

# Township of Breitung Agenda-Regular Board Meeting

Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 04/27/2023

Breitung Community Center 12:00pm

- Call the meeting to order/Roll Call
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - 03/23/23 Regular Board Meeting
  - 04/11/23 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
- Approval of March 2023 Treasurer's Report
  - Checks Written 47480-47572
  - Total Disbursements-\$119,392.74
  - Fund Balance-\$217,040.46
  - Voided Checks-47486
- Correspondence
  - League of MN Cities-\*City Love \*Upcoming League Events \*Upcoming Webinars
  - MAT-\*Director Resignation \*April Newsletter
  - IRRR-03/29, 04/03,04/06, 04/20
  - Thank You-Tower-Soudan Historical Society
  - St Louis County-Household Hazardous Waste
  - PERA-Legislative Update
  - USDA-Rural Housing
  - Consumer Confidence Report

## ● Public Input

### Reports:

- Police-See Attached
- Fire-See Attached
- Road and Bridge-See Attached
- McKinley Park-no report
- Recreation
  - Update on Joint Power Rec Board asked to be the fiscal agent for the Howard Wagoner Ski Trails
  - Received \$486 MN Power Rebate on new lights @ Rink
- Wastewater Board
- Ambulance Commission

Acceptance of Reports

## **Old Business**

- Scott Lilya-Vacating Road
- Facility Use Agreement Change
- ATV Trail-Prospectors Trail
  - Update on Kultala Property (Approved at Annual Meeting)
  - Environmental Update
- IRRR
  - 5-year plan update
  - Culture & Tourism Grant
- Broadband
  - CTC Quote for McKinley Park Managers Building
  - Quote for Campground (awaiting bid)
  - Residential Services
- Project 16-268 Gravel Pit Property owned by St. Louis County
- Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee
  - Vote on Recommendation by the Committee for a Joint Powers Board
  - Vote on an elected representative for the next phase of the committee
- 2023 Infrastructure Project Update
- Stuntz Bay Project Update

## **New Business**

- Pay Bills as presented
- Fire Department
  - Resignation of Aaron Gornick
  - PERA
- Police Department
  - New Phone for Part Time Police @ approximately \$40/month
  - Impounded Vehicle-2015 KIA Truck
  - Ring Doorbell Camera hazards
    - Goombaz Security Proposal
  - Updated Mutual Aid Agreement with St. Louis County
  - Walmart Community Grant Request
    - Resolution 2023-14 Apply for and Accept Grant Funds
  - Firehouse Sub Foundation Grant Request
    - Resolution 2023-15 Apply for and Accept Grant Funds

- GREAT Training Opportunity-Cost of approximately \$2000, includes travel, lodging and class. 75% of total cost can be reimbursed by the State. Phyllis Burgess donation last year of 3k for training.
- Supervisor Matthew Tichel as an added signer on the Frandsen Bank Accounts
- Park Labor-Left off at Reorganizational Meeting. Currently \$15.00/hour
- Late Notices on Tax Bills
  - Al Hallerman @ 22 Jasper St \$100 snow removal, 2 Invoices sent
  - Paige Olson @ 13 Church St \$50 snow removal, 2 Invoices sent
- Blight
- Clean Up Days-June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- St Louis County
  - Medical Assistant Call Center
  - Emergency Management-Flooding
  - St. Louis County Permit Letters
- Letter from Funding Rural MN
- Past Due Bill from Linde
- Tower News Request
- JPJ Invoice
- Property @ 5515 Miettunen Plat Road, change driveway and replace culvert
- Resolution 2023-10 Accepting Donations
- Cook Timber Days Request

**Next Regular Board Meeting**-May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Breitung Community Center

**Adjourn**

## **Township of Breitung Regular Board Meeting 03-23-23 at 12:00pm. In Person Meeting at the Breitung Community Center**

### **Present In Person:**

**Board Members:** Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Greg Dostert  
Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick

**Public:** Daniel Reing-Police Chief, Matt Tuchel, Stephanie Ukkola-Timberjay, Trudy Hendricks (arrived 12:05pm), Tom Gorsma-Public Works, Valeda McDonald, Tony Sikora, Mindy Tuchel (12:25)

Call to Order @ 12:00pm by Chairman Tim Tomsich

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept the agenda with the addition of Swearing in of New Officers after Bills Paid

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

Motion Passed 3-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to approve the minutes of the 02/23/23 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 02/23/23 Board of Audit Minutes and 03/14/23 Board of Canvass Minutes as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Approval of Treasurers Report**

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to approve the February 2023 Treasurers Report as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

### **Correspondence**

- o Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan-so noted
- o Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging-so noted
- o League of MN Cities-so noted
- o MAT-February 2023 Newsletter, March 2023 Newsletter, Spring Short Courses-suggest Matt attend Short Course
- o IRRR-03/17, 03/10, 03/09-so noted
- o Lake Country Power-Grant Application-Consensus to try apply again
- o Thank You-Embarrass Regional Fair Association-so noted
- o St Louis County-so noted

### **Public Input**

Stephanie Ukkola wanted to thank the Board for all the work being done for the Township. She is thankful for the many projects as well as maintaining fiscal responsibility.

## Reports

- Police-See Attached, slower month than usual, able to catch up on paperwork, looking in to some grant applications for the Department
- Fire-No Report this month
- Road and Bridge-See Attached, increase in skaters this year
- McKinley Park-No Report
- Recreation-Joint Power Rec Board asked by Wagoner Ski Trails to create a subcommittee and create a charter so they could be the fiscal agent for the Trails-no update. New construction of the rink held up well, Youth Hockey Days went well.
- Wastewater Board-SEH moving forward on the Water Treatment Project. Project remains short 2.275M, did not make it on the States Bonding Bill, but is on the Special Bonding Bill-can still start project. Matt Tuchel testified before the State Senate for the Project. Stabilization Pond Expansion Project made it past the first round for the FY24 General Community Project.
- Ambulance Commission-Ad-Hoc Committee meets tonight 03/23/23 @ 5:30pm.

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to accept reports as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

## Old Business:

ATV Trails-Discussion of next steps would be to have a survey done of Wayne Kultala's portion of the property that the township would like.

Motion by Supervisor Tekautz to move forward with surveying the property

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

Motion passed 3-0

IRRR 5-year plan-Continue to wait and hear when next IRRR meeting is scheduled.

Broadband-CTC came out and met with Matt Tuchel, box right down the road from McKinley Park, CTC will be sending over a bid to run service to the building. A separate quote for the whole Park to be done by an outside company, and should receive that soon.

Project 16-268 Gravel Pit Property-Chairman Tomsich still awaiting word from the County  
Resolution 2023-07-Applying for IRRR grant funds for overrun of Project, presented to the Board, approved last month

Outdoor Recreation Grant-DNR-Chairman Tomsich working on questions that the DNR had in regards to accessibility will return to JPJ for submission. Supervisor Dostert asking about lighting from the rink down the trail, half way to the Ballfield. Chairman Tomsich to check with Jennifer at JPJ for addition to the grant application.

## New Business

### Pay Bills as presented

Motion by Supervisor Dostert to pay bills as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Swearing in of New Officers Timothy Tomsich, Matthew Tuchel and Jorgine Gornick were all sworn in by Clerk Sunsdahl to their elected positions. Matthew Tuchel took over for Greg Dostert. Supervisor Dostert was thanked for all the work he has done for the township.

Youth Using Lawn Care Equipment-Tom Gorsma presented documentation that youth beginning at the age of 16 employees can use and operated lawn care equipment with proper training according to our insurance agent and under MN Statutes presented in the packet  
Motion by Supervisor Tuchel for youth beginning at age 16 to be allowed to use lawn care equipment with Maintenance Supervisor Gorsma providing proper training along with documentation of that training

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

Motion passed 3-0

### Police Department

- 2023 Cops Hiring Program-Chief Reing explained there are Federal Grants available to fund another FT Officer. The grant would cover 75% for 3 years salary. The Board asked Chief Reing to check if a department could apply again after initial 3 years to run concurrent. The State of MN is also looking at this. Retention and Recruitment of Officers is currently down. No action taken.
- Updated Taser Contract with Axon-Chief Reing presented an updated 5-yr taser contract which is \$461.95 per year higher than previous contract, but explained that there are more taser cartridges included as well as training. Supervisor Tuchel asked Chief Reing if there is increased buying power if bought with other departments.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to approve new contract with Axon as presented

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

Motion passed 3-0

Congressional Spending/Hwy 169-Information on project from Soudan to Ely. 1.1M never used in 169 past project, new project 3.3M. No action taken, past deadline for letter of support.

