



Carver County Board of Commissioners  
 December 13, 2016  
 Regular Session  
 County Board Room  
 Carver County Government Center  
 Human Services Building  
 Chaska, Minnesota

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		c) <b>Public comments (limited to five minutes)</b> <i>Anyone wishing to address the Board of Commissioners on an item not on the agenda may come forward at this time. Please limit your comments to five minutes.</i>	
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10:30 a.m. **ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

**WORK SESSION**

10:30 a.m. A. **CONNECTIONS: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information**

1. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District "MCWD" Partnering Proposal . 53-59

11:00 a.m. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. Chair

2. Board Members

3. Administrator

4. Adjourn

David Hemze  
County Administrator

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

December 20, 2016	7:30 a.m. County Board Legislative Breakfast American Legion, Chanhassen
December 20, 2016	10:00 a.m. Board Meeting
December 27, 2016	No Board Work Session
January 3, 2017	9:00 a.m. Organizational Session

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action

**Agenda Item:****Gregory Boe, Environmental Services Manager**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Public Services

Meeting Date: 12/13/2016

Contact: Tom Vellenga Title: Assistant Administrator

Item Type:  
New Employee Intro

Amount of Time Requested: 5 minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter: Tom Vellenga, Gregory Boe Title: Assistant Administrator, Environr

**Strategic Initiative:**

Culture: Provide organizational culture fostering accountability to achieve goals &amp; sustain public trust/confidence in County government

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Gregory (Greg) Boe began his service as the Environmental Services Manager on November 21. In that role, he leads the Environmental Services Department. We will introduce him to the Board of Commissioners.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Welcome Gregory Boe to the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:** None**Total** \$0.00 Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

*Office use only:*

RBA 2016 - 4433

SPECIAL MEETING  
November 22, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on November 22, 2016. Chair James Ische convened the session at 9:00 a.m.

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

Members absent: None.

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

Maluchnik moved, Degler seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016, Special Meeting and November 15, 2016, Regular Session. Degler, Ische, Maluchnik, Workman voted aye. Lynch abstained as he was absent from the November 15, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Community announcements were made by the Board.

Jason Mielke, Land Management, appeared before the Board regarding the DG Minnesota CSG 2 (NextEra & TruNorth) community solar garden request. He noted at the November 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting the Board directed staff to prepare an Order for consideration at today's meeting. He highlighted the request and stated the Order included sixteen conditions. Mielke indicated he was looking for a motion to adopt the findings and issue an Order for the conditional use permit.

Mikal Hendrickson, 10680 Highway 7, submitted to the Board the latest email he received from another customer that has left Buck Lake Stables. He stated nothing has changed and he has other people considering leaving if this is passed. He added he will not be able to enjoy his property as they have in the past.

Dorothy Weinzierl, 5215 Oxford Avenue, noted the location of her property in relation to the proposed project. She stated they already take 100% of the drainage from the 41.28 acres of the Lenzen fields, plus take additional runoff from Buck Lake Stables. She stated they cannot take any more water from this site. She noted, by walking along the property line, she located two additional existing tile lines that were not earlier identified. She explained these additional tile lines will make a difference on the stormwater report and will add excess water to her property and increase runoff. She stated they would see and hear this project for 365 days for 35 years but Mr. Lenzen would be able to enjoy his property and see nothing.

Weinzierl stressed this project will affect all property owners but not Mr. Lenzen. She stated as taxpayers and landowners they have a right to protect their property and this was the wrong location. She asked that the CUP be denied and distributed pictures of the draintile and its location.

Patrick Neaton, Esq., stated he represented neighbors adjacent and opposed to the facility. He pointed out Finding No. 21 that referenced the Boris report. He stated that report concluded no negative impacts to value, but the record was silent on the testimony and letter submitted by Mr.

Haasken on this project that was contrary to Mr. Boris' conclusion. He suggested Haasken had more credibility on assessing County property values than Mr. Boris and was a blaring omission that conflicting testimony had not been included in the findings.

He pointed out Finding No. 22 listed the Planning and County Board meetings held that addressed this issue, but the finding did not include the County Board's unanimous direction to staff in September to prepare findings denying this application. He stated there was no explanation why the Board changed from their 5-0 vote; why staff did not follow the Board's direction, and that paragraph was incomplete.

Neaton referenced Finding No. 25 that the Board had considered all factors required by Section 152.251 and pointed out B, D, H and I of the required findings have not been met. He indicated they have gone over these at length and stressed the neighborhood was rural residential in character and the proposed facility was outside the character of the area. He respectfully asked the Board to go back to the motion it adopted to deny 5-0 two months ago and deny the application.

Neil Johnson, Watertown Township Supervisor, stated the Township has not changed its position and would like to see the CUP denied. He stated they have proven this is not an essential service and is not compliant with the comp plan. He questioned the access into the property and if there was a plan. He questioned how the County would enforce or regulate the haul route. He believed they were creating a huge safety issue.

Kathy Anderson, Mayer, distributed a copy of Section 152.251 of the required findings and stated the Board needed to find each one to issue a conditional use permit. She questioned the need for a closed session considering the statements that the applicant had not threatened to sue. She highlighted a newspaper article that referenced the threats of litigation and comments made prior to the Board closing the meeting. She noted the applicant had agreed to a 30 day deadline, and after the closed meeting adjourned, the Board approved a motion for 60 days to extend the deadline and she didn't understand how that came to be.

She referenced the ordinance definition of a farm, a large solar energy system and the requirement for it to be a primary use. She raised the issue of landowner rights and suggested Lenzen did not have a right to lease his land for this purpose under the ordinance. She indicated the farm is a primary use already and there was no end date included for the CUP. Anderson noted a sentence in Finding No. 3 that stated the continuance was based, in part, on the applicant's voluntary extension of the timeframe for final approval and its willingness to reconsider the details of the proposal. She pointed out this sentence referenced final approval vs. a final decision.

She questioned the interconnection agreement date and the Board's vote to approve without seeing it. Anderson referenced Finding No. 22 related to the public testimony and the lack of a paragraph that recognized all of the people that testified against it. She added there was nothing included in the Findings related to how many individuals requested that the Board deny.

Anderson indicated Finding No. 25 states the Board had considered the factors under 152.251 and

stated she has not heard any of the Board members go through this list. She noted the previous 5-0 vote to deny and that three Board members had not given any reasons why they changed their minds. She highlighted the ag policy language in the comp plan and questioned how the Board could find that the proposed use conforms to the comp plan.

Kari Hendrickson, 10680 Highway 7, stated it was her understanding that, if the project was found injurious to the neighboring property owners, it did not meet the requirements. She explained they have built a successful boarding business and have submitted letters from boarders giving their notice. She stated this would significantly affect their livelihood, their business, and it was difficult to understand why this is being approved. She pointed out that their horse trainer, who has been part of their success, would leave. Hendrickson questioned if this had to go through why this couldn't be made smaller and hoped the Board would reconsider and deny.

Dorothy Weinzierl stated she had spoken with Mr. Hentges at Soil and Water and he indicated he had not received information on this proposal.

Chuck Becklund, 10825 Highway 7, stated his main concern was for safety. He indicated there was no bypass lane, that there could never be a bypass lane, and this was a school bus stop area.

Wayne Hubin, 11975 Swede Lake Road, recognized the previous motion for a denial and asked if that was vacated and inquired on the process. Mark Metz, County Attorney, clarified the Board does not take official action to adopt the findings until it is voted on and they can provide guidance to staff. He stated the Board is also allowed to reconsider its decision. David Hemze, County Administrator, stated the Board can provide direction during a closed session but cannot make a decision.

Hubin pointed out that Wright County had developed a solar policy and suggested the Board develop a policy and work with it.

Frank Long, 11165 Highway 7, inquired on the previous motion for denial and if it was required to be rescinded or vacated. Metz clarified the Board's motion gave direction to staff to draft findings for the Board's consideration.

Heather Eberhardt, NextEra, stated they did work with staff and engineers to identify all draintiles. She indicated a condition was included requiring them to be responsible for anything that they do that impacts the draintile and pointed out the drainage basins that were added. She noted they are required to submit a transportation plan for staff review. Eberhardt stated they have built many of these facilities, have experience in this area and would make sure the haul route is followed. She suggested this was nothing new or dangerous. She pointed out the current construction of a solar farm next to an equestrian facility. Eberhardt suggested they could offer the boarders and others a tour of the facility to demonstrate that these are compatible uses and will not be a risk to them. She stated the interconnection agreement was signed twice, they have done their best to work with the community, and they have met the criteria.

Degler recognized the letter concerning the equestrian facility and inquired if that information was available to Mr. Hendrickson and his boarders so they could also review or visit. Martin Morud, owner of True North Solar, stated he was familiar with horses and would be willing to work with Mr. Hendrickson and the neighbors to set up a tour or give examples of other equestrian and solar activities located together.

Degler inquired if the applicant had received a permit from MnDOT. Mielke responded the information they received is that MnDOT would be willing to issue a permit but the applicant will have to work with MnDOT to obtain that. Degler inquired on possible signage. Mielke suggested in most cases MnDOT, as part of their review, would want to make sure there is temporary signage.

Maluchnik questioned the amount of traffic after the construction. Eberhardt replied that the first year it may be once or twice a month and after that it may be once or twice a summer.

Degler referenced the findings not including the conflicting evidence and inquired if that was unusual. Mielke stated that is what they typically have done in the past and he believed the public testimony is part of the public record.

Workman questioned what the comp plan included about this. Mielke responded that the comp plan is a guiding tool to direct development but the main portion of this reflects back to the zoning ordinance. Workman recognized they would soon be required to update the comp plan and questioned if this is allowed under the plan. Workman believed that Buck Lake would have economic problems and acknowledged another landowner had lost a buyer due to a solar garden going in across the street. He indicated, after looking at the ordinance and comp plan, he believed this did not fit.

Lynch stated he has met with all of the individuals. He recognized Hendrickson has done an excellent job of running his business and believed this would harm him as well as be harmful to Mr. Hilk's building lots.

Degler inquired if this was an allowed use according to the County's comp plan. Metz stated this was an allowed use and there was a law requiring counties to go toward solar energy up to certain limitations. He reiterated, as it stands, it is allowed as long as those factors are analyzed and established.

Maluchnik recognized the comp plan is a guide, and it has been the direction of the Board that they be flexible in the best interests of the property owners and to work with the property owners.

Maluchnik moved, Degler seconded, to adopt the Findings of Act and issue Order #PZ20160033 for the approval of the conditional use permit. Degler, Ische, Maluchnik voted aye. Lynch, Workman voted nay. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING  
November 22, 2016

Lynch moved, Maluchnik seconded, to adjourn the special meeting at 10:26 a.m. and go into a work session to discuss the County's 2017 Legislative Priorities, Long Term Financial Plan and funding for future high priority road projects.

David Hemze  
County Administrator

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



A public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget was held at the Government Center in Chaska on December 1, 2016. Chair Ische convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners present: James Ische, Chair, Gayle Degler, Vice Chair, Randy Maluchnik and Tim Lynch.

Commissioners absent: Tom Workman.

Chair Ische explained the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to take comments on the 2017 proposed budget and not market values that were set earlier this year. Ische clarified if there were concerns related to market values, the Assessor's office was open and available to address those issues. He pointed out tonight's meeting would be on the proposed taxes to be levied by the County for 2017 and that the Board would be setting the final budget at the December 20th Board meeting.

Maluchnik moved, Degler seconded, to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hemze, County Administrator, highlighted the property tax timeline that began with the property sales study. He explained tonight they are focusing on expenditures and levy. He stated he was proposing a 2.8% County tax levy increase that would result in a 0% increase to the average value home. Hemze outlined key services provided by the County and a breakdown of dollars spent on those services.

