

Carver County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Session
 May 23, 2006

Note Meeting Location
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
MacMillan Auditorium
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, Minnesota

***Free Admission to the Arboretum for County Residents or County Press
 Attending the Meeting***

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9:00 a.m.	1.	a) CONVENE	
		b) <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	
		c) <i>Introduction to Arboretum – Peter Olin, Director</i>	
	2.	Agenda review and adoption	
	3.	Approve minutes of May 16, 2006 Regular Session	1-2
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9:20 a.m.	6.	CONSENT AGENDA	
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9:45 a.m.		ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION	
		DISCUSSION	
9:45 a.m.	8.	PUBLIC WORKS	
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10:15 a.m.		NEW BUSINESS	

BOARD REPORTS

10:15 a.m.

1. Chair
2. Board Members
3. Administrator
4. Adjourn
5. Bus Tour of Arboretum

David Hemze
County Administrator

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE JOINT DITCH AUTHORITY
FOR JOINT DITCH #4**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that there will be a special meeting of the joint ditch authority for joint ditch #4 on Tuesday evening, May 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hollywood Township Hall, 15855 County Road 122, Watertown, Minnesota.

The purpose of the meeting of the joint ditch authority is to consider a repair project on joint ditch #4, in particular removing trees from the ditch channel. This procedure is pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 103E.705.

The joint ditch authority for joint ditch #4 is comprised of three County Commissioners from Carver County and one County Commissioner from McLeod and Wright counties.

REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2006

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on May 16, 2006. Chair James Ische convened the session at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: James Ische, Chair, Gary Delaney, Vice Chair, Gayle Degler, Tim Lynch and Tom Workman.

Members absent: None.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Delaney moved, Workman seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2006, Regular Session Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Olson reminded Board members this was National Law Enforcement Week and an opportunity to honor and remember those who work in this dangerous field.

Community announcements were made by the Board.

Delaney moved, Degler seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Payment of \$73 emergency claim.

Resolution #44-06, Acceptance of Donation from Victoria Lions Club, Von Hansons Meats, Chaska Bakery and Cabin Fever for the Take a Kid Fishing Event at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

Resolution #45-06, Agreement between Carver County and Netmedix, Inc.

Set June 5, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. as the date and time for opening of bids for furnishing bituminous material for seal coating.

Contract with Dalbec Roofing in the amount of \$14,150.

Approved the following abatements:

07-033-0110	Gregory Eiden
30-050-2460	Christina Walczak (payable 2005 and 2006)
30-116-0050	Amy Thomas
75-100-0030	Darla Nutter
85-535-0190	Jesse Shaskin
30-006-2500	State of Mn. DOT

Authorized the Sheriff to hire an additional three full time equivalent deputies to fulfill the 2006 police contract obligations with local communities.

Contract between Carver County and the Metropolitan Council GIS.

Berbee Windows XP Office Suite contract.

Community Social Services' actions.

Approved payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:

INSERT

Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to adjourn as the Carver County Board and convene as the Carver County Ditch authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Kari Myrold, County Attorney Chief Deputy, requested the Ditch Authority approve an order extending the time frame for an engineer to complete a preliminary survey on a proposed lateral for County Ditch No. 9. She noted, once the survey is completed, the Ditch Authority will be able to make a decision on whether to proceed. Mark Lundgren, County Auditor, stated the proposed lateral would be North of Highway 7, in Hollywood Township. He indicated the final report would give them an estimate of costs.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to approve the signing of an order authorizing an extension of time to June 15, 2006, for Steve Klein of Barr Engineering to complete and file with the Auditor the preliminary survey for the proposed lateral for Carver County Ditch #9. Motion carried unanimously.

Ische moved, Workman seconded, to adjourn the Carver County Ditch Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the adjournment of the Board meeting, Roger Gustafson, Public Works, shared a DVD titled "One State One Future" related to the transportation systems across the State and funding.

David Hemze
County Administrator

(These proceedings contain summaries of resolutions. The full text of the resolutions are available for public inspection in the office of the county administrator.)

