

Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 09/28/2023

Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - 08/24/23 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of August 2023 Treasurer's Report
 - Checks Written 47956-48048
 - Total Disbursements-\$98,845.43
 - Fund Balance-\$458,777.23
 - Voided Checks-None
- Correspondence
 - LMC-*Upcoming Events
 - MAT-*August 23 Newsletter *LRIP Funding *Legislative & Research Committee
 - PERA
 - IRRR-*September 6th, 12thth, 20th, 26th Ranger
 - St. Louis County-*Public Health Updates, *CDBG, * Aquatic Species
 - MN Rural Water
- 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-Updates
- PFA Loan
- Outdoor Recreation Project-McKinley Park-Updates
- Care Crossings Update

- Police Department-Updates
 - Impounded Vehicle-2015 KIA Truck
 - Goombaz Security Proposal Update
- Police Department Policies
 - Use of Deadly Force by Police Chief
 - Summer Season
 - Narcan
- Housing Institute-Update
- Water Filtration Plant
- Thompson Farm Road Relocation (Township Road Improvement Project)-update
- Capital Improvements Plan
- Utility Easement @ 30 Church St
- Tool Cat

New Business

- Pay Bills as presented
- Approve Partial Payment
 - Project 20-741 McKinley Part Trail-\$164,947.79 to Mesabi Bit
 - Project 22-003 2022 Infrastructure Improvements-\$195,617.28 to Mesabi Bit
 - Project 21-847 Force Main-\$135,153.15 to 2EZ, Inc
 - Project 21-847 Force Main Change Order-\$83,378.00 to 2EZ, Inc
- Township Property-270-0110-02910 Interested parties for partial purchase
- Robert/Jim Wright Property @ 8 Church Street
- Old Settlers Financial Statement
- Resolutions
 - 2023-21-IRRR Community Infrastructure Program
 - 2023-22 Accepting Donations
- Purchase of a Poll Pad Device for Elections at a cost of \$1700.00 for use during elections for registration and the check-in process

Next Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, October 26th, 2023 @ 12Noon Breitung Community Center

Adjourn

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 08-24-23 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 (arrived @ 12:07pm), Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Terry Carlson-Tower News, Tom Gorsma-Maintenance Supervisor, Preston Tripp JPJ Engineering (arrived at 12:05pm)

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 Tuchel to approve the minutes of the 07/27/2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Correspondence

- LMC-*Upcoming Events, * Direct Local Housing-So Noted
- MAT-*Broadband, * District 10 Election-So Noted
- IRRR-*August 2nd, 9th, 16th, Ranger-So Noted
- St. Louis County-*Public Health Updates, *CDBG-So Noted
- DNR-Prospectors Loop Trail System-Phase 2-So noted

Public Input

None

Reports

- Police-See Attached. Tacos with Cops Saturday October 7th, 2023
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached

- McKinley Park-No Report
- Recreation-Rink and Hockey Boards are looking good
- Wastewater Board-No Report
- Ambulance Commission-Supervisor Tuchel attended AD Hoc Committee meeting 2 weeks ago with Eagles Nest, Tower and Soudan represented. Some options presented. Member of Ely JP Board invited to next meeting as they have done a previous study.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept reports as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

Infrastructure Projects

2022-Poplar St, Spring Road and Church Street are underway. Mesabi Bit currently doing trail work and should be back to finish up this Friday and next week.

2023-1st Avenue and Church St on hold. Currently have \$75k CDBG money committed and cannot apply again till this money spent. CDBG will likely need to be extended. Can possibility just use CDBG funds and change the scope of project. Chairman Tomsich ready to talk with IRRR again. IRRR can scores higher on application, the higher the funding request is. 250k can be awarded on projects of 1.5M and above and Breitung asked for 250k on a 626k project. IRRR also more likely to approve 250k if loans from USDA taken. 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. Will 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. Supervisor Tuchel to work with Public Works Supervisor Gorsma to review and update 5-year plan

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to apply for 75k grant through IRRR

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Clerk Sundahl to prepare a draft resolution by next meeting

Outdoor Recreation Project-McKinley Park

Representative from Flagship Recreation coming on Monday 08/28 at 8am. Will take measurements during meeting. Chairman Tomsich and Stephanie Ukkola will be meeting at the Park, and also looking at the Soudan Recreation area. Hoping to be complete at the Park by May of 2024. Playground equipment currently 23k. Currently have a Culture and Tourism Grant through IRRR for various projects for 18k, St. Louis County has set aside 20k in a grant, and \$7500 will be coming from Stuntz Bay Association.

Care Crossings Update-Received notice from the County that the Vermilion Park Inn has a Conditional Use Permit, originally applied for under Parkside. Care Crossing would still need to apply for their own Condition Use Permit.

Police Department Updates

- Impounded Vehicle 2015 KIA Truck-Chief Reing still waiting on paperwork
- Goombaz Updated Security Proposal-Chief Reing will work on Safety Grant, and Board will review once application is completed. Grant deadline is October 15th.

Housing Institute-Clerk Sundahl has participated in the first forum held in Grand Rapids, and one meeting held at Tower City Hall. 2 webinars coming up in September that she will attend. Just starting to look at housing options and prioritize.

Water Filtration Plant-TBWWB going through a series of studies. Total Project Cost Estimate is \$5,597,500 with a loan of \$768,000 over 20 years at 2% interest. Loan repayment would be 40k a year. TBWWB to collect revenue to pay for this project and payback loan. There would be additional operating costs such as energy, and additional testing. Operations not looking to increase. Any additional funding would reduce the \$1,082,000 of the project, not the loan. Motion by Chairman Tomsich to approve the project to go out to bid through the TBWWB 2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest

Stuntz Bay Road-Continuing to look for assistance in engineering fees of 50k, will look to IRRR, State Park/Bonding Bill, and will speak with Senator Grant next week. Bids are 8 weeks out.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz approve St Louis County to call for bids

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Thompson Farm Road Relocation-JPJ Engineering started a cost estimated of approximately \$460k. Preston currently working with MN DOT on a 1000' acceleration and deceleration lane for the new entrance. Still need Wayne Kultula to come in and sign property exchange agreement. LRIP money may be available as well.

New Business

Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pay bills as presented

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

4-Day Use of Community Center

Lori Tomsich has asked for a 4-Day use of the Community Center October 12th-15th for the purposes of a rummage sale.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve the 4-day use of the community center

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Chairman Tomsich abstained due to conflict of interest

Big Truck Night

Sarah Hansen from ISD 2142 has asked for Big Truck Nights to be September 26th, at the Breitung Recreation Area. Breitung residents approved \$300 for the event at the Annual Mtg Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to have Big Truck Nights September 26th at the Breitung Recreation Area

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

Agreement with St. Louis County-Voter Account

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County to retain Breitung Township's allocation of \$30.96 in their Voter Account

2nd by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion passed 3-0

MN Dot-State Aid and LRIP

Thompson Farm Road may qualify for this funding, IRRR may also be interested in helping with this project as the project consists of a Demo Pile, Relocation of TFR, Vacating the Old Thompson Farm Road, Bypass lanes, and the development of an ATV Project. Supervisor Tekautz to call Lustek again, to remind them the new road to go on the line of theirs and our properties with turn lanes entering and exiting. Will be open to ATV traffic so "Share the Road" signs would need to be installed. Application due September 12th, there is a webinar and County Sponsorship is needed which will be done by Clerk Sundahl

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to preauthorize JPJ to apply for LRIP funding

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Police Department Policies-Chief Reing proposes the following department policies

- Use of Deadly Force by Police Chief-discussion to have Chief Reing find out more information from the Post Board on qualifications for a Police Chief. Not only in this instance, but if something happens. Consensus to table until more information available.
- Ballistic Vest
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to accept this policy as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tekautz
Motion passed 3-0
- Summer Season
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to accept this policy as presented
2nd by Supervisor Tuchel
Discussion as to what the consequences may be for not following this policy, asked Chief Reing to update to include consequences
Motion by Supervisor Tekautz rescinded and consensus to table until updated
- Narcan-Supervisor Tuchel asked Chief Reing to review other department policies, create a skills sheet with training, and update verbiage. Consensus to table until updated.

Asking for Support

- Youth in Action-Consensus by the Board to add to Annual Meeting
- Northwoods Partners-Consensus by the Board to add to Annual Meeting

Approve Payment-Project 21-847-Received payment request in the amount of \$177,743.93.

Payment request updated and presented to the Board in the amount of \$157,413.93

Motion by Chairman Tomsich to make payment in the amount of \$157,413.93 as requested, once payment made to Breitung Township from the TBWWB

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 2-0

Supervisor Tuchel abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

LU 49-Open Negotiations-Discussion by the Board to see if Union is available at 9am on October 10th, 2023 to begin Labor Negotiations for Maintenance Contract. Supervisor Tuchel will not be participating as he is a member of the same union under his TBWWB Supervisor position. Clerk Sundahl to reach out to the Union and work out a date that is available.

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

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting @ 1:34pm

2nd by Supervisor Tekautz

Motion passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl
Clerk, Breitung Township

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Aug-23

GENERAL	150,081.96
ROAD & BRIDGE	47,362.79
FIRE	39,328.63
PARK	60,106.27
RECREATION	2,663.30
POLICE	79,922.30
PROJECTS	3,032.15
WATER DEPT	56,279.83
ARPA	20,000.00
TOTALS	458,777.23

From: League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:00 AM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Register today for the 2023 Fall Forums!

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A chance to hear from state leaders and industry experts!

From tax increment financing to artificial intelligence, the **2023 Fall Forums** will cover pressing topics impacting all Minnesota cities Oct. 23-27.

Join state agency and industry leaders as they share their expertise on issues our cities are facing during this week of virtual learning opportunities. All city officials are encouraged to attend and invite others to learn more about these timely topics.

Claim your all-access pass to attend as many webinars as you'd like!

All sessions will be recorded. If you miss one, you can watch it later.

2023 Fall Forums Lineup:



By the end of this program, you will:

- **Learn** how to handle political partisanship.
- **Understand** how to use tax increment financing (TIF).
- **Gain insight** into the cannabis industry.
- **Consider** how artificial intelligence (AI) can be applied within cities.
- **Hear trends and predictions** on Minnesota's labor market.

How to Join

Upon registering for the program, you will receive one unique link to join all the sessions. Attend all five webinars or pick and choose which sessions pique

your interest!

Fee

\$30 all-access pass

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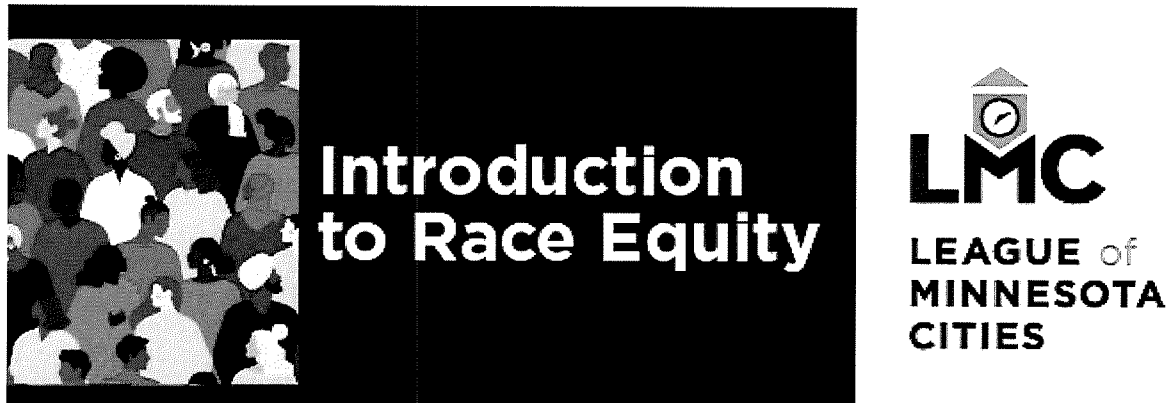
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From: League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:00 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Register now for Introduction to Race Equity in Oct.

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Join LMC for an **interactive virtual session** focused on race equity. Participants will explore the history of race and the role of local government both historically and today in advancing equity for all residents. Participants will learn about implicit and explicit bias, understand their own experiences of race, and identify ways that cities are eliminating institutional and structural racism. This session is a conversation, so please come prepared to participate and hold respectful dialogue.

Date & Time

Oct. 4 – Online via Zoom. Attendees will need a microphone and camera to participate.
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Note: registration closes Oct. 2. Session will be capped at 40 participants.

Presenters

Arianna Bloom, diversity, equity & inclusion coordinator, League of Minnesota Cities

Adriana Temali, learning manager, League of Minnesota Cities

Audience

Any city staff with an interest in equity and inclusion.

Fee : Free

From: Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 1:19 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: August 2023 Newsletter



August 2023 Newsletter

Dear Township Officers,

Thank you for participating in MAT's regional district meetings. There is much more in store for the coming months - including clerk and treasurer training. Save the date for our annual meeting December 7-9 in St. Cloud!

Please let us know how we can help support your township and you.

Sincerely,
Jeff Krueger, Executive Director
Minnesota Association of Townships

"Township Tuesday" conference calls

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

1st Tuesday of the month: 10 AM
3rd Tuesday of the month: 10 AM

Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):

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

Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671

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

Recordings and details of past calls [can be found on the MAT website here.](#)

Warning on Scams and Cyber Security

MAT and various townships have recently seen multiple email and phone call scams. It appears to be a voicemail from a customer, and asks you to click to listen to, download, or mark as read. It may come from "Switchvox Digicloud.net" saying "(+19526530764) has left you a message 36 second(s) long".

This is a scam. Do not click on the links in the message.

MAT is working on scheduling expert presenters on the topic of cyber security and recognizing scams, in order to keep townships safe, for our 2023 Annual Conference, to be held December 7-9, 2023 at River Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, MN.

MAT-U Update: Now Free for 2024!



MAT is excited to announce that our new online training model: MAT-U, will continue to be free in 2024, as it has been in 2023. These online training videos give our officers greater access

to all training materials at any time!

The content is geared towards new MATIT systems, clerk and treasurer duties, and general township operations. All officers are welcome to submit suggestions and requests for specific or specialized training, as we will continually be creating and uploading new content. Videos, zoom recordings, PowerPoints, and handouts will all be available.

MAT-U is an annual subscription model with one master account for each township that allows all of your township officers to access the content library. After you sign up, your township's login credentials will be sent to the email provided, along with a link you can use to access MAT-U. It is best to use a township email when signing up, if possible. All officers in your township will use the same email for their usernames when accessing MAT-U. If you haven't already signed up for MAT-U, please [register for MAT-U online here](#).

News from MATIT: New Workers' Compensation Legislation Requires Employers To Be Better Listeners



Effective August 1, 2023 an employee may now verbally request or notify their employer of their plans to obtain nonemergency surgical treatment for a work-related injury. If the employer or their workers' compensation provider fails to respond in writing within seven calendar days of the request or notification the employer or their workers' compensation provider may be responsible for the cost of the treatment regardless of its necessity.

Previously an injured employee, their treating physician or legal representative were required to submit a written request and secure approval before undergoing nonemergency surgery. This requirement allowed the employer or their workers' compensation provider the opportunity to evaluate the request and when appropriate seek a second opinion before agreeing to pay for the treatment.

With this change, it is critical that the township **IMMEDIATELY** contact MATIT's workers' compensation provider, SFM Risk Solutions (SFM), when an employee tells you they are planning on seeking any kind of surgery for an injury sustained while working for the township.

If the injury has already been reported to MATIT/SFM contact Adjuster Julie Peterson at Julie.peterson@sfmic.com or 952-838-4234.

If this request arises from a new injury report the claim by going to the MATIT website at www.matit.org:

1. Click on Claims
2. Click on Workers' Compensation
3. You will be taken to the SFM site.
4. Enter Policy Number 16204.
5. Enter the required information. SFM will use this information to set up a claim file and make the necessary reports to the State of Minnesota.

If you cannot report online, you have two other ways to report injuries to SFM:

Report by fax: Complete Minnesota 's First Report of Injury (FROI) and fax it to (800) 944-1169. Keep your fax confirmation sheet as evidence that you reported on time. You can find the Minnesota FROI at www.matit.org. Click Claims. Then Work Comp.

Report by phone: Call (800) WC-CLAIM [922-5246] to report an injury by phone. Regardless of how you report the claim, SFM will contact you within 24 hours of reporting a claim.