Dave Frischmon, Finance Director, summarized projected expenses and levy adjustments made to close the budget gap. He pointed out the 2017 proposed staffing changes and offsetting revenue. Frischmon reviewed the number of FTEs over the last several years and indicated they are tracking levy and nonlevy funded FTEs.

He stated the proposed levy would have no impact on an average valued home. Frischmon highlighted the County tax impact on the average value home over a ten year period. He indicated the tax impact to commercial properties varies by city and ag properties would see a slight increase. He identified 2017 recommended capital projects and road and bridge construction projects. He noted the State turnback funds to be received and the reviewed use of those funds for various projects.

Frischmon highlighted the long term financial plan and recognized there were unfunded projects out there. He acknowledged staffing requests are big impacts to the operating budget. He reviewed the budget schedule and the meetings held to date.

Rodney Peters, Waconia, explained he attended for an explanation on the budget. He pointed out his 19% increase in his City's property taxes and indicated he would be attending the City's meeting to determine how they arrived at that increase.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to close the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Right-of-way Acquisition for the CSAH 30 Safety Improvement Project (#158789)**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The 2017 construction season includes safety improvements to CSAH 30 from the City of New Germany on the west to the City of Mayer on the east. Additional right-of-way is needed to complete this project. The Carver County Right-of-Way Agent has completed Minimum Damage Assessments, (MDA's), for the acquisition of permanent roadway and temporary easements along the construction corridor. The purchase of the permanent and temporary easements is necessary to fulfill the project charter.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt a resolution to authorize written offers of compensation based on Minimum Damage Assessments for easements required for the CSAH 30 safety improvement project (#158789)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
CSAH Regular Const	\$57,630.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,630.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:**

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

*Office use only:*

RBA 2016 - 4400

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion By Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Resolution Authorizing Offers of Compensation to Landowners for  
Easements Required for the CSAH 30 Roadway Improvements,  
Project #158789**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Carver County is the official governing body of Carver County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners, is authorized by law to acquire land and other interests in real estate which are needed for public use or purpose; and

WHEREAS, Carver County wishes to reconstruct CSAH 30 between the City of New Germany on the west and the City of Mayer on the east, Project #158789 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Project it is necessary for the County to purchase property interests from each of the properties described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County Right-of-Way Agent has completed Minimum Damage Assessments, (MDA’s), to provide the County with estimates of the damages caused by the County’s acquisition of the property interests required for the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the MDA’s, the County must make offers of compensation to the land owners for the needed property interests consistent with the Right-of-Way Agent’s estimate of the damages being incurred by the various owners as a result of the County’s acquisitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carver County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners finds that it is necessary and for a public purpose for the County to acquire the property interests described in Exhibit A for the Project.
2. Based upon Minimum Damage Assessments completed by the Carver County Right-of-Way Agent, the Director of Public Works or agents under his supervision shall make written offers of compensation to the property owners within the Project from



**Exhibit A**

**Property Interests Required for the Reconstruction of CSAH 30 Between the City of New  
Germany and the City of Mayer.**  
**Project #158789**

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0030300

Ralph M & Melanie M Ertl, Trustees for the Ralph M Ertl & Melanie M Ertl Trusts

Taking of permanent easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing 1.022 acres, more or less).

Taking of a temporary easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .609 acres, more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0040440

Mark W. Hagel

Taking of permanent easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .289 acres, more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0020221

Hedtke, Curtis, Joni & Christopher

Taking of permanent easements for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .824 acres, more or less).

Taking of temporary easement over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .420 acres more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0020210

Christopher J Rademacher

Taking of permanent easements for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .200 acres, more or less).

Taking of temporary easement over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .122 acres, more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0030200

Virgil J Scherping Revocable Trust

Taking of permanent easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing 1.068 acres, more or less).

Taking of temporary easement over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .607 acres, more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0040430

Elizabeth D Sopok

Taking of permanent easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .258 acres, more or less).

(Acquisition)

P.I.D. No. 02.0041200

Timothy Zellman

Taking of permanent easement for right of way purposes over County State Aid Highway No. 30 (containing .390 acres, more or less).

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board Grant**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board (SWMCB) has awarded the County a grant of \$30,000 to continue research and composting activities. The funding will supplement the grant dollars provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to determine potential environmental impacts of composting on ground water. Current organic waste composting capacity is limited by strict State Rules. The research will provide valuable information that could yield the development of more cost-effective organic waste compost sites. The grant term runs through 2017. The project will assist Carver County and other Metro Counties in meeting Solid Waste Master Plan goals that promote organic waste composting as a landfill alternative.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to contract with Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board pending completion of the contract review process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FTE IMPACT:**

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
SWMCB	\$30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The SWMCB will promptly pay the County after the County presents an itemized invoice for the services.

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RBA 2016 - 4405

# Budget Amendment Request Form



To be filled out AFTER RBA submittal

**Agenda Item:** Request for approval to grant contract with Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Department:

Meeting Date:

- Fund:
- 01 - General
  - 02 - Reserve
  - 03 - Public Works
  - 11 - CSS
  - 15 - CCRRA
  - 30 - Building CIP
  - 32 - Road/Bridge CIP
  - 34 - Parks & Trails
  - 35 - Debt Service

Requested By:

DEBIT			CREDIT		
Description of Accounts	Acct #	Amount	Description of Accounts	Acct #	Amount
Professional Services	01-123-130-1559-6260	\$30,000.00	SWMCB Grant	01-123-130-1559-...	\$30,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$30,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$30,000.00

Reason for Request:  
 To add revenue and expenditure budget for grant funds to be received from the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board for research of organic waste composting impacts.



# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Out of State Conference -- Environmental Services**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The U.S. Composting Council (USCC) has selected Environmental Services' Marcus Zbinden to receive its 2016 Rufus Chaney Award for outstanding contributions to research in the area of composting and organics diversion. The USCC would like to present the award to Mr. Zbinden at its annual conference. This national conference brings together city, county, and state officials presenting new ideas to improve organics diversion and processing.

If approved to travel to the conference, he would bring back practical, feasible techniques for consideration. He would also receive instruction on how Carver County can use best practices in our collection, education, planning, and processing, which would improve our success rate and our compliance with State requirements. To be held in Los Angeles, the conference will take place 1/23/2017 through 1/26/2017.

The USCC is waiving the cost of its conference registration and will provide for several of the meals. In the event that the Board approved the trip, the ES staff has been able to secure airfare and accommodations for \$933.48 and estimates approximately \$200 for the remaining meals and ground transportation. This expense would be within the amount budgeted for conference and training. Funds for the trip would come from the solid waste funds (not from the County's levy).

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve Marcus Zbinden's travel to attend the 2017 United States Composting Council National Conference in Los Angeles, CA in order to receive its Rufus Chaney Award and learn new techniques in composting and organics diversion and processing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FTE IMPACT:**

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Solid waste funds	\$1,133.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,133.00</b>

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

Office use only:

RBA 2016- 4411

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Request for approval of contract Amendment No. 3 with WSB & ASSOCIATES INC**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Works - Parks"/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="12/13/2016"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Martin Walsh"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Parks Director"/>	Item Type: <input type="text" value="Consent"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text" value=""/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text" value=""/> Title: <input type="text" value=""/>	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Strategic Initiative: <input type="text" value="Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities"/>	

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The contract is for work related to road and parking lot reconstruction and paving at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. Work included reconstruction and paving one mile roadway from the park entrance at Hwy 41 to the beach parking area including adding a bypass lane at the park entrance.

Amendment No. 3 is for additional survey and inspection service for accepted bid alternates of reconstructing the Boat Access No.1 parking area and construction of a concrete watercraft access ramp. Further, an alternate to reconstruct the roadway servicing the park shop, and off-leash dog area and reconstructing the off-leash dog area parking lot was accepted. This work was not included in the base level of scope of services to reconstruct the roadway to the beach and bypass lane at the entrance. Further, additional service was needed to obtain permits for the watercraft access ramp construction.

WSB & Associates INC has provided the necessary documentation to close out the project and has completed its service to the County.

Current Contract Amount \$163,860  
 Contract Amendment Amount \$39,450  
 Revised Total Contract Amount \$203,310

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve Contract 16-499, Amendment No. 3 with WSB & ASSOCIATES INC. pending finalization of the contract review process.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="Included in current budget"/>	<b>FUNDING</b>								
If "Other", specify: <input type="text"/>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>County Dollars =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$0.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SG 2011-118</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$35,012.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SG-14-041</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,437.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$39,450.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	SG 2011-118	\$35,012.07	SG-14-041	\$4,437.93	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,450.00</b>
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<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insert additional funding source								

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Sub grants SG 2011-118 and SG -14-041 are issued by the Metropolitan Council for the project.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Final Payment for SP 010-090-005 Minnestoa River Bluffs Regional Trail**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

Strategic Initiative:

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County applied and received federal funding to construct and pave a trail on the former Union Pacific Railroad corridor. The project included 2.1 miles of trail from Athletic Park in Chaska to the levee system in Carver terminating at County Road 40. A pedestrian bridge is also to be constructed over Spring Creek in Carver and a trailhead facility with parking lot constructed at Depot Park in Carver.

Plans and specification was prepared and sealed bids were received for the project. In August of 2015, S. M. Hentges & Sons were awarded the contract at \$143,725.65.

The overall project cost came in under the contract amount at \$1,136,446.19

It is recommended that Final Payment of \$81,270.32 be made.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the final payment of \$81,270 to S. M. Hentges & Sons for project # SP 010-090-005.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If "Other", specify:

**FTE IMPACT:**

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
City of Carver	\$43,432.00
2015 CPA	\$37,838.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,270.32</b>

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Improvements made to the parking lot in Depot Park were cost shared 50/50. The City Carver also participated in costs pertaining to design and engineering for the parking lot as outlined in the JPA and other correspondence.

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RBA 2016- 4428

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Retainage Reduction for SAP 010-610-047 (CSAH 10 Bridge and Roadway Improvements)**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Works - Program Delivery"/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="12/13/2016"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Andrew Engel"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Civil Engineer"/>	Item Type: <input type="text" value="Consent"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text" value=""/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text" value=""/> Title: <input type="text" value=""/>	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Strategic Initiative: <input type="text" value="Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities"/>	

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The work for SAP 010-610-047 CSAH 10 Bridge and Roadway Improvements in Watertown is being done under Contract #14-419 by Redstone Construction, LLC. The majority of Redstone Construction, LLC's work was completed in the 2015 and 2016 construction seasons. Some minor punchlist items remain to be done and plant, tree, sod and irrigation warranties need to expire before the project can be closed out.

Per the contract, retainage for the project is 5.0%. Redstone Construction, LLC is requesting to reduce the 5.0% retainage to 2.0%. The request to reduce retainage is appropriate based on the project specifications and staff's evaluation of the remaining items to be completed by Redstone Construction, LLC.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the reduction of contract retainage to 2.0% of the completed work for the CSAH 10 Bridge and Roadway Improvement project to Redstone Construction, LLC. (SAP 010-610-047)

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="Included in current budget"/>	<b>FUNDING</b>
If "Other", specify: <input type="text" value=""/>	County Dollars = <input type="text" value=""/>
<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/>	Total <input type="text" value=""/> \$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insert additional funding source	

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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RBA 2016 - 4401

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Final Payment for Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Improvements**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The County Board on July 1, 2104 authorized bid award to Park Construction Inc. in for the reconstruction roadways parking lots, and boat launch facilities at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

The original contract amount was for \$1,286,671.35.

The project was delivered under the contract amount at \$1,198,687.46

Close out documents have been received, work was performed satisfactory and there are no outstanding issues to resolve.