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM: Carver / McLeod County Agreement for services

Item Name: Carver/ McLeod County Agreement for services

Originating Department: Sheriff's

Agenda Date: 05-23-06

Amount of Time Requested: 0 minutes

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): yes

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any):

Item Type (✓ Only One): Consent X Regular Session _____ Discussion Session _____

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background and benefits)

The Carver County Sheriffs office will provide bed space to McLeod County for sentenced as well as pre-sentenced inmates at a rate of \$55.00 per day. The contract will allow McLeod County to purchase these beds on a space available basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS/BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format)

Make and approve a motion to allow Carver County to enter into an inmate housing agreement with McLeod County.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:

County Dollars	=	\$
Other Sources & Amounts	=	\$
_____	=	\$
_____	=	\$
TOTAL	\$	_____

Budget Information (✓ appropriate items):

Budgeted:	_____
Not Budgeted:	_____
Amendment Required:	_____
(requires controller approval)	

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED

✓ All Reviews and Approvals Received:

County Attorney x Risk Management _____ Human Resources _____ Controller x Other _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL

(Signature)

Date

5-2-06

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____ Other _____

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name (as you would like it to appear on the agenda): Memorandum of Understanding between Carver County and the Carver County Chapter, American Red Cross

Originating Department: Employee Relations/Risk/Emergency Management

Agenda Date: May 23, 2006

Amount of Time Requested: n/a

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): n

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any): None

Item Type (✓ Only One): Consent Regular Session _____ Discussion Session _____

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background and benefits)

The memorandum of understanding is requested from the Carver County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The National Red Cross Chapter has asked all local chapters to execute such an agreement in order to affirm the coordination and cooperation of the local emergency management program and the local red cross program. The agreement provides a written framework for activities that occur today in our overall emergency management system.

RECOMMENDATIONS/BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format)

1. Authorize Chair to sign the agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:

County Dollars =	\$	
Other Sources & Amounts =	\$	
TOTAL =		\$ 0

Budget Information (✓ appropriate items):

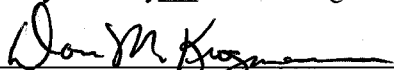
Budgeted:	n/a
Not Budgeted:	n/a
Amendment Required:	n/a

(requires controller approval)

Related Financial Comments: Although the action does not have a direct financial impact, the agreement does state that we agree that mutual expenses incurred as a result of cooperation and collaboration under this agreement will be apportioned as agreed to in writing prior to incurring such expenses.

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED

✓ All Reviews and Approvals Received:
 County Attorney ___ Risk Management ___ Human Resources ___ Controller ___ Other ___



5/9/06

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (Signature)

Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved ___ Denied ___ Tabled ___ Other ___

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name (as you would like it to appear on the agenda):

Right of Way Acquisition - CSAH 10 - Negotiated Settlements/Revised Offer

Originating Division: Public Works

Agenda Date: 5/23/06

Amount of Time Requested: None

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): No

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any): Approve initial offers and authorize negotiations.

Item Type (X Only One): Consent Regular Session Discussion Session

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background, benefits, and recommendations)

Negotiated settlements have been arrived at with two additional land owners that require Board approval. Factors in the increases are the time since our initial appraisal, rapidly increasing land values near Waconia, and trees not considered by our appraiser in the initial appraisal.

BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (In proper format)

It is recommended the County Board pass this resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:

County Dollars =	8,000
Other Sources & Amounts =	
=	
=	
Total	8,000

Budget Information (Appropriate Items):

- Budgeted
- Not Budgeted
- Amendment Required
(requires controller signature)

Related Financial Comments:

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED (Signatures)

County Attorney: _____ Risk Management: _____

Human Resources: _____ Controller: _____



DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL

5/12/06

Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____ Other _____

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: May 23, 2006
Motion By Commissioner: _____

Resolution No: _____
Seconded by Commissioner: _____

**Right of Way Acquisition CSAH 10 (SP 10-610-30)
Negotiated Settlements 11**

**WHEREAS, the Carver County Board authorized by resolution, the Public Works Division to negotiate right of way for this project, and
WHEREAS, negotiated settlements have been arrived at with Germain H. and Annie Buesgens and Jerome and Pearl Kelzer, and
WHEREAS, these settlements require approval of the County Board,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners approve the above negotiated right of way settlements.**

YES	ABSENT	NO
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER

I, David Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the twenty-third day of May, 2006, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2006.