CTAS Trainings



Township Clerks and Treasurers:

MAT is providing training in late September and early October 2023 in various locations. The agenda will concentrate on CTAS and going through the different modules and reports. Bring your laptop if you wish but it is not necessary to attend the training.

Tentative Agenda:

8:30 am – Registration open

9:00 am-1:00 pm – Class

Refreshments will be served, no lunch.

Dates and Locations of Upcoming Meetings:

September 18, 2023 – Rochester – Woodlake Meeting Center, 210 Wood Lake Drive SE

September 19, 2023 – Mankato – Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St, Mankato

September 20, 2023 – Redwood Falls – Redwood Area Comm. Ctr, 901 Cook St, Redwood Falls

September 21, 2023 – MAT Office – 805 Central Ave E, St. Michael

September 25, 2023 – St Cloud – Holiday Inn, 75 S 37th Ave, St Cloud (newly remodeled)

September 26, 2023 – MAT Office -805 Central Ave E, St. Michael

October 2, 2023 – Fergus Falls – Bigwoods Event Center, 925 Western Ave, Fergus Falls

October 3, 2023 – Staples – Sourcewell, 202 12th ST NE, Staples

October 4, 2023 – Mahanomen – Shooting Star Casino, 777 Casino Rd

October 5, 2023 – Grand Rapids – Timberlake Lodge, 144 SE 17th Street, Grand Rapids

Please note: There will be \$50 charge for this training and will include training materials and morning refreshments. Refunds will be processed 30 days after the event less a \$10 processing fee. Cancellations must be received in writing, email lstalker@mntownships.org

Please complete the print registration and return to our office with your \$50 payment, or register online. NO PHONE CALLS FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE.

Election Judge Trainees Workshop for Township Clerks/ Elections Staff

Brought to you by the YMCA's Center for Youth Voice, Minneapolis Elections, the League of Minnesota Cities, and a number of supporting city and county elections offices.

When: September 11, 2023: 10 a.m.-noon, virtual

REGISTER TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY

Join us to discuss working with teens as election judge trainees. Find out how this can benefit your office, the polling place, voters, election judge recruitment, and young people themselves. Join colleagues from townships, cities and counties across Minnesota. Learn about finding, engaging, and supporting teens working in elections. Hear from elections administrators and young people about what has worked (and what to avoid). Begin or bolster your election judge trainee program.

Solar Site Workshop in Ramsey, MN

Join the Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for a one-day workshop that will cover what you should know about solar site projects. Lessons learned during the evolution of solar projects throughout the years with an emphasis on planning, site preparation, installation, and a management.

When: Thursday, September 14, 2023 | 8AM-4PM

Where: Connexus Energy | 14601 Ramsey Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Hear from industry experts during the classroom portion of the day followed by a solar site visit and networking opportunity!

RSVP: <https://mnerosion.org/eventsworshops/>

Minnesota LTAP trainings and news



View Minnesota's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP's) online training offerings—including self-paced courses, webinars, and videos—they can be taken anytime and anywhere. Many are eligible for Roads Scholar Program credit, PDHs, and other professional development credits. **[Browse the online training library](#)** at your convenience!

Register and view the **[full Minnesota LTAP Schedule of Trainings](#)** to meet your needs in the coming year to enhance your skills in AutoCAD, leadership, pavement preservation, or other areas.

Fall 2023 Schedule

- Transitioning into Leadership: Essential Skills for Supervisors
- Management Operations and Maintenance Fundamentals
- Writing that Works! Communications Skills for Construction
- AutoCAD Software Skills and Construction Concepts
- Minnesota's Best Practices for Traffic Sign Maintenance and Management
- Truck-Weight Education Training

Spring 2024 Schedule

- Introduction to Civil 3D Practical Application
- Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation: Products, Processes, and Strategies
- Gravel Roads Maintenance and Design
- Work-Zone Safety
- Minnesota Roadway Maintenance Training and Demo Day
- Transitioning into Leadership: Essential Skills for Supervisors
- Management Operations and Maintenance Fundamentals
- Introduction to Surveying and Leveling
- Introduction to Angles and Mapping
- Introduction to Construction Staking
- Truck-Weight Education Training

Grant and Funding Opportunities

2023 LRIP (Road) Funding and Upcoming Webinars

The competitive 2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) solicitation will open September 12, 2023. A total of \$102.967 million in LRIP funds are available for funding assistance of construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning projects for counties, state aid

cities, non-state aid cities, townships, and federally recognized Indian Tribes. The maximum award amount available is \$1.5 million for each project. Read More: [LRIP - State Aid - MnDOT](#). Application Webinar **September 6 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** [Click here to join the meeting](#) | Meeting ID: 232 290 087 032 | Passcode: PYGUrL

Minnesota Highway Freight Program funding

Another transportation funding opportunity. A recording of a public informational webinar will be online. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Central Time Friday, Oct. 13, 2023. For more information or to download an application visit the [Minnesota Highway Freight Program website](#).

ReLeaf community forestry grants, 2023-2027 - \$6.883 million in grants for local units of government and non-profit organizations in Minnesota that encourage and promote the inventory, planting, assessment, maintenance, treatment, improvement, protection, and restoration of trees and forest resources to enhance community forest health and sustainability, reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and promote energy conservation. Deadline: September 18, 2023. [Read More](#)

Shade tree program bonding grants, 2023-2027 – \$10.063 million in grants for local units of government in Minnesota that are planning to replace trees lost to forest pests, disease, or storm; or to establish a more diverse community forest better able to withstand disease and forest pests. Deadline: October 2, 2023. [Read More](#)

Historical Society State Capital Grants-in-Aid

Program will be returning in January 2024. Eligible projects must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Office. The minimum grant amount is \$10,001 with no request cap. Funds must be matched at least 1 to 1. [Read More](#)

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From: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency <mpca@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 3:32 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: Share your ideas on how to fund climate resiliency in Minnesota



FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Good Afternoon,

As Minnesota's climate becomes warmer and wetter, communities across our state must prepare for heavier rainfalls, hotter temperatures, and less predictable weather patterns. Over 85% of local governments in Minnesota have reported recently experiencing the impact of at least one weather trend caused by climate change.

In 2023, the Minnesota legislature approved over \$100 million to plan and implement projects that will make our infrastructure more resilient to a changing climate. The goal of this funding is to equip local governments with the resources and capacity they need to advance the high-priority climate resiliency projects for their community.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is seeking input from local governments and Tribal Nations to understand how we can best support this work in addition to the grants we continue to offer for stormwater, wastewater, and community resilience planning and design projects. Please complete the survey below to share your input. Responses will help us better prepare communities across Minnesota for the impacts of our changing climate.

Complete survey

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrina". The script is fluid and cursive.

Commissioner Katrina Kessler

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a state agency committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

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This email was sent to clerk@breitungtownship.org using GovDelivery Communications Cloud on behalf of: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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From: Minnesota Association of Townships <info@mntownships.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:21 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: LRIP Funding - application window is now open



2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funding: Application Window is Now Open

Township officers:

The 2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Solicitation process begins today and it is now open for applications. Resources, documents, and online grant applications are available on this website: [LRIP - State Aid - MnDOT](#). The application submittal deadline is Friday, December 8, 2023 at 4 PM. More information on the process is also outlined below.

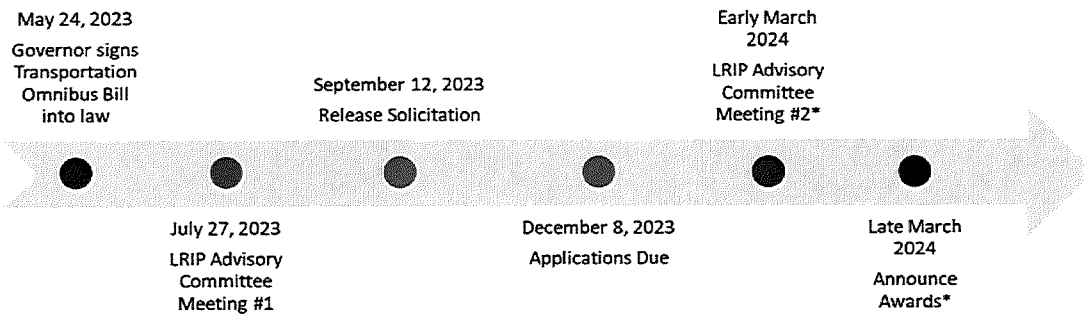
2023 Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Solicitation

By Rashmi Brewer, State Aid State Programs Engineer August 30, 2023

The LRIP program provides funding assistance to local agencies and federally recognized Indian Tribes for construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning projects.

LRIP Solicitation and Schedule

From the 2023 legislative session, a combined total appropriation of \$102.967 million in Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds consisting of general obligation bond funds and general funds are available for this competitive solicitation, at least \$6 million of which must be for grants to townships. The solicitation will be released on September 12, 2023, and applications are due on December 8, 2023. We anticipate announcing LRIP selections by the end of March 2024, however, exact dates will depend on the number of applications received. Based on direction from the LRIP Advisory Committee, the maximum grant award has been increased to \$1,500,000 for counties, state aid cities, non-state aid cities, townships, and federally recognized Indian Tribes.



Eligibility and Evaluation

Please check out the [LRIP Webpage](#) for frequent updates as important documents and information will be available by September 12, 2023. Also, please read the 2023 LRIP Solicitation Guide for details on eligibility and requirements.

- Upcoming 2023 Solicitation and Project Application Webinar to be held on September 6 from 1:30-2:30 PM. For webinar access details, go to [LRIP - State Aid - MnDOT](#).
- Program Guide (read for details on eligibility and requirements) - *coming soon*
- Solicitation Guide - *coming soon*
- FAQs - *coming soon*
- **Training presentation**
- Below are some important summary points:
 - Projects that have received legislatively selected appropriations (“earmarks”) or previous LRIP grants are not eligible for funding under this solicitation.
 - Projects that will be awarded and/or under construction before the anticipated LRIP selection notifications in March 2024, are not eligible for funding under this solicitation.
 - Projects should be non-controversial and should be construction ready in 2024, 2025, or 2026.
 - County applications will be evaluated against other county applications; state aid city
 - applications against state aid city applications; and small city/township/federally recognized Indian Tribes applications against small city/township/federally recognized Indian Tribes applications. We anticipate funding projects from all three agency types.
 - The expected useful life of improvements must be a minimum of 10 years. Maintenance type activities such as filling potholes, blading gravel roads, and standalone ditch repairs are not eligible for LRIP.
 - Items that are eligible for LRIP funds include reasonable elements associated with roadway construction, including basic landscaping and turf establishment. Landscaping planters, benches, bike racks, decorative fences, ornamental lighting, and other aesthetic treatments above the standard are generally not eligible. Other items that are not eligible include engineering, construction administration and inspection, right of way acquisition, and water main, sanitary sewer, or private utility work.
 - LRIP funds cannot be used for improvements on the Trunk Highway system, including those costs that might be required from a local agency on a Trunk Highway project as per MnDOT’s Cost Participation Policy.
 - County Sponsorship
 - Consistent with previous solicitation requirements, State Aid will require counties to sponsor projects on township and non-state aid city roads. See

#4 under Project Selection in the LRIP Solicitation Guide for more information on duties associated with this requirement. This is required (1) to provide engineering, plan development, contract administration, and grant agreement expertise to townships and small cities, and (2) to help ensure that the improvements will be constructed on time and within budget. Townships and small cities should be in contact with their county engineer on potential applications.

- Please contact Rashmi Brewer at Rashmi.Brewer@state.mn.us with questions or for more information.

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You're invited to MAT's 2023 Fall Legislative & Research Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 9 AM

The 2023 Fall Legislative & Research Committee meeting will be held via virtual Zoom on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9 to 11:00 AM.

REGISTRATION: All township officers are welcome but registration is *required* for all participants here: <https://bit.ly/LRFall2023>. Participation Zoom links will automatically be sent. There is no cost to attend.

AGENDA: A full agenda will be sent in coming days. It will include discussing several resolutions brought forward by townships.

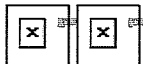
About L&R

The Legislative & Research (L&R) Committee is charged with developing, reviewing, and making recommendations for legislative efforts to the MAT Board of Directors on behalf of townships. The purposes of the L&R Committee is to aid MAT in representing townships and their officials and in supporting the township form of government. The L&R Committee as a whole is called the General L&R Committee.

How to Participate

Any town officer may attend and participate in the L&R process. Each county with an organized township (a member of MAT) can appoint one voting member for each subcommittee (5 total). All appointments are for one year and there is no limit to the number of times a person may be appointed. The Committee and sub-committees regularly include discussion from all town officers present, regardless of voting status.

More information on the L&R can be found on the [MAT website here](#).



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PERA Survey: Membership Salary Threshold

Effective July 1, 2023, the earnings threshold for PERA's Coordinated, Correctional, and Police & Fire defined benefit plans (DBPs) is \$425 paid in a single month. This applies to all employer types and replaces the annualized threshold of \$5,100 for local government and \$3,800 for school-year employees.

The purpose of this earnings requirement is to provide PERA membership to employees in recurring or regular positions. The current \$425 monthly threshold rate has not been increased since 1988. PERA is reviewing the monthly threshold and may bring forward changes in a future legislative session.



We want to hear from you!

As a PERA employer, your input is critical to this process. Please take a few minutes to provide information on this important eligibility measure.

[Go To Survey](#)

Please keep your contact data current. If you are planning to change your email address, go to [myaccount.mnpera.org](#), sign on to ERIS, and click "Personal Information" to update your email address. [Click here for more information.](#)

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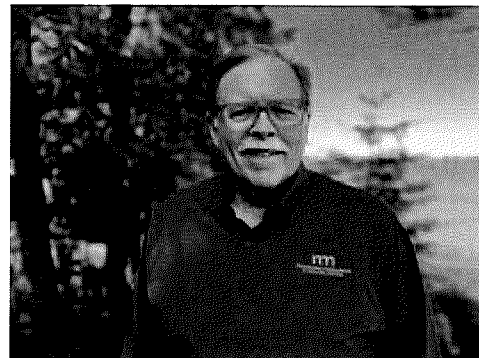
The Ranger

Sept. 6, 2023

In memory of Commissioner Mark Phillips

Former Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Mark Phillips passed away on Aug. 23.

Mark retired on Jan. 2, after serving as the agency's commissioner for eight years under both Gov. Mark Dayton and Gov. Tim Walz. His career included more than 40 years of leadership in business, community and workforce development. Improving the quality of life – for both residents and visitors – was at the forefront of his approach to economic development in northeastern Minnesota.



"We are saddened by the passing of our dear friend and former commissioner Mark Phillips," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina. "His legacy will live on through his leadership in strengthening the region's economy, communities, schools and amenities. He will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Patty, his children, Jessica and Joe, and his grandchildren."

During his tenure at the agency, he focused on expanding child care, increasing broadband access, improving downtowns, strengthening education and enhancing outdoor recreation.

When he retired, Mark shared these thoughts, "I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect back with gratitude on a wonderful eight years as commissioner. It has been my

privilege and honor to serve northeastern Minnesota as a representative of both the Dayton and Walz administrations."

Northeastern Minnesota is a better place due to Mark's service and commitment. Thank you, Mark.

[View Mark Phillips' obituary.](#)

Community Development grants support the opening of a new eye clinic in Hibbing



Eye Clinic North opened a new 4,000 square-foot office along the main commercial corridor of Highway 169 in Hibbing last week. The clinic relocated from a 1,000-square-foot office in downtown Hibbing which was no longer adequate to meet their needs. The new location has seven exam lanes, two optometry providers, five staff members and room for more providers and staff as they grow. The former location had only two

lanes, one provider and four staff.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$300,000 Development Infrastructure grant and a \$100,000 Commercial Redevelopment grant to the city of Hibbing. The Development Infrastructure grant helped with site and infrastructure work. The Commercial Redevelopment grant helped mitigate the brownfield property for redevelopment by adding four feet of correction soil. The 1.4-acre property was abandoned and had served as a city dump area from the 1940s to the 1960s. Dr. Matthew Sipola and his wife Hannah, also a licensed optometrist, purchased the lot and divided it in half. The new eye clinic sits on one lot. The other lot is for sale with the intent to attract another medical or health facility.

"We were excited to partner with Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and the Drs. Sipola on this project to reclaim a contaminated site on the beltline in Hibbing," said Mayor Pete Hyduke. "We're happy to work with any business who is willing to invest in our community."