Final payment in the amount of \$94,550.09 is recommended.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve final payment to Park Construction Inc. for improvements to Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

*If "Other", specify:*

**FTE IMPACT:**

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<input type="text" value=""/>
SG-14-041	\$94,550.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,550.09</b>

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Sub Grant SG-14-041 is provided through the Metropolitan Council.

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RBA 2016 - 4421

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Encore - Monetary Donation Received**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
 ▼

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

▼

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Encore Adult Day Program has received an un-solicited donation of \$100 from St John's Lutheran Church - Women's Missionary League, Norwood Young America. The note accompanying the check read, "Please use enclosed check for any fun projects or trips for your clients. May the Lord bless your very needed program. St John's LWML, Young America, MN"

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Please accept the monetary donation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼  
*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Donation	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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RBA 2016 - 4403

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Encore Adult Day Program - Monetary Donation**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
 ▼

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

▼

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Encore Adult Day Program received a donation in the amount of \$250.00 with a request that it be used for program enrichment/activities.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

\$250.00

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

**Total**

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

*Office use only:*

RBA 2016 - 4410

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action

**Agenda Item:****Resolution Supporting a Fastlane Grant Application for the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority**Primary Originating Division/Dept: Administration (County) Meeting Date: 12/13/2016 

Contact: Dave Hemze Title: County Administrator

Item Type:  
Consent Amount of Time Requested:  minutesAttachments:  Yes  NoPresenter:  Title: **Strategic Initiative:**Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Commissioner Workman is the Board's appointment to the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority and is asking the Board to adopt the attached Resolution.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt Resolution supporting MVVRA's grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None If "Other", specify: **FUNDING**County Dollars = **FTE IMPACT:** None **Total**  \$0.00 Insert additional funding sourceRelated Financial/FTE Comments:  
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RBA 2016 - 4418





BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: December 13, 2016

Resolution No.:

Motion by Commissioner:

Seconded by Commissioner:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FASTLANE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority serving five counties owns and maintain 94 miles of rail, and provides service for shippers on a larger regional basis, and

WHEREAS, THE ongoing and growing demand for shipping by rail is increasing, and

WHEREAS, the joint venture relations with other rail lines opens additional markets to other parts of the United States, and

WHEREAS, MVRRA knows from first-hand experience what restoration of this rail line means to our city/county. It has been demonstrated already on the portions of the line that have been rehabilitated that safe, reliable and dependable rail service is the catalyst for new, private capital investment in buildings structures that grow business and stimulate our regional economy, and

Whereas, new private investment in business expansion increases the tax base for our local schools and government services, resulting in lower tax rates for everybody, and

Whereas, healthy and growing industry means new, good paying jobs for our citizens, and

Whereas, increased employment means more spending in our local economy and at our Main Street businesses, and

Whereas, a safe and dependable rail line means fewer long distance trucks on our streets and highways, and

Whereas, access to the Twin Cities terminal means better access to multiple national and international markets, better prices, and better freight rates, and

Whereas, this means more money stays in our local, regional and state economies, which is a winning combination for everyone, and

Whereas, MVRRA has been a recipient of State Bond funds, and Federal Rail Administration funds since 2002 totally \$28M which has been used for 34 miles of track rehabilitation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Carver County Board of Commissioners strongly supports this project and MVRRA's application for funding under the Federal FASTLANE grant program to secure further funding to complete rail and bridge rehabilitation on the remaining 60 miles of track from Winthrop to Hanley Falls, Minnesota.

YES

ABSENT

NO

Five sets of horizontal lines for signature or initials under YES, ABSENT, and NO columns.

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 13th day of December, 2016, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

County Administrator

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Employee requesting decrease in FTE from .9 to .8**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Health & Human Services - Behavioral Health

Meeting Date: 12/13/2016

Contact: AnnMarie Sowieja Title: Crisis Program Supervisor

Item Type:  
Consent

Amount of Time Requested: minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter: Title:

Strategic Initiative:  
Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

A Crisis Therapist has requested to decrease their currently assigned FTE from a .9 to a .8. There is a current vacant Crisis Therapist position that is a .9 FTE. It is advantageous to the Crisis Program to increase this vacant position to 1.0 FTE. These changes would be budget neutral.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to decrease a current Crisis Therapist from .9 to .8 FTE, and increase the current vacant Crisis Therapist position from a .9 to a 1.0 FTE.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None  
*If "Other", specify:*

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

**FTE IMPACT:** None

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

This change would be budget neutral since the changes in FTE would cancel each other out.

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RBA 2016 - 4406

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Contract with St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
 ▼

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

▼

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County's Facilities Department is replacing about 5,000 square feet of carpet in the Sheriff's Office, Jail Administration, and Jail Lobby areas. The carpet is worn, with half of the carpet being about 20 years old. The County received two quotes, and St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet had the low quote of \$37,760, which includes removing the existing carpet and replacing with new carpet squares.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to contract with St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet pending completion of the contract review process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =  **\$37,760.00**

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

**Total**  **\$37,760.00**

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

To be paid from Facilities CIP account 01-110-000-2001-6310.

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RBA 2016 - 4409

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Preliminary Plat - Poppitz Woods**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

File #PZ20160055. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat of Poppitz Woods. The development consists of 3 wooded lots, located in Section 33 of Laketown Township. Harry Niemela is in the process of purchasing the subject parcel from Sheila Vanderlinde, *et al.* (Poppitz family). He plans to close on the property in mid-December, which would allow him to pursue the final platting process in the near future. A new township road would not be necessary, because the proposed lots have frontage on Juniper Ave. The Laketown Town Board has also recommended approval of the request.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

A motion adopting findings of fact and the resolution approving the Preliminary Plat of Poppitz Woods.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:**

**Total**  \$0.00

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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RBA 2016 - 4423

**COUNTY OF CARVER**  
***PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION***

**FILE #: PP - PZ20160055**

**RESOLUTION #: 16-17**

**WHEREAS**, the following application for a Preliminary Plat approval has been submitted and accepted:

**FILE #:** PZ20160055  
**APPLICANT:** Harry Niemela  
**OWNER:** Sheila Vanderlinde et al  
**SITE ADDRESS:** 102XX Juniper Ave  
**PERMIT TYPE:** Additional Density Option – Wooded Lots  
**PURSUANT TO:** County Code, Section 152.078  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** See attached Exhibit "A"  
**PARCEL #:** 07.0331050

**WHEREAS**, said application was duly considered at a public hearing held by the Carver County Planning Commission at its regular meeting of November 15, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Carver County Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. Sheila Vanderlinde (Poppitz family) owns an approximate 21.62 acre parcel, located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 33, Laketown Township. It is in the Agricultural Zoning District and the CCWMO (Carver Creek and West Chaska Creek watersheds) Harry Niemela has a purchase agreement for the subject parcel and permit (CUP) #PZ20160044 issued to him on October 4, 2016 in order to create three (3) wooded residential lots pursuant to Section 152.078 of the Carver County Code. Mr. Niemela is requesting the approval of the Preliminary Plat “Poppitz Woods” including three (3) residential lots (Lots 1-3, Block 1).
2. Copies of the plat have been sent to the Waconia School District #110, Minnesota Valley Electric, CenturyLink, Carver County WMO (Soil & Water Conservation District), Carver County Environmental Services, Carver County Surveyor, and Carver County Public Works.
3. The Carver County Public Works Department has reviewed and approved the preliminary plat proposal. The proposed plat includes appropriate road right of way dedications.
4. Acceptable soil borings for the primary and alternate septic sites (SSTS) on the three (3) undeveloped lots have been submitted to the Carver County Environmental Services Department. The information was reviewed, and the soils would be suitable for SSTS. The sites for the proposed lots will need to be fenced and protected.
5. The wooded lots are laid out in such a manner that there are no more than four (4) homes per quarter-quarter as permitted by the density regulations of the Carver County Zoning Code. The proposed lot sizes range from 5.01 acres to 8.62 acres. Each wooded lot has a minimum of a 1 acre building site that conforms to Code requirements, and any home constructed within the site will meet the setback requirements.
6. The draft covenants, as required by Conditional use Permit #PZ20160044, have been submitted with the application and would need to be approved by the County Attorney’s office prior to final plat approval.
7. A wetland delineation report has been submitted and approval is pending the addition of a small wetland that was observed on Lot 2 during an onsite review of the delineation wetland boundaries. Avoidance of delineated wetlands has been incorporated into the development. Appropriate easements for the wetlands and drainage/utilities will need to be included on the final plat.

8. An erosion and sediment control permit from the Planning and Water Management Department will be required if greater than 1 acre is disturbed for the construction of the drive and house pad for each lot. This permit requires the use of management practices that prevent erosion and sediment from leaving the site during construction.
9. A combined erosion and sediment control and stormwater permit from the Planning and Water Management Department will be required if the total impervious surface constructed on each lot (drive, house pad, garage, other outbuildings, etc.) is greater than 1 acre. This permit requires the use of management practices that prevent erosion and sediment from leaving the site during construction as well as management practices that treat stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces once construction is complete.
10. The 21.62 acre plat is located within the CCWMO jurisdiction. Stormwater management, wetland buffers, and erosion control measures will need to be addressed pursuant to Chapter 153 of the County Code (Water Management Rules).
11. It appears that the plat would substantially meet the requirements of applicable County Zoning and subdivision Codes.
12. The Laketown Town Board met with the applicant on October 24, 2016 and recommended approval as well as approval of the three proposed accesses off of the Township Road.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** THAT The Carver County Planning Commission hereby recommends the approval of the Preliminary Plat of Poppitz Woods for the land described in Exhibit "A" of the permit application. The Planning Commission further recommends that the following conditions be attached:

1. The layout of the final plat must substantially conform to the preliminary plat. Any significant departure from the preliminary plat must be approved by the Planning Commission before final plat consideration.
2. The covenants, as required by Conditional Use Permit #PZ20160044, must be approved prior to final plat consideration. Prior to final plat consideration by the County Board, the Assistant County Attorney shall approve the covenants and title work.
3. Pursuant to CUP #PZ20160044, access permits for the proposed driveways must be obtained from Laketown Township prior to the issuance of any building permits for the individual lots.
4. Appropriate drainage and utility easements shall be included in the final plat for delineated wetlands, including the small wetland on lot 2, if required.
5. Each lot shall be reviewed and approved by Carver County Planning and Water Management Department pursuant to Chapter 153 of the County Code. Specific details for each lot must be submitted to the Planning and Water Department for approval prior to issuance of building permit(s) on individual lots.
6. As per Section 151.163 of the Carver County Code, all utility facilities are to be located underground. The access and drainage ways will be designed so that public utilities can be installed at a later date.

**ADOPTED** by the Carver County Planning Commission this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

DocuSigned by:



John P. Fahey  
 Planning Commission Chair

12/1/2016 | 7:41:39 PM CST

# POPPITZ WOODS PRELIMINARY PLAT

## BENCHMARK

MNDOT GEODETIC PT NO.103806, NAME: JUNIPER  
ELEVATION: 1019.319 NAVD88

## ORIENTATION

ORIENTATION OF THIS BEARING SYSTEM,  
IS BASED UPON THE CARVER COUNTY  
COORDINATE SYSTEM NAD83 (86 ADJ.).