Blight-Chief Reing states spring is around the corner, a bit early to see blight properties. 1 citation issued to home on Jasper St with 30 days to pay.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to send letter to the Home Owner along with a copy of the ticket

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

Motion passed 3-0

Anonymous Donation for Tower Ambulance Replacement Fund-A \$500 anonymous cash donation was given to the township for the Tower Ambulance Replacement Fund. Consensus by the Board to have Clerk Sunsdahl present a Resolution next month to accept donation and in turn send a check to the City of Tower.

Waiver of Fees-ECFE would like to use the Outdoor Pavilion May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for their Spring Picnic and is asking for a waiver of fees

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to waive fees for ECFE rental of the Pavilion

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

Motion passed 3-0

**Reorganizational Meeting:** Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** TBD at Reorganizational Meeting

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Supervisor Tichel to Adjourn the Meeting at 12:59pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

Township of Breitung LBAE Meeting 04/11/2023 1:00PM-2:00PM @ the Breitung Community Center

**In Person**

Present: Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz, Supervisor Matt Tuchel, Treasurer Jorgine Gornick, Clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

Public: Andrew Olson-St Louis County Assessor, Paul Cherry-St Louis County Assessor, Lisa Berndt

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tomsich at 1:00pm

**Property Discussion:**

Mark & Lisa Berndt: 270-0021-00110

Vermilion Housing Corporation: 270-0110-01082

Meeting started with Andrew Olsen from the County explaining how values are assessed. Andrew explained that last year across the Board for McKinley Park, Echo Point that Land Value was increased 5% and Building Value was increased 5%. For Soudan Land Value was increased by 5% and Building Value increased by 22% last year.

Mark & Lisa Berndt: Lisa Berndt in attendance to discuss. Lisa stated she was curious as to why the assessed value of their parcel had gone up so much. Andrew Olson explained it was due to new construction on the building being completed. Andrew also stated that the site value had a reduction due to some of the property having swamp land.

Vermilion Housing Corporation: Treasurer Tim Tomsich asked about the valuation for the Housing in Soudan, Andrew Olson stated this should be placed on the St. Louis County agenda.

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to make no changes to Mark & Lisa Berndt, and Vermilion Housing Corporation

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

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion by Supervisor Tuchel to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Tomsich

Motion passed 3-0

SLC Spreadsheet on file in the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Sunsdahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

April 12, 2023

Vermilion Housing Corporation

This is to notify you that by official action of the Breitung Township Board of Appeal & Equalization on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the value and/or classification of your property identified as 270-0110-01082, **HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED**. This will be placed on the St Louis County Agenda per Andrew Olson.

This is for the 2023 assessment, taxes payable in 2024.

If you feel that an error still exists in the assessment of your property, you may continue your appeal to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Please include this letter in your appeal. The County Board of Appeal and Equalization meets during the last three weeks in June. Appointments for hearings are required. Please schedule an appointment by contacting the County Auditor's Office at the following address or phone number.

Clerk of the County Board  
100 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Room #214  
Duluth MN, 55802  
218-726-2386 or 1-800-450-9777 (in St Louis County)

ALL CHANGES BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION ARE SUBJECT TO PERCENTAGE CHANGES BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Sincerely,



Dianna Sursdahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

April 12, 2023

Dear Mark & Lisa Berndt

This is to notify you that by official action of the Breitung Township Board of Appeal & Equalization on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the value and/or classification of your property identified as 270-0021-00110, **HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED**. New construction to the structure has been completed and falls within the median percentage rate of like land/buildings in the area. Please note that there is a reduction in site value due to your site having some swamp area.

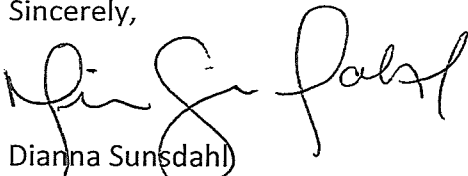
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianna Sundahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianna" and last name "Sundahl" clearly distinguishable.

Dianna Sundahl  
Clerk, Breitung Township

# TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

Mar-23

GENERAL	27,623.95
ROAD & BRIDGE	31,953.47
FIRE	21,941.57
PARK	32,502.77
RECREATION	(4,984.70)
POLICE	32,282.40
PROJECTS	20,973.23
WATER DEPT	54,747.77
ARPA	0.00
TOTALS	217,040.46

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(Additional \$55 fee, lunch included.)



### **Duluth Housing Mobile Tour**

Learn about and visit Duluth housing projects that span redevelopment of historic buildings, creative use of vacant lots, community engagement including with the business community, and a focus on affordability and housing for all markets. (Additional \$45 fee.)



### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Funds in Action**

Gain insight on securing Bipartisan Infrastructure Bridge Investment Program funds to complete bridge projects, the challenges faced, and the results of this process.



### **Federal Grant Opportunities Administered by the State**



## You Probably Didn't Get in to Local Government to Regulate Cannabis...

Get an up-to-date look at what has been decided out of the Minnesota Legislature and dive into regulatory structures and licenses.

**[View the full slate of conference sessions on the League's website!](#)**

Register by the April 28 early bird deadline!

### Early Bird Pricing

Standard Registration: **\$425**

First-Time Attendee Registration: **\$225**

Cities Under 1,000 Population Registration: **\$275**

*Pricing for all conference registrants increases to \$475 after April 28.*



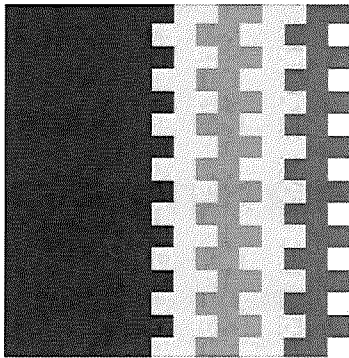
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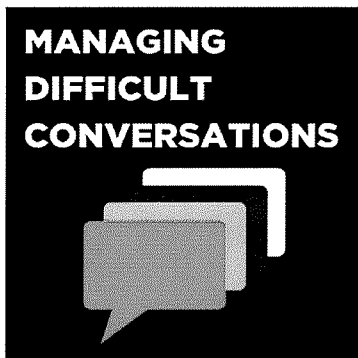
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### **Safety and Loss Control Workshops**

*April — Various locations*

Join your city colleagues as you explore new tools to help you in your work. Attend a workshop at one of eight locations to learn tips and tricks for managing risk and common safety challenges.



### **Managing Difficult Conversations with Colleagues and Constituents**

*May — Various locations*

Elected officials are encouraged to attend one of these free Braver Angels workshops to develop skills to better navigate disagreements and encourage a more constructive work environment.



### **FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse**

*May 16 — Online*

Learn how the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Clearinghouse can assist cities, who is required to register, and the employer's role in keeping prohibited drivers off the roads.

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## Webinar: FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

Join Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the League of Minnesota Cities on Tuesday, May 16, to explore **FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse** and how the secure online database can benefit your city's highway safety.

Take part in this webinar to:

- **Understand** what the Clearinghouse is and how different users will record or access information within the Clearinghouse.
- **Explore** the impacts of the Final Rule, which became fully operational in January 2020.
- **Discover** how to report necessary information, including violations, when required.

## Who Should Attend?

- City administrators/managers, city clerks, HR professionals

## Presenter

**Charles St. Martin**, federal program specialist, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

## Moderator

**Joyce Hottinger**, assistant HR director, League of Minnesota Cities

## Fee

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### **MAT District 10 Director Resignation**

Township officers in MAT District 10,

Jim Fisher has resigned from his position as Minnesota Association of Townships Director for District 10, effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. MAT District 10 includes 100 townships in the northeastern part of the state of Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties.

The MAT Board of Directors are working to finalize details on filling the District 10 Director position for the remainder of the term, which ends August, 2024. Information on filling the position will be sent to all officers.

The vacancy of the District 10 Director position does not reduce the services provided by MAT. The education events, question and answer services, document libraries, published works, and other services are provided by MAT's staff. Those services remain unaffected by the vacancy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Jeff Krueger, Executive Director  
Minnesota Association of Townships  
763-497-2330 x-143  
[jkrueger@mntownships.org](mailto:jkrueger@mntownships.org)

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## April 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Township Officers,

**Thank you** for participating in our annual Spring Short Courses. It was terrific to be back in person! Due to a blizzard we rescheduled the McGregor and Bemidji events. (Details are below.) A special thank you to the MAT staff and trainers for their workshop presentations and three weeks of traveling across the state.