The agency also provided \$40,000 in Business Energy Retrofit (BER) and \$10,000 in Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grants to the Sipolas to help pay for new energy efficient optometry equipment and other materials.

"The new location is larger and centrally located. By expanding and adding more providers and staff, our clients will have shorter wait times for their eye care," said Dr. Matthew Sipola. "And being the only full-time medical eye clinic in the Hibbing area, we are often solely responsible for treating patients with urgent or emergent eye care needs, such as red, painful eyes and foreign bodies. The new clinic better serves the entire Hibbing community for both routine and emergency care. It is important to us to better serve the needs of the assisted living and those with limited mobility, and we are able to do so with our fully ADA compliant facility."



The new Hibbing location is one of three Eye Clinic Norths. The other two locations are in Virginia and Duluth, and all are owned by the Sipolas. The clinics offer a wide variety of services, from family eye care and contact lenses to management of complex medical eye conditions and access to world-class LASIK technology and surgeons.



The Sipolas purchased the original Hibbing location in 2016 from Dr. Scott Mescher. This year marks 104 years of continuous operation as optometry. The same year the couple purchased the Virginia and Duluth offices from Matt's father, who succeeded his father. Drs. Matt and Hannah incorporated the three offices into Eye Clinic North.

[Learn more about Eye Clinic North.](#)

Other project partners included Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Hibbing Economic Development Authority. The total project investment for the new eye clinic was over \$2.8 million.

[Email Chris Ismil](#) or call him at 218-735-3010 for more information about Development Infrastructure or Commercial Redevelopment grants.

[Email Erik Bennett](#) at Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Association or call him at 218-780-8061 to learn more about BER and DBR, two grant programs funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered by AEOA.

Agency welcomes new Community Development Director

Whitney Ridlon accepted the new Community Development Director position at Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. She began her new role last week of overseeing the Community Development team and the agency's work supporting the region's towns, communities, tribal governments and nonprofits.

Ridlon brings 15 years of community and economic development experience to the position, working for local and state government in rural and urban communities. She has been involved with some of the region's major development projects related to broadband deployment, downtown revitalization, zoning and redevelopment, energy, housing and education. She also brings experience in grant writing and tapping into federal fund opportunities for northeastern Minnesota.



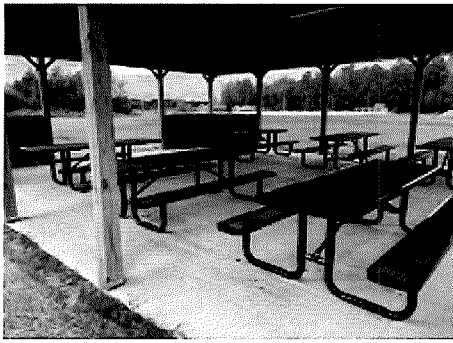
"Whitney has the knowledge and experience to achieve region-wide goals for northeastern Minnesota while still supporting the unique needs of each community in our service area," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina. "She has a proven track record of truly listening to communities, organizations and people and helping them connect with human and financial resources to advance their projects. I am very confident in her abilities to lead the community development staff as they do the important work of strengthening our local communities."

Prior to her new role, Ridlon served for nine years as one of the agency's community development representatives. She has built relationships with the region's elected and government officials, city councils, private businesses, nonprofit boards and charitable foundations. Ridlon was the city planner for Oakdale, Minnesota before she came to the agency and relocated to the Iron Range.

Ridlon was born and raised in Hibbing. After attending Hibbing Community College, she left the region to further advance her education. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Housing Studies from the University of Minnesota-St. Paul and a Masters in Public and Nonprofit Administration from Metropolitan State University.

She now resides in Chisholm with her husband and two children.

Nashwauk Township completes second phase of playground renovation at community center

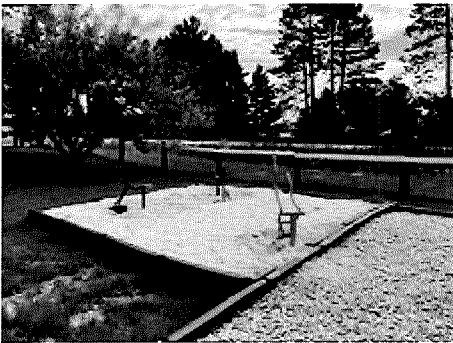


The second and final renovation phase of the handicap-accessible playground at Cloverdale Park in Nashwauk Township was recently completed. Additional playground equipment was installed, and a pavilion with outdoor, shaded seating and an eating area was added. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$10,697 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$72,550.

Phase I of the playground project replaced the majority of the equipment that was outdated and aging. The playground which is designed to serve children ages 2 to 12, also became ADA-accessible. The project's overall goal was to further improve the community center built at Cloverdale Park in 2015. The complex is adjacent to the community athletic fields.

"The playground addition and pavilion space are modern, welcoming and accessible to all," said Amy Drake-Baumchen, Nashwauk Township clerk-treasurer. "This project tremendously enhanced our Community Center area. On any given day in the summer, there are families enjoying the new playground and pavilion."

Drake-Baumchen explained that the community center buildout enhances the quality of life in Nashwauk Township. The center and new amenities are important assets for the people and families who live there, as well as for attracting new residents.



Phase II project partners included Blandin Foundation and Itasca County.

Nashwauk Township includes three distinct areas: the city of Nashwauk, Little Sweden and Cloverdale.

[Learn more about Nashwauk Township & Cloverdale Park Playground.](#)

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

Giants Ridge earns GOLD in ski resort ranking

Giants Ridge won the GOLD award for the “Best Ski Resorts” in the Star Tribune’s Minnesota’s Best Readers’ Choice Contest. This is the second consecutive year to garner the prestigious accolade.

Minnesota’s Best is an audience-driven contest with over 350 categories. The contest recognizes the best in businesses, things to do, places to go, entertainers and others. There are three winners (Gold, Silver and Bronze) in each category. The public may vote once each day during the voting period.



Congratulations to Giants Ridge.

[Read more about the 2023 Gold Award.](#)



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

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 in northeastern Minnesota.



[Learn more about Giants Ridge – Winter season passes are on sale now.](#)

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Sept. 12, 2023

Updated prevailing wage requirements for Minnesota state agency grant recipients

Construction projects funded in whole or in part with state dollars, must adhere to prevailing-wage requirements under the MN Prevailing Wage Act (MPWA) and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 116J.871. As a condition, state of Minnesota contractors and subcontractor(s) are required to complete and submit certified payroll records to the contracting authority.

Effective July 1, 2023, Minn. Stat. § 116J.871, subd. 2(b) deems the state agencies awarding financial assistance to be the “contracting authority” responsible to collect the certified payroll records.

Consequently, the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is required to collect certified payroll records for all grants where prevailing-wage requirements apply.

Going forward, all projects funded by the agency where prevailing-wage laws apply will require certified payroll records be provided by the grant recipient prior to the agency disbursing funds.

Recipients of financial assistance from state agencies should contact the Department of Labor and Industry for applicable prevailing wage rates and guidance on how to comply with prevailing wage requirements in Minnesota

Statutes, section 116J.871 and the MPWA, Division of Labor Standards and Apprenticeship.

Karen Bugar, State Program Administrator

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Additional information can also be found on the Department of Labor and Industry website:

[Read prevailing wage information.](#)

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Forum highlights new housing grant program and available resources

About 100 individuals attended either in-person or virtually at the recent Housing Resources Forum hosted by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Representatives from the region's cities, townships, counties, tribal governments and nonprofits gathered on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Mineland Reclamation building in Chisholm (or via Zoom) to learn about technical and financial housing resources.



Presenters included Commissioner Ida Rukavina and Community Development Director Whitney Ridlon from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation, Commissioner Jennifer Ho from [Minnesota Housing](#) and Harlan Buckalew from [Minnesota Housing Partnership](#).
(Pictured are Commissioner Rukavina and Commissioner Ho.)

"The turnout from our local communities was tremendous. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about our agency's housing resources and those offered by Minnesota Housing," said Rukavina. "The regional housing shortage is a critical economic issue. The need for additional and more choices of housing in northeastern Minnesota impacts employers, employees, municipalities, families, school districts, seniors and new and existing residents."



Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation dedicated \$5 million for a new Housing grant that will accept applications beginning Nov.

1. The grants will assist projects or programs that result in the creation of new housing units or the rehabilitation of existing housing units. Examples include but are not limited to construction of new housing on vacant land, construction of new housing on

redeveloped land, repurposing non-residential buildings for residential use, rehabilitating existing single-family and multi-family housing and funding for housing trust funds or programming to support local workforce housing initiatives. Eligible applicants include cities, townships, counties, nonprofits, tribal governments and governmental entities located within the agency's service area.

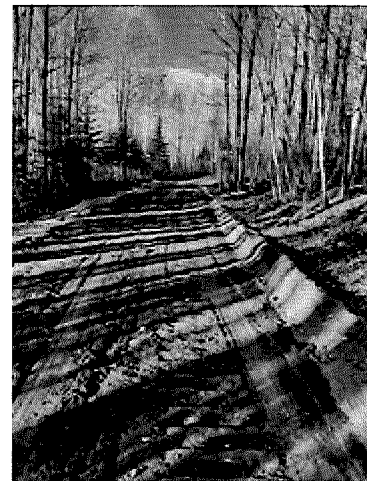
[Learn about the agency's new Housing grant program.](#)

[Email Whitney Ridlon](#) or call her at 218-735-3004 for Housing grant information.

Photos courtesy of Minnesota Housing.

Len Hardy Memorial ATV Trail opens in Nashwauk

A nine-mile, twenty-foot-wide ATV trail connecting the city of Nashwauk to the Alborn-Pengilly Railroad Trail officially opened last month. The new Len Hardy Memorial ATV Trail was named after a Nashwauk man who was an ATV and motorized recreation advocate and an Army Veteran. The trail is also the newly re-routed Nashwauk Snowmobile Trail. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with Regional Trails grants totaling \$105,500 to Itasca County Land Department. Total project investment was \$311,500.



Hardy passed away in 2018 and left a long record of service to his nation and local community. He served on the board of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, was president of the Itasca County ATV Alliance and helped create 19 ATV clubs throughout the region. For his role as a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trail Ambassador, Hardy promoted ATV education and safe riding, especially among youth. During that time, the DNR named him their Volunteer ATV Safety Training Instructor of the Year. He was a licensed contractor who built and maintained numerous roads and trails in northern Minnesota, including the development of the first two ATV trails in Itasca County. Hardy served 22 years in the Army National Guard as a member of the 47th Aviation Battalion.



To celebrate the opening of the new trail, Range Riders ATV Club hosted a dedication ceremony on August 23 at the Nashwauk Veterans Memorial Park. Nearly 60 people attended the event including Hardy's two children and his granddaughter. Following the dedication, the attendees rode to the sign at the new trail for a ribbon cutting and then headed out on the trail.

"Nashwauk was not previously linked to a trail system, so the new nine-mile stretch of trail is a very important connector," said Sara Thompson, Forest Recreation Specialist with Itasca County Land Department. "The trail traverses through forest and crosses a 260-foot boardwalk. Riders have a scenic view of Blue Lake and may access views of Hawkins and LaRue Mine Pits within the city limits of Nashwauk."

Thompson explained that the amount of ATV trails and riders has increased in Itasca County and in Minnesota. The result has been an increase of local and visiting riders as more trails have developed throughout the region, which means a positive impact to local communities and the economy.

Project partners included All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, Community and Economic Development Associates, city of Nashwauk, Itasca County ATV Alliance, Itasca County Board of Commissioners, Itasca Snowmobile Alliance, Itasca Trails Taskforce, Lawron Trail Riders Snowmobile Club, Lone Pine Township, , Mesabi Metallica Company, MNDNR Parks and Trails Division, Minnesota State GIA Program, Polaris Industries, Range Riders ATV Club, Rays Sport and Cycle, United States Steel Corporation, UPM Blandin, Visit Grand Rapids, Yamaha Corporation, Inc. and local volunteers.



Email Jim Plummer or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional Trails grant information.

Cuyuna school develops mountain bike trail and outdoor learning area

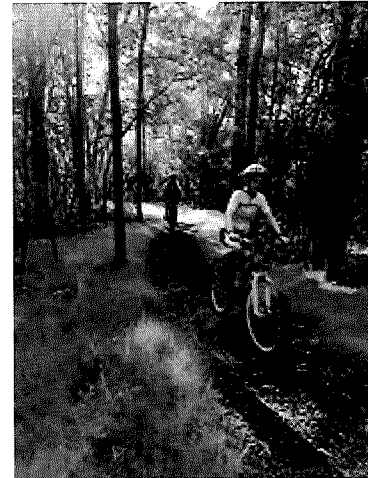


A beginner mountain bike trail and learning space was completed last month on the Cuyuna Range Elementary School (CRES) grounds, providing Crosby area youth the opportunity to develop mountain biking skills. The trail will also be used for preschool through 6th grade students to hike, snowshoe and cross country run. Teachers and students may utilize the trail as an outdoor classroom for studying nature, bird and animal watching. The trail is also open to community members. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$43,200 Regional Trails grant to the city of Crosby. Total project investment is estimated at \$86,400.

The school's biking program began several years ago when two CRES teachers set a goal to provide biking to students at the school and within the Cuyuna community. Clayton Lang and Lori Vosacek raised approximately \$38,000 through grants and donations to purchase a fleet of 40 mountain bikes and a trailer so that third through sixth grade students could be taught basic biking and mountain biking skills. The bikes were initially utilized in physical education class on the school's baseball and football fields. The fleet was also utilized for a free summer mountain bike camp, Range Riders. The idea was soon conceived to build a multi-purpose trail on school property to continue the biking program's momentum.

The school is located near the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area (CCSRA) which is spread across 800 acres surrounding reclaimed mining lands. There are 50 miles of mountain bike trails with scenic vistas.

"We live in an amazing community where people come from all around the state and region to enjoy our trails," said Lang. "The school trail and learning area allows us to teach students how to bike safely with the proper equipment before accessing other trails the area has to offer. We are also able to introduce students to an activity they can participate in for life."



Lang explained that learning to maintain trails as a community resource is necessary to enrich the Cuyuna area as a mountain bike destination. The trail experience being provided at the school gives students a greater understanding of trail stewardship.

"The community support for this project was tremendous," said Lang. "We were able to create an awesome space to teach mountain bike skills to students in our Cuyuna community. The kids are also learning about something that is very central to our region's economy."

Other project partners included Cuyuna Regional Medical Center, Red Raven, Deerwood Bank, Cuyuna Lakes Education Foundation, Anderson Brothers, Holmwig Excavating, Emily Fire, CRES PTO, National Sealant & Concrete, Garrison Commercial Club, Clayton and Camille Lang, Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike CREW, Deerwood Firemen's Relief, Will and Ellen Hoeg,

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Email [Jim Plummer](mailto:Jim.Plummer@knifriver.org) or call him at 218-274-7006 for Regional Trails grant information.

Knife River restores historic fish tug to recognize the North Shore's commercial fishing industry and its fishing families



A new commercial fishing exhibit was added at the Knife River Heritage & Cultural Center (KRHCC) this summer. A 35-foot gas-powered fish tug that fished out of Knife River for many years, the *Crusader II*, was restored and is on display along with five weather-proof interpretive displays. The fish tug was gifted by the Lake County Historical Society. From the early 1990s until gifted to the KRHCC, the boat was on Lighthouse Point in Two Harbors as a visitor attraction but had fallen into disrepair.

The new exhibit traces the history of Lake Superior's North Shore commercial fishing back to the early 1600s when Europeans began trading for furs and fish with Native Americans. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation

supported the project with a \$30,000 Downtown Streetscapes grant. Total project investment was \$68,700.

Crusader II rests on its cradle on a 26 by 48-foot slab with an ADA-compliant viewing deck that allows visitors to see its interior. Five, two by three-foot interpretive displays are mounted on the viewing deck. They chronologically describe Knife River's Native American presence, the arrival of Europeans (mostly Scandinavians), history of *Crusader II* and how commercial fishing shaped the character of Knife River. A shelter over the boat and the viewing deck with its displays will be built next spring.

According to Lake County Historical Society, *Crusader II* was built in 1939 and christened by Crown Prince Olav of Norway during his visit to the North Shore that same year. The boat was built by Reuben and Helmer Hill of nearby Larsmont, Minn., owned by Carl Erickson of Knife River and used until 1953 for harvesting trout and herring. It was later used for charter fishing.