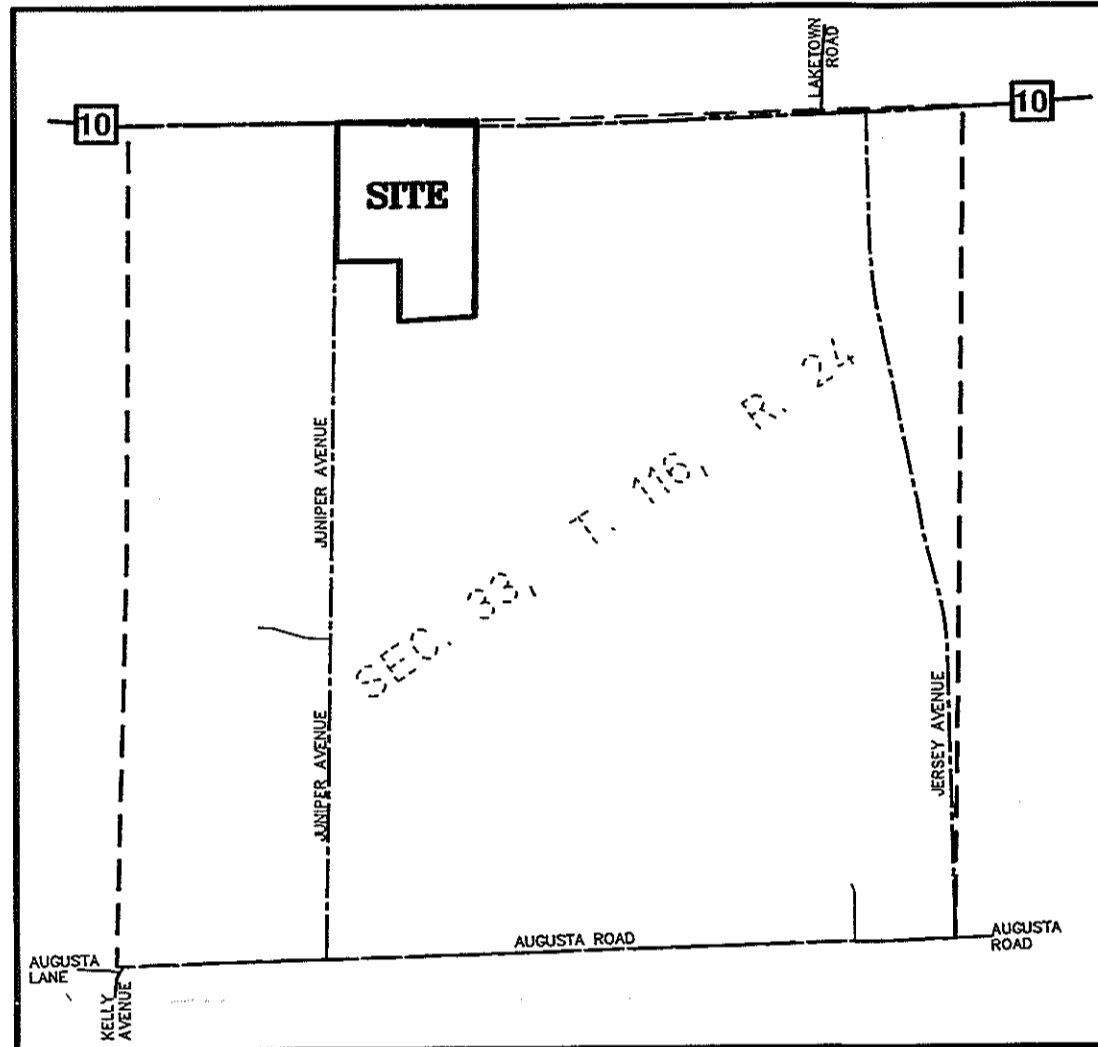
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NORTH

## VICINITY MAP

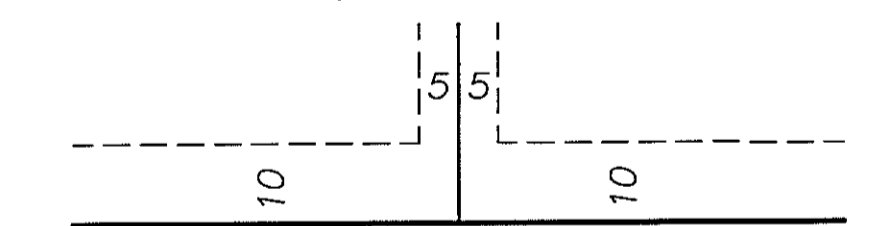
PART OF SEC. 33, T. 116, R. 24



CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
(NO SCALE)

## PROPOSED EASEMENT DETAIL:

Drainage and Utility Easements are shown thus:  
(Not to Scale)



Being five feet in width and adjoining side lot lines and 10 feet in width and adjoining public ways and rear lot lines, unless otherwise indicated on this plat.

## LEGEND

- DENOTES IRON MONUMENT FOUND AS LABELED
- DENOTES IRON MONUMENT SET, MARKED RLS# 15475
- ⊙ DENOTES CARVER COUNTY CAST IRON MONUMENT
- DENOTES FIBER OPTIC BOX
- ⊕ DENOTES POWER POLE
- ⊖ DENOTES SIGN
- ⊙ DENOTES SOIL BORING. (BY OTHERS)
- ⊕ DENOTES STORM SEWER APRON
- ⊖ DENOTES TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
- ⊙ DENOTES WELL
- ⊕ DENOTES WETLAND, (DELINEATED BY OTHERS)
- ⊖ DENOTES TREE LINE
- ⊙ DENOTES WETLAND LINE
- ⊕ DENOTES EXISTING LIDAR CONTOURS
- ⊖ DENOTES BUILDING HATCH

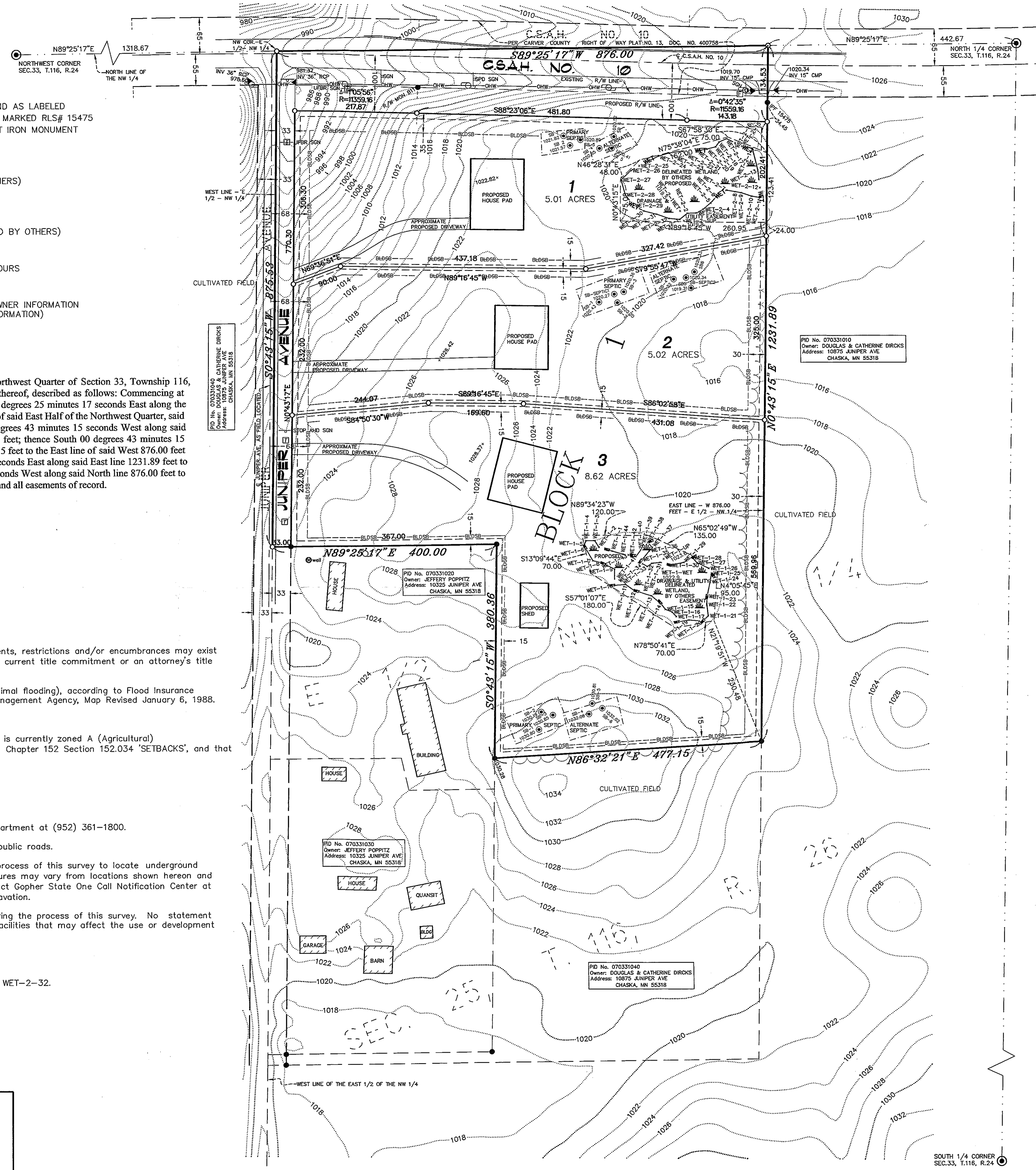
PID No. 070331030  
Owner: JEFFERY POPPITZ  
Address: 10325 JUNIPER AVE  
CHASKA, MN 55318

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the North 1794.53 feet of the West 876.00 feet of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 116, Range 24, Carver County, Minnesota, as measured along the North and West lines thereof, described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 33; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 25 minutes 17 seconds East along the North line of said Northwest Quarter 1318.67 feet to a point at the northwest corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter, said point being the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds West along said West line 875.53 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 17 seconds East 400.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds West 380.36 feet; thence North 86 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds East 477.15 feet to the East line of said West 876.00 feet of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds East along said East line 1231.89 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 17 seconds West along said North line 876.00 feet to the point of beginning. This tract contains 21.627 acres of land and is subject to any and all easements of record.

## GENERAL NOTES

1. Fee ownership is vested in Harry Niemela Parcel ID Number: 07.0331050
2. Developer: Harry Niemela
3. This survey was prepared without the benefit of title work. Additional easements, restrictions and/or encumbrances may exist other than those shown hereon. Survey subject to revision upon receipt of a current title commitment or an attorney's title opinion.
4. Surveyed premises shown on this survey map is in Flood Zone X (area of minimal flooding), according to Flood Insurance Rate Map Community Panel No. 270049 0075 c by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Map Revised January 6, 1988.
5. Boundary area of the surveyed premises: 21.63 acres.
6. Carver County has indicated that the surveyed premises shown on this survey is currently zoned A (Agricultural) under the applicable zoning regulations per Carver County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 152 Section 152.034 'SETBACKS', and that the current setbacks are:  
Building: Front = 68 feet (Local Roads not in Shoreland District)  
85 feet (Collector Roads not in Shoreland District)  
Side = 15 feet  
Rear = 30 feet
- For additional information contact the Carver County Planning and Zoning Department at (952) 361-1800.
7. The surveyed premises has access to Juniper Avenue & C.S.A.H. No.10, both public roads.
8. Utilities shown hereon are observed. Excavations were not made during the process of this survey to locate underground utilities and/or structures. The location of underground utilities and/or structures may vary from locations shown hereon and additional underground utilities and/or structures may be encountered. Contact Gopher State One Call Notification Center at (651) 454-0002 for verification of utility type and field location, prior to excavation.
9. Subsurface and environmental conditions were not examined or considered during the process of this survey. No statement is made concerning the existence of underground or overhead containers or facilities that may affect the use or development of the surveyed premises.
10. The field survey of this site was completed on T.B.D.
11. Wetland delineation by: Jacobson Environmental, PLLC  
WETLANDS (Two Total): (1.) WET-1-1 to WET-1-44; (2.) WET-2-1 to WET-2-32.
12. Septic Design by: Wacholz, Inc.
13. TOPOGRAPHY BASED ON LIDAR, OBTAINED FROM THE MN DNR.  
(CONTOUR INTERVAL): 2 FOOT MINOR, 10 FOOT MAJOR
14. WATER SUPPLY: Private Well
15. SEWAGE DISPOSAL: Private Absorption