County Administrator

S: Projects\10-610-30\RW\RWRes15

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name: Contract with Minnesota Geological Survey for the creation of a County wide Geologic Atlas

Originating Division: Environmental Services, LW S Division

Agenda Date: 23 May 2006

Amount of Time Requested: NA

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n):

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any):

Item Type (✓ Only One): Consent Regular Session _____ Discussion Session _____

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background and benefits)

The County wide Geologic Atlas is a tool that will help in the future planning and development of the County. The atlas is comprised of several plates (maps) that detail the surficial and bedrock geology and hydro-geology of Carver County. The information will identify geologic resources, water resources, groundwater recharge areas, areas with potential for groundwater contamination for the County. The project will take three years to complete. To date atlases have been completed for Hennepin, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties in the metro area and McCleod is currently under way.

The project was recommended by the WENR Committee and is included in the 2006 Water Management budget; it will be shown in the 2007-2009 budgets. The total cost is probably 1/2 million, the County cost is \$103,000. The Water Management program will provide \$20,000 in each budget year 2006-2009 for a total of \$80,000, watershed districts are expected to provide the remainder of the funding.

Given the rapid growth in the county, this document will provide valuable information for making land use and natural resource decisions.

RECOMMENDATIONS/BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format)

Motion to authorize the chair to sign the contract and any other associated documents with the Minnesota Geological Survey to begin work on the County wide Geologic Atlas.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:	2006	2007	2008	2009
County Water Management \$ =	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Other Sources & Amounts				
Watersheds =	\$ 23,000	life of project		
_____ =				
TOTAL =	\$\$103,000			

Budget Information (✓ appropriate items):

Budgeted:
 Not Budgeted: _____
 Amendment Required:
 (requires controller approval)

Related Financial Comments:

The DNR will be providing \$350,000 to \$400,00 project funding in addition to the County funding

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED

✓ All Reviews and Approvals Received:

County Attorney Risk Management Human Resources _____ Controller _____ Other _____

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

Division Approval

Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____ Other _____

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name (as you would like it to appear on the agenda): DHS 2006 Civil Rights Assurance Agreement

Originating Department: Community Social Services

Agenda Date: 5/23/06

Amount of Time Requested:

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): ~~X~~

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any):

Item Type (_ Only One): Consent x Regular Session Discussion Session

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (include a description of background and benefits)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is requiring county social service agencies to enter into a Civil Rights Assurance Agreement as a condition for continued receipt of federal funding from the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. This agreement assures that Community Social Services (CSS) will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1993, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977. CSS currently complies with all of these federal laws. DHS is asking that the social service agency director sign this agreement

RECOMMENDATIONS/BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (include motion in proper format)

Motion to authorize Gary Bork, Community Social Services Director, to sign the MN DHS 2006 Civil Rights Assurance Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding: N/A

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts = \$

MN/DOT

TOTAL = \$

Budget Information (_ appropriate items):

Budgeted: X

Not Budgeted:

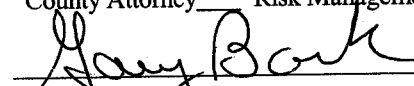
Amendment Required:
(requires controller approval)

Related Financial Comments:

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED

All Reviews and Approvals Received:

County Attorney Risk Management Human Resources Controller Other



5-15-06

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (Signature)

Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved Denied Tabled Other

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION -

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name: Board Action Regarding Resolution Proposed by Crow River Citizens in Opposition to a Regional Park

Originating Division: Administration

Agenda Date: 23 May 2006

Amount of Time Requested: 15 minutes

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): yes; proposed resolution, staff memo, plan map, Mayer letter, chronology

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any): Board considered citizen request on April 25th; tabled for action on May 23rd.

Item Type (✓ Only One): Consent___ Regular Session Discussion Session

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background and benefits)

At the April 25th meeting a number of property owners along the Crow River between Mayer and Watertown appeared before the Board. They presented a petition and a proposed resolution for adoption by the County Board. The resolution states that the Board is opposed to the use of eminent domain or threat thereof in the acquisition of land for a Regional Park, Trail, or Reserve. The Resolution also states that the Board is opposed to any private property along the River being zoned, guided, mapped or otherwise designated as Regional Park, Trail, or Reserve. A petition signed by 53 citizens was also submitted, along with resolutions from Watertown, Hollywood, & Camden Townships. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The City of Mayer is on record in support of continuing planning efforts in the area. The letter is attached. The City of Watertown has not taken a position as of this date.

