

# Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 07/18/2024

Breitung Community Center 6:00 PM

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 06/20/24 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of June 2024 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 48832 -48938
  - Total Disbursements-\$208,214.88
  - Fund Balance-\$401,804.76
  - Voided Checks - None
- Correspondence
  - Tower-Soudan Historical Society – Thank you
  - IRRR Meeting Recap – Breitung Township highlighted, page 4
  - St. Louis County – Cannabis Business Moratorium
  - Ely Area Community Foundation
- Public Input

## Reports:

- Police-Attached
- Fire-Attached
- Road and Bridge-Attached
- Recreation
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission
- Housing-Attached

## Old Business

- Animal Ordinance – 91-04A
- Stuntz Bay Access Road
- 2024 Infrastructure – IRRR
- Blight
- 31 Jasper – Handicap Parking Request
- Ordinance Number 90-03A – Water & Sewer

### **New Business**

- Pay Bills as presented
- Request to be heard: Debra Lekatz
- IRRRB Culture & Tourism Grant – Resolution #2024-20
- Wastewater Capacity Logging
- 2022 Infrastructure Improvements
- McKinley Park

### **Next Board Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting: August 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

Continuation of Annual Meeting: August 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

### **Adjourn**

**Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 06-20-24 at 6:00 PM. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**

**Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Matt Tichel, Supervisor Erin Peitso, Clerk Amber Zak  
**Public:** Barb Soderberg, Craig Lenci, Scott Lilya, Chas Lilya, Doug Erickson, Doug Anderson, Tyler Rodeheffer, Brian Zak (all previous attendees left at 7:10 PM), Ozzie Reif (left at 7:00 PM), Nancy Larson, John Jamnick, Jim Battin (Left early), Jodi Summit (Timberjay), Terry Carlson (Tower News) Trudy Hendricks (left early), Aaron Kania, Scarlet Stone, Dan Reing, Tom Gorsma (in and out due to availability)

Call to Order @ 6:00 PM by Chairman Tim Tomsich

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Supervisor Tichel requested to add the recent flooding events to the agenda under New Business

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to accept the agenda as amended

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve the minutes of the 05/16/24 Regular Board Meeting as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve the minutes of the 06/18/24 Statutory Board Hearing as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

**Approval of Treasurers Report**

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to approve the May 2024 Treasurers Report as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

**Correspondence**

- Highway 169 Task Force – Thank You
- Minnesota State Demographic Center
- MN DNR – Land Acquisition Letter
- IRRR Meeting Recap – Breitung Township highlighted, page 4

Correspondence so noted

**Public Input**

None

## Reports

- Police – Attached, Chief Reing noted that speeding had been more of an issue in the past month and emphasized the 50-mph speed limit would be enforced between Soudan and Tower, mentioned that blight, 4<sup>th</sup> of July coordination, and ATV traffic were all items worked on in May
  - Resident Craig Lenci mentioned speeding becoming a particular issue on Jasper Street for children and pets, further commented on Breitung Township vehicles speeding through town; additionally mentioned that he would be willing to help with blight for lawn cleanup
  - Supervisor Tuchel suggested that the Township could be open to hiring Lenci for blight clean up
- Fire – Attached
- Road and Bridge – Attached, Tom Gorsma updated the board on current flood repair work including having hauled 250 yards of gravel, with another 350 to go, truck leasing and roller rental for road repair, appreciative of public assistance, noted that he was trying to prioritize what could be done, working with clerk to keep records for help from county/state
- Recreation – None
- Wastewater Board – Supervisor Tuchel noted that the board had met Monday of this week (June 17, 2024) and were working on additional capacity flow for ponds, soil testing; further mentioned they were in the process of testing for rapid filtration, hoping for positive results
- Ambulance Commission – None
- Housing – Attached

Reports so noted.

## Old Business:

### Recreational Trail Development

Chairman Tomsich explained the background of the issue being that multiple groups had shown an interest in the Township's position on designating an existing trail for non-motorized traffic only. Many members of the community were in attendance to comment on both sides of the issue as follows:

Aaron Kania: Tower Forestry Board, trails masterplan was developed between Tower and Breitung with a goal of connecting both towns, campgrounds, etc. Tower City Council put together a plan and implementation to designate those trails non-motorized, maps came from an Ad-hoc committee formed by Tower City Council

Craig Lenci: Advocate of snowshoeing and having non-motorized trails, argues that we have the ability to have all of that (motorized and non-motorized) – one issue is that people have kept those trails open with their ATVs and without them, those trails would have been grown in. Mentioned that a hiking trail could still be available alongside the motorized trail, there are better options than just changing the motorized designation. Further expressed concern over many hunters not having the same access as they have had for years and concern that the opportunity to hunt will be removed as well.

- Supervisor Tuchel agreed that no one is opposed to a hiking trail, they are opposed to the re-designation of an established trail

Brian Zak: Expressed that he would like to see the board do nothing; expressed that as soon as a trail is designated, it takes away hunting legalities. Iterated that enforcement would be an issue, he does not mind others using it in non-motorized ways and realizes it is public but would like to see it left alone; further mentioned that there are other trail options for non-motorized use.

Doug Erickson: Reiterated that enforcement of the non-motorized trail use would be an issue, questioned whether there was an actual ordinance or was it just a sign

- Kania answered that Tower does have an ordinance regarding where ATVs are allowed to drive
- Erickson further stated that residents do not want a policeman in the woods when it is not necessary, and in this case, it would not be necessary.

Zak: Further commented that the City Hunt is in that area, a non-motorized trail designation would just cause problems

Supervisor Tuchel read through Aaron Kania's email and noted that the proposed hiking trail is very minimal. Stated he had heard from enough residents that he is not in favor of making this change, there is enough area within the city of Tower to create walking trails on that side, would be open to something new being proposed and created, there is not enough support from Breitung's residents to support the change; further reiterated he is not opposed to a walking trail.

Barb Soderberg: Noted she was speaking for walkers/hikers/skiers – has concerns that the walkers are getting edged out of the area by ATV users. Her father, Howard Wagoner, envisioned hiking trails in the concerned areas, shared trails are not compatible, ATV trails are important but in the right place and not *shared* with non-motorized users. Presented a letter from executive committee on Howard Wagoner Trails.

- Tuchel: Ventured to say that the Township would be in support of creating and helping to make a hiking trail, the same as they did for the prospector trail
- Lenci: Agreed that there should be a separation of trail uses

Ozzie Reif: Part of the North Country National Scenic Trail, a hiking trail of 4800 planned miles created through acts of congress, this is an excellent opportunity for Breitung, these trails could be incorporated into the trail. Stated that the Ely section currently has 48 dues paying members to help fund maintenance, this could work the same way

Nancy Larson: Discussed a comprehensive plan that had been created as part of a Tower and Breitung Master Plan that our area could be the gateway for all sorts of trails and uses, questioned whether the planned paved loop trail would be open to motorized vehicles

- Tomsich: only snowmobiles

Doug Anderson: Discussed that he and his family enjoy off-highway motorcycling and that much like the walkers, felt he had been edged out. Stated there is very minimal space for OHM use and that the concerned trails were some of the last in the area. Requested that the trails not be shut off to motorized vehicles, requested that the Township not allow one group of people to designate what everybody else can and cannot do out there.