STIBLEY SURVEYORS, INC.  
LAKESIDE, MINNESOTA

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

*Jeffery Poppitz*

JEFFERY POPPITZ, LS  
DATE: 4/2/16 REGISTRATION NO. 15475  
REVISED: 10/31/16

PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR  
Harry Niemela  
PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER  
SEC. 33, T116, R24, LAKE TOWN TOWNSHIP, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SCALE: 1 INCH = 100 FEET

FILE NO. 3569

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Contract with METRO WEST INSPECTION SERVICES, INC.**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Services - Land Mgmt."/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="12/13/2016"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Steve Just"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Dept. Manager"/>	Item Type: <input type="text" value="Consent"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text"/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Strategic Initiative: <input type="text" value="Growth: Manage the challenges and opportunities resulting from growth and development"/>	

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Land Management Dept. is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the State Building Code in the unincorporated areas of the County. The current contract with Metro West Inspection Services expires at the end of 2016. The County's Land Management Department published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2017-2019 in the legal paper and posted it on the County's website. Metro West Inspections (Loren Kohnen) and MNSPECT, LLC (Scott Qualle) were the sole respondents to the RFP. The County staff analyzed the proposals primarily with regard to the best combination of cost, customer service, and scope of building inspection services. The Land Management Department is recommending Metro West Inspection Services based, in part, on the following: their fee would be 37% of permit revenue (vs. MNSPECT's 40%); they have provided excellent service to internal & external customers over the last 6 years; and they currently serve Waconia, Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America & Cologne, providing uniformity within the County's jurisdictions. They also deliver very efficient and fast service on plan reviews and permits. Metro West has been in business since 1976. They have 12 Minnesota Certified Building Officials in addition to other qualified staff members, which meets the Department's needs.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to contract with METRO WEST INSPECTION SERVICES, INC. pending completion of the contract review process.

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="Other"/>	<b>FUNDING</b>						
Budget for professional services has been included in the 2017 administrator's recommendation. If "Other", specify:	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>County Dollars =</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$0.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Permit revenue</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$100,000.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>County Dollars =</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	Permit revenue	\$100,000.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
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<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> <input type="text" value="None"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insert additional funding source						

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The Building Official's services are funded by the building permit fees collected by the Department. The 2017 estimated fee (\$100,000) is based on permit revenue projections of approximately \$270,000. The 2018 and 2019 budget line recommendations would be developed based on economic trends & projections, as a part of future budgeting processes.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Out of State Conference - Library**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
Consent  ▼

Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

▼

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Library would like to send one youth services librarian to the PowerUp conference on March 30 and 31 at the University of Wisconsin. The conference registration, travel, and lodging will be paid from the MELSA professional development budget. The PowerUp conference has just opened up registration for out-of-state attendees. This conference features sessions on blending technology with youth services and management skill development and career advancement for youth services librarians.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve out-of-state conference attendance at PowerUp conference at the University of Wisconsin for March 30-31, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼  
If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =  **\$0.00**

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

**Total**  **\$0.00**

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The Power Up conference registration, travel and lodging will be paid from the MELSA professional development budget.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with LELS Licensed Sergeants Regarding 2017 Insurance Contributions**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Employee Relations</u>	Meeting Date: <u>12/13/2016</u>
Contact: <u>Kerie Anderka</u> Title: <u>ER Director</u>	Item Type: <u>Consent</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text"/> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

Culture: Provide organizational culture fostering accountability to achieve goals & sustain public trust/confidence in County government

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County and the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), Local No. 289, representing Sheriff's Office Licensed Sergeants have not yet concluded negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement.

A 4- tier insurance benefits package was developed to enhance flexibility and better meet the needs of employees and applicants considering Carver County as a potential employer. The new package addresses increasing health insurance costs while promoting employee engagement in insurance/benefits decisions and wellness, along with offering increased flexibility and choice of benefit options. This new insurance package was developed with the investment and support of the Insurance Labor Management Committee.

The County and the Union met to discuss the proposed benefits package and members of the LELS Licensed Sergeants Bargaining Unit have indicated their agreement with the 4-tier benefit package.

The Memorandum of Agreement allows the employees in the LELS Licensed Sergeant Bargaining Unit to participate in the 4- tier insurance benefit package beginning in 2017.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the LELS Licensed Sergeant Bargaining Unit to participate in the 4- tier insurance benefit package.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>\$7,557.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,557.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:** None

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**  
**Farm Family of the Year**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
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Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

Strategic Initiative:  
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**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Farm Family Recognition Program has existed for over two decades and honors farm families from throughout Minnesota for their contributions to the agriculture industry and their local communities. All of the honored farm families have made significant contributions to Minnesota agriculture and their communities.

This year, the Carver County Extension Committee is honored to recognize Paul, Susan, Daniel, and Clare Stuewe. The Stuewe farm, located near Cologne, has been in the family for generations. Paul started farming with his father in 1981 and took over the operations in 1994. Daniel, the fourth generation of the Stuewe family, is now helping run the family's farm. The Stuewe family milk 90 cows in a swing eight parallel pit parlor that was built in 2002. The family raises all of their heifers from start to finish and plant about 250 acres of corn and alfalfa for feed. The entire family helps out each day on the farm and are engaged in the agriculture community.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Welcome and congratulate the Stuewe Family.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼  
*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

**Total**

Insert additional funding source

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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RBA 2016 - 4407

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**2017 Legislative Priorities**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Administration (County)</u>	Meeting Date: <u>12/13/2016</u>
Contact: <u>David Hemze</u> Title: <u>County Administrator</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>15</u> minutes Presenter: <u>David Hemze</u> Title: <u>County Administrator</u>	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

**Strategic Initiative:**

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County Legislative Priorities are objectives that the County is seeking state legislative assistance to accomplish. Carver County Division Directors submitted recommendations for 2017 Legislative Priorities. The Carver County Legislative Committee reviewed the priorities and then they were presented to the County Board at the November 22 work session. The priorities proposed for 2017 are:

1. Transportation Revenue
2. Fund Local Road Wetland Replacement Program
3. Improve Eminent Domain Appraisal Process for Property Owners
4. Capital Improvement Funding for Regional Parks
5. Lake Waconia Regional Park Development
6. Authorization to Reprioritize Regional Park CIP, Parks, and Trails Funding
7. Maintain Operations and Maintenance Funding for Regional Parks
8. Parks and Trails Legacy Funding
9. Support Election Technology Upgrades
10. Increase Infrastructure Funding and Transparency for Mental Health Care
11. Metropolitan Governance Reform

The Carver County Legislative Committee will be working with the County Administrator to guide the County's legislative efforts during the 2017 session. In addition, Carver County contracts with Scott County for legislative services. Carver County will host a breakfast on December 20 to discuss these priorities with local legislators.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve Carver County's 2017 Legislative Priorities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**FTE IMPACT:** None

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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## 2017 Legislative Platform

*Item numbering is not a priority listing*

### **Top priorities:**

1. Transportation Revenue
2. Fund Local Road Wetland Replacement Program
3. Improve Eminent Domain Appraisal Process for Property Owners
4. Capital Improvement Funding for Regional Parks
5. Lake Waconia Regional Park Development
6. Authorization to Reprioritize Regional Park CIP, Parks and Trails Funding
7. Maintain Operations and Maintenance Funding for Regional Parks
8. Parks and Trails Legacy Funding
9. Support Election Technology Upgrades
10. Increase Infrastructure Funding and Transparency for Mental Health Care
11. Metropolitan Governance Reform



## Issue #1: Transportation Revenue

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### **Background**

Building and maintaining a safe, efficient and effective transportation system is one of the most basic and vital services provided by all levels of government. Counties are a critical element of the state's transportation system. More than 45,000 miles of Minnesota's 143,000 miles of roads and highways are under county jurisdiction.

Counties and other local units of government oversee 14,700 bridges - 75% of all bridges in the state. The 2008 Legislature enacted a comprehensive transportation funding bill that provided new, dedicated revenues for bridges, roads and transit at both the state and local levels of government. However, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's projections make clear that much of that new funding is exhausted.

There are three major transportation priorities in Carver County that require an increase in transportation funding. Two out of the three priorities involve the state Trunk Highway system which is clearly underinvested in Carver County.

#### **1. Address County Turnback Account shortfall.**

Five percent of the Minnesota Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF), or approximately \$97 million annually, is allocated to the Town Bridge, Town Road, and Flexible Highway Account. The Flexible Highway Account is allocated 53.5%, or approximately \$53 million annually, which is used for the restoration of former Trunk Highways turned back to Counties or Cities. The problem is there is not enough funding in the County Turnback Account (part of Flexible Highway Account) to restore these highways, which typically become the most travelled county highways and have the most safety and congestion issues. This is a significant problem in Carver County where there are many projects waiting for funding including portions of TH101 (now CSAH 101) and TH212 (now CSAH 61).

The County was the lead agency for the 101 Bridge and 61 "Y" reconstruction project, also known as the Southwest Reconnection Project, and was responsible for financing \$18 million of the State share of the project since the County Turnback Account did not have available funding. The next segment of Highway 61 east of the "Y" is funded; however, there remains \$70 million in unfunded Turnback projects on Highways 101 and 61.

#### **2. Improve deficient MnDOT A-Minor Arterials (TH 212, TH 5, TH 41)**

These highways are the most significant trunk highways in Carver County. They carry the most vehicular and freight traffic, yet all are deficient in geometry, which has caused significant congestion and safety

issues. However, not of these highways have been identified for expansion in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) or the State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP).

**3. Increase funding to the Local Bridge Bonding Program**

Carver County estimates \$2 million in annual bridge replacement funds are needed over the next five years. The local bridge bonding program augments the budgets of counties and cities statewide by supplying between 50% and 100% of bridge replacement construction costs for deficient structures. The program is first-come, first-serve which rewards project readiness. There are more than 100 projects on the waiting list, but the program has no funding left.

**Requested Position**

Carver County urges the legislature to pass a transportation funding bill that includes the following provisions:

- A. Provide one-time funding to the county turnback account to adequately address high priority projects like TH 101 from CSAH 61 to Pioneer and CSAH 61 from CR 140 to Bluff Creek Drive. Oppose any bill that redirects funding from the 5% flex account to other programs.
- B. Provide trunk highway bonding for the Corridors of Commerce program to fund projects like TH 212 between Chaska and Norwood Young America. Develop criteria that measure potential projects in a fair manner throughout the state.
- C. Provide general obligation bonds for the local bridge replacement program at a level to fund all project ready local bridges.
- D. Distribute all the proceeds from the Leased Motor Vehicle Sales Tax 50-50 between Greater Minnesota Transit and the five Metropolitan Suburban Counties.
- E. Retain the half-cent Local Option Sales Tax for transportation purposes for the non-CTIB Counties.
- F. Oppose any legislation imposing a sales tax for transit only on all Metro Counties without approval of the County Board.



## **Issue #2: Fund the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program**

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### **Background**

There is urgent need to fund the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) 2016 request for \$14.64 million for wetland mitigation relating to local road projects. Without immediate funding, local road projects will be delayed, possibly in some instances cancelled altogether. In the meantime, improvements necessary to address safety and capacity issues would go unmet.