The Board has several options: adopt the resolution or modifications there of; take no action, table action. The staff is recommending that no action be taken on the resolution. The staff has prepared a memo outlining concerns and supporting the recommendation. The memo is attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS/BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (Include motion in proper format)

No action is recommended..

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:

County Dollars = \$
Other Sources & Amounts _____ = \$
_____ = \$
TOTAL = \$

Budget Information (✓ appropriate items):

Budgeted:
Not Budgeted:
Amendment Required:
(requires controller approval)

Related Financial Comments:

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED

✓ All Reviews and Approvals Received:

County Attorney___ Risk Management___ Human Resources___ Controller___ Other

Dave Drealan

Dave Hemze

May 18, 2006

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

Division Approval

Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved___ Denied___ Tabled___ Other___

Resolution

The Carver County Board of Commissioners oppose any private property located in or along the present Crow River Study Area being zoned, guided, designated, or mapped, as a Regional Park, Regional Reserve or Regional Trail.

The Carver County Board of Commissioners oppose any land in the Crow River Study Area being acquired by forced condemnation, eminent domain, or under the threat of eminent domain for the purposes of a Regional Park, Regional trail or Regional Reserve.

Adopted the 25th day of April, 2006 by order of the Carver County Commissioners

	Yes	No
Chair James Ische	_____	_____
Vice Chair Gary Delaney	_____	_____
Commissioner Tom Workman	_____	_____
Commissioner Tim Lynch	_____	_____
Commissioner Gayle Degler	_____	_____



**Land & Water Services Division
Department of Planning & Zoning
Carver County Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Chaska, Minnesota
(952) 361-1820 fax (952) 361-1828**

Date: 11 May 2006

To: Carver County Board

From: Dave Drealan, LWS

Subject: Factors Relating to Adoption of Crow River Citizens Resolution

The Citizens' resolution addresses two Issues: the use of eminent domain to acquire property for a Regional recreational activity; mapping or designation of any property in the Crow River Study area for regional recreation purposes. It must be noted that the resolution is simply that and indicates the policy of the Board on the date passed. The Board could choose to rescind or modify the resolution any time in the future should it chooses to do so. The staff has discussed the implications of adoption of the resolution by the Board.

OPPOSITION TO EMINENT DOMAIN ACQUISITIONS – historically the County has tried to acquire land for regional facilities from willing sellers as opposed to the use of eminent domain. This position has been made clear by staff throughout the process in the Crow River study. Practically speaking, at this time there are no funds available to purchase land from a willing seller let alone go through a condemnation process.

One of the questions raised by the Board at the April meeting was potential legislative activity regarding eminent domain. An AMC update from 11 May seems to indicate that the proposed legislation does not contain language that would substantially affect the eminent domain/parks issue. It appears that their changes are primarily focused on the issue of using eminent domain to support economic development. The changes more clearly and narrowly define what is a "public purpose" in the context of eminent domain proceeding for economic development. The changes also provide for the potential for additional compensation to property owners under certain circumstance. The changes do not seem to have a direct bearing on the issue before the Board.

OPPOSITION TO DESIGNATION OF LAND FOR A REGIONAL RECREATION ACTIVITY (Park, Trail, Reserve) – The Crow River area has been identified as a potential location for recreational activities in a variety of local and regional planning documents dating back to the 1970 Comprehensive Plan. The 2020 Plan adopted in 2000 identified and generally mapped the Crow River between Watertown and Mayer as one of seven Future Open Space Search Areas. The areas in a addition to the Crow river Area are: Lake Waconia North, Coney Island, Baylor Park, Miller Lake, Carver Ravine Area, Bevens Ravine Area, Minnesota River Bluffs, and the Seminary Fen. The areas are shown on Map 4-2 From the Plan attached to this document. The current Plan was adopted after a substantial public process including cities, townships, and the public. Designation on that map has no legal effect on the sale or use of land in the designated areas. To the knowledge of the staff, the ability to sell property or to apply for and be issued the same permits as property outside these areas has not been affected by the mapping of any of the designated search areas.