As the legislative session continues to debate crucial increases to transportation funding, we hope you take a chance to **email your Senator and Representative with our Advocacy Alert.**

Sincerely,  
Jeff Krueger, Executive Director  
Minnesota Association of Townships

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## "Township Tuesday" conference calls

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

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

**Participate via Zoom meeting via computer (preferred):**

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

Meeting ID: 884 9113 1671

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

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

## Spring Short Courses 2023

### FINAL (and rescheduled) LOCATION AND DATE:

- **Wednesday, April 26**, in Bemidji: The Sanford Center, 1111 Event Center Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601.

**TIME:** All classes will start at 9 AM and adjourn at 3 PM. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

**AGENDA FOR CLERKS AND TREASURERS:** Welcome, history and MAT overview, legislative agenda, organization tips for clerks and treasurers when it's a "side gig," record retention, MATIT pool/coverage primer and new online incident reporting, state auditor reports and wage theft paperwork.

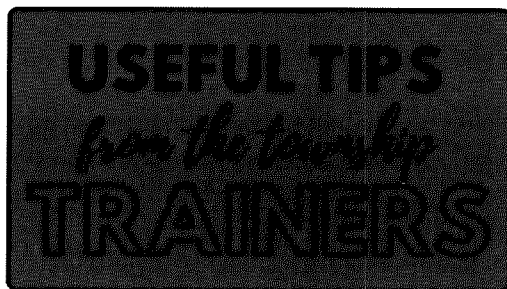
**AGENDA FOR NEW OFFICERS:** Welcome, history and MAT overview, legislative agenda, MATIT pool/coverage primer and new online incident reporting, valuable resources for township officers, new officer training basics.

**AGENDA FOR SUPERVISORS:** Welcome, MATIT pool/coverage primer and new online incident reporting, history and MAT overview, legislative agenda, training to avoid conflict of interests, new developments in the Marketable Title Act and Wage Theft Law.

**REGISTRATION:** There is no pre-registration - We'll see you there!

**COST:** There is a **\$75 fee** per person - payable at the door or billed. This is a new rate.

## From the Township Trainers: MMB Tips



**ARPA Project and Expenditure Report**  
Reporting for spending that occurred from (4-1-2022 to 3-31-2023) is due by April 30, 2023!

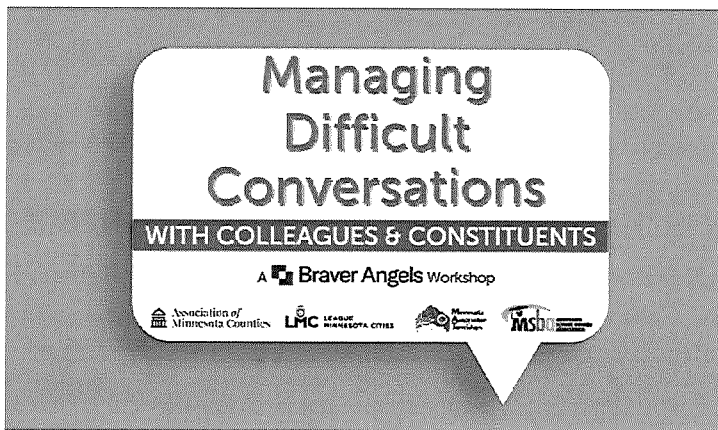
- ARPA funds spent during this timeframe will have a project to report. If no funds were spent, your township still needs to complete the reporting for no projects to report for this timeframe.
- Using Google Chrome for an internet browser is recommended.
- Reporting link: <https://portal.treasury.gov/compliance/s/>. Sign-in using your Login.gov (Email and Password). Select "Continue to login to compliance portal."
- A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is NOT required for reporting. The email from SLFRP (Treasury) regarding "Updated Subaward Requirements:" These requirements are only for those businesses that townships donated ARPA money to.

- The compliance portal will only allow those that were on the original ARPA application as the Contact Person or Authorized Person to have access to the township's reports. The only way others can be given access is for the "Account Administrator," which is either the Contact Person or Authorized Person to add them as a point of contact and assign them the following roles (SLFRF – Account Administrator; SLFRF – Point of Contact for Reporting; SLFRF – Authorized Representative for Reporting).

Step-by-step instructions for the Project and Expenditure Form are now posted on the MAT website.

For questions and assistance with this reporting, please email Nicole Schluter at [nschluter@mntownships.org](mailto:nschluter@mntownships.org).

## Workshop: Managing Difficult Conversations



These free workshops are open to officials and staff from cities, counties, school boards and townships... simply choose the date or location that works best for you. Develop skills to better navigate disagreements and encourage a more constructive public dialogue.

Brought to you through a collaboration between Braver Angels, the League

of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Minnesota School Boards Association, and the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Wednesday, May 10 (1-3:30 p.m.) in Rochester  
 Wednesday, May 17 (1-3:30 p.m.) in St. Peter  
 Wednesday, May 24 (1-3:30 p.m.) in Staples (FULL)  
 Wednesday, May 31 (1-3:30 p.m.) in St. Paul  
[Registration Link](#)

## June 14th Town Law Review



MAT's Town Law Review will be held **June 14, 2023**, at the Best Western Nicollet Inn – Burnsville. Registration will open at 8:30, with presentations starting at 9:00. Full information on pre-registration and agenda will be available soon.

The Town Law Review is an educational event with presentations by MAT attorneys focused on the more-complex issues of township governance. Officers attending this training tend to engage in

city-like activities like land use management, hiring staff, complying with the Data Practices Act, operating water utilities, and operation of other public amenities.

## MAT 2023 Scholarship Application



The 2023 Scholarship Program will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by June 1, 2023.

For more information visit <https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship-program>.

[2023 Scholarship Application Form](#)

## Septic transport exempted from seasonal load restrictions

Minnesota Executive Order 23-04 exempts septic tank trucks from seasonal load restrictions on Minnesota roads. Increased levels of snow and rain have impacted septic systems across the state, causing septic tanks to take on water, septic system drain fields to flood, and alarms and lift pumps to fail. Lifting load restrictions will allow septic service companies to meet the increased demand.

This **Executive Order** is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and remains in effect until June 1, 2023.

## Legislative Update

During the past few months of the state legislative session, MAT staff and Fredrikson & Byron lobbyists have met with and/or had more than 100 conversations with the Governor's Office, state offices, state agencies, key legislators (committee chairs, ranking members, chief authors, caucus leadership, etc.), key stakeholders and legislative staff in St. Paul. We have also monitored the introduction of more than 6,000 bills and/or testified in a number of committees on a variety of issues including transportation, elections, annexation, local government, taxes, etc.

Transportation funding update: To reach our \$40 million funding goal, MAT has been working with transportation committee chairs Rep. Hornstein and Sen. Dibble, the Small Cities association, the MTA and several transportation committee legislators (Sens. Morrison, Jasinski, Howe; Reps. Olson, Petersburg, Brand) on a variety of proposals.

Taxes: In order to protect current values of township land from future PILT payments, House File 825/Companion bill Senate File 697 (Authors Lislegard/Hauschild) proposes a number of items including preventing the appraised value of acquired natural resources land from decreasing. This bill looks promising for passage as it has bipartisan support and is being brought forward by the House Property Tax Division Chair.

For additional information on Broadband, Annexation, Pensions and more: [Read full Legislative Update](#).

Click on this link to see the [MAT and MATIT bills of interest that we are tracking](#) for you. If you have specific questions about the bills included or if there is legislation that is not on this list that you have questions about, please let Jeff Krueger know.

## Message from State Auditor Julie Blaha and Recommendations from April 17 Presentation

The Office of the State Auditor sent this [4-minute video personalized to Townships](#).

Auditor Blaha recently presented the 2023 State of Main Street Findings. “Understanding the differences between how one-time and ongoing funding affects local budgets is the first step in managing a local budget well,” said Auditor Blaha. “Using one-time funds effectively was key to local governments weathering the global pandemic.” [Read More](#)

## Minnesota LTAP trainings and news



Interested in advancing your skills in land surveying and mapping? Three new hybrid courses from Minnesota LTAP offer an [introduction to surveying and leveling, angles and mapping](#) (May 2), and [construction staking](#) (May 16). The courses will be held in April and May, and each includes an online component and an in-person workshop. All will be held at St. Louis Park.