Chairman Tomsich: Stated that at the last meeting, he was of the mind not to change the trail and is still in favor of leaving things be. Discussed that as the State Park was placed, there were several ATV trails that became non-motorized and available to hikers/bikers and that there were a sizeable number of hunters and ATV users that lost the ability to enjoy those activities in that area. He expressed that it does not seem right to restrict the trail, as there are currently a lot of opportunities for non-motorized activities. Stated that the Township has worked hard to be multi-use without trying to take away something – is in favor of leaving the current trails as they are.

Supervisor Peitso: Stated that she hikes and uses an ATV, does not want to see a loss of anything and that if the group can find a way to add hiking trails that would be a positive action but is not interested in taking anything away from any group.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to leave current trails as they are and not designate any trails to be restricted in our jurisdiction

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

Kania: Requested clarification that the board would be in support of creating new trails and would be open to considering helping in the same way they had helped with the Prospector ATV trails

- Board: Yes, any new trails to be created would need to go through due process, public discussion would be had, etc.

#### Hoodoo Point Loop Trail Project

Chairman Tomsich stated that recipients of the Blandin Grant should be notified by the end of June, the Township is unable to have John Jamnick (JPJ) start the initial work without the grant approval.

#### Animal Ordinance

No update.

#### Stuntz Bay Access Road

Chairman Tomsich discussed the upcoming construction project stating that the road would be shut down from Jasper Street to the fork (proceeding to Stuntz Bay & the winter entrance of the State Park) for a period of one continuous week sometime in August. Stuntz Bay Association had been notified, anyone that needs to use the landing may access it via the State Park summer entrance *only with special permission ahead of time*. Mesabi Bituminous needs to let us know when they need to close the road so that Breitung Township can get the word out to users

- Nancy Larson: Unsure of how many people would have any idea of this, suggested some sort of notification coming from the Township, especially in terms of an emergency – make use of Facebook, signage, letters to owners/taxpayers; will provide list of owners/taxpayers and addresses
- Tomsich – will need to let Fire Dept know to keep boat elsewhere during that week
- Clerk to send out letters to boathouse owners, post in papers, Facebook

#### 2024 Infrastructure – IRRR

Chairman Tomsich stated that they had hoped to include broadband in the project but that information regarding the costs at the Echo Point project has not been forthcoming; he suggested at this time we proceed without broadband as part of the plan. As the planning was still in the preliminary stages, no resolution was needed at this time.

#### New Business:

##### Pay Bills as Presented

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to Pay Bills as Presented

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

### Donation Request – Scarlet Stone

Requested donation for purchase of vinyl signs for Community Rummage Sale; stated there are currently 15 households signed up, brings people into town to shop at stores, brings community out and about, generic wording for use year after year, would be stored at the township during the year

- Supervisor Tuchel stated it was not legal for signs to be placed on State Highways, as a government entity, we could not engage in illegal placement of signs on roadways, suggested participants pay as part of the event
- Chairman Tomsich suggested a funding option from the TS events board could be an option for her.

### 31 Jasper St – Handicap Parking Request

Charles Peterson requested a handicap parking space in front of his home; this would require signage, curb painting, and discussion with public works about overnight parking during the winter months.

- Supervisor Tuchel had concerns with the width of the street, opening the option to other differently-abled people in town, agreed to look at the property and discuss it with the owner.

### Ordinance Number 90-03A – Water & Sewer

- Chairman Tomsich had concerns regarding several areas of the ordinance including but not limited to: forms as part of ordinance, language regarding reimbursement for the work being the same as “local improvements,” different types of permits, enforcement, rate schedule, written notice, cost, road reconstruction and water main work, authority (clerk vs board).
- The ordinance was referred back to the water commission to have updates made.

### Resolution No 2024-16 – Accepting Donations

Motion by Supervisor Peitso to pass Resolution No 2024-16 and accept donations as listed

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Tuchel

Motion Passed 3-0

### Resolution Appointing Election Judges – Primary Election and General Election

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to pass Resolution No 2024-17 and Resolution No 2024-18 and appoint election judges for the State Primary and General Election as listed

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

### Reschedule continuation of Annual Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to change the continuation date of the Township of Breitung Annual Meeting to August 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

6-18-2024 Flood

Supervisor Tichel stated that the county board had an emergency meeting, the county has declared a disaster and the entire county is eligible for funding, it is not necessary for the township to declare its own disaster. The county is eligible for State funding at \$460k, Federal funding at \$10.5M – the county is likely to receive both. Representatives Stauber and Hauschild were asked for help for our residents. Directed the clerk to look for communication from the county regarding the flood, track everything with pictures, time cards, assessments, etc.

- Tom Gorsma noted that wastewater issues could have been avoided if the current infiltration & inflow problems were not present

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to allow Public Works crew to utilize engineering firm JPJ to make assessments of damages from storm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion Passed 3-0

**Next Regular Board Meeting**

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Breitung Community Center

**Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to adjourn the meeting @ 8:16 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Peitso

Motion passed 3-0

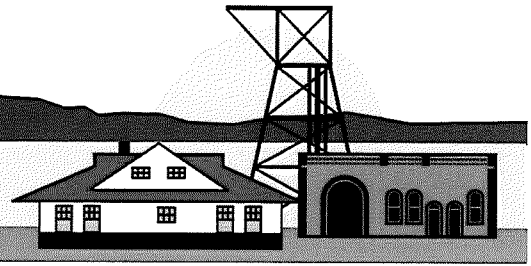
Respectfully Submitted  
Amber Zak  
Clerk, Breitung Township

# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Jun-24

GENERAL	63,842.67
ROAD & BRIDGE	71,977.37
FIRE	38,814.11
PARK	15,260.95
RECREATION	11,759.54
POLICE	53,925.58
PROJECTS	66,004.51
WATER DEPT	80,220.03
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	401,804.76

**TOWER-SOUDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
404 PINE STREET • P.O. BOX 465 • TOWER, MN 55790



June 23, 2024

Breitung Town Board  
33 First Avenue  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Breitung Town Board,

Thank you for your continued support of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. Your generous \$500 gift is appreciated. Please know that your financial support was instrumental in leveraging over \$700,000 in grant funds which will be used this fall 2024 and in 2025 to install HVAC, upgrade the electrical system and to restore interior finishings.

Through your donation you are a part of the effort to restore the Historic Fire Hall which has stood in Tower for over a century. Restoring the building not only revitalizes the city's Main Street but also enables TSHS to provide a showcase to feature our area's rich history and tell the story of early life of our ancestors on the Vermilion Range.

After the building is fully restored and its functionality enhanced, plans include bringing this historic landmark back to active use for a public purpose. As a History Education Event Center, it will offer a year-round venue for educational events and workshops, history talks, space for pop-up dining and vintage events, community receptions, fundraising and community events. The Historic Fire Hall will be a focal point in our region to help tell the story about the development of Tower, Soudan and Lake Vermilion.

