

**ACCEL Meeting  
September 13, 2011  
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
EOC Room  
Carver County Justice Center**



Carver County Board of Commissioners  
September 13, 2011  
Work Session  
County Board Room  
Carver County Government Center  
Human Services Building  
Chaska, Minnesota

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**WORK SESSION**

- 9:30 a.m.    **A. GROWTH: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development**
- 1.     Permitting and encroachments along the Dakota Rail Trail and Carver County Regional Rail Authority property ..... 1
- 10:00 a.m.    **BOARD REPORTS**
- 1.     Chair
  - 2.     Board Members
  - 3.     Administrator
  - 4.     Adjourn

David Hemze  
County Administrator

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- September 20, 2011    4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- September 27, 2011    9:15 a.m. Board Meeting
- October 4, 2011        9:15 a.m. Board Meeting
- October 11, 2011       9:15 a.m. Work Session

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Permitting and Encroachments along the Dakota Rail Trail and Carver County Regional Rail Authority Property**

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| Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Public Works - Parks</u>              | Meeting Date: <u>9/13/2011</u>   |
| Contact: <u>Lenny Schmitz</u> Title: <u>Parks Coordinator</u>               | Item Type: <u>Work Session</u>   |
| Amount of Time Requested: <u>30</u> minutes                                 | Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| Presenter: <u>Lenny Schmitz/Marty Walsh</u> Title: <u>Parks Coordinator</u> |  |

**Strategic Initiative:**

Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Since 2009 staff have been working with adjacent landowners along the Dakota Rail corridor to resolve encroachment issues. Many of the adjacent landowners have complied with the requests to remove items from railroad property. Adjacent landowners also have a history of mowing, haying and landscaping the Carver County Regional Rail Authority property. Additionally, Staff continues to receive requests from landowners who would like to be allowed to make improvements on the railroad property. Examples of these improvements include, landscaping, drainage mowing to create a manicured appearance, and installation of private accesses to the railroad property/ trail.

Some landowners continue to use the Carver County Regional Rail Authority property for storage which can be unsightly. Storage issues along the corridor include: shed/kennel, yard waste, outdoor storage (cars, campers and other miscellaneous items). Additional, farming and private signage are other examples of encroachments.

Staff will present information about the encroachment issues and also discuss a simple permitting process for allowed uses of railroad property.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action is requested at this time, Staff is seeking feedback from the Board on what activities the board would allow on railroad property to implement a permit system for allowed activities. Staff is also seeking guidance for how to deal with encroachments that the Board may not support.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

*If "Other", specify:*

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**FUNDING**

|                  |               |
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| County Dollars = | <b>\$0.00</b> |
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| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$0.00</b> |

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

*Office use only:*  
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