In addition to *Crusader II*, KRHCC is home to the historic Knife River train depot and the Viking ship *Leif Erickson*. The depot's exterior and interior were previously restored to make it a fully functioning 1900s depot and open to the public. A previous Cultural & Tourism grant from Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation helped rebuild the depot.



The *Leif Erickson* was in Duluth's Leif Erikson Park for more than 90 years before the city gifted it to a non-profit that relocated it to the KRHCC in 2021. Restoration on the Viking ship will begin next spring.



"The preservation of the three historic icons will create a significant North Shore historical and educational attraction," said Paul von Goertz, KRHCC president. "The center is committed to preserving the past so that people, especially younger generations, can learn about the history of Knife River and the commercial fisherman of Lake Superior. Our region's history has shaped our communities and people today, and it is vital that we understand it and cherish it so that it

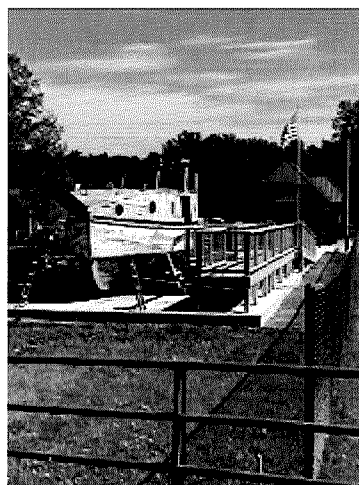
does not fade away."

A number of visitors to the KRHCC arrive by train on the North Shore Scenic Railroad. Upon arrival, guests may tour the depot and boats. Adjacent to the depot area is a large agate beach where people can hunt for the official state gemstone as designated by the Minnesota Legislature in 1969.

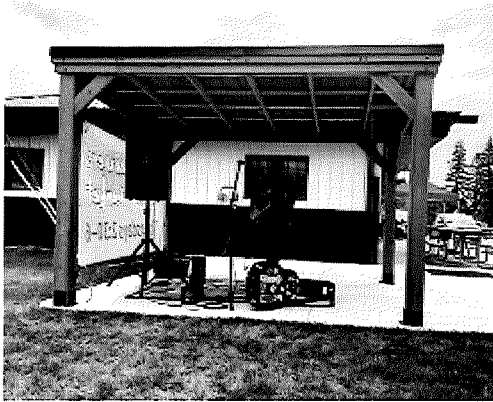
The Knife River community is in Lake County along the North Shore Scenic Drive of Lake Superior between Duluth and Two Harbors. The township of 230 people is at the mouth of the 23.9-mile-long Knife River which drains into Lake Superior. The community's name is speculated to have been given by the Ojibwe Native Americans due to the long, sharp stones in the river.

Other project partners included the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation and Lake Country Power & Light.

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.



Virginia Market Square adds performing arts venue



The Virginia Market Square farmers market added a wood band shelter and concert stage that will host performances during the market hours and at other special events. The new performing arts venue has electricity and lighting to accommodate a variety of local musicians and entertainers. Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$2,500 Culture & Tourism grant to Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability. Total project investment was \$7,500.

Market Square is in its eighth season and operates May through October out of the city-owned Kline-Cuppoletti Park Facility on Silver Lake in the heart of Virginia. Area farmers and artisans sell locally grown fruits, vegetables, eggs, meats, canned goods and wild rice, along with homemade roasted nuts, coffee, baked goods, bug repellent, crafts and soaps. The new band shelter is located at the south end of the facility, and there are benches in the shade for audience members and market shoppers.

"The project enhanced the park area on Silver Lake and created an additional amenity at this historic site in Virginia," said Marlise Riffel, Virginia Market manager. "Farmers markets add to the quality of life in our community by strengthening agricultural economic development, fostering social gathering, and providing access to fresh locally grown foods."

Other project partners included Altobelli Peterson Construction, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Iron Range Original Music Association, Olcott Park BrewFest, Seppi Brothers Concrete, Virginia Community Foundation, Virginia Elks Lodge #1003, Virginia Parks and Recreation and private donors.

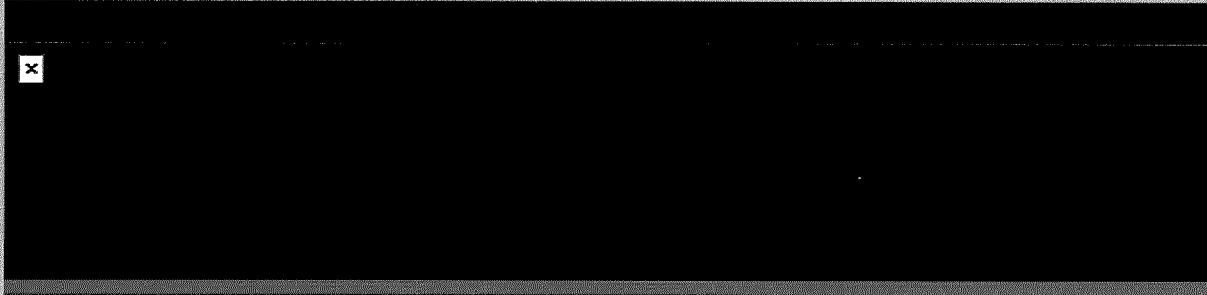


Virginia Market Square is open Thursday afternoons May through October from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

[Learn more about Virginia Market Square.](#)

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

From: Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation <IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>
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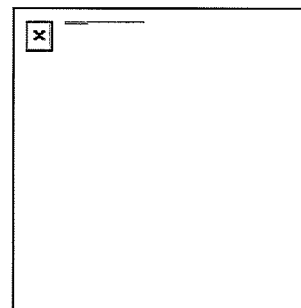
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Over \$580,000 in Commercial Redevelopment grants awarded to business projects in Chisholm, Hibbing and Virginia

The cities of Chisholm, Hibbing and Virginia last week were awarded \$586,030 in Commercial Redevelopment grants by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. The agency invests approximately \$1 million annually into the grant program across its 13,000 square-mile service area. The grants assist with the internal and external demolition of commercial and industrial buildings and clean-up of brownfields to pave the way for new development.



“Our local downtowns are vital to the Iron Range communities and impact both our economy and quality of life. We rely on them as places we do business and where we engage in cultural and social events,” said Commissioner Ida Rukavina,

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. “We were very pleased to support these three communities as they work to further revitalize their downtowns.”

The recent grants include:

- **City of Chisholm: \$120,000** to redevelop a vacant downtown property on Lake Street into a new business that operates as a gallery on the main floor and a rentable tenant space on the second floor. The building’s interior must be completely refitted with new code compliant electrical, plumbing, heating and safety features. Total project investment is estimated at \$441,575.

“This is a great opportunity for the city of Chisholm to have a downtown building breathe new life. I am excited to welcome the new owners. I am thankful to Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and am thrilled to see the impact the commercial redevelopment grant will have on our community.” – Chisholm Mayor Adam Lantz

- **City of Hibbing: \$200,000** to redevelop a building adjacent to Sammy’s Pizza on Howard Street. The owners of Sammy’s purchased the building and will expand their operation into the space once it is renovated. Total project investment is estimated at \$2,216,736.
- **City of Hibbing: \$67,850** to redevelop a four-level building into short-term rentals and a food and entertainment establishment, The Iron House. Total project investment is estimated at \$492,350.
- **City of Hibbing: \$18,890** to redevelop a building located on 4th Avenue East into a space that will be leased by The Hibbing Elks Lodge which operates a restaurant, bar and special event venue. Total project investment is estimated at \$325,548.

“In our recent Strategic Planning and Visioning sessions, the Hibbing City Council and Administrative team determined that the viability of downtown Howard Street is a top priority for our community. One of the main components is helping downtown business have access to funding to help make necessary improvements to their buildings. Whether it’s new businesses looking to locate in downtown Hibbing or existing businesses looking to expand these building improvements help to maintain our historic downtown and keep it vibrant for today and into the future.” – Hibbing Mayor Pete Hyduke

- **City of Virginia: \$90,000** to perform emergency demolition on a commercial building owned by Pohaki Lumber who intends to reconstruct it as a multi-level commercial space with tenants. Total project investment is estimated at \$297,355.
- **City of Virginia: \$84,250** to redevelop a building (formerly Goodwill) adjacent to Northeast Technical Services, Inc. (NTS) on Chestnut Street. The

owners of NTS purchased the building and will expand their office and lab operations into the space once it is renovated. Total project investment is estimated at \$1,700,000.

- **City of Virginia: \$5,040** to renovate interior portions of F&D Meats to allow for installation of new coolers and freezers. F&D is located in a 50-year-old building and has been operating in Virginia for more than 40 years providing fresh cut meats and groceries. The meat shop was recently purchased by new owners who have invested in the building to elevate the customer experience. Total project investment is estimated at \$93,099.

“The recent grants will increase commercial development, expand downtown business renovation, revitalize the local neighborhoods and eliminate blighted properties. Without the strong community commitment and ongoing partnership funding by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation, these projects and many others would not have been possible. The agency is an important economic driver for the Iron Range.” – Virginia Mayor Larry Cuffe, Jr.

Several of the businesses applied for Business Energy Retrofit (BER) and Downtown Building Rehabilitation (DBR) grants for energy efficiency and code-compliant upgrades to their buildings. BER and DBR grants are awarded directly to small business owners and can assist with projects related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, lighting, appliances, windows, doors, storefronts, ADA compliance, lead and asbestos removal and fire suppressions systems. Both programs are funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA). [Learn more about BER and DBR.](#)

Businesses seeking a site for an expansion or relocation are encouraged to talk to their municipality. Cities, townships, counties and tribal governments located within the agency's service area are eligible to apply for Commercial Redevelopment grants.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Community Development staff is available to answer questions and guide cities and businesses through potential projects which can range anywhere from a storefront on main street to a manufacturing business in an industrial zone.

[Watch a short two-minute video about Commercial Redevelopment grants.](#)

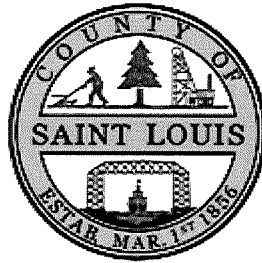
[Email Chris Ismil](#) or call him at 218-735-3010 for more information about Commercial Redevelopment grants.



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Diving Into Disease Prevention & Control

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Monthly DP&C Unit Overview

Hi everyone! As we enter Fall, it is our pleasure to welcome you back to the sixth issue of our Disease Prevention & Control newsletter. A fun fact about September, out of all the months it has the most letters in its name, nine, which is the same number month it is out of the 12! This summer was nothing short of jam packed with community events, and September looks to be just as eventful. Remember to look at the upcoming St. Louis County and Community Partner events coming up.

An item we also want to note - the Canadian wildfires caused the air quality index in our area to rise. This is something that everyone in Northeastern MN should be conscious of when spending time outdoors. More information about the Canadian wildfires and air quality can be found below in our Environmental Health section.

The purpose of this communication is to highlight the work our DP&C team is doing and to showcase events, information and resources that are of interest to you. If there are any suggestions for content, please contact us using the information at the bottom of the newsletter. Thank you all and we hope you have a nice ease into the Fall season!

Ongoing Projects

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.

Upcoming Projects

SLC is hosting **Community Connect** alongside multiple agencies 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 Haas HaasLC@stlouiscountymn.gov 218-471-7339 if you are interested in being there to host a table or service, or with any other questions.



Community Partner Highlight

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

702 South 3rd Ave Virginia, Mn.55792
Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
Hours may vary by office location
Toll Free: 1(800) 662-5711
Phone: (218) 749-2912

Our Interview with Scott Zahorek and Emily Bombich of AEOA.pdf
(govdelivery.com)

St. Louis County/Community Partner Events

September 14 "Grow Your Health from the Inside"-Outside Lunch by Whole Foods CO-OP & Learn Event at Dr. Lara Hill's Community 306 W Superior St. Unit 412 Duluth, MN 55802 12-12:45 pm **FREE**

Register in Advance for either event!

Dr Lara Hill DC Events | Eventbrite

September 26 6-8 PM Wellness Community Dinner - Dr. Lara Hill @ India Palace, West Superior Street, Duluth, MN, USA 319 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802

September 27-28 Virtual Age-Friendly Minnesota Conference & Exchange by AAAA

Age Friendly MN Conference Event Flyer

September 29 In-Person Age-Friendly Minnesota Conference & Exchange by AAAA at the MN Discovery Center in Chisholm, Minnesota 8:30am-12pm



Opening Ceremony for the "Home on the Range" Shelter in Hibbing

A quote from the article about their mission and values statements that moved us so much as it speaks to the humble hearts of those working to meet needs every day in this community and our county.

"We value and respect the people we serve. When they succeed, we succeed. We are then stronger together; we believe in local wisdom and build coalitions with partners that move our mission forward. And then believe-- We believe in our mission and support each other in our work. Our Mission and Values are very important intrinsic to who we are - I mean if you if you don't believe in these statements, you can't truly embrace the work."

[More about the programs of AEOA in detail](#)

[Services Flyer to share](#)

[Shelter Donation Items Needed](#)

Save The Date! Damiano Community Connect October 26th 10AM-2PM @ Damiano Center 206 W 4th Street Duluth MN 55802

[Community Connect Flyer](#)

The mission of AEOA is to strengthen communities by providing opportunities for people experiencing social and economic challenges.

Our vision is that all people served will make measurable progress toward self-reliance or independence...

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It was our pleasure to interview and highlight this agency and we are truly inspired by the amazing work they are doing to fill the gaps for the community and for those in need across St. Louis County.

Focus on Sexual Health

Suicide Prevention Month



Suicide Prevention Proclamation Group at St Louis County Board Meeting Sept 5th 2023

The World Health Organization defines sexual health as a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity. Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.

Overall, Minnesota has better sexual health statistics than many other states. There is always room for improvement in promotion of education and raising awareness in high-risk groups.

Here are a couple resources to see how you stack up and to share:

Sexual Health Quiz

Characteristics Of Sexually Healthy Adults

Sexual Health Overview- MDH

Update on STIs

We remain in the midst of an HIV outbreak, Syphilis outbreak, and high rates of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea in St. Louis County so the more you can

Everyone can play a role in preventing suicide! September is National Suicide Prevention/Awareness Month. You can help the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) raise awareness by sharing resources that help others recognize the warning signs for suicide and learn how to get help.

Our SLC Group Pictured above featuring Amy Brownell Public Health Educator *Suicide Prevention/Mental Health Promotion* and Supervisor Susan Vitulli's community health unit.

Amy Brownell and Gabby Suihkonen (Range Mental Health) presented the PHHS Proclamation for Suicide Prevention on September 5, to the SLC Board. (Thanks, Dana Kazel, for the great photo!)

Suicide Month Proclamation

Suicide Prevention Trainings/Resources on St Louis County's PHHS Pages - Community Health Unit:

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Resources

educate and share information on healthy choices, testing, and routine physician care it will make a difference!

STI National Update From the CDC 4.11.2023

Reminders from MDH:

- Many STDs have no signs and symptoms. Sometimes, the symptoms go away but the STD is still present.
- Some people believe that if a blood sample is taken during a visit to the doctor that they are checking for STDs. This may not be true.
- People should talk to their doctors about being tested for STDs if they are at risk.
- Testing for STDs may not be done during routine gynecological exams for women.

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can have very serious complications when left untreated, but it is simple to cure with the right treatment. Syphilis testing is available locally each week at RAAN and at local providers.

Syphilis and Women

Congenital Syphilis

Syphilis and MSM

Get Tested

CDC Condom Locator

Search by ZIP code to find free or low-cost condoms near you.

Tested Positive for Chlamydia or Gonorrhea? Next Steps-CDC

**SAVE THE NUMBER
SAVE A LIFE
CALL OR TEXT 988**

Add this number to
your phone now.

It could save
a life later.



nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

On September 19, please join NIMH for a Facebook Live event on youth suicide prevention. Suicide is a leading cause of death among young people in the U.S. During the event, NIMH experts Drs. Lisa M. Horowitz and Stephen O'Connor will lead a discussion on talking to youth about suicide risk, how to identify the warning signs of suicide, risk factors for suicide, and NIMH-supported research on interventions for youth suicide prevention.