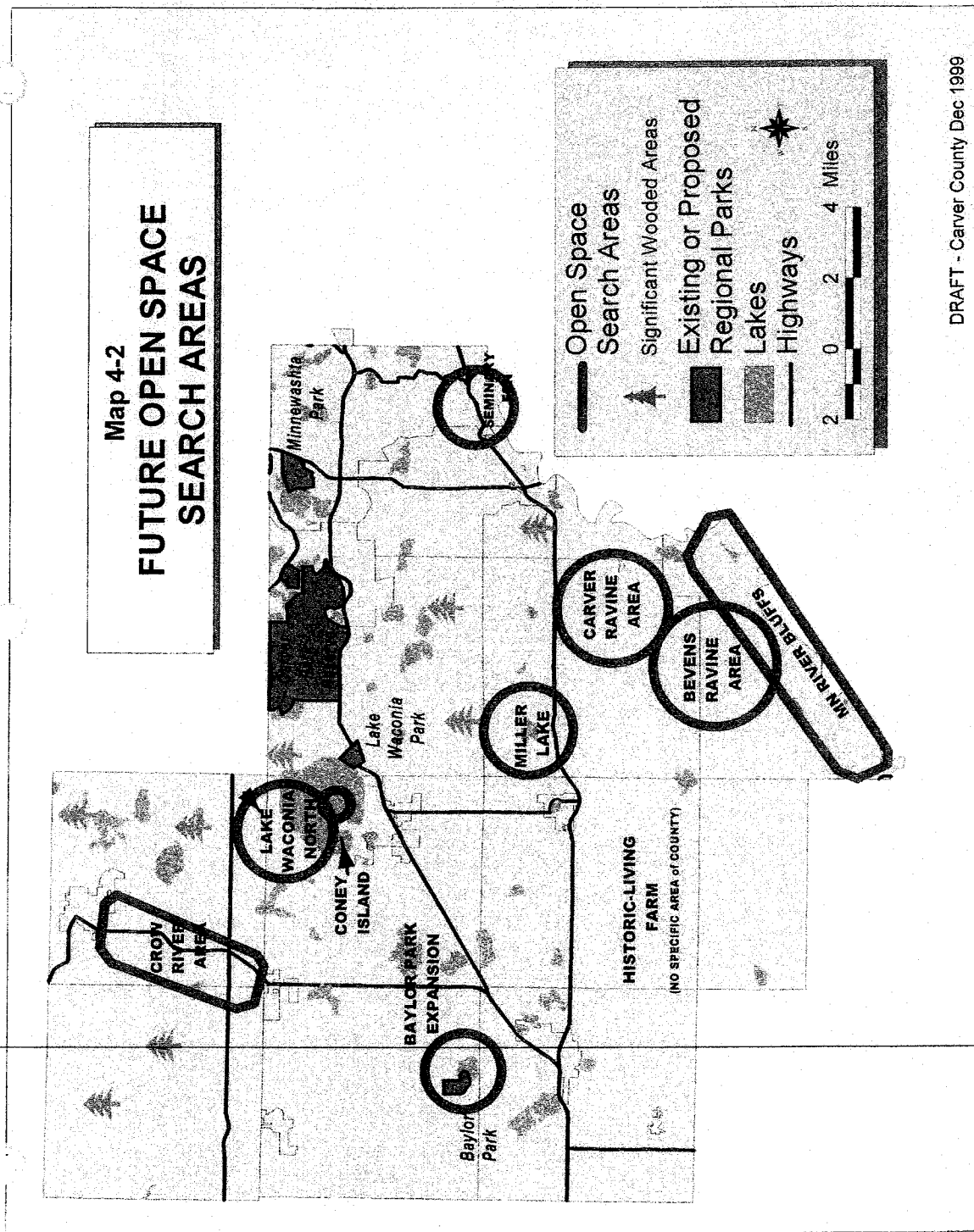
There was some discussion by landowners of the possibility Three Rivers Park District would "take over" any future park. Carver County is the implementing regional park agency of Carver County. It is highly unlikely that Three Rivers Park District could acquire additional land in Carver County without some sort of a notice or an agreement with the County Board. Three Rivers has Carver Park Reserve that is being operated with funds primarily from the taxing jurisdiction of the Three Rivers Park District and not Carver County. There is no indication that Three Rivers is interested in additional park lands in Carver County.