Sincerely,

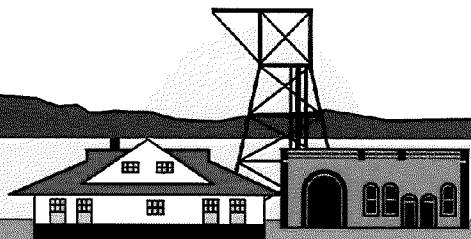
*Nancy Larson*

Nancy Larson, President  
Tower-Soudan Historical Society

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**TSHS Annual Meeting**

**September 14, 2023**

**Accomplishments by the Numbers**

**Train Depot Museum 2023**

- 1,684 registered visitors at Train Depot Museum and train cars
- 17 Volunteer Greeters at Train Depot Museum
- \$659 collected in visitor donations
- Train Depot Museum roof was replaced; Ticket office ceiling repaired and entire room painted
- Train Depot Museum was rearranged by 4 volunteers for better traffic flow and display of artifacts
- 9 volunteers cleaned the Train Depot baggage/express room to clear space for future interpretive exhibits

**Historic Fire Hall 2023**

- \$1,270 Charlemagne's Attic Sales conducted over 2 days
- 424 shoppers/visitors to the Historic Fire Hall during the Charlemagne's Attic Sale
- 18 public tours of the Historic Fire Hall to date during 2023
- Exterior masonry restoration project completed by a skilled professional crew of 9 in July
- Interior masonry restoration project completed in August

**Volunteers 2023**

- 36 TSHS volunteers to date in 2023
- 2,633 volunteer hours reported to St Louis County Historical Society through June 2023
- Over 1200 hours by 5 volunteers were involved in creating the new TSHS website [www.towersoudanhistory.com](http://www.towersoudanhistory.com)

**Community Networking, Marketing and PR 2023**

- 3 Main Street History Talks with total of 156 people in attendance
- 79 days during the summer that the Train Depot Museum was open to the public, staffed mainly by volunteers
- 13 events held in Coach Car 81
- Distributed the TSHS brochures Historic Landmarks and Places of Interest maps to all Main Street businesses
- Increased our presence on Facebook with regular (85) posts
- Facebook posts reached 6,609 people

**TSHS Memberships 2023**

- 66 memberships in 2023 to date

**Financial Support**

- \$44,756 in individual contributions made to support Historic Fire Hall restoration since 2018
- \$2,270 in memorials and honorariums received to support the Historic Fire Hall restoration to date in 2023
- \$104,500 grants awarded in 2023 for Historic Fire Hall restoration and Coach Car improvements
- \$40,950 in grants awarded to City of Tower for the train depot roof replacement and ticket office repairs and painting
- \$1,026,237 total grants TSHS received since 2019 for fire hall construction plans, construction, and Coach Car 81 improvements
- \$16,969—three-year total 2021-2023 from Charlemagne's Attic Sales supports Historic Fire Hall restoration
- \$7,304 in 2023 from St. Louis County Historical Society affiliate stipend to support TSHS operating expenses
- 281 tickets sold in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Charlemagne's 52 Club raffle for total revenue of \$14,632
- \$5,650 in cash prizes to be awarded to 52 lucky Charlemagne 52 Club drawing winners throughout 2023-2024
- Commissioned vintage items at UBetcha Antiques and Uniques in Tower; UBetcha provided TSHS with 100% commission

### **Administrative Accomplishments 2023**

- Depot Volunteer Book in electronic version for easier updating each year
- Depot Calendars in electronic version for easier updating each year
- 8 BOD Regular Meetings in person and available for telephone conference
- 5 Executive Board Meetings electronically
- Strategic Plan Excel Document created
- Committee Roles and Responsibilities updated
- Board and Volunteer Code of Ethics document developed
- New and Updated Historical Society Pamphlet created
- 6 Grant applications submitted; 5 funded and 1 pending notification in December
- Construction documents for historic fire hall HVAC and interior finishes completed in July
- Grant application submitted in September to Minnesota Historical Society for the HVAC and electrical installation

### **Committee Accomplishments 2023**

- 85 TSHS Facebook posts to date; Posts also made to What's Up Tower and the Lake Vermilion Cabin Owners Facebook pages
- Coach Car 81 tables and chairs were updated
- Online cemetery records updated throughout the year
- 5 Train Tales events held with 9 volunteers coordinating this new program offering for children and families
- 3 History Happy Hour events provided free lemonade at the Farmers Market in appreciation for community support to TSHS
- YouTube channel was created for TSHS so that history event videos can be archived

## **Future Activities**

### **Historic Train Depot Museum**

- The City of Tower will repair the floor in the Train Depot Museum baggage/express room
- The TSHS files and artifacts stored in the exchange room and attic will be categorized and organized

### **Historic Fire Hall**

- Grant application for the south wall repair and restoration and interior finishes proposed for October 2023
- Restroom in the fire hall relocated to jail cells; Plumbing work to start in November 2023
- Interior addition framing to be completed by spring 2024
- Exterior siding to be completed by spring 2024
- HVAC and electrical installation proposed to start in 2024

### **Administrative**

- Volunteer recruitment plan will be developed
- New website [www.towersoudanhistory.com](http://www.towersoudanhistory.com) will be online in early 2024
- Museum collection and record management software programs will be researched and updated to a web-based operation
- Digital newsletter will be explored for future implementation
- Priorities identified in the Strategic Thinking 2022 session will be followed up

### **Committees**

- History Talks planned for summer 2024
- Oral History interviews planned for 2024
- Train Tales and History Happy Hour programs planned for 2024
- Continuation of auditing/editing the collection in the train depot museum in preparation for a renovation/redesign of the museum
- Coach Car 81 facility update plan will be developed and presented to BOD

**From:** Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation <IRRRB@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 5:15 PM  
**To:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Subject:** The Ranger - June 26



## The Ranger

June 26, 2024

### Governor Walz surveys storm damage in Cook and Biwabik, issues peacetime emergency

Governor Tim Walz traveled to the Iron Range on Friday, June 21 to survey the extensive damage caused by the devastating floods in Cook and Biwabik. In downtown Cook, the floodwaters rose as high as five feet in some places, causing significant disruptions to the lives of local residents and businesses alike.



Throughout St. Louis County (SLC), more than 40 roads were washed out or flooded, exacerbating the situation. In Biwabik, near Giants Ridge, the water line washouts resulted in a boil water advisory and forced businesses to close their doors. This natural disaster ranks as the second-largest in SLC in the past 30 years.



Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) is collaborating closely with local, state and federal partners to provide comprehensive support and aid in the recovery of these communities.

#### Peacetime Emergency

On Saturday, June 22, Governor Walz declared a peacetime emergency, authorizing the Minnesota National Guard to be available to provide support for

emergency flood operations as areas across the state experience extreme flood conditions. The Minnesota National Guard is in close communication with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management team to support communities across the state. The National Guard is authorized to provide support via Emergency Executive Order 24-05 in the event other state or local agencies are unable to meet the demands of the flood conditions.