Facebook Live Event

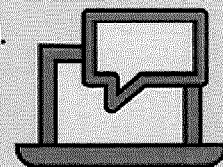
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: Youth Suicide Prevention

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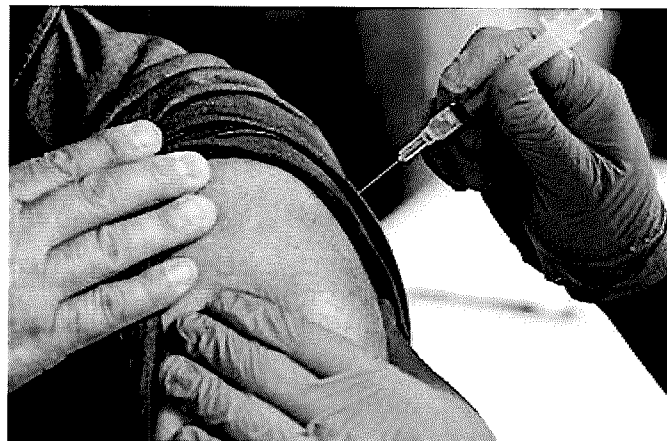


**September 19, 2023
2:00–2:30 p.m. ET**



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Vaccination Updates



RSV/Flu

Influenza Updates - CDC

- Seasonal flu activity is currently low across most of the country.
- September and October are good times to get a flu vaccine.
- Young children who need two doses should get the first one as soon as possible.
- Pregnant people in their third trimester and children who need only one dose can also be vaccinated earlier.

MDH Resources on Flu Vaccine

Flu Basics for Adults

When to Get Medical Help

Where to get a flu shot

Pregnancy and Flu Shots

COVID-19

Nationally, the CDC has reported an increase in hospitalizations, but over 98% of the nation remains at low levels of hospitalizations (<10 hospitalizations per 100,000 population). Closer to home, St. Louis County is seeing low rates of hospitalization as well. For the week ending 8/30/23, there were 13 reported hospitalizations in the NE Region, which includes SLC county, and our case rate average remains steady at 2.5 per 100,000 population, which is lower than our current Statewide case rate of 29.572 per 100,000 population during the week ending 8/22/23. [Read more on the current variant data and vaccine recommendations.](#)

[Read the latest press release from the FDA on the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines 9.11.2023](#)

We will provide more info as it is available, it will take time for all

Flu Information For Parents

RSV Vaccine Updates

Respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) virus, also known as RSV, is a common viral infection. It can cause respiratory illness in people of any age and is one of the most common diseases of early childhood. It can also cause severe illness such as bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs). Typical onset emerges late September to mid-October with peak time generally in the first part of February, with cases generally wrapping up by first week of May each year. Here are some helpful links to share:

FDA Approved RSV Vaccines for Adults and Children dated 9.11.2023

RSV Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) for Adult Vaccinations

RSV in Infants and Young Children

RSV in Older Adults

Preventing RSV

Transmission of RSV

Symptoms and Care of RSV

vaccine providers to get protocols and vaccine from MN Dept of Health for the newly approved vaccine booster.

Am I able to get a flu vaccine and a COVID vaccine on the same day?

Yes, Read the full answer...

How do I get my COVID test kit free?

Get Free Home Tests Here

What are the current recommendations for quarantine & testing if I have a close contact (15 minutes or more with someone who develops COVID) or if I test positive?

Here are a couple of documents that will help you navigate testing and isolation.

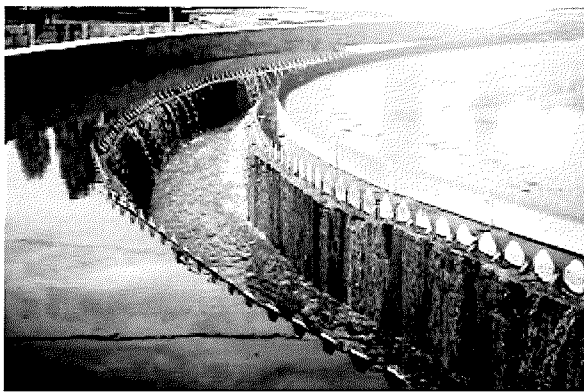
I've had an Exposure to COVID - MDH 4.27.23

Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 | CDC

Environmental Health

Wastewater Measurement

Lice



Emerging technologies continue to inform us with new methods and indicators to determine a population's overall month to month trends and health when it comes to viral illnesses such as SARs-COV2 and Influenza. Suzy Van Norman PHN DP&C recently had a conversation about wastewater with Roger Laaksonen, PH's IT Guru and purveyor of always so many helpful ideas and facts. He provided DP&C with a *fount* of information on the wastewater data over the course of the pandemic. Thanks to Roger for providing me with great info here!

Wastewater intelligence data across the country is one of those sources and helps inform our public health strategies and response for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.

Every week, more than 35 treatment plants in Minnesota gather and analyze wastewater to monitor for SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) and other virus prevalence. These plants cover nearly 67% of all MN residents. This Regional Data is compiled on the University of Minnesota wastewater surveillance project. Visit the site via the link or click the pic to view the stats:

[U of M: Wastewater SARS-CoV2 Surveillance Study](#)



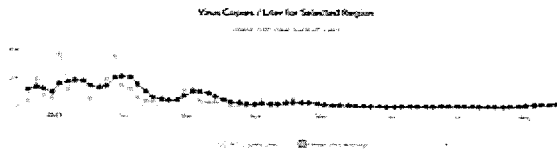
As children head back to school, and people begin to congregate more indoors as the temperatures cool, we often see a rise in head lice questions and cases across the county. Thought it would be helpful to give you a few informational talking points and resources to share with your clients about Lice.

What are head lice?

The head louse is an insect that can infest people. These tiny insects (about 1/8" long) make their home in human hair and feed on blood. Head lice multiply rapidly, laying small greyish-colored, oval-shaped eggs (called nits) which they glue to the base of the hair, close to the scalp. Head lice are not known to spread disease.

How does a head lice infestation occur?

Head lice have no wings and do not fly or jump, but they can crawl or run through hair quickly. Most commonly, head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person. They may also be spread by sharing personal items such as combs, brushes, other hair-care items, towels, pillows, hats, and other head coverings. Dogs, cats, and other pets do not spread head lice.



The North East Region includes 4 facilities

Best overall hub for regional data is MDH's COVID Situational Awareness page:

MDH Situational Awareness COVID-19

You will find some links at the bottom of the MDH page for Wastewater. Check out the metro plant stats link on variant percentages, they are very good visuals of the metro area trends.

We love good statistical data here in DP&C, unfortunately the wastewater data for our region currently updates slowly so it is less useful in its anecdotal data for up to the moment needs. For example, the wastewater ppm for August 13 was a nice low 181 initially, but on or around 8/23 it updated to 1300. Still, we can look back at end of month and see the trend change in August.

It is helpful as we can look back at this year and see the upward trend in January and February to the very low June and July numbers. Another way to capture useful analysis may be to compare year to year data across the official period of the pandemic to see trends. We are hopeful this data will continue to improve its timely response to give us up to the minute data.

What can you do? Check your child's head frequently during the school year. Provide immediate treatment. Here are resources for sharing!

Head Lice Fact Sheet MDH

Head Lice Fact Sheet Schools/Child Care Providers

Head Lice Information for Parents

www.headlice.org

It's Weatherization Season

Only 14 weeks until Christmas...

Fall is underway and it is now time to remind your family and your clients to do some pre-winter home safety checks and maintenance. Time to schedule that furnace cleaning, check all outside vents, and test or replace those smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

Read More About it:

Fall Healthy Home Tips -CDC

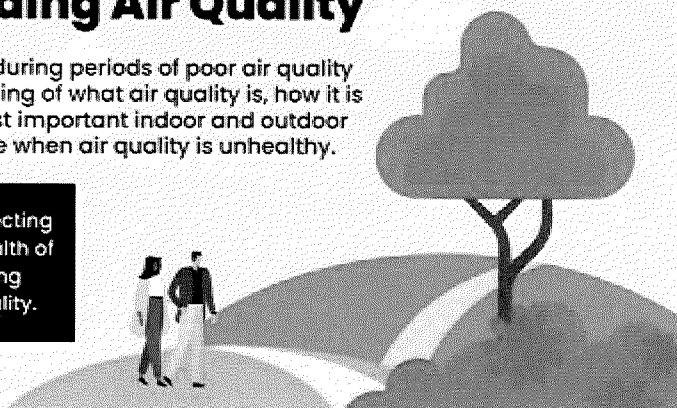
Protect your family from Carbon Monoxide

Air Quality

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH: **Understanding Air Quality**

Protecting your health during periods of poor air quality requires an understanding of what air quality is, how it is evaluated, and the most important indoor and outdoor safety measures to take when air quality is unhealthy.

Learn more about protecting your health and the health of your household during periods of poor air quality.



The U.S. Air Quality Index (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 More about [Understanding Air Quality](#)

[Air Particulate Matter and health](#)

FAQ's

How do I Pay for Vaccines? [CDC's Bridge Access Program](#) will provide free COVID-19 vaccines for a limited time after these products move onto the commercial market in Fall 2023.

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

- [PH Contacts](#)

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August 24, 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.

NE MN HOME Consortium Public Meeting HOME Funding Process

The HOME Program was created by Congress under Title II (the HOME Investment Partnerships Act) of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Program provides grant funds that offer flexibility to states and local governments to decide what kind of housing assistance is most appropriate for their housing needs. Eligible uses of the funds include new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition of standard housing, assistance to homebuyers, and tenant-based rental assistance.

The Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium (Consortium) was formed in 1991-1992 through the signing of a Joint Powers Agreement by the county boards of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Itasca, and Koochiching. These contiguous counties were needed to meet the qualifying population threshold required of the HOME Program. The Consortium, guided by a 10-member Advisory Committee that includes a county commissioner and another appointed representative from each county, receives an annual HOME Program allocation of about \$600,000. *(Note: The City of Duluth receives separate HOME funding and is not included in the NE MN HOME Consortium.)*

The Consortium will hold a public meeting of the HOME Investment Partnership's (HOME) Advisory Committee to review second round applications for fiscal year 2023 funding on Friday, September 22, 2023, from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. The meeting will be hosted at the Virginia Public Works Training Facility in the Lake Vermilion Conference Room at 7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN 55792.

For more information, please call Brad Gustafson at 218-742-9563 or email:
gustafsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov

For a site map of the meeting location please see the following link:
[HOME Consortium Meeting Site Map.pdf](#)

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September 15, 2023



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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2024 Pre-Application Process Now Open!

Greetings! The St. Louis County FY 2024 CDBG pre-application process is now open. Applicants may begin applying through the new paperless online platform, ZoomGrants, which can be accessed through the St. Louis County website here: [ZoomGrants \(stlouiscountymn.gov\)](https://stlouiscountymn.gov/ZoomGrants). ZoomGrants will streamline processes for both applicants and the Advisory Board. Each paperless application will be evaluated and scored online by Advisory Board Members based on how it meets the criteria listed in the scoring rubric located below. **Pre-applications are due by October 13, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.** ZoomGrants will automatically save responses and applications from year to year and allow multiple collaborators for each organization. The ZoomGrants webpage provides many training resources and contact information if additional assistance is needed. St. Louis County Community Development staff will also be able to offer support through virtual and in-person meetings. If you have questions about any part of this application, contact St. Louis County Community Development by email at communitydevelopmentinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov. **Final applications are due by December 1, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.**

The FY 2024 CDBG program year will run from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025. Awarded applicants will have a contract term of May 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, allowing time to complete projects and draw funds. Successful applicants will be held to requirements in the contract and will need to supply file requirement documentation. Consider requesting an environmental review early in the application process.

Environmental reviews are conducted by Community Development staff and can take place now, which may provide assistance with project deadlines.

[CDBG Scoring Rubric](#)

[CDBG Process Schedule](#)

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Planning and Community Development Department
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TO: Interested Applicants

FROM: Ryan Logan, On-Site Wastewater Planning Manager

DATE: September 15, 2023

RE: St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid

St. Louis County is soliciting proposals to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in St. Louis County. St. Louis County is the recipient of \$709,393 County Program Aid grant funds for AIS prevention from the State of Minnesota as a result of the 2014 Session Law Chapter 308. The purpose of these funds is to “prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county” (MN Statutes 477A.19).

Please note the St. Louis County AIS Prevention Program will be available provided state funding is appropriated for the program.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023. Applications may be mailed to Ryan Logan at St. Louis County Planning and Community Development, 320 West Second Street, Suite 301, Duluth, MN 55802 or emailed as a PDF file to: loganr@stlouiscountymn.gov. Please contact Ryan Logan at 218-725-5014 if you need any of the forms mailed to you.

The St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and application information are posted on the St. Louis County Website: <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/ais>. The application information includes the following items:

1. Request for Proposal Overview
2. Application Form Including Budget Worksheet
3. Instructions for Narrative Sections of Application
4. Sample St. Louis County Contract

From: Minnesota Rural Water Association <nicole.melaas@mrwa.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:16 PM
To: clerk@breitungtownship.org
Subject: October 2023 TA Times



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Funding for Lead Service Line Replacements and Other Resources

Reprinted from The Fall 2023 *Waterline* -Minnesota Department of Health Quarterly Newsletter

In addition to the \$240 million allocation from the state of Minnesota for the replacement of lead service lines, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - provides approximately \$40 million per year for five years for replacement projects.

Public water systems may apply through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Priority will be given to areas with children under the age of five and/or children with elevated blood lead levels and areas with lower-income residents or disadvantaged communities. In addition, removal of lead service lines that are an imminent threat to public health and safety will be prioritized as will the replacement of lead service lines in coordination with watermain replacement projects.

Water systems are encouraged to apply for funding as soon as their lead service line inventories are complete. The University of Minnesota has a mapping tool that can help with these inventories.

MDH estimates that there are approximately 100,000 lead service lines in the state. "Safe, clean drinking water is a foundational human need, and it is long past time we make it a reality for all Minnesotans," said Governor Walz when he signed the legislation.

Lead service line inventories dues October 16, 2024

As mandated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, all community and nontransient noncommunity water systems must prepare an inventory of all service lines (including those not in use) that are connected to water mains. These inventories, which are due to the Minnesota Department of Health by October 16, 2024, must include a location identifier and the material of the service line.

The first step in a process to remove lead service lines, the inventories will be regularly updated as additional information becomes available and as lead service lines are removed and replaced.

More information: [MDH Quick Reference Guide for Lead Service Line Inventories](#)



For OPERATORS: The Down and Dirty of How Small Towns Can Avoid Getting Hacked - 1 hour

September 21, 2023 | 2:00 pm CDT

Speaker: Chris Sosnowski

Virtually no water/wastewater operators, ever, went into water because they wanted to be experts in cybersecurity. Yet, love it or hate it, there is a very urgent need to be aware of what is important and what you can and should do about it.

While 99% of the training out there is targeted for IT people, this course will cover what water and wastewater operators can learn for their role. Learn how to talk with IT (they speak a different language), learn what questions to ask your systems integrator, learn some security best practices you can do yourself without IT.

We will teach you how to look up whether your personal or work email accounts has been hacked.

We promise you'll leave more secure than before. While we won't promise your utility won't be hacked, education is an important part of reducing the risk!

Register Now: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2907312586492700762>



Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants

The MPCA has \$625,000 available to support proposals from Environmental Justice communities across Minnesota for projects that provide planning and design services for infrastructure projects to replace aging and obsolete infrastructure. The resulting construction projects will increase the resilience of stormwater systems, minimize localized flood risk, and reduce clean water intrusion into wastewater systems.

Applications must be received electronically through the SWIFT Supplier Portal no later than 4 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants>

Community Planning Grants for Stormwater, Wastewater, and Community Resilience

The MPCA is launching a Request for Proposals (RFP) to distribute \$500,000 for climate planning projects to small communities with populations less than 10,000 people. This funding provides an opportunity for these communities to assess vulnerabilities and begin planning for the effects of Minnesota's changing climate in three areas:

- How to increase resilience to stormwater and reduce localized flood risk.
- How to improve the resilience of wastewater systems.
- How to reduce human health effects and adapt community services, ordinances and public spaces to the changing climate.

The effects of climate change are being felt across the state, from overwhelmed infrastructure, damaged property, dying trees, and culturally important native species, to excessive heat, worsening air quality, and other health threats. Minnesota state government is partnering with local communities to

assess needs, develop climate-adaptation plans, and make changes so that we are ready for what lies ahead.

Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/grants-and-loans/community-planning-grants-for-stormwater-wastewater-and-community-resilience>

Lead & Copper Rule Revision and Asset Management

October 24, 2023

Hoyt Lakes, MN

Agenda

REGISTER

Wastewater O&M Training

October 3, 2023

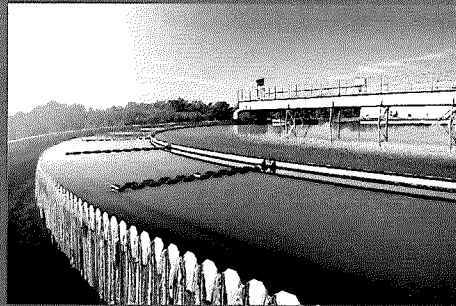
Hoyt Lakes, MN

Agenda

October 24, 2023

Waite Park

Agenda



REGISTER

**Upcoming Fee-Based Training Session
Sponsored by MRWA Corporate Partners**



Winterizing Your Water System October 4, 2023 St. Cloud, MN

AGENDA

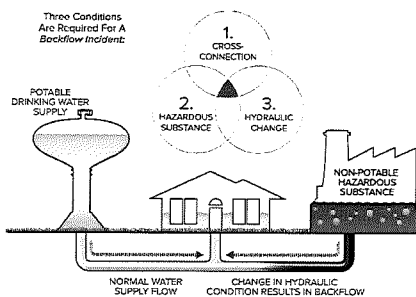
Cost: MRWA members \$150
Non-members \$175

Register



Water Certification Refresher & Exam October 10 - 12, 2023 St. Cloud Agenda

Register



Cross Connection & Backflow Prevention October 19, 2023 **ONLINE** AGENDA

Cost: MRWA members \$75
Non-members \$100

Register

Minnesota Rural Water Association | 217 12th Avenue SE, Elbow Lake, MN 56531

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SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

Breitung Police Department August 2023 Report

Calls for Service (ICRS) 138

Citations: 7

- 1 Citation for Expired Registration (nearly 6 months overdue)
- 1 Citation for Driving After Revocation
- 1 Citation for Driving After Revocation
- 1 Citation for Driving After Revocation
- 1 Citation for Driving After Revocation
- 1 Citation for Speed (49/30)
- 1 Citation for Speed (67/50)

Arrests: 2

- 1 adult female arrested for DWI and resisting arrest
- 1 adult male arrested for theft related charges



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It was another busy month for our department. Summer is winding down and some of the leaves are beginning to change. I have spent some time getting ready to teach the G.R.E.A.T. Program in our schools. I am looking forward to interacting with the students again this year. Football season has started and it is looking more like fall. I have included a press release in this month's report. We were very fortunate to recover numerous stolen signs from the Lake Vermilion State Park. September is looking to be another busy month with numerous activities in our area. We are also deep into planning the second annual Tacos with Cops which will be held on October 7th at the Breitung Township Hall. We hope to see you there. I look forward to visiting with everyone. Have a great week.

Daniel Reing

Chief of Police

Breitung Police Department



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On the weekend of March 3-5, of this year, numerous signs were stolen from the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground State Park. The weather that weekend was snowy. As a result of the weather, there was little physical evidence left. This evidence would have included footprints or tire treads. Unfortunately, the case was at a standstill without any additional reports, witnesses, or surveillance video. On August 10th, I received a call from East Range Police Department saying that they had received information on the location of the stolen signs. A search warrant was conducted later that day at a residence in Aurora. The results of the search concluded with all but two of the state park signs recovered. Additional signs from the area were also recovered. East Range Police Department will be returning the signs in their area. An adult male suspect was located shortly after the completion of searching the residence. The suspect was arrested and charged with felony theft related charges. The case is now working through the court process. It is always satisfying to have cases brought to a closure. So many thefts go unsolved. I am thankful that the park was able to have their property returned in very good condition. I would like to thank Officer Erickson, Officer Stephanie Mathison, and Officer Garrick of the East Range Police Department. I would also like to thank Officer Zupancic for his assistance conducting the search warrant. I would like to thank the park staff for the detailed property descriptions, and their patience. It was a total team effort; I am happy I was able to contribute to the positive conclusion of this case.

Chief Daniel Reing
Breitung Police Department



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

August Fire Dept Report

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 8/09/2023.

This month's training consisted of continued training and familiarization of our new SCBA gear. This training was conducted in-house with our training officers.

We received two calls for service which consisted of a water emergency on Vermilion, which was cancelled and a vehicle vs. moose with injuries on Hwy 169 in Breitung Twp. A passenger had to be extricated from the vehicle.

Road and Bridge Report

August 2023 Report

Usual mowing and trimming

Maintenance on gravel roads and grading

Completion of Hockey Boards-Repair and Replacement

Prepared for and hosted Big Truck Nights

Brushing and removal of dead trees

Working with contractors on various projects

Assisting AMPTEK (Electrical Contractor) with various projects

Numerous load of Class 5 to Township Residents

Repairing roads from storm damage on 09/21/23

Flushing Hydrants

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

September 15, 2023

Timothy Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O.Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782-0056

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

I am pleased to inform you that the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) approved project financing for Breitung Township on September 1, 2023. The Project consists of rehabilitation of various sections of sanitary sewer lines in the City of Tower and Breitung Township. PFA's financing is as follows:

Clean Water SRF-Loan	\$284,580
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We conservatively estimate that the PFA loan (20 years at 1.813%) will save local taxpayers approximately \$48,685 in interest costs compared to market rate financing.

We congratulate Breitung Township for its successful application and its financial commitment to improve its wastewater infrastructure.

The financial assistance contract will be sent to you shortly. Loan disbursements are contingent upon our receipt of Breitung Township's general obligation bond and related documents.

If you have any questions about this project financing or about the PFA's programs in general, please feel free to contact Jeff Freeman, Executive Director at 651/259-7465.

Regards,



Matt Varilek, Chair
MN Public Facilities Authority

C: Rep. Roger J. Skraba
Sen. Grant Hauschild

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McKinley Park playground update

>Talked to Amber Zak and asked other local parents

>Emphasis on climbing and spinning opportunities as well as increasing utility (2-person swings instead of one-person/more happiness for more kids)

> Amber and I think our kids would be equally happy with homemade equipment, such as a balance beam or a climbing wall.
(ex Vermilion Lake Twp balance beam.)

Things we want

- >Central tower
- >Tire swing or two-person swings
- >Parallel bars
- >Pull-up bars
- >Climbing wall
- >Monkey bars
- >Balance beam

> I sent Stacy some ideas of equipment we liked and asked for pricing, he didn't get me pricing but I think that a tower with slides would take up most the space and all of the budget. He also said that the spinning equipment has a large safety zone making it not ideal for the small space.

The Flagship Recreation website is not helpful and lists pricing at between \$0-\$5,000 or \$5,000 - \$10,000.

>Tom and I discussed not having a boarder at all to save those funds. (a boarder would cost about \$3,400.) I noticed that this is how the City of Cook's playground is.

>Fresh wood chip mulch was estimated at \$3,000.

Soudan playground update

>Stacy was looking at larger equipment such as a wheel-chair accessible merry-go round and a Zip Cruise (Ex. Ely School Playground) for the Soudan playground.

>I see more value in...

- > Improving the entrance to the park with a parking lot, sidewalk to the basketball and volley ball courts, entrance sign
- > Building a new warming shack that could also be rented for parties (Ex. Bear Head Lake State Park's picnic shelter or a warm wood ski lodge look)
- > Open 24/7 bathrooms
- > Water fountain
- > Dog poop bag stand
- > Landscaping/trees/low-maintenance native flower garden
- > Replacing dinosaur and caterpillar with a climber or spinner

We should hold a public meeting on the matter or create a community survey



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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 Tuchel

FOR:
AGAINST:

By: Timothy Tomsich
Its Chair

ATTEST: _____
By: Dianna Sunsdahl
Its Township Clerk



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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. Verbal and up to a written warning in and officers file for non-compliance of this policy.

Daniel Reing
Chief of Police
Breitung Police Department

Passed and Adopted by the Board on this 28th day of September, 2023.

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

FOR:

AGAINST:

By: Timothy Tomsich
Its Chair

ATTEST: _____
By: Dianna Sundahl
Its Township Clerk



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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 annually as required by state statute. 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." If the opiate antagonist (Narcan) is administered by the officer, ambulance personnel shall be notified and dispatched as soon as the officer is able to do so.

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

FOR:
AGAINST:

By: Timothy Tomsich
Its Chair

ATTEST: _____
By: Dianna Sunsdahl
Its Township Clerk

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Water Main / Sanitary Sewer / Storm Sewer, Roadway Infrastructure	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Comments, Etc.:
First Avenue (Superior to Gordon)	\$ 256,000					500 LF paved street, curb & gutter, storm sewer, sanitary sewer
Church Street (Main Street to mud ditch)	\$ 336,000					700 LF paved street, curb & gutter, storm sewer
South Street		\$ 300,000				2700 LF paved road, no utility work Just patches?
Junction Road (T.H. 169 to South Street)					\$ 275,000	6800 LF gravel road, no utilities*
State Park Entrance Road (First half mile from T.H. 169)				\$ 300,000		2700 LF paved road, no utilities *
Main Street Spring Street to Poplar Street)			\$ 500,000			1500 LF paved street, c&g with utilities
Main Street (Poplar Street to McKinley Park Road)				\$ 350,000		1501 LF paved street, c&g no utilities
4th Avenue and 5th Avenue (Gordon Street to Main Street)		\$ 225,000				675 LF paved street, insulate services worth cost?
Echo Point Road (full length)					\$ 325,000	6800 LF gravel road, no utilities Maintenance Crew?
4th Avenue Water Line (Jasper St N)						Cast Steel 1949?
Water Main Supplying Soudan Mine						1939?
Jasper St (90' from TH 169)						90 LF Paved street
Center St (From Poplar to Main St)						900 LF Paved street

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO
Township of Breitung
33 1st Ave
PO Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

EASEMENT

The GRANTOR, VERMILION PARK INN, LLC 30 Church St. Soudan, MN 55782 and convey to GRANTEE, Township of Breitung 33 1st Ave Soudan, MN 55782 an easement to access sewer/water lines over, on and across the following described real estate Block 007 Lot 0001 Plat of Soudan:

See attached legal description document situated in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota prepared by JPJ Engineering.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said GRANTOR has caused this instrument to be executed on September 19th, 2023

On September 28th, 2023 by GRANTEE, the Township of Breitung; motion to accept the easement with Vermilion Park Inn, LLC by _____ seconded by _____ motion carried _____

Mary S. Batinich
GRANTOR-Mary S Batinich-Owner
A married Woman
Vermilion Park Inn, LLC

Timothy S Tomsich
GRANTEE-Timothy Tomsich-Chairman
Township of Breitung

Thomas Burns
GRANTOR-Thomas Burns-Owner
An Unmarried Man
Vermilion Park Inn, LLC

Matthew Tuchel
GRANTEE-Matthew Tuchel-Supervisor
Township of Breitung

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS } ss.

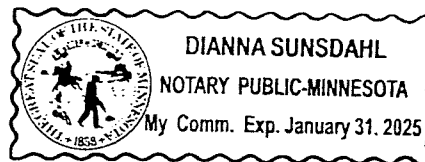
This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 23rd day of September, 2023

Dianna Sunsdahl
Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk, Township of Breitung

Notary Public in and for the State of Minnesota, St. Louis County
My Appointment Expires: January 31, 2025

NOTORIAL STAMP OR SEAL

This instrument was drafted by:
Dianna Sunsdahl, Clerk-Township of Breitung



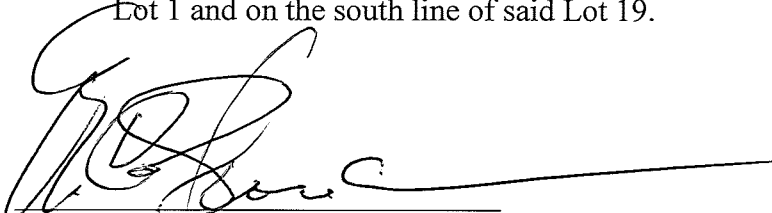
CONSENT TO EASEMENT AGREEMENT

I, Michael Skorich, spouse of Mary S Batinich, consent to the Easement Agreement September 19th, 2023, By and between the Vermilion Park Inn LLC and The Township of Breitung in connection with an easement benefitting the real property legally described as follows:

A 20.00 foot wide perpetual easement for utility purposes, over, under and across those parts of the Alley, Lots 1 and 19, Block 7, SOUDAN, according to the recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County Minnesota, the centerline of said easement is described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Lot 1, thence South 13 degrees 27 minutes 56 seconds East, assumed bearing along the westerly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 73.60 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence North 80 degrees 10 minutes 08 seconds East 221.51 feet; thence south line of said Lot 19 and said centerline there terminating.

The side lines of said easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on the westerly line of said Lot 1 and on the south line of said Lot 19.


Michael Skorich

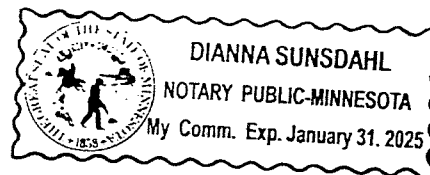
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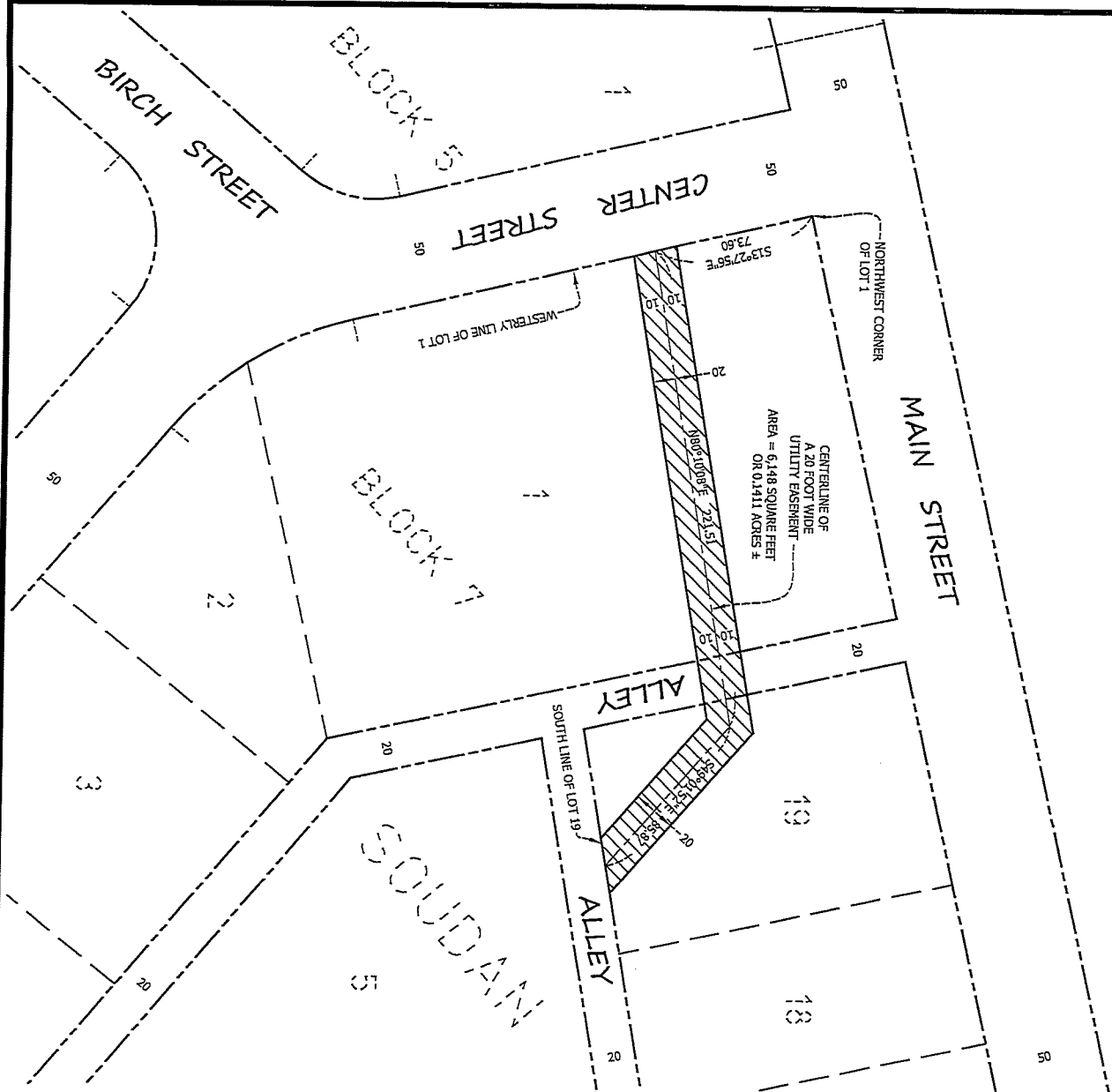
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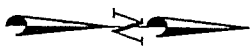
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SURVEYOR NOTES:

Orientation of the bearing system is based on the west line of Lot 1, Block 7, SOUDAN to have a bearing of S 13°27'56" E.