Register and view the [full Minnesota LTAP Schedule of Trainings](#) offering a mix of in-person and virtual training opportunities to meet your needs in the coming year to enhance your skills in AutoCAD, leadership, pavement preservation, or other areas.

## Grant Opportunities:

### Outdoor Heritage Fund

Over 140 million dollars from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be available for projects that “protect, restore, and enhance habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.” Projects that have received funding over the past 15 years have included: wetland, prairie, and forest restoration, fee-title and conservation easement acquisition of important habitat, invasive

species removal, stream and lake restoration /enhancement, among many others. Eligible recipients for these grants include state and local units of government, Tribal entities, and non-profit organizations. Numerous entities have applied for and received Outdoor Heritage Funding and we want to make sure you're aware of this exciting funding opportunity for your potential projects. The application period is open through Friday, May 26, 2023. [Read More](#)

#### **Safe Streets and Roads for All**

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on Grants.gov and open for applications. The purpose of SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The deadline for applications is Monday July 10, 2023. [Read More](#)

#### **Wildlife Crossings**

The Department of Transportation has released FY 2022-2023 solicitations for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program. The funding agency seeks to fund projects that provide substantial safety benefits and advance safe, efficient transportation under the program. Applications are due by August 1, 2023. [Read More](#)

#### **Electric Charging Infrastructure**

The Department of Transportation offers grants for EV charging infrastructure and alternatives. Rural communities will be prioritized. Applications are due by May 30, 2023. [Read More](#)

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March 29, 2023

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**Businesses, communities and outdoor recreation in northeastern Minnesota receive over \$4 million in economic development funding**

The Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board met today in St. Paul. It was the first meeting of the eight newly elected and appointed members. Rep. Spencer Igo was elected as the chair, and Sen. Justin Eichorn was elected as the vice chair.

Approximately \$1.5 million in loans, \$2.4 million in infrastructure grants, and \$191,000 in trails grants was approved at today's meeting to advance projects in northeastern Minnesota. Agency total investment for all projects combined is approximately \$4.1 million. Total project investment is approximately \$39.2 million. The projects are expected to increase the regional tax base, impact new and existing jobs, create construction jobs, provide essential services, and expand outdoor recreation. The loans are anticipated to impact 49 jobs. The infrastructure projects are projected to create 11 permanent jobs and 209 construction jobs.

**Participation Loans: \$1,531,700**

Agency Investment \$1,531,700 | Total Investment \$6,290,623 | Leverage: 3.1 : 1

- **Virginia Plastics, LLC, Virginia: \$31,700** to purchase a new bag machine which will enable Virginia Plastics to accept larger orders, obtain larger accounts and poise itself for potential expansion. Virginia Plastics is a polyethylene film manufacturer that makes plastic bags, tubing and sheeting that are used in industries including mining, chemical, automotive, industrial and consumer. The products are used in packaging applications for high value parts and applications where standard plastic products are not suited.
- **Fraboni's Wholesale Distributors, Inc., Hibbing: \$1,500,000** to finance the stock purchase of Fraboni's Wholesale Distributors, which will transfer company ownership to new owners who wish to expand the sales territories and increase market share while maintaining the headquarters in Hibbing. Fraboni's is a sausage and meat manufacturing company that was founded in Hibbing in 1968.

#### **Development Infrastructure Grants: \$1,020,000**

Agency Investment \$1,020,000 | Total Investment \$7,034,618 | Leverage: 5.9 : 1

- **City of Cook: \$20,000** to construct infrastructure for power service upgrades and taxi-lane expansion for new hangar development at Cook Municipal Airport.
- **City of Ely: \$400,000** to construct infrastructure for fire protection, the expansions and development of five businesses, and potential future planned housing.
- **City of Grand Rapids: \$300,000** to construct infrastructure for the conversion of the former Murphy Elementary School into a 38-000-square-foot early childhood and child care facility with 221 child care slots, including 10 new slots.
- **City of Grand Rapids: \$300,000** to construct infrastructure for the development of 23 new residential home lots at the former Forest Lake Elementary School.

#### **Community Infrastructure Grants: \$1,350,000**

Agency Investment \$1,350,000 | Total Investment \$25,503,950 | Leverage: 17.9 : 1

- **City of Crosby: \$150,000** to construct a new roundabout and lane reconfiguration where recent new business development has occurred. The roundabout will increase the safety of the intersection, its access and pedestrians while maintaining traffic flow.

- **City of Grand Rapids: \$500,000** to rehabilitate and upgrade the Itasca Recreation Association (IRA) Civic Center with ADA, mechanical and structural improvements.
- **City of McKinley: \$250,000** to construct a new water filtration system that improves water quality for residents.
- **City of Mountain Iron: \$150,000** to upgrade infrastructure for storm water drainage on several streets that will alleviate flooding and inflow and infiltration issues. The project will also upgrade infrastructure at the West Two Rivers Campground.
- **City of Orr: \$50,000** to rehabilitate a lift station to improve service to residents and replace a force main to reduce inflow and infiltration issues to the wastewater treatment plant. The project will replace the pumps and convert the dry well to a wet well.
- **City of Virginia: \$250,000** to construct new infrastructure for city-wide street reconstruction that includes new sidewalks, storm sewer and water and sewer service lines.

**Regional Trails Grants: \$190,700**

Agency Investment \$190,700 | Total Investment \$402,600 | Leverage: 1.1 : 1

- **Breitung Township: \$40,000** for the engineering, construction and environmental expenses to reconstruct and improve the 1.4-mile paved McKinley Park Trail located between Soudan Underground State Park and McKinley Park Campground on Lake Vermilion.
- **City of Crosby: \$43,200** to construct a mountain bike trail and instruction area on the grounds of the Cuyuna Range Elementary School. The multi-purpose trail will be used to teach students mountain bike riding skills and safety through a physical education class. It will be open to the community for biking, hiking and snowshoeing.
- **PathBlazers Snowmobile Club: \$45,000** to purchase a groomer that will be used to maintain 68 miles of DNR grant-in-aid trails in the Chisholm, Hibbing and Side Lake areas.
- **Northern Traxx ATV Club: \$50,000** to purchase a new dozer that will be used to maintain numerous miles of off-highway trails in the Chisholm, Hibbing and Side Lake areas.
- **North Superior Ski and Run Club: \$12,500** to repair and rebuild several segments of the Pincushion trail system including the replacement of culverts. The project will purchase a new flail mower for summer trail maintenance.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation is funded through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry. The projects approved at today's board meeting support the agency's FY23 spending plan which focuses on leveraging capital, improving the quality of life and retaining and creating well-paying jobs. The agency supports businesses, communities and workforce development projects that make northeastern Minnesota a desirable place to live, work and play.



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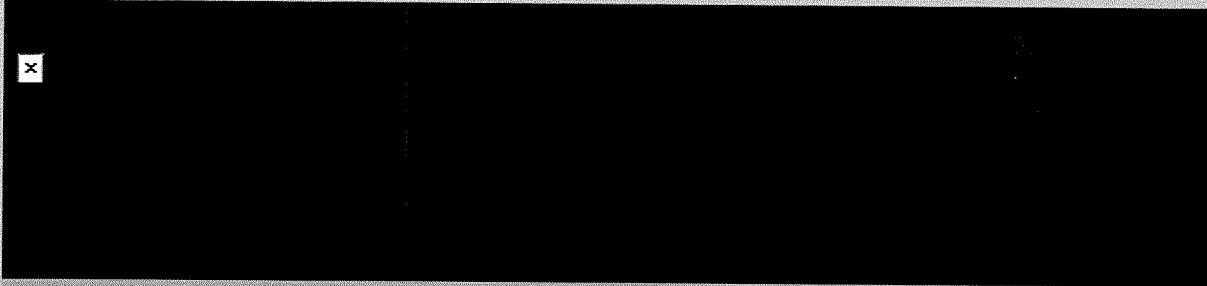
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## **Becicka named deputy commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation**

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Ida Rukavina announced today that Al Becicka was appointed to serve as the agency's deputy commissioner.

In his new position, Becicka will help carry out the agency's mission of promoting and investing in business, community and workforce development for the betterment of northeastern Minnesota.

Becicka previously served as the agency's legal counsel for almost 15 years advising on matters regarding the agency's regional investments and compliance with state laws, rules and regulations. He also worked with the agency as a loan officer for various economic and business development projects. Prior to that Becicka dedicated his expertise to serving the people of Minnesota in his roles at the Attorney General's Office, the State Auditor's Office and the Departments of Administration and Human Services.