In 1996, the Legislature established the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program. Under this program, local road authorities are required to report wetlands lost due to local road improvements and reconstruction. The wetland impacts of new local roads are not covered by the program and have to be funded locally. The wetlands are replaced by the state through BWSR. BWSR has been borrowing credits from MnDOT's wetlands bank to meet its statutory obligation to mitigate local road project's wetlands impacts. The "borrowed" MnDOT wetland credits must be repaid at the same time wetland credits are provided for new local road improvement and reconstruction projects. Without a continued state commitment to this funding, local governments face paying for this work out of their transportation budgets which will delay completion of local government road projects; increase local property taxes; negate an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that allow this program to meet federal regulatory requirements; and result in another unfunded state mandate.

### **Requested Position**

Carver County urges the legislature to immediately fund the local road wetland replacement program.





### **Issue #3: Improve the Eminent Domain Appraisal Process for Property Owners**

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#### **Background**

Carver County requests revisions to Chapter 117, Eminent Domain, to mitigate the unintended consequences of the legislation which provides procedures, definition, remedies and limitations for condemning authorities when exercising the power of eminent domain for public use or public purpose.

The 2006 revisions to the eminent domain law has resulted in a significant cost increase related to attorney fees and interest payments incurred by agencies implementing public transportation improvements which has put an unreasonable and unintended burden on transportation funding. Wholesale rewrites or challenges will likely be unsuccessful given the political sensitivity with the law. However, discussion and controversy remains in several areas including: attorney's fees, owner appraisals, land commissioner qualifications, response to offers, and timing and schedules. The modest changes proposed below would give condemning authorities a chance to respond to new information that may come to light in the owner's appraisal, possibly totally avoiding the need acquire the property through the exercise of eminent domain authority.

#### **Requested Position**

Carver County recommends changing the deadline for an owner to provide their appraisal from 5 to 45 days before the Commissioners Hearing. The Condemning Authority shall then have 30 days from the receipt of the Owner's appraisal to provide the Owner a revised last written offer. Carver County also recommends revising Section 117.195 to determine the annual interest on the award based on the secondary market yield of one year U.S. Treasury bills rounded to the nearest one percent.



## Issue #4: Capital Improvement Funding for Regional Parks

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### **Background**

The 2016-17 portion of the Metropolitan Council's Regional Park Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is based on the issuance of up to \$7.33 million of Metropolitan Council bonds to provide a 40% match to a 2016 State bond request of \$11 million. This results in a 2016-17 CIP total of \$18.33 million.

### **Requested Position**

Support legislation which provides \$17.5 million for the Regional Park CIP for 2016-17. Match \$11 million of State Bonds with \$7.33 million of Metropolitan Council Bonds for a combined total of \$18.33 million for the Regional Parks System. It is anticipated that Carver County will receive \$498,000 for previous land acquisition expenses for Waconia Regional Park.

*Note: The above requested position is consistent with the current request by the Metropolitan Council. The Implementing Regional Park Agencies often support another request after the proposed budget is announced.*



## Issue #5: Lake Waconia Regional Park Development

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### **Background**

Lake Waconia Regional Park is a 159-ace, minimally developed park in the Metropolitan area. It is on the second largest lake in the Twin Cities area and is planned to provide regional recreation opportunities for this area of the state.

MN Statue 473.147 provided legislation to create an Open Space System Policy Plan and in part reads, "The policy plan shall identify generally the areas which should be acquired by a public agency to provide a system of regional recreation open space comprising park district, county and municipal facilities which, together with state facilities, reasonably will meet the outdoor recreation needs of the people of the metropolitan area..."

Land has been assembled for Lake Waconia Regional Park. Financial resources available through traditional funding of the Metropolitan Regional Park system allocated by formula to Carver County are insufficient to reasonably develop facilities and meet the outdoor recreation needs of the people of the metropolitan area.

### **Benefits**

- Delivers recreation services for an underserved area of the state
- Utilizes the investment in land
- Provides a regional destination
- Provides health, social, economic benefits.

### **Requested Position**

Carver County requests \$6 million in state bonds to be matched with \$4 million of County Bonds (or 60/40 ratio as would be determined) to implement the master plan for Lake Waconia Regional Park.



## **Issue #6: Authorization to Reprioritize Regional Park CIP, Parks and Trails Funding**

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### **Background**

Metropolitan Regional Park Implementing Agencies request the ability to reprioritize projects funded with and Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, State and Metropolitan Council bonds. The current lack of legislation requires Regional Park Implementing Agencies to seek legislative approval before projects can be reprioritized. The existing process to reprioritize projects is not responsive to changes in circumstance which dictate consideration to reprioritize funded projects, and the process is extremely onerous.

The Metropolitan Council is a governing body of the Regional Park System. Upon submittal of a request by an Implementing Regional Park Agency to reprioritize Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, State and Council bonded projects; the Metropolitan Council would review the request for consistency with approved regional park master plans, the agencies circumstance warranting reprioritization of projects and act on the request.

### **Benefits**

- Responsive to changes in circumstance warranting consideration for a project(s) to be reprioritized.
- Removes a layer of bureaucracy in administering changes to projects services creating efficiencies at multiple levels of government.
- Utilizes an existing system at the Metropolitan Council to vet Implementing Regional Park Agency requests for changes to approved regional park project .

### **Requested Position**

Support legislation which would allow Metropolitan Regional Park Implementing Agencies to request reprioritization of Parks and Trails Legacy Funds, State and Metropolitan Council bonded projects through the Metropolitan Council.



## **Issue #7: Maintain Operations and Maintenance Funding for Regional Parks**

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### **Background**

Carver County receives a portion of its operations and maintenance (O&M) funding for the regional parks it administers. O &M funding comes from funding sources of the State General Fund and Metropolitan Council.

Carver County supports the request of the Metropolitan Council of \$20,000,000 in State Funds for O & M of Regional Parks. The amount is an increase over previous years and moves funding towards the stated legislation of providing 40% of O&M expenses for Regional Park Implementing Agencies as provided in Minnesota Statutes 473.351, sub 3.

In past years, Regional Park Implementing Agencies received approximately 9% of it O & M expenditures. The stated request of \$20,000,000 in State funds matched with Metropolitan Council Funds represents approximately 18% of operations and maintenance expenditures for the Regional System.

#### **Benefits:**

- Reduces County property tax to maintain its regional parks
- Continues a satisfactory levels of park services
- Helps off-set cost of by users outside of Carver County

### **Requested Position**

Support Legislation to increase State funding to \$20,000,000 for Operations and Maintenance expenditures for Regional Parks.



## Issue #8: Parks and Trails Legacy Funding

### **Background**

In April of 2012, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources contracted with the Environmental Initiative to manage and facilitate a nine-member working group to develop consensus recommendations and accompanying rationale to serve as a model for parks and trails funding allocations for the FY 2014-2015 biennium and beyond. The Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Committee has reached consensus on an interim agreement for parks and trails legacy funding allocations to the majority state and regional providers.

The proposed funding breakdown for Parks and Trail legacy funding is for FY 2014-2019.

The breakdown is as follows:

- .25% off the top for coordination among partners for marketing and promotional efforts for all parks and trails of state or regional significance.
- .25% off the top to fund resources to establish criteria to allocate Legacy funding.

The remainder to be split:

- 40% Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- 40% Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails
- 20% Greater Minnesota Regional Parks

### **Requested Position**

Funding from 2017 legacy funding shall be no less than 40% to Metro Regional Parks and Trails after the .5% allocation for coordinated marketing and establishment of criteria to allocated Legacy Funding. It is preferred that the allocation of Parks and Trails Legacy Funding for Metro Regional Parks and Trails be equal to the amount of sales tax proceeds generated in the Metropolitan area.



## Issue #9: Support Election Technology Upgrades

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### **Background**

Following the problems with the nation's voting systems identified in the 2000 presidential election, the federal government passed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), which made sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process and provided federal money in excess of \$3 billion for the purchase of new voting equipment across the United States. The enactment of HAVA ushered in an era of modern voting systems with enhanced security, accessibility, accuracy, and reliability. HAVA also required that each polling place contain accessibility voting equipment for voters with disabilities.

MN counties, including Carver, used these Federal funds to purchase their current election equipment which are now approaching the end of their 10-15 year expected lifespan and thus need to be replaced. Because most counties do not have a reserve for voting equipment replacement, the ability of counties to replace aging voting equipment will vary by county. This, in turn, means that a voter's experience at the polls may vary by county. This county-by-county variation was exactly what HAVA was designed to prevent. The failure or inconsistency of voting technology operation in an election can create many problems, including long lines, delayed election results, and a loss of public confidence.

Federal funding for voting equipment replacement is not expected in the future so several States, including New Mexico, Arkansas and Maryland, are stepping up with funding to maintain the integrity and public's confidence in their state's voting process. The cost to replace Carver County's election equipment which was purchased in 2006 is estimated at \$1 million.

### **Requested Position**

Support the Minnesota Association of County Auditors, Treasurers, and Finance Officers (MACATFO) legislative platform to support the creation of a dedicated funding source for counties to upgrade and replace election equipment and technology.



## **Issue #10: Increase Infrastructure Funding and Transparency for Mental Health Care**

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### **Background**

Minnesota counties partner with the state and federal government to provide critical health and human services to children, the elderly, the disabled and vulnerable adults. Minnesota's heavy reliance on local financing and delivery of these services is relatively unique. Minnesota is one of only nine states with a county-administered human services system. The funding and infrastructure to serve Minnesota's mentally ill is sadly lacking and getting worse. The absence of adequate resources is particularly acute for those suffering a mental health crisis.

Under the current system, Carver County officials have a difficult time determining the anticipated costs of services. In 2015, the County budgeted \$220,000 and spent \$410,000. In 2016, \$400,000 was budgeted, and if nothing changes, we are on track to spend about \$380,000. We are hoping the budgeted amount of \$350,000 will be adequate for 2017. However, just the cost of one unanticipated client could exceed the budget as the cost for inpatient care can be over \$1,800 per day once their stay is determined to not meet medical necessity for that level of care. Stays are many times much longer than necessary as there is often no place for the client to be discharged to.

Children are also affected by this situation. Carver County Human Services worked with a family who had a child who due to developmental, emotional and behavioral issues could not be maintained in the parents' home. After a numerous failed placements, the child was admitted to a Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services inpatient program. Once the child was stabilized, it was determined that this setting was not medically necessary. There was no place for this child to be discharged to. While Carver County Human services worked to develop a unique and supported placement for this child, the County had to pay 100% of the cost for this child to stay in the community behavioral health hospital at \$2,248 per day! No other option or payment source was available. Working hard with private providers, it took 34 days to create a placement for this child. This led to an unanticipated cost to Carver County taxpayers of over \$76,000.

### **Requested Position**

The Carver County Board of Commissioners urges the Legislature to provide funding to address infrastructure needs for community mental health services. Greater transparency and an appeals process must be established to enable a county's ability to determine a client's readiness, based on "hospitalization criteria," to be returned to the community. Additionally, for planning purposes, adequate notice of a decision leading to a client's release from hospitalization must be given to counties.



1. **Increase Mental Health Funding for Community Mental Health Services.**

The Legislature's response to the absence of adequate resources at the state level has been to shift the costs of mental health residential services to counties. Compounding the cost shift, the Department of Human Services increased the rate for community behavioral health hospitals (CBHHs) at the same time to \$1,866 per day, a **54% increase**. Counties have no viable alternatives for the placement of the affected individuals, and the only options are taking up psychiatric beds in local hospitals long after the patient had been stabilized or, worse, the patient languishes in county jails. The State must either provide additional beds at state institutions or financially incent the creation of additional beds at facilities operated by the for-profit or non-profit sectors. In addition, to minimize the utilization of expensive inpatient treatment, additional resources must be provided for community services for the mentally ill

2. **Provide Greater Transparency for Counties in Determining Hospital Level of Care**

With regard to Anoka Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) and CBHHs, counties struggle with the lack of transparency regarding decisions applying hospitalization criteria that result in the client's release to alternative placement. Because there is no appeals process, individuals are often released, only to be returned soon thereafter, when it is determined that a less-restrictive community option is not an appropriate placement. Allowing counties a second opinion by a qualified professional would help to alleviate that situation. Finally, counties do not receive adequate notice of the decision to change a client's hospitalization status. There have been many instances where counties do not receive information until days, or even weeks, after an alternative community placement determination has been made.



