning of the historic Goodman Auditorium in Virginia High School. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$10,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$38,581.



Internationally-known composer and conductor Dr. Rene Clausen, formerly of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, was hired to compose an original symphony score, *The Sleeping Giant*. The concert recognized the people of the Mesabi Iron Range and all that they have done for America. The performance paid tribute to the historic past of the Iron Range including glacial movement, Native American life, discovery of iron ore deposits, immigration, mining, industrialization and a myriad of other significant events.

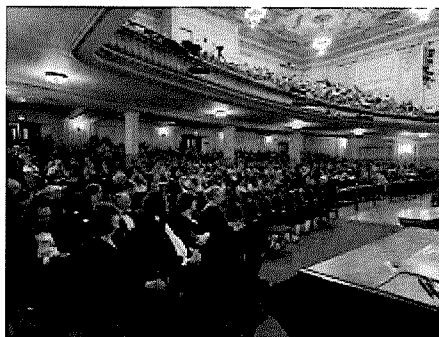


Nearly 850 tickets were sold. A combined total of approximately 230 vocalists, musicians and conductors performed on stage including members of The Choralaires, Range of Voices, The Sectionals, Voices of Reason, Virginia High School Choir, Rock Ridge High School Orchestra, Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and Virginia High School alumni.

"The concert provided a way for the community to celebrate and bid farewell to a premier performance venue which has been used by artists and performing groups for well over a century," said Sheila Wilcox, Rock Ridge Orchestra director. "The support from the community was fantastic, and the evening's music, artistry and historical importance were truly a reflection of what is outstanding about the Iron Range."

Concert project partners included Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, Blandin Foundation, city of Virginia, Cuningham, DSGW Architecture, ReVive Virginia, Rock Ridge School District and Virginia Community Foundation.

Email [Danae Beaudette](mailto:Danae.Beaudette@rockridgeisd.org) or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.



Note: The Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia school districts merged into one new Rock Ridge ISD in 2019 and have collaborated on the construction of a new shared school for grades 7-12 as well as upgrades to their elementary schools. The new high school will open next month and is a Career Academy focused on project-based learning designed to prepare students for both college and careers. Virginia High School and Goodman Auditorium will be demolished in September, just as students of Minnesota's newest school district begin the school year at the state-of-the-art Rock Ridge High School.

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Monthly DP&C Unit Overview

Hi everyone! It is already August-can you even believe it! Down in the Southern Hemisphere, they are just exiting their winter and here in the Northern Hemisphere we are entering the last month of summer--*thankfully* August is one MN month where we have never recorded *SNOW*! We have many things to look forward to in August and there is still time for us up north to enjoy the sun This month we always have those sticky hot & humid days, and the MN State Fair. We are well into those outdoor summer projects, and spending time doing all the activities that make Minnesota a great place to live!

In this edition you will find information on Neighborhood Night Out, Spirit Valley Days, and Unity in our Community (back to school event). These are just a few make sure to check out the calendar! Big thanks to our wonderful community partners! Spotlight shining on our Partner Lake Superior Health Center and on National Immunization month, with our final installment of our ready for school childhood immunization series with the focus on teen vaccines. Remember there are also some fun dates coming up in August are ***Bike to Work Day*** on August 3 and ***Hawaiian Shirt Day*** on August 18.

What's Happening in Disease Prevention and control this month?

Ongoing Projects

DP&C has been busy throughout this past month with continued strategic planning. Our focus this month was on our Public Health Emergency Preparedness section. We are doing very well in moving through our goals and all it takes for our unit to be ready to deploy in times of crisis and emergency throughout the county. Part of this is our enhanced work on communicating with our partners, keeping up our education on best practices, reviewing our plans, and updating our policies and inventories of our materials. Scott and crew do annual maintenance and inventory for our mobile trailers.

Hepatitis C and Syphilis testing and education continues in the county Monday afternoons at Duluth RAAN 12:30-3:30 pm and on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Virginia Government Services Center- Family room in WIC 1-4 pm. We have done tabling at sidewalk days gave out over 150 T-Shirts and have been helping with getting the swag bags done for the HIV campaign- thanks to everyone for your help on that project!

Upcoming Projects

SLC is hosting **Community Connect** with multiple agencies support on November 1 at the ITMEC (Iron Trail Motors Event Center) in Virginia. Community Connect is a **one day, one stop** event that offers a broad range of services **FREE** of charge to everyone. Community Connect offers a number of services for guests: including a hot meal, warrant resolution & driver diversion, hair trims, foot care, insurance sign up and navigation, clothing items, COVID vaccines, Flu Shots, Hep C/Syphilis testing, STI Education, bags with essential resources and supplies, and more.

Contact Carol Haasl HaasLC@stlouiscountymn.gov 218-471-7339 if you are interested in being there to host a table or service, or with any other questions.

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Community Partner Highlight



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St. Louis County Calendar & Partner Collaborations/Events

Neighborhood Night Out Celebrations

August 1 Zeitgeist's
Neighborhood Night Out 5-8 PM

It is our pleasure this month to highlight Lake Superior Community Health Center, (LSCHC). LSCHC is an FQHC private, non-profit health center that is governed by their own patients - which keeps them rooted in the community. Their mission is "Improving Access to Quality Healthcare for All." They identify gaps in access to health care in the community and fill those gaps. [Read the full article...](#)

Lake Superior Community Health Website

Duluth Block Party - August 10!



The 2023 Duluth Block Party is Thursday, August 10 from 5 to 7 pm. Spread the word. This is a fun community event that we put on during National Health Center Week!

Follow us on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LSCommunityHealthCenter>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lsccommunityhealthcenter/>

#lakesuperiorhealthcenter

at the **Freedom Farm Corner** of 6th Ave East and 10th St

August 1 - 4:30 -8 PM Loon Lake Community Center in Palo/White township 3816 Highway 100 Aurora, MN 55705 Sheriff's office and White Township partnering to host a free BBQ & magician, health fair, helicopter landing, K-9 team providing a demonstration, squad cars for, fire dept vehicles, and SLC rescue squad and 911 dispatch will be there.

August 1 4-7 PM Bennett Park 520 E 13th St, Hibbing, MN 55746 St Louis County at this event providing educational resources.

August 1 4-7 Olcott Park 730 N 9th Ave, Virginia, MN 55792-2327

Other August Events

August 2-6 North St Louis County Fair 1010 Discovery Drive Chisholm MN 55719

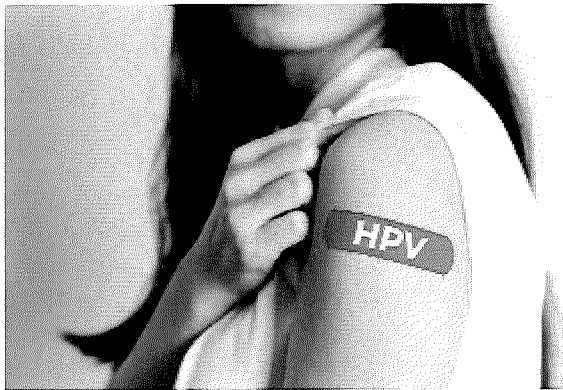
August 3 Health Equity Northland Event Spirit Valley Days Health Event with vaccinations 11am-8pm at Health Equity Northland 312 N Central Ave Duluth MN 55807 [Health Equity Northland Event Flyer](#)