"Al is uniquely suited to serve as deputy commissioner. He is well respected by our staff, by community leaders and throughout the region," said Rukavina. "He has a history with the agency which gives him thorough knowledge and a deepened perspective of the communities, industries and people we serve."

Becicka earned his Juris Doctor degree from University of Minnesota and is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and Maryland. He also received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Augsburg College, and he has an inactive Certified Public Accountants license in Minnesota.

"I'm honored to assume this position and will do everything I can to help the commissioner, our board and our staff succeed in bringing real economic development and growth to the region," said Becicka.

He and his wife Leah, who is an obstetrician/gynecologist, live in Great Scott Township near Britt. They share four sons who are now grown and reside in the Cloquet area, Minneapolis, Boston and Ogden, Utah. Becicka was involved for many years with his sons' youth athletics, both as a coach and volunteer. The Becickas have one grandchild and two more due to be born this spring and summer.

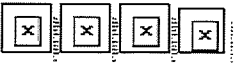
Becicka enjoys fishing and traveling with his growing family.

His official start date is April 12.



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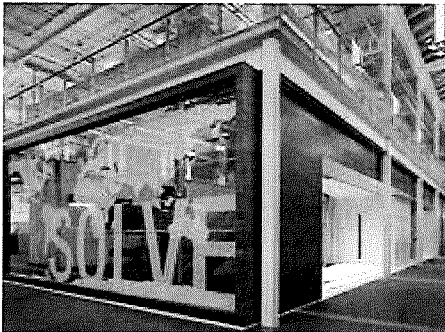


## The Ranger

*April 6, 2023*

### **Commercial Redevelopment grant helps bring new business to the city of Eveleth**

United Glass, Inc. (UG) is leasing 10,000 square feet of commercial building space in Eveleth's Progress Park. The previously vacant space is owned by Virginia Eveleth Economic Development Authority (VEEDA). Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$16,500 Commercial Redevelopment grant to the city of Eveleth which helped pay for internal facility demolition to allow for the construction of a new drive-in loading dock located on the side of the existing building. Total project investment was \$307,002.



UG was established in 1984 as a glass and glazing contractor based in Minneapolis. In addition to the Eveleth location, UG has operations in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota and Bolingbrook, Illinois. The company specializes in commercial glass construction with an emphasis in interior glass solutions and installations. UG focuses on the design, engineering, and installation of mall fronts, low-rise curtain walls, storefronts, commercial window replacements and high-end office tenant improvements.

UG handles large sheets of glass, and a loading dock was critical to the company's new operation in Eveleth. The loading dock enables UG to transport the large glass pieces in and out of the building without the impact of wind and other weather elements.

"The commercial space became vacant when a long-term tenant, Nexlink, was consolidated into a large Texas-based acquisition," said Jackie Monahan-Junek, city of Eveleth administrator. "Having United Glass lease the space and bring a new business operation to the city of Eveleth is a great economic development success. We are very pleased to welcome them to our community."



UG has six full-time employees, and union labor is utilized on all of its projects.

[Learn more about United Glass, Inc.](#)

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

## Business Energy Retrofit grant improves iconic lodging facility in Tower

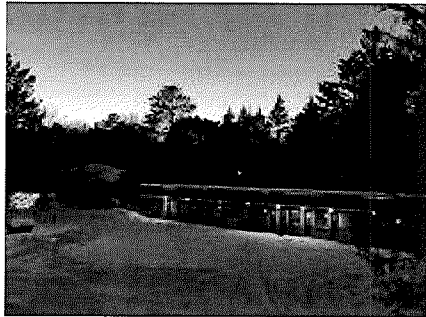
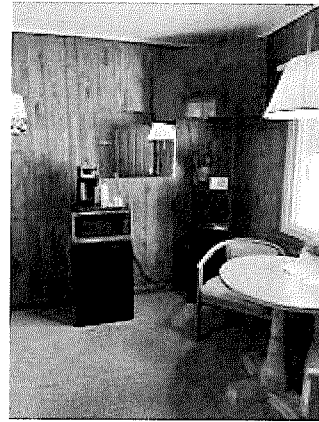


MarJo Motel operators, Orlyn and Marit Kringstad, utilized a Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grant to upgrade the electrical system from a 100-amp to a 200-amp system to accommodate modern, energy efficient appliances and charging equipment. The electrical upgrade project included the addition of ground fault interrupter outlets (GFCI) adjacent to the entry of each motel room. The GFCI outlets provides their lodging guests traveling to northeastern Minnesota for outdoor recreation with boats, jet skis, snowmobiles, and ATVs in tow, ability to charge their small engine and vehicle batteries.

MarJo Motel is situated on the bank of East Two River at the western entry of Tower. It is a local landmark and an iconic lodging facility that first opened in 1953. Its retro architecture is a reminder of wayside motor-in hotels that populated small towns and rural America throughout the 1920s to the 1960s. The style of hotel is reminiscent of a time when cars became more affordable, America's highway system was being constructed and family road trips "up north" became popular in Minnesota.

MarJo has eight smoke-free and handicap-friendly rooms. Each is equipped with modern conveniences such as mini-fridges, microwaves, and single-serve pod-style coffeemakers. There is private dock access, an outdoor grilling area, and internet and cable TV access. Daily, weekly and monthly rates are available.

With the BER grant and their own private investment, the Kringstads made the needed improvements to the motel's electrical system. The project resulted in energy and operational efficiencies for the small privately-owned business.

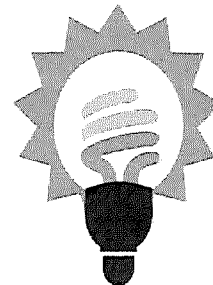


[Learn more about MarJo Motel.](#)

Email [Erik Bennett](#) at AEOA or call him at 218-322-6512 to learn more about BER.

## Helping Small Businesses: Business Energy Retrofit grants

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation invests approximately \$1.25 million annually into Business Energy Retrofit (BER) grants across its 13,000-square-mile service area. The grants assist business owners with energy improvements to their building that can result in reduced utility bills, improved building aesthetics and increased building life. Details about BER:



- **Eligible applicants:** Small businesses with 100 employees or less.
- **Eligible projects:** Projects related to energy efficiency including lighting and fixtures, building envelope air sealing, appliances, motors and equipment, insulation and ventilation, heating and cooling, window and door replacements and renewable energy.
- **Required match per project:** A business may be provided up to 1/3 of the total project cost or up to \$20,000. A \$500 application fee is required to participate in the program.
- **Evaluation criteria:** Location within a community that has been previously underserved by BER. Prior BER grant funding. Location within a downtown corridor. Leveraging of other local, state or federal funding sources such as DEED SCDP, USDA or PACE. Project readiness: (1) ready to begin within 30 days, (2) completed construction bids with prevailing wage compliancy

Since BER's inception in 2013, over 624 grants have been awarded to help small businesses with energy efficiency upgrades that can result in reduced utility bills, improved building aesthetics and increased building life. The program is funded by Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation and administered through a partnership with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA).

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

"Small businesses are an imperative part of our region's communities, workforce and economy," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "With over 600 BER grants issued in the past ten years, the program has been an incredible resource available to small businesses owners. Our Community Development staff and the staff at AEOA can answer questions and guide owners through potential projects and the grant application process."

[Email Erik Bennett](#) at AEOA or call him at 218-322-6512 to learn more about BER.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation funds grants through taxes paid by Minnesota's mining industry.

## MacRostie Art Center in Grand Rapids adds Native creative space



MacRostie Art Center (MAC) added a new creative and gathering space in its retail and gallery storefront. Giinawind Creative Space is the first public space in downtown Grand Rapids that features Native art and artists. It also has a small stage for poetry readings, open mic and other intimate performances. Giinawind in Ojibwe means "we/us together." Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$5,000 Culture & Tourism grant to help pay for tables, chairs, lighting and other fixtures. Total project investment was \$40,434.

Giinawind Creative Space in its first year attracted an estimated 5,500 people who attended special events and classes, viewed the exhibits and shopped local art for sale on consignment. The events with Indigenous artists and creatives included four art exhibits, three film screenings, two hands-on workshops, three artist talks, two concerts and a comedy night. Events were open to the public and provided an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to connect with Native art and culture.