## Issue #11: Metropolitan Governance Reform

### **Background**

A coalition of local governments throughout the metropolitan area has joined together to develop a position statement and a set of principles for improving metropolitan governance in the Twin Cities. The Coalition supports the need for regional planning, collaboration and coordination, but seeks to expand local government representation on the Metropolitan Council.

Cities in Carver County that have formally adopted this position include Chanhassen, Chaska, Cologne, Hamburg, Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America, Watertown, and Victoria. Other metropolitan local governments formally supporting this position include Andover, Anoka County, Bethel, Blaine, Coates, Columbus, Centerville, Crystal, Dakota County, Elko New Market, Farmington, Forest Lake, Greenwood, Ham Lake, Hampton, Jordan, Lino Lakes, Loretto, Mendota Heights, Mound, New Prague, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Plymouth, Prior Lake, St. Francis, Scott County, and Shakopee. And this list is growing as we continue to discuss this critical issue with others.

The Coalition's objectives for its collective effort to improved governance are:

1. To articulate a vision of responsive and effective metropolitan governance—as represented by a Statement of Belief and Principles for Reform of the Metropolitan Council.
2. To align local government interests behind a reform effort—through formation of a broad coalition of metropolitan Cities and Counties —and a common position.
3. To be prepared for any efforts—legislative and otherwise—to reform the governance structure and functioning of the Metropolitan Council.

The Metropolitan Council, due to its taxing and policy authority, should be accountable to a regional constituency of those impacted by its decisions. It should not operate as a state agency – as it does in its current form – answerable to only one person, the Governor.

### **Requested Position**

Carver County supports changes to legislation which follow the below principles for Metropolitan Council Reform. Specific legislation is currently being drafting by the local government coalition and will be provided at a later date.

1. A majority of the members of the Metropolitan Council shall be elected officials, appointed from cities and counties within the region.
2. Metropolitan cities shall directly control the appointment process for city representatives to the Metropolitan Council.
3. Metropolitan counties shall directly appoint their own representatives to the Metropolitan Council.
4. The terms of office for any Metropolitan Council members appointed by the Governor shall be staggered and not coterminous with the Governor.

5. Membership on the Metropolitan Council shall include representation from every metropolitan county government.
6. The Metropolitan Council shall represent the entire region, therefore voting shall be structured based on population and incorporate a system of checks and balances.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Resolution of Approval for a Federal FASTLANE Grant Application for TH 212**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Public Works</u>	Meeting Date: <u>12/13/2016</u>
Contact: <u>Lyndon Robjent</u> Title: <u>Public Works Director/Count...</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>5</u> minutes	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Lyndon Robjent</u> Title: <u>Public Works Director/County ...</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

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

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

The Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition advocates for highway improvements on Highway 212 and Highway 5 and has been successful in garnering federal funds to perform engineering and environmental studies on Highway 212. Carver County has taken the lead in advancing these studies in order to get projects ready for construction funding. The segment of Highway 212 between Carver and Cologne has been officially mapped and the environmental assessment has been completed. Final design of the future 4-lane expansion is underway.

The Federal Department of Transportation has released a solicitation for urban and rural highway improvement projects under the FASTLANE program. The program will fund up to 60% of project costs. The 40% local match must come from other sources or programs.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is supportive of making improvements to Highway 212 but has no funding program for expansion in the next 20-years.

Applications for fiscal year 2017 funding under FASTLANE are due December 15, 2016.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt a resolution to approve an application for a FY 2017 FASTLANE grant for \$23,400,000 to reconstruct Highway 212 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway between the City of Cologne and Carver.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Other

*If "Other", specify:*

Unknown

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

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**Total**

**\$0.00**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The grant requires a 40% local match. If the County is awarded the federal grant, the local match will need to be secured from county, state and other sources as applicable.

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: December 13, 2016

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY 212 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLOGNE AND CARVER

WHEREAS, The FASTLANE grant program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects that address critical freight issues facing our nation's highways and bridges;

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Transportation's Build America Bureau is soliciting projects with grant applications due on December 15, 2016;

WHEREAS, The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 FASTLANE grant program is approximately \$787 million, and the minimum grant request for a rural project is \$5,000,000;

WHEREAS, These funds are eligible for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, acquisition of property (including land related to the project and improvements to the land), environmental mitigation, construction contingencies, equipment acquisition, and operational improvements directly related to system performance;

WHEREAS, Carver County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking funds to reconstruct Highway 212 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway between the City of Cologne and Carver;

WHEREAS, The improvements will remove barriers to efficient freight movement, provide economic development opportunities at key locations, preserve existing infrastructure, and improve the corridor's mobility and safety for all users;

WHEREAS, The total project cost is approximately \$38,900,000;

WHEREAS, The FASTLANE grant program requires a forty percent (40%) local match;

WHEREAS, Carver County will provide the local match and coordinate with MnDOT to contribute to the overall local match with programmed maintenance funding and other program funding as applicable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners approves the application for a FY 2017 FASTLANE grant for \$23,400,000 to reconstruct Highway 212 from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway between the City of Cologne and Carver.

YES	ABSENT	NO
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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

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County Administrator

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Classification & Compensation Project Presentation**

Primary Originating Division/Dept:  ▼

Meeting Date:

Contact:  Title:

Item Type:  
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Amount of Time Requested:  minutes

Attachments:  Yes  No

Presenter:  Title:

**Strategic Initiative:**

▼

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County Employee Relations and the Leadership Team have worked with Fox Lawson & Associates, a Division of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., to complete a comprehensive classification and compensation study. Objectives of this project included the development of an updated classification structure and review of all job classifications to insure internal equity and maintain compliance with applicable regulations. In addition, a market salary study was conducted, and an updated salary structure developed, to provide fair and competitive pay for the County's workforce. Completion of this project supports the County's efforts to continue to attract and retain a well-qualified workforce to serve the Carver County community.

Mike Verdoorn from Fox Lawson/Arthur J. Gallagher will be presenting information on this project including study highlights, findings and recommendations.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to

- Adopt the Decision Band Method® as the primary basis for determining internal equity.
- Adopt the recommended salary structure.
- Establish and adopt the compensation philosophy.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  ▼

If "Other", specify:

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**FTE IMPACT:**  ▼

**Total**

Insert additional funding source

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Implementation costs are dependent upon labor contract negotiations. More specific information related to these costs and their impact on the budget will be brought to the Board at a later date.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



## Agenda Item:

### Minnehaha Creek Watershed District "MCWD" Six Mile – Halsted Bay Proposed Regional Partnership

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Property & Financial Services

Meeting Date: 12/13/2016

Contact: David Frischmon & Paul Moline Title: Property & Financial Services ...

Item Type:  
Work Session

Amount of Time Requested: 30 minutes

Presenter: James Wisker Title: MWCD Project Development

Attachments:  Yes  No

Strategic Initiative:

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information

## BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

### Background/Justification:

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) believes that clean water and a healthy natural environment are essential ingredients in creating vibrant, sustainable communities. The lakes, streams, wetlands and green space that make up our landscape create a sense of place that provides a local identity, adds economic value and increases well-being. By forging partnerships to integrate water and land use planning, natural and built environments can create a synergy that achieve better results than the District ever could by working alone.

Collaboration to integrate the District's work into that of its' partners is at the core of the MCWD's 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update, a major component of which is focused in the Six Mile – Halsted Bay subwatershed.

The Six Mile – Halsted Bay geography is rich in natural resources with over 11 lakes, 12 miles of stream system and hundreds of acres of wetlands, all draining to the most impaired waterbody in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District – Halsted Bay on Lake Minnetonka. This area is also the focus of strategic growth, with new roads, utilities and land use being planned as the City of Victoria and Carver County create a vision for the future. There are also exists a mosaic of jurisdictions including Carver and Hennepin Counties, the cities of Victoria, Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius, Laketown Township, and Three Rivers Park District's Carver Park Reserve.

As presented to the Carver County Board on March 1, 2016, the MCWD is striving to integrate its plans and investments in clean water for this area into those of its partners, which will ultimately support Carver County's goals of:

- Creating livable communities
- Promoting economic development
- Providing quality public parks, trails and open space

Since the District first presented the Six Mile – Halsted Bay Partnership to the County Board, the District has met one-on-one with each public partner, and has facilitated several joint meetings of the regional partnership to start the process of mapping and prioritizing how investments in clean water may intersect with local plans and goals for infrastructure, development and parks and open space. These discussions have also included discussions on the policy and financing strategies needed to ultimately make the plans a reality.

For example, the partners have discussed the need to identify and use the regional partnership to leverage federal and state investment in the projects being identified over the next year. MCWD has also been discussing with Carver County staff the opportunity to leverage the District's annual property tax levy to service Carver County Bond sales for MCWD projects in this geography.

At the December 13, 2016 County Board Workshop, MCWD will be presenting additional information related to this proposed partnership, and seeking Board support to continue working with County staff.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

For informational purposes only

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

*If "Other", specify:*

See fiscal comments below

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

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<b>Total</b>	\$0.00
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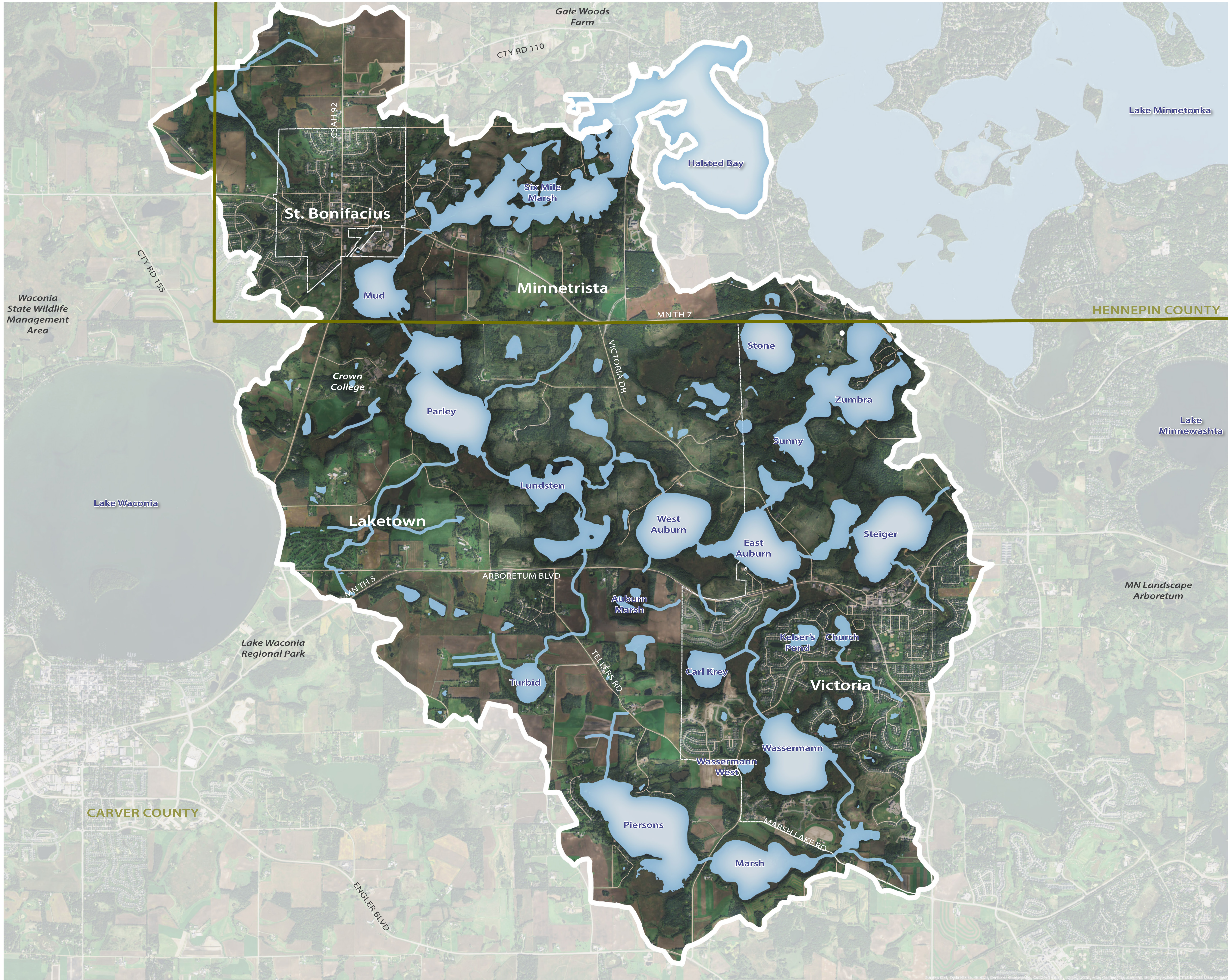
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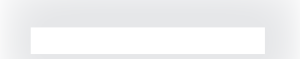