August 10 Lake Superior Community Health Center Block Party 5pm-7 4325 Grand Ave, Duluth, MN 55807

August 21 4-7 p.m. Unity in our Community - Back to School Event Bayfront Park Duluth

August 27 Mino Bimaadizi "Be Well" Community Science & Medicine Fair **8am-2pm** at Park Point Beach House 3125 S Lake Ave, Duluth, MN, 55802 **Mino Bimaadizi Flyer**

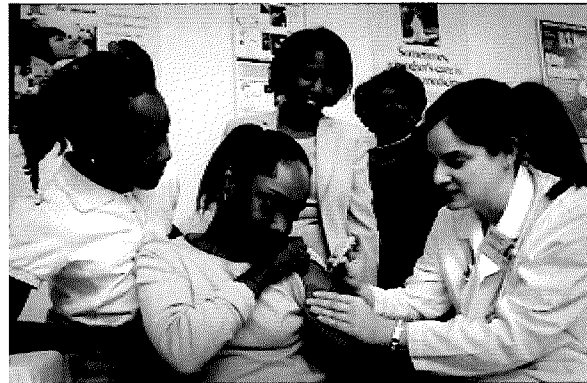
Focus on HPV (Human Papillomavirus)



Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus that is spread through intimate skin-to-skin contact. Most of the time, the body clears the virus. However, people who do not naturally clear the infection may have health problems that develop, including pre-cancers and cancers of the throat and mouth, cervix, vulva, vagina, penis, or anus as well as genital warts.

On-time vaccination of 11 and 12 year-olds prior to HPV exposure is the best way to prevent these cancers and genital warts. Vaccination can be started at age 9 years and those who did not start or finish the vaccine series can be vaccinated through age 26 years.

Vaccination Update- It's Immunization Awareness Month!



Getting Ready for Back to school is a great time to review current immunizations. When a child reaches pre-teen and teen years, there are some extra vaccines recommended.

Meningococcal Disease

What is Meningococcal Disease? Meningococcal disease is a rare, serious illness caused by a bacteria (*Neisseria meningitidis*) it can cause meningitis, which is an infection of the brain and spinal cord, and it can also cause blood infections.

Additionally, some adults aged 27-45 years who are not fully vaccinated can discuss with their health care provider if vaccination makes sense for them.

HPV Info for Teens

HPV Vaccine Info Sheet

COVID-19

CDC now recommends that the updated (bivalent) Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines be used for all doses given to people age 6 months and older.

This will change how many doses some people will be recommended to get to be up to date. The updated recommendations also include options for an additional dose or doses of the bivalent vaccine for certain populations (i.e., 65+ and immunocompromised). The original (monovalent) Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will no longer be used.

How do I know if I or my family are up to date? **Read the answers here** or you can always check your status on the **Docket app**

To read more information on the most recent COVID-19 vaccine guidance, **click here**.

- Up to one out of seven (10-14 percent) of those who get the disease die.
- Of those who survive, up to one out of five have permanent disabilities, such as deafness, brain damage, loss of limbs, or seizures

Meningococcal Disease Facts (MDH)

Meningococcal Vaccine Information for teens and preteens

Meningococcal Vaccine Info Sheet (VIS)

School Ready Resources for Parents:

Easy to Read Resource on **When your child needs vaccines**.

Fillable Tracking Chart for Vaccines

Vaccines for teens and pre-teens

Sites to get your vaccine data:

For Providers: **MIIC**, Minnesota's immunization information system, combines all immunizations a person has received into a single record, even if they were given by different health care providers in Minnesota.

For Anyone: who has a MIIC record can use the **Docket app** to access their record, including their COVID-19 vaccination. The app provides a PDF document of the immunization record that can be saved to your

mobile device, printed, emailed, or
texted as needed. Click the above
link to download the docket app.

Environmental Health

Air Quality- What's the AQI? How this affects my family's health



The U.S. AQI is EPA's index for reporting air quality. Think of the AQI as a yardstick that runs from 0 to 500. The higher the AQI value, the greater the level of air pollution and the greater the health concern. For example, an AQI value of 50 or below represents good air quality, while an AQI value over 300 represents hazardous air quality. [Read the full article](#)

[Air quality and health](#)

[Common-Air-Pollutants](#)

[Asthma](#)

[Asthma Triggers \(MDH\)](#)

[Avoiding-and-Controlling- Asthma Triggers in your home](#)

Asthma Program at SLC -Kelly
Bruels PHN 218- 725-5212 or
BruelsK@stlouiscountymn.gov

Lead



Lead is a poisonous metal that can cause long-term health and behavioral problems. The main way people come in contact with lead in Minnesota is through lead-based paint in homes built before 1978. There are also many other ways to come in contact with lead, including through drinking water. The two largest sources of lead in drinking water are lead in pipes that connect homes with city water called lead service lines and lead in household plumbing. [Read More](#)

[Lead in Well Water Systems](#)

[Should my Child get Tested for Lead?](#)

[Lead Awareness](#)

[Common Sources of Lead](#)

[Well Water and Your Baby](#)

Heat and Your Health



Extreme heat is defined as summertime temperatures that are much hotter and/or humid than average. Because some places are hotter than others, this depends on what's considered average for a particular location at that time of year. Humid and muggy conditions can make it seem hotter than it really is. [Read the Full article](#)

[Heat Tips](#)

[Signs and Symptoms that Signal Heat Related Illness](#)

Summertime in Minnesota: When in doubt, best keep out!

When temperatures climb and the summer sun beats down, conditions are ripe for Minnesota lakes to produce blue-green algal

[Asthma Home Visiting Referral Form](#)

[Childhood Lead Exposure](#)

[MDH Lead Resources](#)

blooms, some of which can be harmful to pets and people. These Blue-green algae prefer warm, calm, sunny weather and water temperatures higher than 75 °F. Blooms usually occur during summer and early fall, but can occur other times of the year, if conditions are right.

Read More Info on [Harmful Algal Blooms](#)

FAQs

Who do I reach out to for more info on Infectious Diseases or STI's?

- [Click for PH Contacts](#)
- Asthma and Perinatal Hep B - Kelly Bruels PHN 218- 725-5212 BruelsK@stlouiscountymn.gov

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August 16, 2023



Welcome to the St. Louis County Community Development newsletter. You are receiving this message because you signed up for planning updates with the St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department. This resource will keep you updated with information about Community Development.

2024 Community Development Block Grant Open House and Public Hearing

The St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department is hosting an Open House and Public Hearing at the following locations:

Proctor City Hall/Community Center

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, 1-3 p.m.

100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN 55810

Mountain Iron Community Center

Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, 1-3 p.m.

8586 Enterprise Drive South

Mountain Iron, MN 55768

The agenda will be the same at both and includes an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022 accomplishments, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. This will also launch the 2024 CDBG program funding cycle.

The public is encouraged to attend and provide input from St. Louis County's overall Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2024 Action Plan, which includes the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The 2024 Action Plan will propose projects for funding to address housing, community development, and resident needs.

During 2022, St. Louis County distributed \$1.9 million in federal grant money to communities and non-profit organizations in St. Louis County outside the City of Duluth. The City of Duluth receives separate funding. Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG funds helped cover costs for renovations at the Chisholm, Cook, and Eveleth HRA's; site acquisition for North SLC Habitat for Humanity; accessibility improvements to the Buhl/Kinney

Contact Us

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SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

July was a very busy month for our department. Summer is in full swing. The 4th of July weekend was steady with just over 50 calls. Hoodoo Point Campground's campers were victims of a string of thefts over the holiday. Campers who left their vehicles unlocked woke up to find numerous items stolen. We are working with the Duluth Police Department on this case. This is an active investigation so I am unable comment further. I can confirm some items were recovered and returned to the victims. We are still working on identifying the suspect(s). Once again, a reminder to be aware of spam calls and fraud callers.