“Across the state, intense rain has had catastrophic effects. Flooding has left entire communities under feet of water, causing severe damage to property and numerous road closures. As flooding continues, the National Guard is ready to step up to help our neighbors,” said Governor Walz. “Their response will provide invaluable support that will be critical in ensuring the safety of Minnesotans during this difficult time.”



[View the Emergency Executive Order.](#)

*Pictured in photos above: Governor Tim Walz and IRRR Commissioner Ida Rukavina tour flood damage in Cook; flooding in downtown Cook; and storm damage in Biwabik.*

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## Rukavina focuses on resilience and change in MINE edition column



Commissioner Ida Rukavina wrote a guest column for today's special MINE edition of the Mesabi Tribune. Her column focuses on how IRRR and the region have a long history of resilience and adapting to change as highlighted in this excerpt:

*"Our region's roots and history exemplify resiliency and change. Our communities and families change as well. Change is a constant, and being able to adapt to that makes us resilient. It prepares us for a future that we may not be able to anticipate today.*

*Just like our ancestors pioneered the mining and timber industries of the early Iron Range, we are working to position our communities and people to pioneer new frontiers in mining (green steel), timber (biomass), energy (solar), transportation (automated/ EV) and even tourism (mineland reclamation)."*

[Read the full column.](#)

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## Groundbreaking celebrates start of new housing project in Grand Marais

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Gunflint Vue housing project was held in Grand Marais on Friday, June 14. The event celebrated the start of construction for the 51-unit, mixed-income multifamily apartment building project. IRRR supported the \$10 million project with a \$500,000 Development Infrastructure grant to Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority.



Whitney Ridlon, IRRR community development director, spoke at the event. Her remarks focused on the agency's work to help address the regional housing shortage and highlighted the agency's investments over the last year.

[Read WTIP's article featuring the groundbreaking ceremony.](#)

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## Two Harbors Curling Club completes facility improvements



The Two Harbors Curling Club replaced the carpet throughout the upstairs public areas. The existing carpet was more than 30 years old. IRRR supported the project with a \$5,200 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$10,546.

The facility is utilized year-round for winter and summer recreation and attracts guests from Duluth, Superior, Finland, Silver Bay and Two Harbors. During the summer months, it serves as the clubhouse, restaurant and bar for the city-owned Lakeview Golf Course. An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 guests patronize the facility during the summer.

The winter months are supported by approximately 150 club members. There are four annual bonspiels, each drawing between 80 and 120 curlers, two-thirds of which are from outside the region and give an economic boost to the hotels, restaurants and retailers. The curling club staff is comprised of volunteers whose goals are to introduce people to the sport of curling and operate the club for members and visitors. The club hosts adult and youth leagues, as well as physical education classes for the Silver Bay and Two Harbors public schools in which an average of 100 children participate per school year.



“The curling club enhances the winter and summer experience on the North Shore, and it is an economic driver to the local economy,” said Kathy Ulrich, club volunteer. “The new carpet makes the club more inviting for members and visitors using the facility.”



Two Harbors Curling Club originated as the Two Harbors Jaycees Curling Club in 1963 when the DM&IR Railway gave permission to a group of curlers to flood the floor of its storehouse building. A year later the club built its own building and by 1968 added an artificial ice plant. In 1970 the club brought home its first state championship. The building was destroyed by a fire in 1991, and one year later the club constructed a new facility connected

to the city's municipal golf course clubhouse.

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

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## Open house showcases new housing development in Grand Rapids

Itasca County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) hosted an open house on June 18 to showcase its new housing development in Grand Rapids.

Itasca County HRA, in partnership with KOOTASCA Community Action and One Roof Community Housing, was awarded funding from IRRR and Minnesota Housing to construct eight single-family homes on the former Forest Lake School site in northwest Grand Rapids. The homes are in various stages of development but all will be for sale this summer.



The homes are targeted to families earning 80% or less of the statewide area median income and affordable to those in the workforce. Using the land trust model, the homes will be made permanently affordable. Whitney Ridlon, IRRR community development director, spoke at the event and emphasized the agency's commitment to investing in housing to help address the regional shortage.

[Read the Grand Rapids Herald-Review article](#) featuring the open house.

*Photos by Minnesota Housing.*

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## Breitung Township improves outdoor recreation at campground area

Breitung Township made improvements to the McKinley Park Campground area. The existing playground was upgraded with new ADA-accessible play equipment. The decking of three docks and the entirety of one dock at Stuntz Bay on Lake Vermilion was replaced. A large capacity portable canopy, serving and picnic tables, a sound system and bullhorn were all added. IRRR supported the project with an \$18,000 Culture & Tourism grant. Total project investment was \$66,517.



The project aimed to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities, safe and secure access to and from Lake Vermilion and enhanced community events and gatherings. The project aligned with the township's Comprehensive Plan which calls for being a community where children and families can grow and thrive with safe parks and recreational facilities.



Breitung Township is larger than many other townships. It is 38.9 square miles including 23.1 miles of land and 15.8 miles of water. It is home to Minnesota's new Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park. Breitung encompasses the community of Soudan, surrounding rural areas and Lake Vermilion. The township has approximately 600 year-round residents with a rapidly growing number of seasonal residents and tourists due to the new state park.

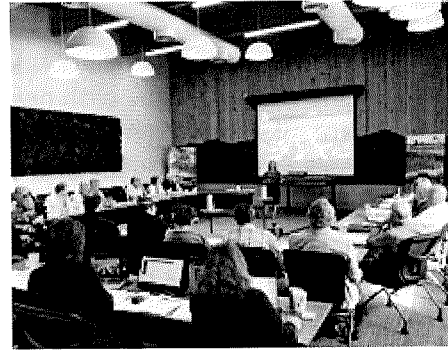
"We are fortunate to be home to Minnesota's newest state park which complements our existing recreational facilities. Outdoor recreation is an important part of Breitung and the surrounding communities of Soudan and Tower," said Tim Tomsich, Breitung Township chairman. "The new amenities add to the quality of life for our residents and contribute overall to the local economy by attracting visitors and providing them with more offerings."

Email Danae Beaudette or call her at 218-735-3022 for Culture & Tourism grant information.

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## Community Development Resources Workshop set for July 16

An upcoming Community Development Resources Workshop will share information on how grants and programs administered by IRRR can support local community development needs. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at the Mineland Reclamation office in Chisholm.



Participants may choose from one of the following options:

- 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: In-person at Mineland Reclamation.
- 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: Zoom option - link to be sent at a later date.
- 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: In-person at Mineland Reclamation.
- 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Zoom option - link to be sent at a later date.

RSVP by Tuesday, July 9 to [Janette.Godec@state.mn.us](mailto:Janette.Godec@state.mn.us).

Reply with name, organization, email address, phone number and preferred session. Space for in-person sessions is limited, so early registration is recommended.