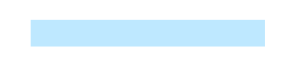
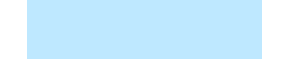
Carver County issuing bonds for MWCD projects in Carver County with debt service funded by the MWCD's annual property tax levy would not impact the County's "AAA" bond rating.

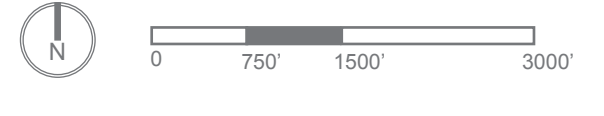
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- LEGEND**
-  Six Mile Creek Watershed Boundary
  -  City and Township Boundaries
  -  County Boundary
  -  Streets
  -  Rivers and Streams
  -  Lakes



3 miles (typical biking trip)  1/4 mile (typical walking trip) 

**BASE MAP**  
 Six Mile Subwatershed Planning Project Minnehaha Creek Watershed District





# FOCUS: SIX MILE CREEK

A focused and coordinated approach to  
improving water and supporting vibrant communities

Laketown Township • Minnetrista • St. Bonifacius • Victoria

**MCWD**  
MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT

# INTRODUCTION

Hello,

I'm Anna Brown, a Planner and Project Manager at Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. I was hired early in 2015 with one main focus: to develop partnerships to improve the health of the Six Mile Subwatershed – a 27-square-mile area that drains into Six Mile Creek through 14 lakes and hundreds of wetlands, and eventually into Halsted Bay. Six Mile was adopted by our Board of Managers as a priority area to focus District efforts because of its abundant natural resources, connection to Halsted Bay, and development in the area.

I would like to invite you to participate in a mutually beneficial partnership that integrates the District's and its partners' goals, plans and investments to add value and produce a larger return on the public investment than could be accomplished alone.

The District knows from experience that by working in partnership, we can not only accomplish greater natural resource benefit, but also achieve goals that align with those of our community partners.

Given the diverse interests in Six Mile, and the highly interconnected natural systems, we recognize that achieving our water resource goals will require us to align our mission with those of our partners in the community – developers, landowners, and policy makers – YOU. We want to bring everyone together to collaborate and understand each other's goals – where growth is happening, what major investments are planned, and, most importantly, how the District can approach its work in Six Mile to add broader value to the community.

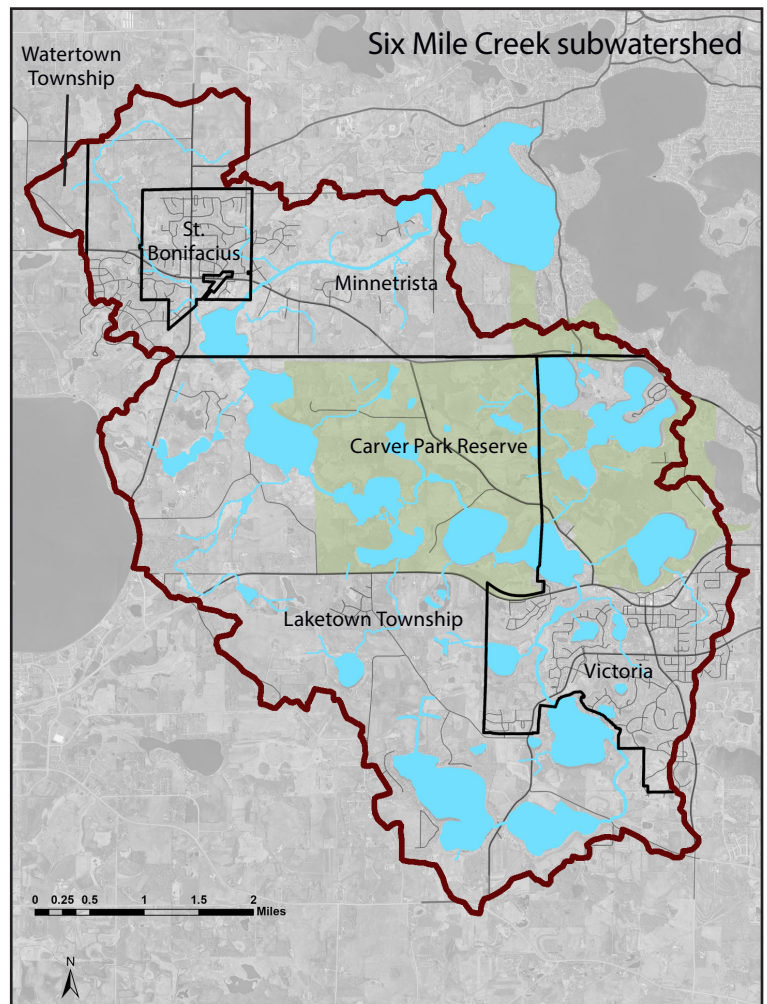
In this document I wanted to give some more information about our approach, examples of some successes to date, and an overview of how we plan on going about this process. A steering committee of key policy makers will be a major component of this process, and I'd be thrilled if you would participate in the group. I look forward to working together to find creative ways to accomplish our mutual objectives in this area of opportunity.

Sincerely,

Anna Brown

## ANNA BROWN

Planner - Project Manager  
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
abrown@minnehahacreek.org  
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# OUR APPROACH

## 1. CONVENE THE PARTNERS

By bringing community partners together, we will create a collaborative environment where everyone can share their goals and plans. This will reveal opportunities to align all of our work and investment through long-term, sustained partnerships.

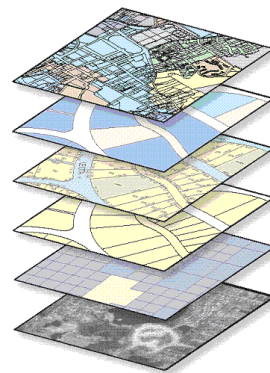
## 2. UNDERSTANDING NATURAL RESOURCE NEEDS

A science-based approach has helped us understand the main issues facing water quality and ecological integrity in the system, and how they might be addressed. The solutions include partnering on development and infrastructure planning, removing carp, restoring wetlands, and enhancing stream corridors.

## 3. UNDERSTANDING THE WORK OF OTHERS

As we have learned, project outcomes can be greatly improved when they are in sync with the plans of other agencies, communities and businesses. Through a series of committee meetings, we will bring our partners together to compile information on:

- Planned growth and development
- Planned infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and utilities
- Rules, authorities, goals and priorities of partners
- Existing and future parks, trails, and recreational access points



## 4. PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Next, we will work with our committees of watershed stakeholders to figure out where our strategies for improving water resources intersect with the objectives and plans of other public and private agencies. Through this, we will start to see opportunities for partnership and value added projects, allowing us to work together to create a framework for their implementation.

## 5. INVESTMENT PLAN

With those improvements in mind, we will figure out what resources and funding are available at the local, state, regional and federal levels. This “integrated investment framework” – a map of who is investing what, when, and where – will guide MCWD’s improvements in the subwatershed.

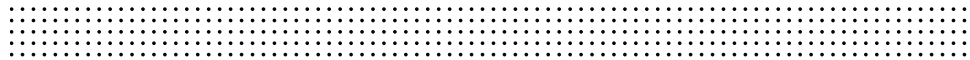
## MINNEHAHA GREENWAY

### ON THE BENEFITS OF FOCUS AND COORDINATION

The “focal geography” approach was developed based on the success of planning efforts in the urbanized stretch of Minnehaha Creek through St. Louis Park and Hopkins. Over the course of several years, the District has worked with public agencies, businesses and civic groups to create the Minnehaha Greenway -- 50 new acres of previously inaccessible green space and a major improvement in the health of the stream. The projects tie together water quality, mass transit, housing re-development, job expansion and parks, and leveraged more than \$6 million in partner investment. In Six Mile, we will build from the lessons learned in the Minnehaha Greenway to develop a plan unique to this geography.

The story of the Minnehaha Greenway is a long one and a testament to the power of working together to find overlapping interests. Learn more at [www.minnehahacreek.org/greenway](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/greenway)

# WORK SO FAR



## MADER WETLAND

Though just outside of the Six Mile subwatershed, the Mader project is a valuable example of how we can accomplish more through early coordination between cities, developers and the District. The Mader family was interested in selling its 77-acre parcel that included a large degraded wetland and were unsure how District rules might impact their options. The City of Minnetrista, MCWD, and the landowners came up with a solution to restore the wetland, create open space and qualify the property for four additional lots. This solution increases the return for the landowner and the City tax base while improving natural resources.

## LENNAR

When a wetland impact occurs in a geography with no wetland bank to compensate for that impact, it often leads to the loss of wetland acreage in that area. However, when Lennar Corp. proposed a project that would impact an acre of wetland, the City of Victoria, the District, and Lennar identified a wetland on an adjacent parcel that could be restored. The project as proposed will cost less for the developer, fulfill a previously identified District wetland restoration project, and create a community asset.

## CITY OF VICTORIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Early in 2015, Victoria and MCWD memorialized a collaborative approach to land use and water resource planning. The memorandum of understanding outlines specific ways the two organizations can benefit each other by working together, including: comprehensive planning, flooding and stormwater management, and early coordination on regulatory reviews. The Lennar wetland restoration opportunity mentioned above was a product of this early coordination.

## US ARMY CORPS PARTNERSHIP

We have developed a partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers to assist in planning within the Six Mile geography. The Corps will use input from our input process to evaluate opportunities for restoration projects. Some of these opportunities may then be eligible for federal funding. We will also work to streamline the permitting process across agencies in the area, simplifying it and adding value for both applicants and the environment.

# GET INVOLVED



Your participation is key as we develop an integrated plan that reflects the objectives of our diverse network of partners. Beginning in March, the District will host a series of meetings to identify areas of shared interest and coordination opportunities. There will be two advisory committees:

- **Policy Advisory Committee**
- **Technical Advisory Committee**

The committees will be critical in helping compile information about plans, goals and resources, making sure that our plan reflects the plans of each of our watershed partners.

Learn more and stay up to date at [www.minnehahacreek.org/six-mile](http://www.minnehahacreek.org/six-mile) or contact Anna Brown, (952) 641-4522, [abrown@minnehahacreek.org](mailto:abrown@minnehahacreek.org)