From a staff point of view, implementation of this portion of the resolution is problematic for several reasons:

- Carver County is experiencing rapid growth - the growth of both Watertown and Mayer are prime examples. Both cities are expanding along the Crow River corridor. Both cities will plan for their local parks and open space as they develop. However, if there is no overall vision for the Crow River area on a larger scale and no identification of important natural resources at the larger scale, it is likely the development process will result in fragmentation and isolation of natural resources.
- The County, along with the cities, has a statutory responsibility to plan for future park and open space needs (Land Planning Act; Metropolitan System statements). The implementation of the resolution will make it much more difficult to fulfill this requirement.
- Regional funding is a key component of the acquisition and development larger park and open space facilities. Implementation of the resolution will essentially remove the potential for regional funding for parks and open space facilities in the area. Funding sources will be limited to local and/or private sources, or someone wishing to gift land to the County.
- The Board's adopted vision statement includes as part of the vision the preservation of "natural areas, parklands, lakes and streams;". There is clearly public support of this vision. In the 2004 Citizen's survey 85% of those surveyed voiced support (45% strong support, 40% somewhat support) for County acquisition of amenity areas, (lakes, streams, rivers, natural areas, etc) for open space or parks. When asked if they would be willing to pay additional property taxes to support acquisition 67% answered "yes". The amounts they were willing to pay varied from \$1 per year to \$120 per year. Implementation of the resolution will make this vision more difficult to achieve in the Crow River Area. The results were similar in all of the Commissioner districts across the county.
- The goal of the planning process is to achieve the goals expressed by the citizens of the county. There is overall citizen support for recreation open space including parks and trails. The planning process is intended to achieve the goal by finding out what resources exist (inventory); analyzing the data (in this case determining what park & open space resources are in the area) and identifying where the resources are located; developing implementation plans to protect, preserve, and utilize identified resources. Implementation of the resolution will make this process much more difficult by limiting the identification of regional scale resources and have an overall chilling effect on planning efforts of this nature. If this approach is applied in other areas of long range planning – transportation, transit, trails, growth areas, corridors – the County will have no real ability to develop long range plans.
- The current parks Open Space Plan is the result of 30 years or more of planning on a comprehensive and public scale. The comprehensive planning process is "comprehensive" and is intended to engage diverse stakeholders to develop an overall plan to address inter-related, and sometimes competing, public policy goals. For example decisions about parks do not affect parks alone, these decisions may have impacts on local taxes, geographic distribution of recreational lands and services, infrastructure, quality of life and environmental issues.

While the significant controversy and citizens concern, it is likely that the basic interests of the area citizens and the county as a whole – are the same – preservation of the natural resources in the Crow River area. The issue probably more in how and when. The County is beginning a comprehensive planning process where issues such as this can be addressed in a more global forum and decided with the input of all stakeholders.

The areas of concern identified above are general in nature the staff feels the Board should be aware of if they choose to adopt the proposed resolution. The staff has not included large volumes of background material. If the Board wishes to review further background material the staff can supply such material as requested. . Representatives of the Park Commission and Park Staff could present the materials provided at other public meetings about Crow River natural resources features and recreation opportunities if desired. For the Board's information we have attached a detailed chronology of the Crow River project from its inception in 2003 through the most current activities in 2006.



DRAFT - Carver County Dec 1999

The note on the map is December 1999 Draft – the map is part of the final adopted document.



April 11, 2006

Carver County Parks
Martin Walsh
11360 Highway 212 West
PO Box 330
Cologne, MN 55322-0330

Re: Crow River Park/Trail Planning Activities

Dear Mr. Walsh,

This is in response to your letter dated March 28, 2006 on the suspension of park planning activities.

The City Council of the City of Mayer last night unanimously endorsed the continuation of the regional park planning activities. The Council recognizes the need to plan for the future and to assure park/trails and preservation of natural resource features, for future generations.