As you can tell by the numbers, our department increased speed enforcement this month. Speeding in Soudan and Tower has been a major complaint by our residents. July is also a Minnesota statewide enforcement month, as other departments also increase their speed awareness and enforcement. I also completed two state-funded TZD shifts in our area in this month. Excessive speed can kill, please be safe.

I attended G.R.E.A.T. Training in Louisville, Kentucky from July 10-14th. It was a fantastic opportunity to network and get to know other officers from across the country. I was the only officer attending from Minnesota. The Great Program is a federally funded recognized program geared towards our youth. Key life lessons of the program include anti-bullying, conflict resolution, communication, and ways to say no to peer pressure. I previously taught this program when I worked for the Warroad Police Department, the students really enjoyed it. Statistics and my personal experience will explain to you that this program works. The program will be taught at the Vermilion Country School. I may teach the program at other area schools as well, more updates to come.

As a reminder with a bit of notice, we will be hosting our 2nd annual Tacos with Cops on October 7th. It will be held at the Breitung Township building. We hope you can attend. The plan is to be bigger and better than last year. Come have some food and visit with your local Breitung Officers.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, it sure has gone fast. Please stay safe and watch your speeds. For more information on current events and such please go to our website at <https://www.breitungtownship.org/departments/police/>. For more information on the G.R.E.A.T Program please visit their website at: <https://www.great-online.org/>.



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July 2023 Monthly Report

Calls for Service (ICRs) 204

Citations: 18

- 1 adult male arrested and cited for Domestic Assault
- 1 adult male cited for Driving After Revocation (DAR)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (57/30)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (81/60)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (75/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (76/60)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (83/60)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (75/60)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (78/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (82/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (67/50)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (77/50)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (86/60)
- 1 adult female cited for Speed (78/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (82/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (79/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (80/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (78/60)

Arrests: 1

- 1 adult male arrested for Domestic Assault

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

July Fire Dept Report

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 7/12/2023.

This month's training consisted of fit testing our new replacement MSA SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.) The training was conducted by a representative of the MSA Company.

For the month of July, we assisted and participated with the annual 4th of July Breitung Picnic by displaying our fire apparatus and serving food and popcorn. We also participated in the Tower Parade with two of our fire trucks.

We received four calls for service which consisted of a funeral escort for a fallen Morse Lake firefighter, a report of a structure fire on the Lake Vermilion Reservation, which we were cancelled before arrival, a motor vehicle accident on the Lake Vermilion Reservation which we were called off before arrival and a fire alarm at the Lake Vermilion State Park Mine which turned out to be smoke alarm in the office area.

Road and Bridge Report

July 2023 Report

Baseball Season has wrapped up

Usual mowing and trimming

Water Line maintenance at McKinley Park

Brushing and Trimming trees

Maintenance on gravel roads

Blacktop Patching

Rear Grader tires replaced

Warranty work done on dump truck

Hockey Boards-Repair and Replacement

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

clerk@breitungtownship.org

From: Mark Lindhorst <LindhorstM@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 9:22 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: FW: Vermilion Park Inn LLC-CUP 30 Center St

Dianna,

There is a Conditional use permit (49574) on file for a lodging facility and office space for the property currently listed as Vermilion Park Inn LLC. If they are operating a lodging facility, they comply with the CUP.

We are aware of a proposed request for a treatment facility which is not allowed under the existing conditional use permit. The applicant has been contacted and informed that a new conditional use application will need to be submitted for review by the St. Louis County Planning Commission. To date we have not received an application.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

From: Donald Rigney <RigneyD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 8:23 AM
To: Mark Lindhorst <LindhorstM@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Subject: FW: Vermilion Park Inn LLC-CUP 30 Center St

Give me a call when you get a chance.

Thanks,

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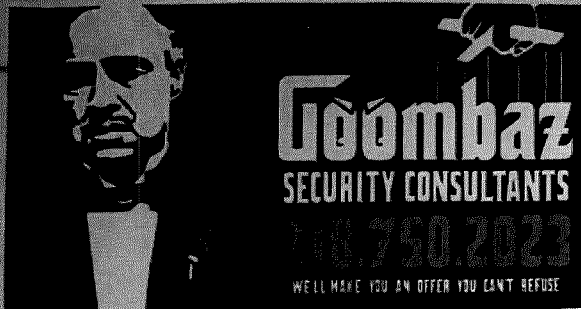
From: clerk@breitungtownship.org <clerk@breitungtownship.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Donald Rigney <RigneyD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Cc: 'Chairman' <chairman@breitungtownship.org>; breitung@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Vermilion Park Inn LLC-CUP 30 Center St

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Dear Donald-

It has come to the Breitung Township Boards attention that the Vermilion Park Inn never applied for and is operating without a conditional use permit and the Board has asked me to bring it to your attention. Thank you.

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782
218-753-6020



Page # 1 of 1 pages

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: BREITUNG P1	JOB NAME: DAN	JOB #: 1047
ADDRESS: 41 15th AVE	JOB LOCATION: Soudan	DATE OF PLANS: SAME
Soudan, MN. 55782	DATE: 4/12/2023	
PHONE: (218) 753-6660	FAX: (218) 753-2407	ARCHITECT: X

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

COMPLETE INSTALL OF:**8 CHANNEL ProVue 4K Ultra HD NVR
8TB Memory****1 - ProVue 4K P120 Bullet Camera****4 - ProVue 4K ADC Porch Camera****PRICE INCLUDES ALL EQUIPMENT, WIRING, CABLES
& PROGRAMMING.***** FREE 5 YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY***** USA OWNED & OPERATED COMPANY***** NDAA COMPLIANT (APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT INSTALLS)***** FREE LIFETIME SUPPORT**

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of:

\$4,750

Dollars

with payments to be made as follows: **Upon Signature**

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.

Respectfully
submitted**Ch 2 Hani**Note - this proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within **14** days.**Acceptance of Proposal**

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.

Signature

Ch 2 Hani

Date of Acceptance

Signature



Page 2 of 2 pages

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: BREITUNG PA	JOB NAME: DAN	JOB #: 1047
ADDRESS: 41 1st AVE	JOB LOCATION: Soudan	
Soudan, MN 55782	DATE: 5/22/2023	DATE OF PLANS: 5/22/2023
PHONE: (218) 753-6660	FAX: 	ARCHITECT: X

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

ADD TO PROPOSAL OF 4/12/2023

**3 - PROVue P120 Bullet Cams
FOR COVERAGE OF BACK CORNERS
OF BUILDING & COVERAGE OF SW
CORNER OF BUILDING**

**PRICE INCLUDES ALL EQUIPMENT, WIRING, CABLES
& PROGRAMMING.**

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of:

\$ **7,150** Dollars

with payments to be made as follows: **Upon Signature**

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.

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Signature

Date of Acceptance

Signature

Form 07 Project Costs: Sources and Uses

Whenever this form is updated, please complete the date and source.
A revised version must be submitted after as-bid costs are known.