"The first year of the Giinawind Creative Space was a great success," said Katie Marshall, MAC executive director. "We worked closely with a number of different Native artists and advisors to plan and present programming."





Giinawind met a variety of community needs. It became a rental venue for birthday parties, private meetings, and small concert hall for organizations such as the Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program. The space features a library of art books and an artist resource center with shared access to technology and equipment that can be used on site or checked out.

“We believe art is central to the quality of life and economy in northeastern Minnesota. Providing professional development opportunities for artists is a priority for MacRostie,” said Marshall. “We recognize the significant impacts that working artists have on community and economic development in the Itasca area.”

A study in 2018 by the [Minnesota Citizens of the Arts](#) confirmed the connection between art and economic development. [Learn more about the economic impact of art and culture organizations and audiences in Minnesota’s Iron Range and the counties of Itasca, Lake and St. Louis.](#)



MAC is a 50-year-old nonprofit that presents monthly exhibitions, provides art classes for all ages and supports artists through grant writing and technical assistance. The storefront where Giinawind is located is connected to their retail arm that supports local artists through a space to sell their work. It attracts tourists and local visitors throughout the calendar year.

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

## Non-Traditional Lenders Forum coming to Ely



A Non-Traditional Lenders Forum will share information about regional non-traditional lending sources and programs. The forum is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at the Boathouse Brewpub in Ely from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bankers, lenders, for-profit business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include: ARDC, APEX, Innovate

218, Northspan Group, Inc., Entrepreneur Fund, Great River Energy, Northland Foundation, Northland Small Business Development Center, Minnesota Business Finance Corporation and Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Lunch will be provided at this free event.

[Learn more and register.](#)

## Earth Fest set for April 22 in Virginia

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability will host its annual Earth Fest celebration on Saturday, April 22 at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center in Virginia. This year's theme is "For the Children, For us All."

Earth Fest will feature children's activities, a local marketplace, exhibits, speakers, music and a repair cafe. Lunch will be provided by GoFigur's. The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Get additional details.](#)



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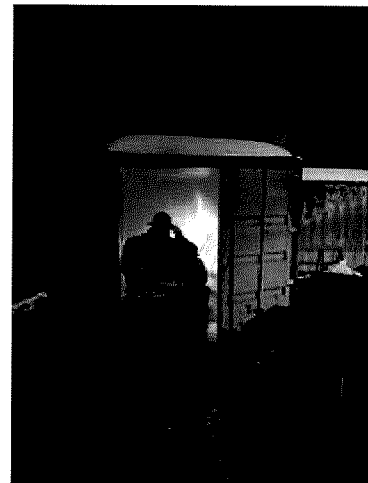
### Number of emergency service providers and frontline workers in region grows

Minnesota North College Customized Training Solutions launched a training program for new and incumbent frontline workers within the healthcare and emergency services fields. The program increased the frequency of entry-level short-term training options in northeastern Minnesota and has resulted in:

- 102 new emergency medical responders.
- 29 new emergency medical technicians.
- 71 new firefighters.

Some of the new professionals are in process of receiving final certification. The majority are now serving area communities on fire departments, ambulance services and law enforcement agencies, and at local industry employers to enhance worker safety.

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$150,000 Workforce Development grant to Northeast Higher Education District (NHED). Total project investment is estimated at \$300,000.





“Access to quality affordable training is crucial to the emergency services field and the Rural Frontline Worker Grant is making that happen,” said Amy Rice, Minnesota North College’s Emergency Services Customized Training Representative. “The grant helped open the door for many to enter the field at lower financial risk than previously able. We have high school students registering, senior citizens re-entering the field after a break from previous service, and family members are enrolling together as they share a passion for helping others.”

Rice explained that COVID-19 drew the world’s attention to frontline workers. Those in the emergency services fields experienced long hours, isolation and career burnout. Many of the positions in rural Minnesota are filled by paid-on-call and volunteer workers, and there was a decrease in the number of people training to become emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians and firefighters. Long hours, low pay, high risk and job stress began to outweigh the profession’s previous draw of high adrenaline work while serving their community in a vital role that has great public support.

“There are now 200 new emergency service frontline workers in the region,” said Rice. “Additional trainings are in the pipeline, and our goal is to continue increasing that number.”

Minnesota North College Customized Training Solutions (CTS) is a customized training and continuing education provider and a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. It partners with Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College to deliver workforce development results to businesses and industry partners. CTS specializes in delivering instructional programming in mining and manufacturing, CDL & transportation, healthcare, business solutions, emergency services, MSHA and safety.



**Individuals:** [Learn more about CTS training opportunities and upcoming certification classes to expand your skill set and licenses.](#)

**Regional businesses:** Learn more about training your incumbent workers or seeking training for new workers by [emailing Gail Anderson](#) or calling her at 218-293-6921.

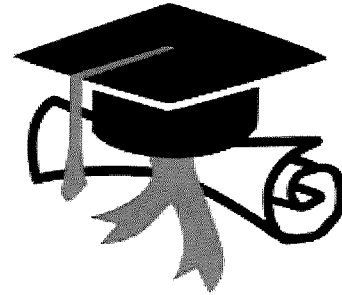
[Email Danae Beaudette](#) for Workforce Development grant information or call her at 218-

735-3022.

*Pictured above: Firefighting and Emergency Medical Response Training.*

## Helping Small Businesses: Workforce Development grants

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation invests approximately \$450,000 annually into Workforce Development grants across its 13,000-square-mile service area. The grants assist with education, training and career awareness initiatives that address regional workforce needs and gaps emerging in industries and schools.



The grants can assist the region's businesses with upskilling their incumbent workers and training potential new employees in a trade or specific skill such as welding, machining, heavy equipment simulation training, CNC and rigging.

The grants may be awarded to Minnesota North College, who in turn works with area businesses to develop and offer the training needed to fill job openings. Past grants have trained assemblers, fabricators, maintenance mechanics, auto technicians and electricians.

"Small businesses are facing challenges to retaining and recruiting new workers. Finding properly skilled workers can be a barrier to growth, both for the businesses itself and to the region's economy," said Commissioner Ida Rukavina, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. "Our Workforce Development grants strive to eliminate that barrier by supporting customized training solutions for small businesses. In partnership with Minnesota North College, the grants can help students enter high-demand careers as well as train workers already employed at a business."

[Watch a short two-minute video about Workforce Development grants.](#)

*If you are a local business and interested in learning more about Workforce Development grants to train your incumbent workers or develop training for new workers, [email Gail Anderson](#) or call her at 218-293-6921. Gail can help your business by developing programs to train and certify workers for skilled positions in demand.*

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### Commissioner Rukavina and development team meet with Aitkin officials



Since January, Commissioner Ida Rukavina and the agency's development staff have been meeting with mayors and officials from communities across the agency's service area. Community engagement is one of Rukavina's top priorities, and her goal is to personally connect with business leaders, mayors, city administrators, tribal governments, nonprofits and educators in each community. Each community is important and unique, and she wants to hear directly from them what their needs and priorities are.

On April 14, Rukavina and members of the agency's development team visited Aitkin, with meetings at Aitkin County Growth and Aitkin City Hall. Housing needs were a key point of discussion. In addition, the group discussed how partners in Aitkin have been working on the Tour of Opportunities – an upcoming informational event to support economic growth.

*Pictured in the front row are Commissioner Ida Rukavina and Katherine Galliger, Aitkin City Council member. In the back row are Chris Ismil, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation community development team; Mark Jeffers, Aitkin County economic development coordinator; Mike Skrbich, Aitkin city administrator; and Matt Sjoberg Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation executive director of development. Not pictured is Whitney Ridlon, Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation community development team.*

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## Grant Writing Assistance available to northeastern Minnesota communities

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation invests approximately \$30,000 annually into Grant Writing Assistance across its 13,000 square-mile service area. The funding helps cities, townships, tribal governments and nonprofits pay for experienced grant writers to help with grant applications.

Preparing an effective grant proposal, identifying funding sources and navigating the application process can be costly and requires technical expertise to which small communities often do not have access. Experienced grant writers can identify funding sources and navigate the application process to secure state, federal, philanthropic foundation, trust and corporate funding that create economic growth.



Below are three state grant opportunities with upcoming deadlines. If these grants are of interest to your community or organization, consider utilizing Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation's "Grant Writing Assistance" program to hire an experienced grant writer to help with the grant applications.