JPL Engineering has made no investigation or independent search for easements of record, encumbrances, restrictive covenants, ownership title evidence, or any other facts that an accurate and current title search may disclose.



SCALE: 1 INCH = 50 FEET

0 25 50 100
SCALE IN FEET

CERTIFICATION:

We hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Signed this 3rd day of January, 2023 for JPL Engineering, Inc.

Randy H. Morley
Randy H. Morley PLS License Number 21401

SKETCH & DESCRIPTION

For: Breitung Township

Breitung, Minnesota 55790

Those parts of the Alley, Lots 1 and 19, Block 7, SOUDAN, St. Louis County, Minnesota.



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SURVEY BY:	AG
DRAWN BY:	AG
DESIGNED BY:	AG
APPROVED BY:	RHM
DATE:	1/03/2022
PROJECT NUMBER:	21-860
SHEET NUMBER:	1 OF 1

**Product Quotation**

Quotation Number: NC57825
Quote Sent Date: Aug 28, 2023
Expiration Date: Sep 27, 2023

Your Bobcat Contact

Nolan Clark
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Your Customer Contact

Deliver to
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Bobcat Dealer
Timmer Implement, Inc., Aitkin, MN
1001 2ND STREET NW
AITKIN, MN, 56431
GREG RUIS

Bill To
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP G5914

Item Name	Item Number	Quantity	Price Each	Total
Bobcat UW56	M1225	1	56,594.70	56,594.70
Standard Equipment:				
Adjustable Vinyl Seats			Horsepower Management	
All-Wheel Steer			Roll Over Protective Structure (ROPS) . Meets Requirements of SAE-J1040 & ISO 3471	
Automatically Activated Glow Plugs			Falling Object Protective Structure (FOPS) . Meets Requirements of SAE-J1043 & ISO3449, Level I	
Auxiliary Hydraulics			Dome Light	
Variable Flow with dual direction detent			Hydraulic Dump Box	
Beverage Holders			Instrumentation: Standard 5" Display with Keyless Start, Engine Temperature and Fuel Gauges, Hour meter, RPM and Warning Indicators. Includes maintenance interval notification, fault display, job codes, quick start, and security lockouts.	
Bob-Tach			Joystick, Manually Controlled with Lift Arm Float	
Boom Float			Lift Arm Support	
Cargo Box Support			Parking Brake, automatic	
Cruise Control			Power Steering with Tilt Steering Wheel	
Speed Management			Radiator Screen	
Enclosed Cab with HVAC			Rear Receiver Hitch	
Dual Port USB charger			Seat Belts, Shoulder Harness	
Lower Engine Guard			Spark Arrestor Muffler	
Limited Slip Transaxle			Suspension, 4-wheel independent	
Engine and Hydraulic Monitor with Shutdown			Tires: 27 x 10.5-15 (8 ply), Lug Tread	
Front LED Work Lights			Toolcat Interlock Control System (TICS)	
Full-time Four-Wheel Drive			Two-Speed Transmission	
			Machine Warranty: 12 Months, unlimited hours	
			Bobcat Engine Warranty: Additional 12 Months or total of 2000 hours after initial 12 month warranty	
Deluxe Road Package	M1225-P01-C01	1	2,460.75	2,460.75
<i>Included:</i> Deluxe Road Package includes:				
Backup Alarm, Turn Signals, Flashers, Tail Lights, Brake Lights, Rear view mirror, Side Mirrors, Horn, Rear work lights, and headlights				
29 X 12.5 Turf Tires	M1225-R05-C05	1	668.10	668.10

High Flow Package	M1225-R03-C02	1	1,475.60	1,475.60
Heavy Duty Battery	M1225-R07-C02	1	82.45	82.45
Attachment Control	M1225-R08-C02	1	200.60	200.60
Power Bob-Tach	M1225-R14-C03	1	934.15	934.15
Radio Option	M1225-R15-C02	1	453.05	453.05
Engine Block Heater	M1225-A01-C02	1	110.50	110.50
Interior Trim	M1225-A01-C04	1	174.25	174.25
68" Heavy Duty Bucket	7272679	1	1,326.00	1,326.00
Bolt-On Cutting Edge, 68"	6718006	1	278.01	278.01
Snow Blower 32X68	M7047	1	5,540.30	5,540.30
MOTOR PACKAGE 160CC (26-31 gpm)	M7047-R01-C04	1	955.40	955.40
68" Angle Broom	7337703	1	5,860.75	5,860.75
Total for Bobcat UW56				77,114.61

Quote Total - USD	77,114.61
Dealer P.D.I.	250.00
Material Surcharge	0.00
Freight Charges	1,400.00
Destination Charges	534.00
Dealer Assembly Charges	40.00
Quote Total - USD	79,338.61

Comment:

*Plus applicable taxes. IF Tax Exempt, please include Tax Exempt Certificate with the order.

*Prices per the Minnesota Toolcat / UTV Contract #202992

*All orders should include 1) Accounts Payable Contact and email address, 2) W9 with correct legal entity name, and 3) Bill to Address.

*Orders may be placed with the contract holder or authorized dealer as allowed by the terms and conditions of the contract. *A Copy of all orders must be provided to Heather.Messmer@Doosan.com.

*Contact Holder Information: Clark Equipment Company dba Bobcat Company, Govt Sales, 250 E Beaton Drive, West Fargo, ND 58078. TID# 38-0425350.

*Payment Terms: Net 60 Days. Credit cards accepted.

*Remittance address: Clark Equipment Company d/b/a Bobcat Company, P. O. Box 74007382, Chicago, IL 60674-7382

*Questions can be submitted via email to Jesse.Rheault@doosan.com or by phone at: 1-800-965-4232.

Customer Acceptance:

Quotation Number: NC57825

Purchase Order: _____

Township of Breitung Road Improvement Project

Summary

This project is to improve our township owned road by reconstructing the existing road from the middle of our sand and gravel operation to the eastern edge of our property line. The benefits of this improvement are:

- Provide safer access from State Highway 169
- Eliminate the system deficiency in the present sand and gravel operation
- Create a safe connection trail to the new State Park ATV campground
- Support economic development and congestion relief

The budgeted cost of this project is \$500,000 with the substantial completion date set at June 30, 2025.

Safe Access

The relocated entrance/exit of our road will provide for improved site lines, proper acceleration bypass lanes and elimination of the existing entrance which is located on a curve at the crest of a hill on HWY 169. The current road serves two separate sand and gravel operations: our own township and an active private construction firm and also private landowners further down the road. The activity of construction and gravel equipment leaving and entering the existing road is especially hazardous due to the curve and hill at Hwy 169. The majority of this work occurs during the same time of increased traffic due to seasonal travelers visiting the area only adding to the likelihood of conflict at the Hwy 169 entrance.

Present system deficiency

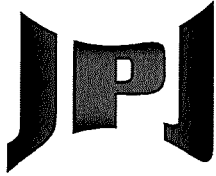
Our township's sand and gravel operation has developed to the point of reaching the boundary of the existing road which dissects our pit property. The current operations are limited to further development until the road is relocated. Additionally, the private operator is disadvantaged due to their equipment having to connect to the existing road on a curved entrance. Relocating our road will provide for proper pit development and allow for improved use of our sand and gravel resources over the next 50 years. The private operator will have a direct exit from their pit operations to the new road and both operations will be more productive with the new HWY 169 access point.

Safe connection to new State Park ATV campground

Our township is home to Minnesota's newest state park and as it is being developed out the need for a new campground for ATV vehicles was funded by the legislature and planning is currently underway by the DNR. They have approached us with the need to connect the trail from the campground to the access point further down our existing road. This relocated road will provide a safe and highly visible route for the ATV riders with minimal interaction of the sand and gravel operations. The route of the new road is the safest alternative and will reduce or eliminate the potential of traffic crashes, injuries and property damage. The campground is planned to be operational in 2025.

Support economic development and congestion relief

The popularity of the new Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park continues to grow each year and improving this road will raise the positive experience the visitors have while exploring our area. ATV use is on the rise and accommodating this economic pastime with a safe and enjoyable connection will support the local economy and direct ATV traffic to the designated trails and reduce the congestion of ATV's, vehicles and pedestrians on residential streets. Local residents will especially notice the improvement of living in the area with a safer MN Highway 169 entrance and exit as they go about their daily trips in local towns with minimal ATV traffic interference. Improvements in the sand and gravel operations and relocated road will result in efficiencies in providing necessary resources for further development in our area.



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September 15, 2023

The Honorable Tim Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: McKinley Park Trail Rebid
Project No. 20-741**

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 for the McKinley Park Trail Rebid project. We recommend payment of \$164,947.79 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741 upon receipt of certified payroll reports.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the partial payment estimate, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

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Preston W. Tripp, P.E.

PWT/dj

Enclosure

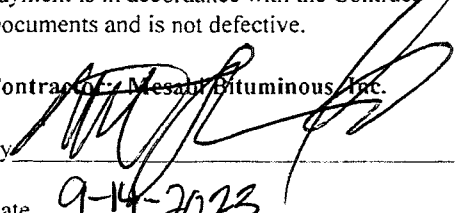
PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

PROJECT: McKinley Park Trail Rebid		PROJECT NO.: 20-741	DATE: September 8, 2023 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 1 PAGE 1 OF 2
OWNER: Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782		CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	
		PERIOD OF ESTIMATE FROM: July 26, 2023 TO: September 2, 2023	

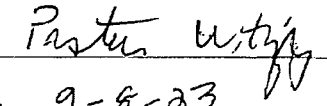
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No.	Amount		
	Additions	Deductions	
			1. Original Contract \$361,640.00
			2. Change Orders \$0.00
			3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$361,640.00
			4. Work Completed* \$173,629.25
			5. Stored Materials \$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5) \$173,629.25
			7. Retainage 5% (\$8,681.46)
			8. Previous Payments \$0.00
TOTALS			9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$164,947.79
NET CHANGE			*Detailed breakdown attached

CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days): Revised:	On Schedule Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Starting Date: December 20, 2022 Substantial Completion: September 1, 2023 Projected Completion: November 1, 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: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.
 By: 
 Date: 9-14-2023

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: 9-8-23

APPROVED BY OWNER:
 Owner: Breitung Township
 By: _____
 Date: _____

PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1

DATE: September 8, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: McKinley Park Trail Rebid

CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

BASE BID

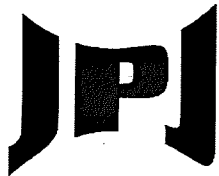
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2101	CLEARING & GRUBBING	2	ACRE	\$10,000.00	2	\$20,000.00	2	\$20,000.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	1,060	S.Y.	\$2.00	433	\$866.00	433	\$866.00
2104	RMV PIPE CULVERT	113	L.F.	\$10.00	202	\$2,020.00	202	\$2,020.00
2104	RMV & RELOCATE SIGN	1	EACH	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	TOPSOIL BORROW	516	C.Y.	\$50.00	550	\$27,500.00	550	\$27,500.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	100	C.Y.	\$20.00	611	\$12,220.00	611	\$12,220.00
2105	COMMON BORROW	6,350	C.Y.	\$14.00	4,543	\$63,602.00	4,543	\$63,602.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	940	C.Y.	\$28.00	300	\$8,400.00	300	\$8,400.00
2215	RECLAMATION	6,850	S.Y.	\$2.10	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING	50	C.Y.	\$40.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE (2-1/2")	1,325	TON	\$96.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2501	12" CMP CULVERT	120	L.F.	\$50.00	266	\$13,300.00	266	\$13,300.00
2501	12" CMP APRON	8	EACH	\$365.00	10	\$3,650.00	10	\$3,650.00
2506	ADJUST FRAME & RING CASTING	4	EACH	\$250.00	1	\$250.00	1	\$250.00
2511	RANDOM RIPRAP, CLASS III	20	C.Y.	\$40.00	60	\$2,400.00	60	\$2,400.00
2540	BENCH	3	EACH	\$2,700.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	SILT FENCE, MACHINE SLICED	4,500	L.F.	\$5.25	2,545	\$13,361.25	2,545	\$13,361.25
2573	CULVERT END CONTROLS	4	EACH	\$210.00	1	\$210.00	1	\$210.00
2575	TEMPORARY MULCH	2	ACRE	\$1,575.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	SEEDING	2	ACRE	\$2,625.00	1.2	\$3,150.00	1.2	\$3,150.00
CO #1	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	0	S.Y.	\$3.00	900	\$2,700.00	900	\$2,700.00

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

\$173,629.25

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

\$173,629.25



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September 21, 2023

The Honorable Tim Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements
Project No. 22-003**

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Partial Payment Estimate No. 1 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$195,617.28 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741 upon receipt of certified payroll reports.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the partial payment estimate, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John P. Jamnick'.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

PROJECT: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements		PROJECT NO.: 22-003	DATE: September 21, 2023 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 1 PAGE 1 OF 2
OWNER: Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782	CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	PERIOD OF ESTIMATE FROM: August 10, 2023 TO: September 16, 2023	

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE
No.	Amount		
	Additions	Deductions	
			1. Original Contract \$346,215.85
			2. Change Orders \$0.00
			3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$346,215.85
			4. Work Completed* \$205,912.93
			5. Stored Materials \$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5) \$205,912.93
			7. Retainage 5% (\$10,295.65)
			8. Previous Payments \$0.00
TOTALS			9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$195,617.28
NET CHANGE			*Detailed breakdown attached

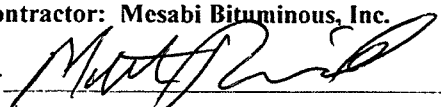
CONTRACT TIME		
Original (days): Revised:	On Schedule Yes _____ <u>X</u> No	Starting Date: December 29, 2022 Substantial Completion: September 1, 2023 Projected Completion: November 1, 2023

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.

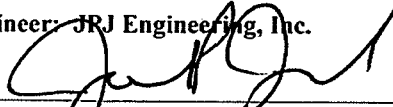
Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.

By 
 Date 9-21-23

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: JRJ Engineering, Inc.