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# Saint Louis County

Administration • 100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 202 • Duluth, MN 55802  
Phone: (218) 726-2448 • [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov)

Date: July 3, 2024

To: Township and City Officials

On June 6, 2024, the St. Louis County Liquor Licensing Committee (the “Committee”) voted unanimously to recommend that the St. Louis County Board enact a county-wide moratorium prohibiting registration and operation of cannabis businesses through December 31, 2024, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 342.13(e) (2024) and 145A.05 (2023).

The goal of the proposed moratorium is to allow local units of government time to determine what actions are most appropriate for their respective jurisdictions relative to cannabis business operations, including zoning and enforcement implications, as well as the potential impact of those actions on the ongoing health, safety and welfare their citizens. *The St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed moratorium at 10:00 a.m. on July 23, 2024, at the Ely City Hall, 209 East Chapman Street, Ely, Minnesota.*

The Committee’s decision to recommend the enactment of a county-wide moratorium was reached after its consideration of several factors, including the uncertainties local units of government face regarding the cannabis business registration process. The Office of Cannabis Management is engaged in the rulemaking process. This process is not expected to be completed until sometime in early 2025.

Several changes were made during this past legislative session to the cannabis laws, including the possibility of early licensing approval by the Office of Cannabis Management for social equity applicants, which could occur prior to January 1, 2025. The Committee felt it was important to ensure no cannabis business licenses could be approved until after local units of government had an opportunity to enact local regulations.

St. Louis County will continue to monitor the results of the rulemaking process from the Office of Cannabis Management and engage in ongoing discussions with other local units of government within the County. For cities and townships who exercise independent zoning authority, note that though the proposed moratorium would apply county-wide, the County’s cannabis ordinance will apply only in areas where the County has zoning authority when enacted.

St. Louis County is also committed to prioritizing the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens in its regulations and policies. Through our ordinance development we will aim to maximize the protection of youth and vulnerable populations by preventing normalization, decreasing youth exposure and access opportunities, lessening involuntary exposure, and preventing public intoxication and impaired driving.

Attached to this correspondence please find a draft of the proposed moratorium to be considered by the St. Louis County Board, as well as a fact sheet discussing health and safety considerations for cannabis regulation and opportunities for local cannabis regulation.

In the coming weeks and months, should you have questions or concerns, or desire to have a conversation regarding the moratorium or the County's next steps relative to the regulation of cannabis businesses, please reach out to Assistant St. Louis County Attorneys Kristen Swanson or Jim Nephew. Ms. Swanson and Mr. Nephew can be reached by telephone at (218) 726-2323 or by email at [swansonk@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:swansonk@stlouiscountymn.gov) or [nephewj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:nephewj@stlouiscountymn.gov).

Regards,



Kevin Z. Gray  
County Administrator

## **St. Louis County Cannabis Business Registration Moratorium**

### **Article I. General Provisions and Definitions**

#### **Section 1.1 Purpose**

This ordinance places a moratorium on the registration of cannabis businesses, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 342.01, subdivision 17 (2024), for the entirety of St. Louis County through December 31, 2024. St. Louis County finds this moratorium is necessary to protect the planning process and to address the actual or potential public health risks posed by registration of cannabis businesses. The goal of the moratorium is to allow local units of government time to determine what actions are most appropriate for their respective jurisdictions relative to cannabis business operations, including zoning and enforcement implications, as well as the potential impact of those actions on the ongoing health, safety and welfare of their citizens.

#### **Section 1.2 Background**

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature legalized adult-use cannabis and established the Office of Cannabis Management (the "OCM"), which is responsible for developing and implementing the operation and regulatory systems governing the cannabis industry in Minnesota. In 2024, the Legislature enacted revisions to further clarify the 2023 law, including one provision that authorizes the OCM's issuance of provisional licenses and a lottery for cannabis businesses prior to January 1, 2025.

The OCM controls the application and approval process for cannabis businesses. The OCM is currently engaged in the rulemaking process, which will directly impact the registration and implementation procedures for cannabis businesses under the Minnesota cannabis law. The rulemaking process will not be completed prior to December 31, 2024.

Minnesota Statutes section 342.13(e) (2024) allows for a local unit of government to adopt an interim ordinance to protect the planning process, including prohibition of the registration of any cannabis business through December 31, 2024.

St. Louis County is conducting an internal study and ongoing discussions regarding the registration of cannabis businesses in its jurisdiction related to zoning, enforcement, compliance checks, and consideration of concerns related to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

#### **Section 1.3 Authority**

Minnesota Statutes sections 394.21 through 394.37 and Minnesota Statutes section 145A.05 allow a county to enact ordinances and official controls on a county wide-basis, including those that address actual or potential threats to public health.

Minnesota Statutes section 342.13(e) (2024) allows for a local unit of government to adopt an interim ordinance to protect the planning process, including the prohibition of the registration of any cannabis business through December 31, 2024.

## **Article II. Moratorium Established**

### **Section 2.1 Moratorium**

In accordance with the purpose set forth above and pursuant to the authority of Minnesota Statutes sections 342.13(e) (2024) and 145A.05 (2023), a moratorium is imposed on the registration of cannabis businesses in the entirety of St. Louis County through December 31, 2024.

### **Section 2.2 Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its enactment and shall be in effect through December 31, 2024.

### **Section 2.3 Prohibition**

No person, firm, entity, or corporation shall operate a cannabis business within St. Louis County through December 31, 2024.

## **Article III. Administration and Enforcement**

### **Section 3.1 Enforcement**

St. Louis County may enforce any provision of this Ordinance by any means allowed by local, state or federal law.

### **Section 3.2 Severability**

Every section, provision, or part of this Ordinance is declared to be severable from every other section, provision, or part hereof to the extent that, if any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate any other section, provision, or part hereof.

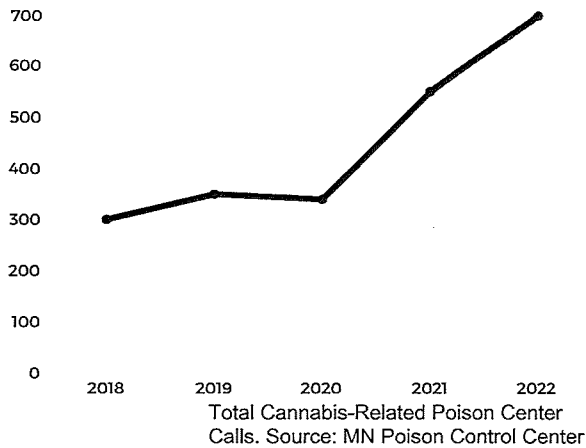
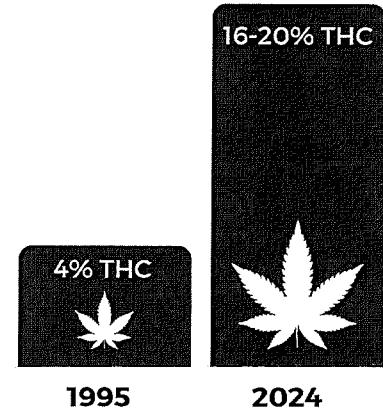
## **Article IV. Repealer**

This Ordinance will be repealed at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2024.