Sources:

Requested MPFA Financing:

SRF Loan *estimated rate:* *term (max 20 yrs unless MPFA ok):*

WIF or Principal Forgiveness Grant *avg annl gallons system use:*

PSIG Grant

Special (Legislative) Appropriation

Local Contributions:

Debt Issuance (non-MPFA)

General Fund

Proprietary Fund

County - Community Dvlp Block Grant Program

Local-other

State (non-MPFA) financing:

Employment & Economic Dev-Small Cities Dvlp Program Grant

Employment & Economic Dev-Business Dev Public Infra. Grant

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board Grant

State-Other

Federal financing:

USDA-Office of Rural Development Grant

USDA-Office of Rural Development Loan

Federal-other

Total Project Cost Sources:

Uses:

Non-Construction Costs:

Planning

Design

Inspection/Other Engineering

Develop Asset Mgmt Program

Attorney/Financing Related Fees

Land

Construction Costs:

Treatment Facilities

CW Sewer collection rehab

CW New Collector Sewers

CW New Interceptors

DW transmission/distribution

DW wells / water intake

DW storage

Service Connections (check with your MPFA loan officer regarding eligibility)

Storm Sewer rehab

Other

Contingencies (5% of construction):

Total Project Cost Uses:

Date updated:

Source of Costs:

current estimate

Within the MPFA Project Scope (CW or DW)	Outside the MPFA Project Scope (streets, storm...)	Total Project
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768,000		768,000
1,082,000		1,082,000
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3,750,000		3,750,000
5,600,000	-	5,600,000

Within the MPFA Project Scope (CW or DW)	Outside the MPFA Project Scope (streets, storm...)	Total Project
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280,000		280,000
375,000		375,000
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60,000		60,000
		-

4,650,000		4,650,000
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232,500	-	232,500
5,597,500	-	5,597,500

clerk@breitungtownship.org

From: Sarah Hansen <shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 11:10 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Cc: Mary Larson; chairman@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Truck Night - Tuesday Sept 26 inquiry

Hello Breitung Township

The school year will begin soon and the Tower-Soudan Early Childhood program is hoping to have a Big Truck Night again this fall. We had a fabulous night last year and we thank you for bringing vehicles and grilling for the event. We are wondering if the Township Board would be interested in a picnic and truck night later this September.

If you are interested, we would love to set a date to get information out to families and reserve the park. Last year it took place on a Tuesday during our Book Fair week. We are wondering if **Tuesday September 26th** could work for our event this year from **4:00-6:00 pm**.

Please let us know if this project is a possibility for this fall. Once it is confirmed then we can do some further planning. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sarah Hansen & Mary Larson

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Sarah Hansen
Parent & Family Educator
Early Childhood Family Education
Northeast Range School & Tower-Soudan School, ISD 2142
shansen@isd2142.k12.mn.us

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND BREITUNG TOWNSHIP
CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM VOTER
ACCOUNT**

This agreement is entered into by and between St. Louis County (the “County”) and Breitung Township (the “City or Town”).

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 5.305 (the “Statute”) was enacted in 2023.

WHEREAS, under the Statute, the County receives an annual distribution of funds from the State of Minnesota’s Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources Account (also known as the VOTER Account).

WHEREAS, under the Statute, the funds must be allocated among the County and local units of government within the County.

WHEREAS, under the Statute, if the County and local units of government within the County do not agree on a distribution plan for allocating funds, the County must allocate funds according to a formula set forth in subdivision 4(a) of the Statute.

WHEREAS, the County and the City or Town have reached agreement on a distribution plan for allocating funds that would otherwise be allocated to the City or Town according to the formula set forth in subdivision 4(a) of the Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the City or Town agree as follows:

1. The County shall retain all funds that would otherwise be allocated to the City or Town according to the formula set forth in subdivision 4(a) of the Statute.
2. This agreement applies to the distribution of funds received by the County in 2023 and all subsequent years, unless the agreement is terminated pursuant to the next section.
3. A party may terminate this agreement by providing to the other party written notice of termination at least sixty days before July 20 of any year, with the termination taking effect on July 20 of that year. Termination will not affect any pre-termination allocation of funds, and under no circumstances will the City or Town have any right to recover any funds retained by the County before the termination takes effect.
4. The parties represent that they have read and understand this agreement, that they have had the opportunity to review and discuss this agreement with their respective counsel, and that they intend to be bound by the terms of this agreement.
5. This agreement is the final expression of the parties and the complete and exclusive statement of the agreed-upon terms. It shall supersede all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements concerning the matters addressed herein. There are no representations, warranties, or stipulations, oral or written, not contained herein.

6. No alteration, variation, modification, waiver, or amendment of the provisions of this agreement shall be valid unless it has been reduced to writing and signed by authorized representatives of the County and the City or Town.

7. Each person executing this agreement on behalf of a party represents that the person is authorized to do so.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Nancy Nilsen
St. Louis County Auditor

Dated: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION:

Nick D. Campanario
Assistant County Attorney – Civil Division Head

Dated: _____

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____



Saint Louis County

County Auditor-Treasurer - 100 North 5th Avenue West, Room 214 - Duluth, MN 55802-1293
Phone: (218) 726-2380 Phone – Virginia: (218) 749-7104 Fax: (218) 725-5060

Nancy J. Nilsen
St. Louis County Auditor-Treasurer

August 21, 2023

To: Township of Breitung

Subject: **Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account**

In 2023, legislation was passed to establish a Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources (Voter Account) that provides a dedicated funding stream for elections administration. The funds are distributed to the county on an annual basis and the county is responsible for disbursing the funds to cities / townships.

The \$1.25 million fund was allocated to counties according to the following formula: 20% of the fund was allocated equally to all 87 counties and 80% of the fund was allocated based on the proportion of registered voters. The total amount allocated to St. Louis County is \$39,362.83.

Based on the default allocation formula, the allocation amount for the Township of Breitung is \$30.96. The county is required to work with its local units of government to determine how the funds will be allocated within the county.

Since the county currently administers absentee balloting for the township and does not bill related costs back to the township, we are asking that you allow St. Louis County to retain the Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account Funds allocated to your township.

If your township agrees to allow the county to retain the allocation, please complete the attached agreement and return it to our office. If not, please email our office at elections@stlouiscountymn.gov to inform us that you would like to receive your allocation.

If you have any questions, please call me at 218-726-2445.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor-Treasurer

By:
Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Elections Manager

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St. Louis County VOTER Account Allocations
Fiscal Year (July 1, 203 - June 30, 2024)