The City of Mayer supports Carver County's efforts in this visionary process and planning for the future. We request assistance from the County Parks Department as we continue in our comprehensive planning process.

Sincerely,

Gerald W. Thomas, Mayor
City of Mayer

CITY OF MAYER

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Crow River Planning Activities Outline

Past planning documents which map/identify the Crow River area for recreation and park purposes

1970 County Comprehensive Plan
1975 Carver County Park and Open Space Plan and Implementation Report
1981 Carver County Comprehensive Plan
2000 Carver County 2020 Comprehensive Plan
2001 Regional Recreation and Open Space Policy Plan
2005 Regional (Recreation) Parks (and Open Space) Policy Plan

County Board

County Parks budget submittal, Crow River acquisition master plan identified- budget adopted December 2003

February 10, 2004, presentation to the County Board about the Crow River area assessment for regional park purposes

March 1, 2004, County Board authorizes staff to meet with area representatives and hold public meetings to assess the Crow River area for regional park purposes.

October 3, 2005 County Board updated on park activities including the Crow River planning/assessment.

Park Commission

Crow River listed as a planning activity in 2002- 2003, 2003-2004, 2004- 2005 Park Commission goals and objectives.

Crow River Master Plan listed in Park Departments 2004 Capital Improvement Budget Request June 2003.

The Crow River planning activity was a Commission agenda topic or staff report at park commission meetings 21 times between October of 2003 to Feb 2006.

Initial meetings with area leadership groups informing them of the planning activity

City of Watertown, Park Commission – May 3, 2004

Hollywood Township May 10, 2004

City of Watertown, Planning Commission May 13, 2004

Camden Township May 13, 2004

City of Mayer, Park Commission- May 24, 2004

City of Watertown, City Council – July 13, 2004

City of Mayer, City Council, August 9, 2004

Public open house November 23, 2004

Direct mailing, Publicized in area newspapers
Steering Committee Members solicited

Crow River Steering Committee Meetings

January 27, 2005
February 24 2005
March 31, 2005
April 28, 2005
May 26 2005
June 22, 2005
July 16, 2005 Canoe Tour
July 28, 2005
September 22, 2005
October 27, 2005
January 26, 2007

Report of Steering Committee's work back to area leadership groups/committees

January 30, 2006 - County Water Environment and Natural Resource Commission
February, 6, 2006- Watertown Township
February 7, 2006 - City of Mayer, City Council
February 9, 2006-Watertown Park Commission
February 9. 2006- Camden Township
February 13, 2006- Hollywood Township
February 15, 2006- Watertown Chamber of Commerce

Meetings scheduled but not held

Soil and Water Conservation District February 16, 2006
Watertown School District March 20, 2006
Public Open House April 27, 2006

Meetings Planned but not Schedule

Park Commission Meeting May 2006 - Recommendation
Report back to County Board, May 2006

CARVER COUNTY REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM

Item Name (as you would like it to appear on the agenda):

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Area Roadway Network

Originating Department: Public Works

Agenda Date: May 23, 2006

Amount of Time Requested: 20 Minutes

Supp. Doc. Attached (y/n): No

Previous County Board Action, If Any (include other parties which were advised, if any):

Item Type (X Only One): Consent Regular Session Discussion Session

EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM (Include a description of background, benefits, and recommendations)

The area surrounding the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum continues to be subject to change. Discussions about an evolving roadway network become part of occurring and potential area changes. Roadways included in these discussions include Trunk Highway 5, Trunk Highway 41, CSAH 13 (Bavaria Road), and CSAH 18 (includes about 1.5 miles of 82nd Street).

A brief update about the roadway network in the area of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is the intent of this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED (In proper format)

No action by the County Board is being requested as part of this agenda item.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding:

County Dollars =	
Other Sources & Amounts =	
=	
=	
Total	

Budget Information (Appropriate Items):

- Budgeted
- Not Budgeted
- Amendment Required
(requires controller signature)

Related Financial Comments:

REVIEWS AND APPROVALS AS REQUIRED (Signatures)

County Attorney: _____

Risk Management: _____

Human Resources: _____

Controller: _____


DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL

5/12/06
Date

Admin. Dept. Use Only: Approved _____ Denied _____ Tabled _____ Other _____

Report Date:

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