# Health and Safety Considerations for Cannabis Regulation

## Potency & Risk for Addiction

Today's cannabis is stronger than ever before, with **3X the potency** of THC compared to 30 years ago. In 2022, nearly 40% of Minnesotans aged 18-25 reported using marijuana in the past 12 months. Approximately **1 in 10** people who use cannabis will develop an addiction. Youth, as well as individuals with low socioeconomic status or other vulnerabilities, are more likely to have a use disorder, with risk for addiction increasing to upwards of **1 in 6**.

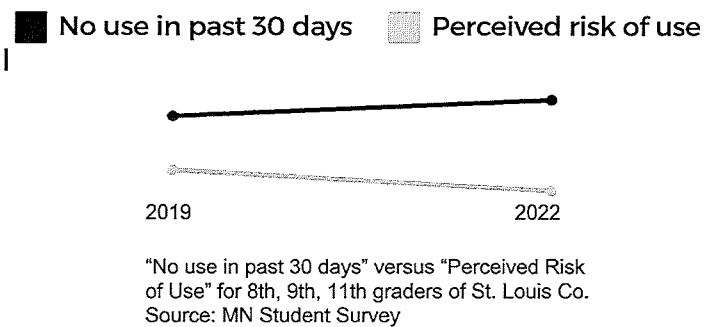


## Accidents & Poisonings

Emergency rooms and poison control center calls have seen an increase in cannabis related incidents. Cannabis related calls for kids **under age 5 increased 648%** between 2018 and 2022. Regardless of age, edibles are the most common cannabis-related product call category. Between 2018 and 2020, fatal crashes involving cannabis **more than doubled**. Driving under the influence of any cannabis product is illegal.

## Underage Use & Perceived Risk

As of early 2022, **91% of teens** in St. Louis County reported **NOT using cannabis** in a typical month, an increase from 2019. However, over time we have seen a decrease among teens in their risk perception of marijuana use. All cannabis products, including any low-potency hemp products, are illegal for anyone under the age of 21 years of age.



## Long-Term Health Impacts

Research shows that long-term cannabis use can cause permanent IQ loss, as much as **8 points**. Additionally, studies link cannabis use to **depression, anxiety, suicide planning and psychotic episodes**. Marijuana use during pregnancy, or while breastfeeding, can negatively impact the child's healthy development.



# Opportunities for Local Regulation

Local units of government are permitted to enact regulations on the time, place and manner of cannabis businesses and usage. The statutory authority and related potential public health benefits for these restrictions are listed below.

## RESTRICTING PUBLIC USE

**Minnesota Statutes section 152.0263, subd. 5 (2023):** A local unit of government may adopt an ordinance establishing a petty misdemeanor offense for a person who unlawfully uses cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower potency hemp edibles, or hemp derived consumer products in a public place.[1]

**Minnesota Statutes section 342.40, subd. 8(e) (2024):** A statutory or home rule charter city or county may enact and enforce measures to protect individuals from secondhand smoke or involuntary exposure to aerosol or vapor from electronic delivery devices.[2]

*Potential public health benefits from these restrictions include reduction in youth exposure and access to cannabis, normalization of use of cannabis, exposure to second-hand smoke and involuntary exposure, public intoxication and impaired driving.*

## LIMITATIONS ON HOURS OF OPERATION

**Minnesota Statutes section 342.27, subd. 7(b) (2023):** In addition to the statutorily-restricted hours of operation set forth in Minn. Stat. §342.27, subd. 7(a), a local unit of government can impose additional restrictions on the hours of operation of cannabis businesses to include any period between 9:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. the following day or between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the days of Monday through Saturday.

*Potential public health benefits from the hours of operation restrictions include reduction in youth exposure and access to cannabis, normalization of use, public intoxication, impaired driving and combined consumption with alcohol.*

## RESTRICTIONS ON CANNABIS BUSINESS LOCATIONS

**Minnesota Statutes section 342.13(c) (2024):** A local unit of government may prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 1,000 feet of a school or 500 feet of a daycare, residential treatment facility, or any attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.

*Potential public health benefits from distancing incompatible facilities include reduction in youth exposure and access to cannabis and normalization of use.*

## Additional resources around adult-use cannabis regulations and ordinances:

Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, A Guide for Local Minnesota Governments on Adult-Use Cannabis  
[www.mn.gov/ocm](http://www.mn.gov/ocm)

League of Minnesota Cities [www.lmc.org](http://www.lmc.org)

Association of Minnesota Counties, Cannabis Planning & Zoning for Minnesota Counties [www.mncounties.org](http://www.mncounties.org)

Public Health Law Center [www.publichealthlawcenter.org](http://www.publichealthlawcenter.org)

St. Louis County Public Health [www.StLouisCountyMN.gov/publichealth](http://www.StLouisCountyMN.gov/publichealth)

[1] A public place has limitations as set forth in subparagraphs (1)-(3).

[2] These restrictions refer to the restrictions on tobacco smoking or vaping in the Minnesota Clean Air Act as set forth in Minnesota Statutes sections 144.413-144.414 (2023).



**clerk@breitungtownship.org**

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**From:** Kurt Soderberg <knwsoderberg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** info@cityoftower.com; falllake@lakeconnections.net; wintoncityclerk@gmail.com; cityadmin@babbittmn.gov; embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net; clerk@breitungtownship.org; clerk.treasurer@cityoftower.com; Eagles Nest Clerk  
**Subject:** Ely Area Community Foundation Grand Opening - July 31st, 2024  
**Attachments:** Open House Invitation.png

Hello to our local government neighbors,

The Ely Area Community Foundation (EACF) is nearing the completion of construction on our remodel of the former Department of Revenue Building at 760 Miners Drive E. in Ely. This project will house Happy Days Learning Center, with space for 45 children from infants to toddlers to pre-school, a sorely needed service in our region.

In addition, the regional Northwoods Partners program will also become tenants. We will also provide office space to Well Being Development, plus Functional Fitness, an existing fitness center will move to our building. Our longer term goal is to provide a community pool.

Open House begins at 4:00 pm, with a program beginning at 5:15. We will have music, free food, and facility tours.

Please invite your Board and staff to help us celebrate.

Thanks,  
Kurt Soderberg  
EACF Secretary



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DANIEL REING

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SOUDAN MN 55782

CHIEF OF POLICE

## June 2024 Monthly Report

**Calls for Service (ICRS)** 143

**Citations** 4

- 1 juvenile male cited for Operating an off-road vehicle on the Highway
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- 1 juvenile female cited for Speed (77/60)
- 1 adult male cited for Speed (91/60)

**Arrests** 1

- 1 adult female arrest for DWI and an arrest warrant from another county.



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**DANIEL REING**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

Despite the poor weather for most of June, it was nice to have summer temperatures. With the warmer weather brought about more people to the area. In our area we sustained what the weather experts call a 500-year storm. Over 7 ½ inches of rain fell in some areas within a few hours. This is on top of the already wet May and rest of June previous to the storm. Many people experienced flooding and damage.