Total Allocation \$39,362.83
St. Louis County Allocation \$22,358.62

City/Township	Allocation	City/Township	Allocation	City/Township	Allocation
ALANGO TWP.	\$12.94	FRENCH TWP.	\$34.59	SOLWAY TWP.	\$105.60
ALBORN TWP.	\$24.07	GILBERT	\$174.56	STONE BROOK TWP.	\$15.29
ALDEN TWP.	\$10.22	GNESEN TWP.	\$101.51	STURGEON TWP.	\$8.10
ANGORA TWP.	\$12.41	GRAND LAKE TWP.	\$145.72	TOIVOLA TWP.	\$10.29
ARROWHEAD TWP.	\$10.67	GREAT SCOTT TWP	\$22.41	TOWER	\$42.84
AULT TWP.	\$7.87	GREENWOOD TWP.	\$60.33	UNORG. PRCT. 1	\$3.71
AURORA	\$163.51	HALDEN TWP.	\$7.34	UNORG. PRCT. 10	\$0.30
BABBITT	\$150.94	HERMANTOWN	\$956.21	UNORG. PRCT. 11	\$5.30
BALKAN TWP.	\$45.34	HIBBING	\$1,467.48	UNORG. PRCT. 12	\$1.06
BASSETT TWP.	\$2.42	HOYT LAKES	\$202.57	UNORG. PRCT. 13	\$12.41
BEATTY TWP.	\$26.57	INDUSTRIAL TWP.	\$39.67	UNORG. PRCT. 14	\$41.26
BIWABIK CTY.	\$97.04	IRON JUNCTION	\$5.98	UNORG. PRCT. 15	\$52.61
BIWABIK TWP.	\$47.54	KABETOGAMA TWP	\$8.71	UNORG. PRCT. 16	\$8.25
BREITUNG TWP.	\$30.96	KELSEY TWP.	\$7.49	UNORG. PRCT. 17	\$13.40
BREVATOR TWP.	\$55.64	KINNEY	\$5.83	UNORG. PRCT. 18	\$5.07
BROOKSTON	\$3.86	KUGLER TWP.	\$8.93	UNORG. PRCT. 19	\$8.33
BUHL	\$89.78	LAKEWOOD TWP.	\$123.54	UNORG. PRCT. 2	\$22.79
CAMP 5 TWP.	\$1.82	LAVELL TWP.	\$15.44	UNORG. PRCT. 20	\$0.53
CANOSIA TWP.	\$125.20	LEIDING TWP.	\$19.53	UNORG. PRCT. 21	\$9.24
CEDAR VALLEY TWP.	\$10.29	LEONIDAS	\$2.65	UNORG. PRCT. 22	\$0.38
CHERRY TWP.	\$42.47	LINDEN GROVE TWP.	\$5.90	UNORG. PRCT. 23	\$2.95
CHISHOLM	\$409.83	MCDAVITT TWP.	\$22.94	UNORG. PRCT. 24	\$4.69
CLINTON TWP.	\$50.41	MCKINLEY	\$4.84	UNORG. PRCT. 3	\$5.15
COLVIN TWP.	\$16.43	MEADOWLANDS CTY	\$4.92	UNORG. PRCT. 4	\$15.22
COOK	\$49.96	MEADOWLANDS TWP	\$14.76	UNORG. PRCT. 5	\$17.33
COTTON TWP.	\$27.78	MIDWAY TWP.	\$78.73	UNORG. PRCT. 6	\$0.15
CRANE LAKE TWP.	\$8.10	MORCOM TWP.	\$5.15	UNORG. PRCT. 7	\$13.32
CULVER TWP.	\$12.49	MORSE TWP.	\$76.23	UNORG. PRCT. 8	\$2.50
DULUTH CTY	\$8,246.21	MOUNTAIN IRON	\$293.25	UNORG. PRCT. 9	\$26.04
DULUTH TWP.	\$112.56	NESS TWP.	\$3.33	VAN BUREN TWP.	\$8.55
EAGLE'S NEST TWP.	\$16.05	NEW INDEPENDENCE T	\$16.73	VERMILION LAKE TWP.	\$15.97
ELLSBURG TWP.	\$12.79	NORMANNA TWP.	\$42.16	VIRGINIA	\$740.93
ELMER TWP.	\$7.04	NORTH STAR TWP.	\$13.32	WAASA TWP.	\$12.26
ELY	\$340.79	NORTHLAND TWP.	\$9.54	WHITE TWP.	\$156.69
EMBARRASS TWP.	\$32.78	ORR	\$11.51	WILLOW VALLEY TWP.	\$6.21
EVELETH	\$320.96	OWENS TWP.	\$12.19	WINTON	\$8.63
FAIRBANKS TWP.	\$5.00	PEQUAYWAN TWP	\$11.20	WUORI TWP.	\$29.98
FAYAL TWP.	\$110.90	PIKE TWP.	\$22.79		
FIELD TWP.	\$20.06	PORTAGE TWP.	\$9.46		
FINE LAKES TWP.	\$7.19	PRAIRIE LAKE TWP	\$2.57		
FLOODWOOD CTY	\$23.39	PROCTOR	\$155.03		
FLOODWOOD TWP	\$12.94	RICE LAKE	\$423.45		
FREDENBERG TWP.	\$85.99	SANDY TWP.	\$19.15		

Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

In accordance with the requirements of
Minnesota Statutes section 5.305

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Section A. VOTER Account Overview

Summary: On July 20, the Office of the Secretary of State completed the electronic transfer of \$1.25 million in electronic payments to counties for the Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account. Allocations by county are included in Section B.

What is the VOTER Account?

The VOTER Account is a dedicated stream of state funding for county and municipal election administration. Funds were approved in 2023 Session Laws, Chapter 62 (Article 1, Section 43 and Article 4, Section 6). \$1.25 million will be allocated to counties according to the formula listed below. These funds will be allocated by July 20 each year, starting this year, until the law is amended by the legislature.

How were the total amounts determined for each county?

- 20 percent is allocated equally to all 87 counties
- 80 percent is allocated based on proportion of registered voters (using May 1, 2022 numbers)

What do counties need to do once the funds are received?

Upon receipt of funds, each county must segregate the funds in a county election funding account. The money in the account remains in the account until it is spent for any of the authorized purposes.

Do counties need work with cities/townships to determine how the funds will be allocated within the county?

Yes. The county and the local units of government located within the county may devise their own agreement/formula for distributing the funds.

If the county and a local unit of government do not agree on a distribution plan, the county must allocate the funds to that unit of local government as follows:

- 50 percent is retained by the county;
- 25 percent is allocated to each local unit of government responsible for administering absentee voting or mail voting in proportion to that unit of government's share of the county's registered voters on May 1 for the most recent statewide general election; and
- 25 percent is allocated to cities and townships in proportion to each city and township's share of registered voters in the county on May 1 for the most recent statewide general election

If an agreement is reached between the county and *some* cities/townships, but not *all*, then those cities/townships with whom an agreement is not reached must receive the default allocation.

We have included an example in Section C.

When do counties need to allocate funding to municipalities/townships?

Counties must distribute funds to cities and townships by December 31 of each year. If an agreement is reached where funds are not allocated to some municipalities/townships, then this deadline would not apply for those jurisdictions.

If a local unit of government administers absentee or mail voting for state elections, would they also receive the additional 25 percent allocation in the odd year?

Yes. This 25 percent allocation applies every year, even if there is not an election in the jurisdiction for that year.

If a local unit of government only administers AB/MB for their elections in the odd year, but not for state elections in the even year, they would not be entitled to the 25 percent allocation.

It is the position of the OSS that the determination of whether a local unit of government is entitled to the 25 percent allocation should be made at the time that the funds are distributed by the county.

What can the VOTER Account funds be used for?

The funds can be used for any purpose that is directly related to election administration. The enabling legislation included the following categories:

1. equipment;
2. hardware or software;
3. cybersecurity;
4. security-related infrastructure;
5. capital improvements to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities;
6. staff costs for election administrators, election judges, and other election officials;
7. printing and publication;
8. postage;
9. programming;
10. local match for state or federal funds; and
11. any other purpose directly related to election administration.

What are the reporting requirements?

*Reporting requirements take effect starting in December 2024. Those first reports will cover the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024).