By 
 Date 9/21/23

APPROVED BY OWNER:

Owner: Breitung Township

By _____
 Date _____

PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1

DATE: September 21, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements

CONTRACTOR: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741

BASE BID

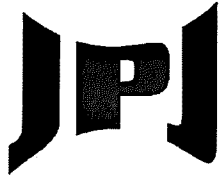
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	5,595	S.Y.	\$4.50	2,430	\$10,935.00	2,430	\$10,935.00
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$3.15	37	\$116.55	37	\$116.55
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$525.00	4	\$2,100.00	4	\$2,100.00
2104	RMV PIPE CULVERT	164	L.F.	\$4.20	112	\$470.40	112	\$470.40
2104	SALVAGE PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$7.35	35	\$257.25	35	\$257.25
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	2,188	C.Y.	\$14.00	2,557	\$35,798.00	2,557	\$35,798.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	1,189	C.Y.	\$18.00	1,547	\$27,846.00	1,547	\$27,846.00
2105	INSTALL SALV PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$55.65	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2105	INSTALL SALVAGED APRON	1	EACH	\$1,155.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE V	3,765	S.Y.	\$2.00	3,525	\$7,050.00	3,525	\$7,050.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	940	C.Y.	\$32.00	880	\$28,160.00	880	\$28,160.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING	12	C.Y.	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2232	MILL BIT PAVEMENT	2,445	S.Y.	\$5.40	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	709	TON	\$94.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	432	TON	\$94.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2501	18" RCP PIPE CULVERT	32	L.F.	\$147.00	32	\$4,704.00	32	\$4,704.00
2501	24" RCP PIPE CULVERT	80	L.F.	\$178.50	80	\$14,280.00	80	\$14,280.00
2501	18" RCP APRON	2	EACH	\$3,307.50	2	\$6,615.00	2	\$6,615.00
2501	24" RCP APRON	4	EACH	\$4,515.00	4	\$18,060.00	4	\$18,060.00
2506	ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	6	EACH	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$8,925.00	4	\$35,700.00	4	\$35,700.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$3,500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CULVERT END CONTROL	10	EACH	\$250.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2575	SEEDING	1	L.S.	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2582	4" SOLID LINE PVMT MARKINGS	625	L.F.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$168.00	40	\$6,720.00	40	\$6,720.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	10	EACH	\$556.50	10	\$5,565.00	10	\$5,565.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	7	S.Y.	\$108.15	14.2	\$1,535.73	14.2	\$1,535.73

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

\$205,912.93

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

\$205,912.93



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September 28, 2023

The Honorable Tim Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: Force Main Improvements
Project No. 21-847**

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Final Payment Estimate No. 4 for the Force Main Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$135,153.15 to IEZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating, P.O. Box 566, Eveleth, MN 55734 upon receipt of IC-134 forms.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the final payment estimate, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

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John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

FINAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

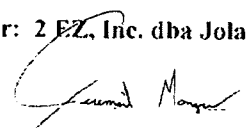
PROJECT: Force Main Improvements		PROJECT NO.: 21-847	DATE: September 27, 2023 PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 4 PAGE 1 OF 3
OWNER: Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782	CONTRACTOR: 2 EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating P.O. Box 566 Eveleth, MN 55734	PERIOD OF ESTIMATE FROM: August 14, 2023 TO: September 23, 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 \$73,422.00
CO #3	\$101,000.00		3. Revised Contract (1+2) \$451,202.00
CO #4		\$83,378.00	4. Work Completed* \$451,202.00
			5. Stored Materials \$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5) \$451,202.00
			7. Retainage \$0.00
			8. Previous Payments (\$316,048.85)
TOTALS	\$156,800.00	\$83,378.00	9. Amount Due (6-7-8) \$135,153.15
NET CHANGE	\$73,422.00		*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
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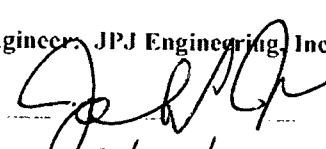
Contractor: 2 EZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating

By: 

Date: 9/27/2023

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: JPI Engineering, Inc.

By: 

Date: 9/28/23

APPROVED BY OWNER:

Owner: Breitung Township

By: _____

Date: _____

FINAL PAY ESTIMATE NO. 4

DATE: September 27, 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	0	\$0.00	423	\$1,269.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	350	S.Y.	\$4.00	114	\$456.00	350	\$1,400.00
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	5	EACH	\$560.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$2,800.00
2104	SAWING BIT PAVEMENT	800	L.F.	\$4.00	82	\$328.00	137	\$548.00
2104	REMOVE / REPLACE CURB & GUTTER	30	L.F.	\$43.00	0	\$0.00	30	\$1,290.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	400	C.Y.	\$18.00	210	\$3,780.00	210	\$3,780.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	150	C.Y.	\$35.00	50	\$1,750.00	50	\$1,750.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	250	C.Y.	\$38.00	60	\$2,280.00	60	\$2,280.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	40	\$6,400.00	40	\$6,400.00
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	40	\$6,400.00	40	\$6,400.00
2573	SILT FENCE, MACHINE SLICED	360	L.F.	\$5.00	290	\$1,450.00	360	\$1,800.00
2575	SEEDING	1	ACRE	\$6,100.00	1.75	\$10,675.00	2	\$12,200.00
2621	8" PVC SAN SEWER (C-900)	340	L.F.	\$265.00	0	\$0.00	309	\$81,885.00
2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	100	L.F.	\$275.00	0	\$0.00	110	\$30,250.00
2621	8" GATE VALVES	2	EACH	\$4,600.00	0	\$0.00	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	0	\$0.00	7	\$63,000.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	36	EACH	\$1,600.00	0	\$0.00	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	0	\$0.00	1	\$21,800.00
CO #2-1	INSTALL. CLEANOUT FOR 8" MANHOLE	0	EACH	\$6,800.00	0	\$0.00	5	\$34,000.00
CO #3-1	OPEN CUT, REMOVE EXISTING DIP FORCE MAIN & INSTALL 8" HDPE AT RIVER CROSSING	0	L.S.	\$101,000.00	0.8416	\$85,000.00	0.8416	\$85,000.00

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

\$118,519.00

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

\$436,452.00

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	0	\$0.00	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	0	\$0.00	1	\$14,000.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED THIS PERIOD - Add Alternate - Lift Station Imp...

\$0.00

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.....

\$118,519.00

TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE

Base Bid - Force Main + Add Alternate - Lift Station Improvements.....

\$451,202.00

CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE - MATERIALS ON SITE

DATE: September 27, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

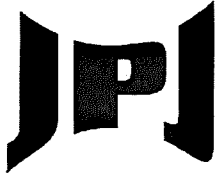
PROJECT: Force Main Improvements

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

PARTIAL PAY ESTIMATE NO.: 4

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	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	PVC SANITARY SEWER PIPE, GATE VALVES & MISC. ITEMS	1	L.S.	\$82,158.86	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
TOTAL MATERIALS STORED ON SITE:						\$0.00		\$0.00



Engineering

Land Surveying

Site Development

September 28, 2023

The Honorable Tim Tomsich
Chairman, Breitung Township
P.O. Box 56
Soudan, MN 55782

**Re: Force Main Improvements
Project No. 21-847**

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Change Order No. 4 for the Force Main Improvements project. Change Order No. 4 is a compensating change order which is an adjustment to final quantities installed in the field and decreases the contract amount by \$83,378.00.

After your review and approval, please sign and date the change order, and return a copy to our office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John P. Jamnick'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

ORDER NO.: 4

DATE: September 27, 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
<u>Compensating Change Order</u>		
Base Bid - Force Main	\$82,628.00	
Add Alternate - Lift Station Improvements	\$750.00	
TOTALS	\$83,378.00	
NET CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE	\$83,378.00	

JUSTIFICATION:

Adjustment to final quantities installed in the field.

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

(\$83,378.00)

Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and No Cents.

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

\$451,202.00

Four Hundred Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Two 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)

9/27/2023

Date _____

COMPENSATING CHANGE ORDER

CHANGE ORDER NO.: 4

DATE: September 27, 2023

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: Force Main Improvements

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

BASE BID - FORCE MAIN

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY TO DATE	QUANTITY TO CHANGE	AMOUNT TO CHANGE
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	380	L.F.	\$3.00	423	43	\$129.00
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	350	S.Y.	\$4.00	350	0	\$0.00
2104	RMV SAN MANHOLE	5	EACH	\$560.00	5	0	\$0.00
2104	SAWING BIT PAVEMENT	800	L.F.	\$4.00	137	(663)	(\$2,652.00)
2104	RMV/REPLACE CURB & GUTTER	30	L.F.	\$43.00	30	0	\$0.00
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	400	C.Y.	\$18.00	210	(190)	(\$3,420.00)
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	150	C.Y.	\$35.00	50	(100)	(\$3,500.00)
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	250	C.Y.	\$38.00	60	(190)	(\$7,220.00)
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	40	(140)	(\$22,400.00)
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEAR COURSE	180	TON	\$160.00	40	(140)	(\$22,400.00)
2573	SILT FENCE, MACHINE SLICED	360	L.F.	\$5.00	360	0	\$0.00
2575	SEEDING	1	ACRE	\$6,100.00	2	1	\$6,100.00
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2621	10" PVC SANITARY SEWER	100	L.F.	\$275.00	110	10	\$2,750.00
2621	8" GATE VALVES	2	EACH	\$4,600.00	2	0	\$0.00
2621	10" GATE VALVE	1	EACH	\$8,600.00	1	0	\$0.00
2621	AIR RELIEF VALVES	7	EACH	\$9,000.00	7	0	\$0.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	36	EACH	\$1,600.00	38	2	\$3,200.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	100	S.Y.	\$90.00	0	(100)	(\$9,000.00)
CO #1	ADDITIONAL LIFT STATION WORK	1	L.S.	\$21,800.00	1	0	\$0.00
CO #2-1	INSTALL CLEANOUT FOR 8" MANHOLE	5	EACH	\$6,800.00	5	0	\$0.00
CO #3-1	OPEN CUT, REMOVE EXISTING DIP FORCE MAIN & INSTALL 8" HDPE AT RIVER CROSSING	1	L.S.	\$101,000.00	0.8416	(0.1584)	(\$16,000.00)

TOTAL AMOUNT TO CHANGE - Base Bid (\$82,628.00)

ADD ALTERNATE - LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS

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

TOTAL AMOUNT TO CHANGE - Add Alternate - Lift Station Improvements..... (\$750.00)

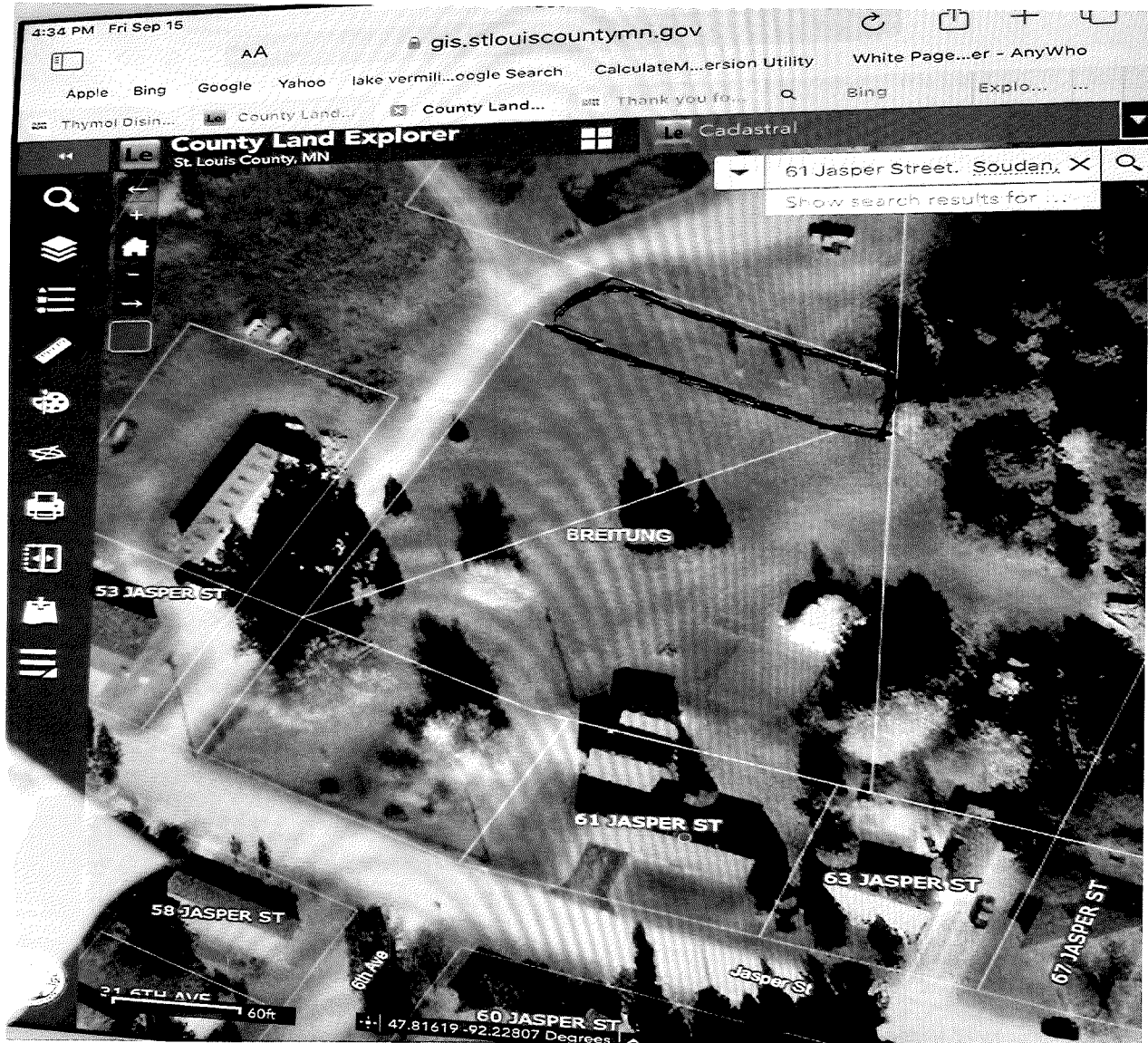
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 (\$83,378.00)

JUSTIFICATION:

ADJUSTMENT TO FINAL QUANTITIES INSTALLED IN THE FIELD.

Dear Breitung Township,

I am interested in purchasing the parcel of land indicated in the picture below. I would appreciate your consideration in this matter.



Sincerely,

Terry Driscoll
Terry Driscoll



1302 MCKINLEY PARK RD

▼ 270-0110-02910 X Q
Show search results for ...



300ft

47.81822 -92.22704 Degrees

Vermilion Range Old Settlers Association 2023

Financial Report - as of 7/18/23

Bank Balance as of 7/14/23						\$ 907.56		
Revenue from Picnic Day	253 Attendees							
(Not previously deposited)								
	Cash & Checks				\$ 2,203.00		(includes \$300 for change-withdrawn from account)	
	50/50 Raffle				\$ 245.00			
					\$ 2,448.00			
2023 Deposits Made Prior to Picnic					\$ 940.00			
Total Picnic Revenue 2023				Total	\$ 3,388.00			
Of the cash & checks - \$200.00 was from Tower and \$100.00 from the account, all previously deposited								
Bank Balance After \$2448.00 Revenue Deposit (7/17/23)					\$ 3,355.56			
Cost for Groceries & Supplies	(paid for on 7/17/23)				(\$2,699.48)			
Bank Balance After Paying for Groceries and Supplies					\$ 656.08			
Costs Absorbed by Board Members								
	Entertainment				\$ 350.00			
	IRRR Grant Match				\$ 315.00			
	Timberjay Flyers				\$ 46.84			
	Timberjay Ad with Flyers				\$ 50.00			
	Tower News Programs				\$ 40.00			
				Total	\$ 801.84			
(Without member contributions, the account would be -\$147.75)								
	Deposits	Costs						
2022	\$2,545.00	\$2,937.81	(The cash bag was \$200 light)			(Bank balance after picnic = \$267.56)		
2023	\$3,388.00	\$2,999.00	(Actual costs = \$3800.84)			(Bank balance after picnic = \$656.08)		

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG TO
MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUND FROM IRRR FY23
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Township of Breitung Infrastructure Improvements project FY 2023; and

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

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution. Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Tuchel in attendance

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2023-21 was declared duly passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2023.

Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Dianna Sundahl - Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

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

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

Name of Donor	Donations	Date
1. Eric Norberg	\$40.00	09/20/2023
2. Tower-Soudan Civic Club	\$50.00	09/21/2023

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

Donation Number	Terms or Conditions
1. Eric Norberg	Police Department
2. Tower-Soudan Civic Club	Flowers

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Town Board of Breitung Township on September 28th, 2023. Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Charles Tekautz, and Supervisor Matthew Tuchel

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved: Chairperson

Attested: Clerk

Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

Dianna Sundahl - Clerk

From: Elections <elections@StLouisCountyMN.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Phil Chapman; Gerhard von Rabenau
Subject: Poll Pad Interest Survey

Good morning,

St. Louis County hosted a demonstration of the newest Poll Pad device earlier this year. A number of those who attended have expressed interest in acquiring Poll Pads for their local precinct(s).

The base cost is ~\$1,700 per device which can be reduced with increased volume.

The County has determined that Poll Pad usage will not be required but that our office will support the use of the device for any who opt to utilize it. The municipalities would be responsible for the initial purchase and maintenance fees.

If you are interested in purchasing Poll Pads, please let us know. Please note: This is not a commitment to purchase, only an expression of interest.

The deadline for your response is Friday, October 6.

Sincerely,

Jon Blevins
Elections Information Specialist
St. Louis County Courthouse
100 N 5th Ave W #214
Duluth MN 55802
(218) 726-2385

The Poll Pad is used
for registration & check in