Blight continued to be an issue this month. Numerous blight letters were hand delivered or mailed to various properties in Soudan.

Speeding motorists continue to be an issue. We received several complaints of fast drivers, especially between Tower and Soudan. Another reminder the speed limit is 50 mph in this area!

Juveniles riding on ATVs and dirt bikes is another issue that numerous residents have brought up. Our department receives complaints on a regular basis of riders speeding on the roadways and on city streets. We are enforcing off road vehicle rules, be mindful of this when you ride.

Have a safe rest of the summer.

Daniel Reing  
Chief of Police  
Breitung Police Department

**Breitung Fire & Rescue**  
**Box 337**  
**33 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Soudan, Mn. 55782**

**June 2024 Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 06/12/2024.

This month's training for June consisted of Engine Operations which was conducted by Blue Fire Training and was held on 6/12 (Classroom) and 6/15 (Hands on.)

We received three calls for service which was a cabin fire on North Pine Island, a report of a brush fire which was a permit burn on Ely Island and a two vehicle accident on Hwy 169/77 in which we assisted Vermilion Lake FD.

## Road and Bridge report July

Usual mowing and trimming

Preparing baseball field and hosting games

Set up and hosted 4th of July

Flood repair (ongoing)

Grading roads

Brushing and trimming trees

Painted curbs, crosswalks, and parking lines

Dust control done

Mesabi bituminous paved Church St., Poplar, and Spring Rd.

Contractors continue to work on sewer laterals

# Housing Committee Report

July 2024

Dianna Sunsdahl

- Tower Area Collaborative met June 26<sup>th</sup> and again on July 10<sup>th</sup> @ Tower City Hall. The team worked on a concept plan, pitch and presentation for the workshop this week.
- MHP Housing Workshop is July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids. I will be attending.
- City of Tower to review Ordinance 82 (Planning and Zoning) to ensure it is up to date/current/and review intent on some amendments.
- City of Tower is looking for another bid on soil boring for the city owned property on Main Street, it will be a minimal cost (up to \$600 possibly) as the monies spent on the Housing Study are a match for funds for the soil boring.
- The TAC Team will discuss in further detail the planning of a Community Meeting after our Workshop and at our August TAC meeting.
- MHP is hosting an Emerging Developers Initiative 2024 for the Iron Range-since the meeting in Duluth I have met with the organizer of this initiative via ZOOM to elaborate on a current project and a potential project in the works. Our next meeting in Duluth is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Dianna Sunsdahl @ [deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org](mailto:deputyclerk@breitungtownship.org)

*Dianna Sunsdahl*

## **ORDINANCE 91-04A**

### **Amendment to Ordinance No 91-04**

#### **An Ordinance Regulating Animal Control in the Township of Breitung**

**The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Breitung ordains:**

Section 1 is hereby modified by adding the following definition:

h. "Soudan Proper" means the area encompassed by the Map of Soudan – all in Township 62 North, Range 15 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota attached hereto

i. "Dwelling" means a physical residence suitable for human habitation

Section 6 is restated as follows:

Section 6 No person shall keep, possess, or maintain more than three (3) animals per Dwelling within Soudan Proper. In addition, no person shall keep, possess, or maintain more than twelve (12) chickens or twenty-four (24) quail per Dwelling within Soudan Proper. Rooster chickens are not permitted. This subdivision shall not apply to a licensed kennel.

Section 7 is restated as follows:

Section 7 It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, or corporation to keep, maintain, stable, yard or fence any cow, bull, steer, calf, ox, goat, sheep, horse, stallion, mare, mule, or other domestic or barnyard animal (excluding chickens and quail) without written application to the Township of Breitung Board and issuance of a special permit issued by said Board in accordance with the St. Louis County Health and Zoning Ordinances.

Section 8 is hereby modified as follows:

Section 8 The annual license fee shall be \$5.00 for each altered (spayed or neutered) animal and \$10.00 for each unaltered animal. All yearly licenses shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. A lifetime license shall be available for a fee of \$20.00 for each altered (spayed or neutered) animal and \$30.00 for each unaltered animal.

Ordinance No 91-04A was passed by the Township Board of the Township of Breitung, St Louis County Minnesota on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

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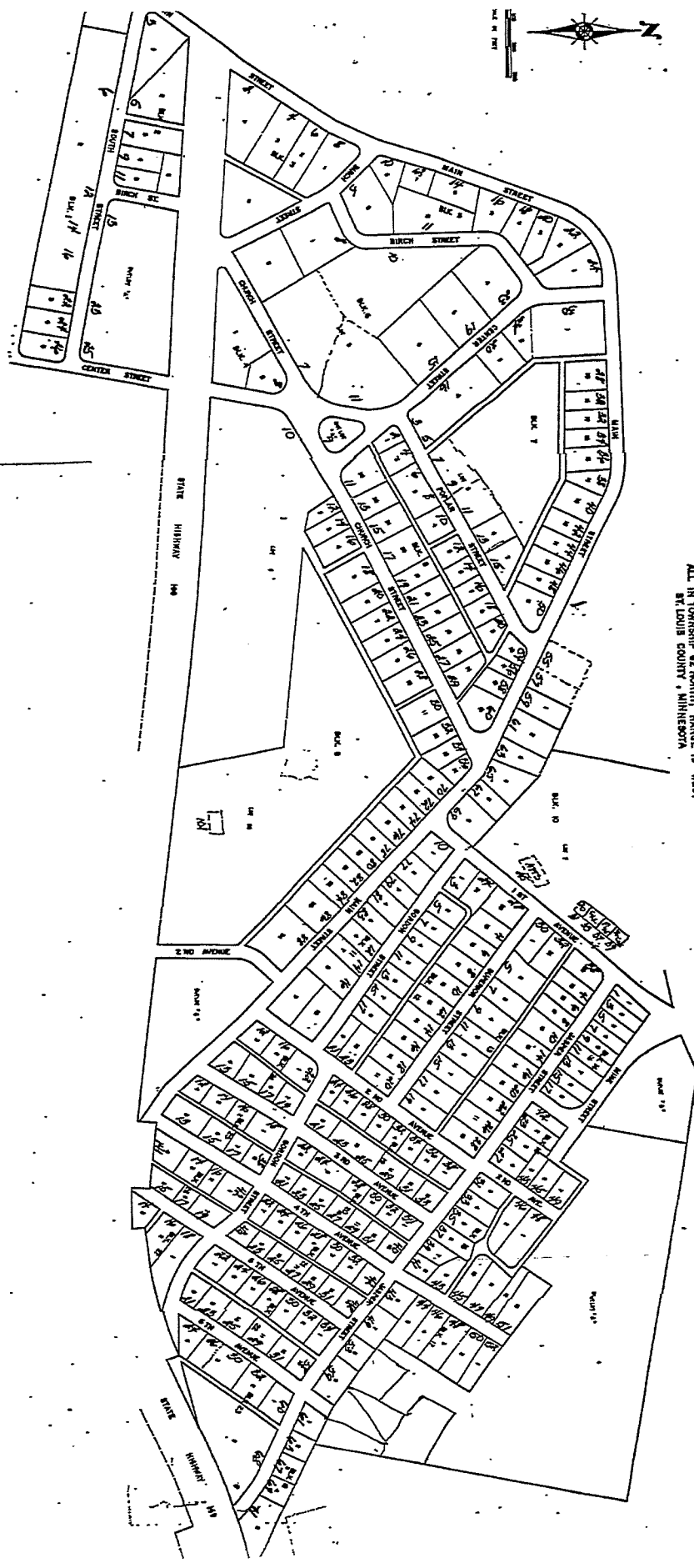
Chairman, Breitung Town Board  
Timothy Tomsich