- By December 15 of each year, municipalities must report to the counties how their money was spent.
- By December 31 of each year, the county will report to the OSS how they and their underlying municipalities spent the funds.
- By January 31 of each year, the OSS must compile the reports from the county and submit a summary report to the legislature that identifies expenditures by county, city, and town and the purposes of each expenditure.
- Funds remain in the county and/or city/township account until they are expended.

The OSS is establishing a process for reporting on VOTER funds expenditures that will be in place well ahead of the December 2024 reporting deadlines. In the meantime, counties and municipalities

must maintain an itemized description of how their funds are being spent according to the general expenditure categories outlined above. Receipts and invoices should also be maintained.

Section B. VOTER Account Allocations by County

County	Total County Allocation
Grand Total	\$1,250,000.00
Aitkin	\$6,027.81
Anoka	\$67,239.04
Becker	\$8,986.40
Beltrami	\$10,629.08
Benton	\$9,854.34
Big Stone	\$3,761.13
Blue Earth	\$13,859.40
Brown	\$7,442.54
Carlton	\$9,158.19
Carver	\$23,139.96
Cass	\$8,862.89
Chippewa	\$4,899.10
Chisago	\$13,480.17
Clay	\$12,911.18
Clearwater	\$4,321.42
Cook	\$4,045.77
Cottonwood	\$4,722.82
Crow Wing	\$15,600.59
Dakota	\$82,028.38
Dodge	\$6,577.70
Douglas	\$10,434.27
Faribault	\$5,279.17
Fillmore	\$6,610.54
Freeborn	\$8,104.72
Goodhue	\$11,662.34
Grant	\$3,987.95
Hennepin	\$229,237.64
Houston	\$6,357.91
Hubbard	\$6,948.79
Isanti	\$10,427.25
Itasca	\$11,184.03
Jackson	\$4,624.86
Kanabec	\$5,739.52
Kandiyohi	\$10,136.17
Kittson	\$3,656.44
Koochiching	\$4,983.31

Lac qui Parle	\$4,085.91
Lake	\$4,998.75
Lake of the Woods	\$3,649.14
Le Sueur	\$8,110.33
Lincoln	\$3,845.07
Lyon	\$6,934.47
McLeod	\$9,299.10
Mahnomen	\$3,677.20
Marshall	\$4,450.82
Martin	\$6,217.85
Meeker	\$7,013.63
Mille Lacs	\$7,458.26
Morrison	\$8,928.58
Mower	\$9,008.58
Murray	\$4,360.16
Nicollet	\$8,689.14
Nobles	\$5,623.60
Norman	\$3,925.35
Olmsted	\$31,118.90
Otter Tail	\$13,950.62
Pennington	\$5,087.74
Pine	\$7,827.95
Pipestone	\$4,368.86
Polk	\$7,655.60
Pope	\$4,975.46
Ramsey	\$92,584.73
Red Lake	\$3,538.82
Redwood	\$5,405.21
Renville	\$5,372.93
Rice	\$13,775.75
Rock	\$4,442.40
Roseau	\$5,468.37
Saint Louis	\$39,362.83
Scott	\$29,698.55
Sherburne	\$20,442.68
Sibley	\$5,534.34
Stearns	\$29,148.66
Steele	\$9,264.31
Stevens	\$4,341.35

Swift	\$4,440.44
Todd	\$6,924.09
Traverse	\$3,432.15
Wabasha	\$6,903.03
Wadena	\$5,203.67
Waseca	\$5,987.95

Washington	\$53,793.99
Watsonwan	\$4,444.37
Wilkin	\$3,926.75
Winona	\$10,984.45
Wright	\$28,866.27
Yellow Medicine	\$4,528.02

Section C. Example Allocation According to the Default Formula with Partial Agreement

County has 20,000 registered voters and receives a VOTER Account allocation of \$10,000.

	# of Registered Voters	Administers AB	Reached agreement with county?
City A	8,000	Yes	No
City B	5,000	No	Yes
Township A	4,000	No	No
Township B	3,000	No	Yes

- The county reaches an agreement with City B and Township B where those two jurisdictions will not receive any funding and their portion of the VOTER funds will remain with the county.
- The county cannot reach an agreement with City A and Township A. Their VOTER funds must be determined by the default formula.

Therefore, the \$10,000 would be allocated as follows:

	County	City A	City B	Township A	Township B
50% percent to county	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25% to all municipalities / townships, in proportion to share of registered voters in the county.	\$625 (from City B) + \$375 (from Township B) = \$1,000	$\$2,500 \times .4 =$ \$1000	$\$2,500 \times .25 =$ \$625	$\$2,500 \times .2 =$ \$500	$\$2,500 \times .15 =$ \$375
25% to county/ city/ township responsible for administering AB, in proportion to share of registered voters in the county.	$12,000/20,000 = 60$ percent $.6 \times \$2,500 =$ \$1,500	$8,000/20,000 = 40$ percent $.4 \times \$2,500 =$ \$1,000			
Total allocation	\$7,500	\$2,000		\$500	

From: Christine Clark <ClarkC2@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:45 AM
To: Christine Clark
Subject: 2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funding Opportunity

Greetings to St. Louis County Township Officials:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation – State Aid Division has provided a notice of funding opportunity for the 2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). You can visit the LRIP webpage at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip.html>. LRIP is established through Minnesota Statutes 174.52. There is \$102.967 million in funding available for the 2023 LRIP solicitation. Projects should be ready to be constructed between 2024 and 2026. The following is a summary of LRIP including opportunities to learn more through upcoming webinars.

Key Dates...

- Solicitation opens Tuesday, September 12, 2023
- Applications are due Friday, December 8, 2023
- LRIP Advisory Committee meets to review/recommend applications on March 14, 2024
- Awards are anticipated to be announced March 29, 2024

Eligible LRIP applicants include...

- Counties
- Cities
- Townships
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

Types of eligible LRIP projects...

- New construction
- Reconstruction
- Reconditioning

Funding accounts included in LRIP...

1. Trunk Highway Corridor
 - a. Purpose: Provides funding for local agency costs associated with a state trunk highway project.
 - b. Eligible Roads: All local roads, including township roads.
2. Routes of Regional Significance
 - a. Purpose: Supports economic development, capacity or congestion relief, provide connections to interregional corridors and other highways, and eliminate hazards.
 - b. Eligible Roads: County roads, city streets and township roads.
3. Rural Road Safety
 - a. Purpose: Reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.
 - b. Eligible Roads: County State Aid Highways only. Township roads are not eligible.

In summary, townships are eligible to apply for funding under the Trunk Highway Corridor and Routes of Regional Significance accounts.

County Sponsorship Requirement

Townships must obtain sponsorship of their project by St. Louis County prior to submitting their LRIP application. This requires townships to obtain a county board resolution from the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners. LRIP applications submitted without this sponsorship will not be considered by State Aid. St. Louis County would act as the fiscal agent for awarded township projects and project costs would flow through St. Louis County. ***To ensure you obtain the county board resolution prior to the application deadline, you must submit a request to St. Louis County for sponsorship by Wednesday, November 1, 2023.*** If you have questions about a proposed project, you can reach out to the following staff at St. Louis County...

- For projects located south of Cotton, contact Steve Krasaway by email at KrasawayS@StLouisCountyMN.gov or by phone at 218-625-3841.
- For projects located north of Cotton, contact Eric Fallstrom by email at FallStromE@StLouisCountyMN.gov or by phone at 218-742-9821.