- Minnesota Historical & Cultural Grant/Legacy Grants: Supports projects focused on preserving Minnesota's history and culture. Small (\$10,000 or less) and large (more than \$10,000) grants available.
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Recreation Grants: Supports a wide variety of projects including parks, natural areas, trails, water access and shooting ranges. Grant amounts vary.
- DNR Rural Fire Department Assistance Grant: Provides financial and technical assistance to Minnesota fire departments in cities or communities with a population under 10,000. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Watch a short two-minute video about Grant Writing Assistance.

Email Whitney Ridlon or call her at 218-735-3004 for Grant Writing Assistance information.

**BONUS OPPORTUNITY - Meet the Grantmakers:** Join a free virtual event on Wednesday, May 24. Meet regional grant administrators and learn about upcoming grant applications and timelines. Learn more about the May 24 Meet the Grantmakers event.

## **\$15 million available to help Minnesotans access high-speed broadband**



Ahead of an important April 30 deadline, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is encouraging Minnesotans to apply for its Line Extension Program to connect homes and businesses to high-speed broadband.

The DEED Office of Broadband Development's Line Extension Program connects internet service providers to residents and businesses that lack high-speed broadband.

If applicants are in areas where high-speed broadband is available, DEED will help service providers contact applicants about connecting to the service. If no provider offers broadband at an applicant's address, the Line Extension Program awards grants for providers who want to extend existing broadband infrastructure to the unserved locations, providing higher-speed internet to more people around the state.

Minnesota residents and businesses that lack access to broadband speeds of at least 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3Mbps upload can apply online through the Office of Broadband Development. They can also request a paper application by calling 651-259-7610 or emailing DEED.broadband@state.mn.us. Minnesotans are encouraged to apply even if they do not know their existing Internet speeds.

"High-speed broadband helps families stay connected to work, school, and healthcare. It allows businesses big and small to reach more customers and grow" said Bree Maki, executive director of the Office of Broadband Development at DEED. "The Line Extension

Program is one of the ways DEED is connecting more people to the broadband they need. We encourage Minnesotans who need faster connections to apply for this program.”

While DEED will accept applications throughout the year, the Office of Broadband Development will only review applications, contact applicants and award extension grants every six months. The first review period begins on May 1, meaning Minnesotans hoping to participate most quickly should apply before then.

The Legislature created the Line Extension Program in 2022, allocating \$15 million for broadband extension grants to further DEED’s mission to connect more Minnesotans to high-speed broadband. Minnesota’s 2026 goal is that all homes and businesses have access to broadband with download speeds of at least 100Mbps and upload speeds of at least 20 Mbps.

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## Earth Fest set for April 22 in Virginia

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability will host its annual Earth Fest celebration on Saturday, April 22 at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center in Virginia. This year’s theme is “For the Children, For us All.”

Earth Fest will feature children’s activities, a local marketplace, exhibits, speakers, music and a repair cafe. Lunch will be provided by GoFigur’s. The event is free and runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Get additional details.](#)



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## Non-Traditional Lenders Forum coming to Ely



A Non-Traditional Lenders Forum will share information about regional non-traditional lending sources and programs. The forum is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at the Boathouse Brewpub in Ely from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

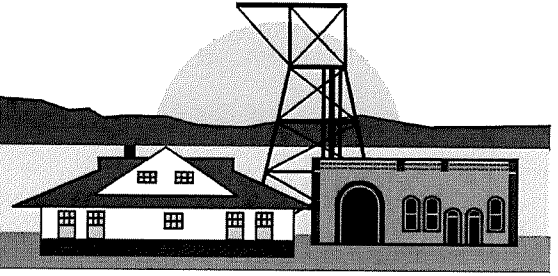
Bankers, lenders, for-profit business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include: ARDC, APEX, Innovate

218, Northspan Group, Inc., Entrepreneur Fund, Great River Energy, Northland Foundation, Northland Small Business Development Center, Minnesota Business Finance Corporation and Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation. Lunch will be provided at this free event.

[Learn more and register.](#)

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



March 30, 2023

Breitung Town Board  
33 First Avenue  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Breitung Town Board,

Thank you for your 2023 support of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. Your generous \$500 gift is appreciated.

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. A community gathering space for events, a History Education Center featuring local history displays, including the city's original steam powered fire engine, the "James Tippet", will offer opportunities to tell stories of the immigrants and their families who give the Iron Range its cultural heritage and had far-reaching impact on our community, state and nation.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Larson*

Nancy Larson, President  
Tower-Soudan Historical Society

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# Saint Louis County

**Environmental Services Department**

Virginia Government Services Center • 201 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West • Virginia, MN 55792  
 Phone: (218) 749-9703 or 1-800-450-9278 • Fax: (218) 749-0650 • www.stlouiscountymn.gov

David Fink, Director

## St. Louis County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities

<p><b>Virginia HHW Facility</b>  <i>at the Regional Landfill</i>          5345 Regional Landfill Road          Virginia, MN 55792          (218) 741-8831  <b>Hours of Operation:</b>  <b>Tuesdays &amp; Saturdays</b>  <b>8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Hibbing HHW Facility</b>  <i>at the Hibbing Transfer Station</i>          3994 Landfill Road          Hibbing, MN 55746          (218) 362-5922  <b>Hours of Operation:</b>  <b>Saturdays</b>  <b>8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b></p>
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## 2023 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Community Collection Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 4	Thur	Aurora Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 11	Thur	Brookston Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 18	Thur	Floodwood Services and Training*	10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
May 25	Thur	Meadowlands Canister Site*	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 15	Thur	Ely Joint Public Works Facility	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 22	Thur	Cook Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
June 28	Wed	Soudan Canister Site	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 6	Thur	County 77 Canister Site*	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
July 19	Wed	Balkan Canister Site	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Aug. 2	Wed	French Canister Site (Side Lake)*	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Aug. 24	Thur	Cook Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	Thur	Northwoods Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	Fri	Cotton Canister Site	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\*Video Display Devices only accepted from HOUSEHOLDS with payment by check or Solid Waste Coupon  
 (Maximum of two (2) devices per visit.)

## St. Louis County B-CLEAN Business Hazardous Waste Collections For Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Businesses

Call B-CLEAN at least one week in advance for an appointment at (218) 741-8831.

June 8	Thur	Ely	Northwoods Transfer Station	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
July 12	Wed	Hibbing	HHW Building, Hibbing Transfer Station	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Aug 16	Wed	Virginia	HHW Building, Regional Landfill	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

There is a \$15.00 administrative fee to those businesses wishing to dispose of hazardous waste through this program. **Pre-approval with a submitted waste inventory is required.** Businesses wishing to dispose of hazardous waste must first obtain an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Waste Identification number, established by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). *Please call (218) 741-8831 for more information.* Businesses that bring hazardous waste to the Hazardous Waste facility without pre-approval may be turned away.



**B-CLEAN**

Hazardous waste disposal for small business provided by St. Louis County.

*Because a small amount of hazardous waste from your business may become a big problem.*



# Take-it-to-the-Box!

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Now available at these locations!

We accept:  
Prescription medications in any form from households.

- Pills and capsules
- Blister packs
- Creams and gels
- Inhalers
- IV bags
- Liquids
- Patches
- Powders
- Sprays
- Vials

Virginia Sheriff's Department  
300 South 5th Avenue  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Hibbing Sheriff's Department  
1810 12th Avenue East  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Babbitt Police Department  
71 South Drive  
24 Hours

Chisholm Police Department  
301 West Lake Street  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Gilbert Police Department/City Hall  
16 Broadway Street South  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Eveleth Police Department  
415 Pierce Street  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Ely City Hall  
209 East Chapman Street  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Floodwood City Hall  
111 8th Avenue West  
Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### NOT Acceptable

- Needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Thermometers

\*Medications from business are not accepted

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.



Learn more about how to dispose of home meds.

[www.stlouiscountymn.gov/hw](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/hw)

st. louis county environmental services 800.450.9278

**St. Louis County  
Environmental Services Department**

**Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

**Soudan Canister Site  
June 28, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

*In the event of an emergency or bad weather, local HHW collections will be delayed or canceled.*

**Year round Disposal at**

**St. Louis County  
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities**

5345 Regional Landfill Road, Virginia  
218-741-8831

Open Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
and

3994 Landfill Road, Hibbing  
218-362-5922

Open Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**For more information, call the St. Louis County Environmental  
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**St. Louis County  
Environmental Services Department**

**Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

**Ely Joint Public Works Facility**

**June 15, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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**St. Louis County  
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**Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

**Northwoods Transfer Station**

**August 31, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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**St. Louis County  
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**St. Louis County  
Environmental Services Department**

**Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

**County 77 Canister Site  
July 6, 2023  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**Year round Disposal at**

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Employer Newsletter of the Public Employees Retirement Association

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## 2023 Legislative Update

The 2023 legislative session began on January 3rd.