Attest:

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Clerk, Breitung Township  
Amber Zak

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**MAP OF SOUDAN**

ALL IN TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST  
 OF LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

# **Attention:**

# **Stuntz Bay Landing**

# **Users**

**Stuntz Bay Road will undergo major construction during the month of August. Please be aware that major delays are likely and complete road closure for up to one continuous week during the month of August is expected. Please plan to utilize other access points to Lake Vermilion during the month of August.**

**\*\*Our Facebook page and website will provide updates as exact dates become available\*\***

*Thank you!*

Breitung Township

218-753-6020

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG TO  
MAKE APPLICATION TO AND ACCEPT FUND FROM IRRRB FY25  
REGIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Regional Trails Grant Program.

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

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution. Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tichel and Supervisor Peitso.

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

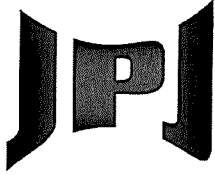
Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2024-20 was declared duly passed and adopted this 18th day of July 2024.

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

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Amber Zak - Clerk



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Engineering

Land Surveying

Site Development

July 17, 2024

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

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

Dear Chairman Tomsich:

Enclosed is Partial Payment Estimate No. 3 for the 2022 Infrastructure Improvements project. We recommend payment of \$81,050.41 to Mesabi Bituminous, Inc., P.O. Box 728, Gilbert, MN 55741 upon receipt of certified payroll reports.

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

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

Sincerely,

JPJ Engineering, Inc.

John P. Jamnick, P.E.

JPJ/dj

Enclosure

PARTIAL PAYMENT ESTIMATE

<b>PROJECT:</b> 2022 Infrastructure Improvements		<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 22-003	<b>DATE:</b> July 15, 2024 <b>PAY ESTIMATE NO.:</b> 3 <b>PAGE 1 OF 2</b>
<b>OWNER:</b> Breitung Township P.O. Box 56 Soudan, MN 55782		<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	<b>PERIOD OF ESTIMATE</b>  FROM: October 30, 2023 TO: July 6, 2023

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY			ESTIMATE	
No.	Amount			
	Additions	Deductions		
			1. Original Contract	\$346,215.85
			2. Change Orders	\$0.00
			3. Revised Contract (1-2)	\$346,215.85
			4. Work Completed*	\$339,920.54
			5. Stored Materials	\$0.00
			6. Subtotal (4+5)	\$339,920.54
			7. Retainage 5%	(\$16,996.03)
			8. Previous Payments	(\$241,874.10)
<b>TOTALS</b>			9. Amount Due (6-7-8)	\$81,050.41
<b>NET CHANGE</b>			*Detailed breakdown attached	

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

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

Contractor: Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.  
By Matt [Signature]  
Date 7/16/24

**ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION:**  
The undersigned certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief and to the extent of their assigned Contract responsibilities, the quantities shown in this estimate are correct and that the work has been performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.  
Engineer: JPJ Engineering, Inc.  
By [Signature]  
Date 7/15/24

**APPROVED BY OWNER:**  
Owner: Breitung Township  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

# PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3

DATE: July 15, 2024

OWNER: Breitung Township

PROJECT: 2022 Infrastructure Improvements

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

## BASE BID

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUAN. BID	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY THIS PERIOD	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	QUANTITY TO DATE	AMOUNT TO DATE
2104	RMV BIT PAVEMENT	5,595	S.Y.	\$4.50	99	\$445.50	2,543	\$11,443.50
2104	RMV SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$3.15	0	\$0.00	37	\$116.55
2104	RMV SANITARY MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$525.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$2,100.00
2104	RMV PIPE CULVERT	164	L.F.	\$4.20	0	\$0.00	176	\$739.20
2104	SALVAGE PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$7.35	0	\$0.00	35	\$257.25
2105	COMMON EXCAVATION	2,188	C.Y.	\$14.00	0	\$0.00	2,561	\$35,854.00
2105	SELECT GRAN BORROW (CV)	1,189	C.Y.	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	1,547	\$27,846.00
2105	INSTALL SALV PIPE CULVERT	35	L.F.	\$55.65	0	\$0.00	35	\$1,947.75
2105	INSTALL SALVAGED APRON	1	EACH	\$1,155.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$1,155.00
2112	GEO SEP FABRIC, TYPE V	3,765	S.Y.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	3,877	\$7,754.00
2211	AGG BASE, CLASS 5 (CV)	940	C.Y.	\$32.00	0	\$0.00	972	\$31,104.00
2221	AGG SHOULDERING	12	C.Y.	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$1,200.00
2232	MILL BIT PAVEMENT	2,445	S.Y.	\$5.40	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2360	TYPE SP WEARING COURSE	709	TON	\$94.00	752.30	\$70,716.20	752.30	\$70,716.20
2360	TYPE SP NON-WEARING COURSE	432	TON	\$94.00	150.58	\$14,154.52	514.44	\$48,357.36
2501	18" RCP PIPE CULVERT	32	L.F.	\$147.00	0	\$0.00	32	\$4,704.00
2501	24" RCP PIPE CULVERT	80	L.F.	\$178.50	0	\$0.00	80	\$14,280.00
2501	18" RCP APRON	2	EACH	\$3,307.50	0	\$0.00	2	\$6,615.00
2501	24" RCP APRON	4	EACH	\$4,515.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,060.00
2506	ADJUST GATE VALVE & BOX	6	EACH	\$100.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$400.00
2506	CONST SAN MANHOLE	4	EACH	\$8,925.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$35,700.00
2563	TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	L.S.	\$3,500.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$3,500.00
2573	CONST SITE EXIT CONTROLS	1	L.S.	\$1,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2573	CULVERT END CONTROL	10	EACH	\$250.00	0	\$0.00	7	\$1,750.00
2575	SEEDING	1	L.S.	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$500.00
2582	4" SOLID LINE PVMT MARKINGS	625	L.F.	\$2.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
2621	8" PVC SANITARY SEWER	50	L.F.	\$168.00	0	\$0.00	40	\$6,720.00
2621	CON TO EX SAN SEWER	10	EACH	\$556.50	0	\$0.00	10	\$5,565.00
2625	PIPE INSULATION	7	S.Y.	\$108.15	0	\$0.00	14.2	\$1,535.73

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

\$85,316.22

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

\$339,920.54