Engineers Cost Estimate

LRIP applications must include an engineer's cost estimate. This cost estimate should be prepared by an engineer. Townships are encouraged to contact a local engineering consultant to prepare this cost estimate. St. Louis County is not able to prepare cost estimates for townships. Preparing a cost estimate takes time. Therefore, if your township is considering applying for LRIP, you should begin this work ASAP so the cost estimate is completed by the end of November.

Maximum Funding Request

The maximum funding request is \$1.5 million per project. A local match is not required. For an awarded township project, the township would be responsible to pay up-front project costs and then they would receive reimbursement of costs after a reimbursement request is submitted and approved by State Aid.

Where to apply?

LRIP funding applications will be submitted through an online web form that will be accessed by the LRIP webpage at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip.html>.

Informational Webinars

State Aid will be hosting the following webinars to learn more about LRIP. You can also access these webinars on the LRIP webpage.

Thursday, August 24 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

[Click here to join the meeting](#) | Meeting ID: 210 877 592 518 | Passcode: YpH7om

Wednesday, September 6 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#) | Meeting ID: 232 290 087 032 | Passcode: PYGUrL

Thank you for your consideration and have a great day!

Vic

Victor Lund, PE, PTOE | Traffic Engineer

St. Louis County Public Works Department

4787 Midway Rd | Duluth, MN 55811

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

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FAX: (218) 753-2407

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SOUDAN MN 55782

DANIEL REING
CHIEF OF POLICE

Use of Deadly Force by the Chief of Police Policy

It shall be the policy of this department that the Chief of Police shall designate an acting administrator in the event he/she is involved in a deadly force incident. The chief would be on administrative leave which is standard for such events. The appointed administrator would be an officer currently employed on the Breitung Police Department. The designated officer would be in the position until the Chief of Police is back on active duty. The Township Board shall be aware of the designee as appointed by the Chief.

Daniel Reing
Chief of Police
Breitung Police Department

Passed and Adopted by the Board on this 24th day of August, 2023.

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

FOR:
AGAINST:

By: Timothy Tomsich
Its Chair

ATTEST: _____
By: Dianna Sundahl
Its Township Clerk



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Ballistic Vest Policy

In accordance with this policy, all Breitung Officers shall be equipped with a ballistic duty vest. All Breitung Officers shall wear their ballistic vests during the commission of their duties. Duties include but are not limited to: responding to calls for service, court proceedings, patrol duties, and public appearances and events. Officers can remove their vests in the office if there are no suspects(s) present and in custody at the police department. It is the discretion of the Officer to wear the vest while on water patrol (while there are no suspects present), however the vest needs to be readily available. It is the responsibility of the Chief and Township that everyone has a ballistic vest provided to them to ensure compliance. It is the officers' responsibility to notify the Chief if there are issues with their vests.

Daniel Reing
Chief of Police
Breitung Police Department

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Summer Season Shifts Policy

It shall be the policy of this department that all Breitung Officers will work a weekend set during the summer season. The season per this policy is from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. This is a very busy time of year and the call volume is much above normal. The season is approximately 15-16 weeks. The July 4th weekend is also included. As the holiday changes depending on the year, it is acceptable for an officer to work the 4th of July festivities and it be considered a "weekend." This policy ensures more coverage for our area and every Officer contributing.

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Breitung Police Narcan Policy

In compliance with Minnesota state statute 626.8443, all Breitung Officers shall carry opiate antagonists (Narcan) in their duty equipment during their shift. The squad will also carry two doses as well. Officers are required to train on its administration and signs of an overdose. The Breitung Police Department will provide said training for the Officers. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Police to maintain an adequate supply for the Breitung Officers. It is the Officers' responsibility to notify the Chief if their opiate antagonist (Narcan) was administered during the commission of their duties. Each Officer shall carry two doses to be "readily available."

In compliance with Minnesota state statute 157.37 sub. 12, it is authorized that all Breitung Officers can/will deploy an opiate antagonist (Narcan) when they believe someone is suffering from a narcotic overdose.

Daniel Reing
Chief of Police
Breitung Police Department

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July 2023

St. Louis County Extension - Youth in Action
A.P. Cook Building
2503 Rice Lake Road
Duluth, MN 55811

Dear valued partner organization,

Youth in Action (YIA) is excited to announce that on Thursday, November 9, 2023, the annual Make a Difference (MAD) Conference will be at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in Duluth, MN. Historically, we have held our conference every February, but in order to promote growth and foster recruitment and retention, we have decided to pilot our event this fall. Our conference will alternate locations between the Iron Range and Duluth, and we are excited to be returning to Duluth for our fall conference! We've seen tremendous dedication to the YIA program from the 16 schools we serve throughout St. Louis County. The MAD Conference is a fantastic opportunity for youth in grades 7th – 12th to actively see their peers being community leaders. Attending this conference is free for the youth involved. YIA pays for transportation and lunch, as well as providing a motivational keynote speaker; attendees will attend breakout sessions that are hosted by their fellow YIA school teams.

YIA is an annual partnership program through St. Louis County that fosters connections between youth and community through engaging service. Our goal is to create a more unified community through passionate people and human connections. This provides an opportunity for our community partners to network and connect. Agencies such as the American Association for University Women, Lake Superior Zoo, Age Well Arrowhead, and Duluth Parks & Recreation have all played an important role in the development for leaders to take initiative, solve problems, work as a team, and demonstrate their abilities while making a positive difference in the lives of others.

The Make a Difference Conference is the largest annual event we host, and our goal for this year is to accommodate 350 – 400 youth attendees from all over St. Louis County. We are writing in hopes that your business would provide a sponsorship by way of a donation to the 2023 MAD Conference. Your generous contribution would help us continue to provide a free, impactful, and memorable day for our future leaders in St. Louis County.

Included are the sponsor levels and a form for a sponsorship donation. Thank you for reading our letter, and for considering this opportunity to support YIA's Make a Difference Conference.

Sincerely,

Tyler Erickson, Taryn Burnett, Angela Zavodnik (Youth Program Coordinators)

Mary Tennis (Director, St. Louis County Depot and Extension Services)

Please contact: Angela Zavodnik
Youth Program Coordinator
218-780-9109
zavodnika@stlouiscountymn.gov





We invite you to support the St. Louis County Youth in Action Conference on November 9, 2023. We have six different levels of sponsorship to meet your organizations needs for recognition and to show support of our youth. We gratefully welcome all donations and support from our community partners.

SUPPORT LEVELS

	RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA & IN BROCHURE	DIGITAL & POSTER RECOGNITION	RECOGNITION AT OPENING & CLOSING KEYNOTE	SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL MEDIA	SIGNAGE AT WORKSHOP ENTRANCE	COURTESY EXHIBITOR TABLE	DIGITAL & POSTER RECOGNITION IN BALLROOM	LOGO ON STAFF & STUDENT T-SHIRTS
LUNCH & SOCIAL SPONSOR \$4000	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA
EXPERT SPEAKER SPONSOR \$2500	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	
BREAKOUT WORKSHOP SPONSOR \$1000	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA	YIA		
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SPONSOR \$500	YIA	YIA	YIA					
YOUTH PARTICIPANT SPONSOR* \$100	YIA	YIA						

*Youth Participant Sponsors will support a youth from one of the eighteen schools we serve throughout St. Louis County. The cost per student to attend the conference is approximately \$100. We invite you to sponsor as many students as you would like.

Please email your logo to westerbergs@stlouiscountymn.gov by October 1, 2023 to use to recognize you at the conference, based on your supporter level.

Yes! I would like to support the 29th annual
MAKE A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE
on November 9, 2023 at the Duluth
Entertainment Convention Center (DECC.)



SUPPORT LEVELS

- ☐ Lunch & Social Sponsor—\$4,000
- ☐ Expert Speaker Sponsor—\$2,500
- ☐ Breakout Workshop Sponsor—\$1,000
- ☐ Youth Engagement Sponsor—\$500
- ☐ Youth Participant Sponsor—\$100

Please make your
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St. Louis County

Send to:
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2503 Rice Lake Rd
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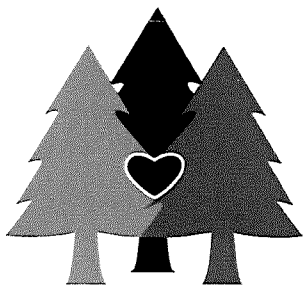
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July 27, 2023

Dear Friend of Northwoods Partners,

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Coretta Scott King

Sincerely,

Lisa Porthan, Executive Director/Caregiver Consultant



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CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

ORDER NO.: 2

DATE: August 15, 2023

STATE: Minnesota

COUNTY: St. Louis

CONTRACT FOR: BREITUNG TOWNSHIP, FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Project No. 21-847

OWNER:

Breitung Township, P.O. Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782

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

You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specifications

Description of Changes (Supplemental Plans and Specifications Attached)	DECREASE In Contract Price	INCREASE In Contract Price
Add the Following Change Order Items: CO #2-1 - Install Cleanout for 8" Manholes, 5 @ \$6,800/Each		\$34,000.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$34,000.00
NET CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE		\$34,000.00

JUSTIFICATION:

Change Order items as approved in the field.

The amount of the Contract will be Increased By the Sum of:

\$34,000.00

Thirty Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents.

The Contract Total Including this and previous Change Orders Will Be:

\$433,580.00

Four Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents.

The Contract Period Provided for Completion Will Not Be Changed.

This document will become a supplement to the contract and all provisions will apply hereto.

Requested

(Owner)

Date

Recommended

(Engineer)

Date

Accepted

(Contractor)

8/24/2023

Date

PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

PROJECT: Force Main Improvements		PROJECT NO.: 21-847	DATE: August 15, 2023 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 3 PAGE 1 OF 3
OWNER: Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782	CONTRACTOR: 2 EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating P.O. Box 566 Eveleth, MN 55734	PERIOD OF ESTIMATE FROM: November 22, 2022 TO: August 12, 2023	

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE
No.	Amount		
	Additions	Deductions	
CO #1	\$21,800.00		1. Original Contract \$377,780.00
CO #2	\$34,000.00		2. Change Orders \$55,800.00
			3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$433,580.00
			4. Work Completed* \$332,683.00
			5. Stored Materials \$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5) \$332,683.00
			7. Retainage 5% (\$16,634.15)
			8. Previous Payments (\$158,634.92)
TOTALS	\$55,800.00		9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$157,413.93
NET CHANGE	\$55,800.00		*Detailed breakdown attached

CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days): Revised:	On Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Starting Date: July 7, 2022 Substantial Completion: December 1, 2022 Projected Completion: June 15, 2023

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following:

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

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

By 

Date 8/24/2023

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:

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

Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc.

By 

Date 8/24/23

APPROVED BY OWNER:

Owner: Breitung Township

By _____

Date _____

PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3

DATE: August 15, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: Force Main Improvements

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

BASE BID - FORCE MAIN

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2104	REMOVE SANITARY SEWER	380	L.F.	\$3.00	265	\$795.00	423	\$1,269.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	350	S.Y.	\$4.00	177	\$708.00	236	\$944.00
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	5	EACH	\$560.00	2	\$1,120.00	5	\$2,800.00
2104	SAWING BIT PAVEMENT	800	L.F.	\$4.00	55	\$220.00	55	\$220.00
2104	REMOVE / REPLACE CURB & GUTTER	30	L.F.	\$43.00	30	\$1,290.00	30	\$1,290.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	400	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	150	C.Y.	\$35.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	250	C.Y.	\$38.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	SILT FENCE, MACHINE SLICED	360	L.F.	\$5.00	20	\$100.00	70	\$350.00
2575	SEEDING	1	ACRE	\$6,100.00	0.25	\$1,525.00	0.25	\$1,525.00
2621	8" PVC SAN SEWER (C-900)	340	L.F.	\$265.00	243	\$64,395.00	309	\$81,885.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	100	L.F.	\$275.00	22	\$6,050.00	110	\$30,250.00
2621	8" GATE VALVES	2	EACH	\$4,600.00	2	\$9,200.00	2	\$9,200.00
2621	10" GATE VALVE	1	EACH	\$8,600.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$8,600.00
2621	AIR RELIEF VALVES	7	EACH	\$9,000.00	5	\$45,000.00	7	\$63,000.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	36	EACH	\$1,600.00	24	\$38,400.00	38	\$60,800.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	100	S.Y.	\$90.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CO #1	ADDITIONAL LIFT STATION WORK	0	L.S.	\$21,800.00	1	\$21,800.00	1	\$21,800.00
CO #2-1	INSTALL CLEANOUT FOR 8" MANHOLE	0	EACH	\$6,800.00	5	\$34,000.00	5	\$34,000.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Base Bid - Force Main..... \$224,603.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Base Bid - Force Main..... \$317,933.00

ADD ALTERNATE - LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2104	REMOVE LIFT STATION COVER	1	L.S.	\$750.00	1	\$750.00	1	\$750.00
2104	REMOVE POWER POLE	1	L.S.	\$750.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2506	RECONSTRUCT LIFT STATION COVER	1	L.S.	\$14,000.00	1	\$14,000.00	1	\$14,000.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Add Alternate - Lift Station Imp... \$14,750.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE - Add Alternate - Lift Station Imp..... \$14,750.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

Base Bid - Force Main + Add Alternate - Lift Station Improvements..... \$239,353.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE

Base Bid - Force Main + Add Alternate - Lift Station Improvements..... \$332,683.00

CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE - MATERIALS ON SITE

DATE: August 15, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: Force Main Improvements

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

PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 3

MATERIALS ON SITE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. PURCHASED	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT INSTALLED THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY ON SITE	AMOUNT REMAINS
2621	AIR RELEASE VALVES	7	EACH	\$4,252.36	(5)	(\$21,261.81)	0	\$0.00
2621	PVC SANITARY SEWER PIPE, GATE VALVES & MISC. ITEMS	1	L.S.	\$82,158.86	(0.64)	(\$52,392.32)	0	\$0.00
TOTAL MATERIALS STORED ON SITE:						(\$73,654.13)		\$0.00

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July 28th, 2023

Dianna Sunsdahl (Clerk)
Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan MN 55782

Cert. # 7015 0640 0006 9120 6975

Re: Contract Opener

Dear Ms. Sunsdahl:

In accordance with the provisions in Article 19 of the Agreement between Breitung Township and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, we are hereby opening the Agreement to meet and start negotiations.

Please contact my office or my cell phone to set up a meeting date.

Sincerely,

Daniel Manick, ABR
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49
Mobile: 218-341-7359
Email: dmanick@local49.org
DM/kcn