The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR) heard testimony on the MSRS, PERA, and TRA administrative bills earlier in session. These bills, along with several other retirement-related bills, were merged into the Pension and Retirement Omnibus Policy Bill HF2950/SF3016.

PERA's portion of the Omnibus Policy Bill includes the following topics:

- » **Membership Eligibility Salary Threshold.** Changes the membership salary threshold from an annual threshold to a monthly amount. This topic was detailed in the Winter 2022 newsletter.
- » **Dependent Child Survivor Benefits.** Standardizes the age of dependent child benefits for all PERA plans and removes the Police & Fire student requirement.
- » **Leave Purchases.** Allows terminated members and disability applicants to purchase leaves under the same time frame as active members.
- » **Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) vesting credits.** Amends statutes to count prior service with a relief association as vesting service.

Other key topics under discussion include:

- » **Disability process changes.** HF1234/SF1959 is a proposed bill providing early mental health treatment for public safety members and contains provisions related to PERA benefit eligibility and amounts. The bill and the PERA-related changes were supported by our Board. See PERA's legislation page for several educational resources on this proposed Bill at [mnpera.org/legislation](http://mnpera.org/legislation).
- » **One-time post-retirement adjustment.** HF2940/SF2979, a State government finance bill, contains appropriations for the plans and a one-time post-retirement adjustment in 2024.

PERA is monitoring proposed legislation as it continues to be discussed with the LCPR. The session is expected to end in May. Many proposed items are still being discussed and outcomes are uncertain. In our next newsletter, we will provide detailed information regarding what proposals are passed by the Legislature.

The LCPR website provides information and tracking of retirement-related bills from the House and Senate. Many proposals are introduced throughout the legislative session; however, not all proposals will become law. You can access LCPR's bill page at [lcpr.mn.gov/billlog](http://lcpr.mn.gov/billlog).

*Administer and promote sustainable retirement plans and provide services that our members value.*

# PERA Board welcomes elected trustees

The PERA Board welcomes one new trustee, Dennis Flaherty, elected retired, disabled and survivor representative; along with four returning trustees, Paul Bourgeois, Thomas Stanley, Thomas Rupp, elected active General and Correctional Plan representatives; and Paul Ford, elected Police & Fire representative.

Board Elections were held in January to fill five open positions which serve a four-year term. The election vendor certified the voting results. The Board voted to accept the certified results during their meeting on February 16. Visit the About section of our website for more information about PERA's Board of Trustees.



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## TROUBLESHOOTING ERIS

At times, ERIS may be operational but individual employers experience access issues. Here is a list of troubleshooting tips that resolve most issues:

- » **Avoid Bookmarks.** Sessions often time-out. Accessing through a bookmarked link can store an expired session. Log into ERIS by going to our website at [mnpera.org](http://mnpera.org) → Employers → ERIS Login.
- » **Use Another Web Browser.** Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Microsoft Edge are good options. Internet Explorer has been discontinued and is no longer supported.
- » **Cookies and Cache.** Clearing cookies and cache browsing history can clear an obstruction in the ERIS connection. The process for clearing these items varies by web browser. If you are unfamiliar, search “how to clear cache on (insert name of your web browser)”.
- » **Refresh the Page.** Press Ctrl+F5. In most browsers, this will retrieve the webpage from the server instead of loading it from the cache.
- » **Check for New Devices.** Has your agency installed any new hardware, devices, or programs recently? Sometimes those can cause a disruption where least expected. Check with your internal IT Department for assistance.
- » **Provide PERA the IPv4 Address.** If none of the above options work, your firewall may be blocked. Locate the IPv4 address of your computer and email to [Employer.Reps@mnpera.org](mailto:Employer.Reps@mnpera.org) for staff to assist.

**To Find Your IPv4 Address:** search “what is my IPv4 address” in a web browser. The result will display as ###.###.###.###.

## NCPERS Life Insurance

The National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) offers a decreasing term life insurance program, called the *Public Employee Financial Protection Plan*, issued by Prudential.

As a public employer, you are able to offer this benefit to your PERA-covered employees, who pay a fixed \$16 per month. The benefit provides coverage for the employee, spouse, and dependent children. The life insurance benefit gradually decreases as the employee gets older. Coverage can continue into retirement by transferring the deduction to the PERA benefit payment. The plan is completely voluntary, and can be terminated by the employee at any time. For more information on this program, please visit [ncpers.memberbenefits.com/minn](https://ncpers.memberbenefits.com/minn).

Note: PERA has no role in the carrier selection, design, or operation of the plan.

## ERIS Enhancement: Edit Leave Report Data

Employers who have successfully submitted an Annual Leave Report may now use the Amend Report Data feature to edit information already submitted for an employee. Previously, you were only able to add individuals who were missed on the original submission.

Click the Edit link to change Employee Information entries for date, hourly rate and total hours. When you have finished, click Save -> Submit to PERA. Close the report when you have finished making changes. PERA will generate and mail a new purchase estimate based on the updated information.

The Amend Report Data link remains available throughout the year until it is time to complete next year's report. At this time, you must still contact us to add new leave periods for an employee who was already included on the original report. A future enhancement is planned to address this limitation. Contact us at [employer.reps@mnpera.org](mailto:employer.reps@mnpera.org) with questions.

## 2022 Financial Reports Now Available

PERA is pleased to announce that the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), which is a summary of the ACFR, are now available on our website. The reports provide financial, investment, actuarial, statistical, and other related information about PERA and the pension plans it administers.

The 2022 GASB 68 Toolkit, which includes the GASB 68 schedules, audit opinion, and suggested footnotes, can also be accessed online. Employers with a calendar year ending December 31, 2022, and a measurement date of June 30, 2022, should use this information.

These reports can be found online under the Financial section of our website at.

## EMPLOYER EDUCATION

### ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

For your convenience, we have two on-demand webinars that can be viewed at any time:

- » The **Annual Leave Reporting** webinar is recommended for any contact responsible for member status or contribution reporting.
- » The **Welcome Employer: PERA Reporting Training** is recommended for payroll, HR, and business managers who are new to PERA reporting.

### LIVE WEBINARS

- » The **Welcome Employer: PERA Reporting Training** webinar will be presented on Thursday, April 27 at 11:00 am.
- » After this legislative session ends, we will present a webinar on changes impacting PERA and employers. Details will be announced in the summer newsletter.

Check out the Employer Education page for more information at [mnpera.org/education/employer-education](https://mnpera.org/education/employer-education).



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### **Why would PERA request a termination date for someone who changed jobs but is still a current employee of our governmental entity?**

A status change of Termination means that an employee's coverage under a specific PERA-covered plan has ended. It is required when the work relationship between your entity and the employee has ended.

It is also needed when an employee moves to a different position within your entity that causes a change to their PERA plan or Retirement System coverage. For example:

- » Coordinated Plan member is promoted to a full-time police officer and enrolled in PERA's Police & Fire Plan.
- » Coordinated Plan member is promoted to a teacher and enrolled in Teachers Retirement Association (TRA).

In both situations, you must update the Coordinated Plan status to Terminated, using an effective date of the position change.

Employers have a responsibility to report employment status changes for PERA-covered employees during the pay period in which it occurs. Timely reporting ensures that employees receive up-to-date benefit estimates and statements.

**Cc:** Kerr, Lisa - RD, MN  
**Subject:** USDA RD Single Family Housing Program Quarterly Public Announcement  
**Attachments:** April 2023 SFH\_PSA\_funds available.doc; 508\_RD\_FS\_RHS\_SFH502Direct.pdf; 508\_rd\_fs\_rhs\_sfh504homerepair.pdf

I'm writing to ask for your assistance to help Rural Development reach even more people who might need help. We want to continue to assist households in need and get our funding spent. Please share our program information to anyone who might find our program useful.

A couple of benefits to our 504 Repair program:

- Homeowner's must live in an eligible rural area of Minnesota and both own and occupy the dwelling.
- The repair loan is for very-low income homeowners with a fixed 1% interest rate and 20-year term. Maximum loan is \$40,000.
- Grant funds are limited to a lifetime award of up to \$10,000 for very-low income elderly applicants age 62 or older. Grant eligible repairs must be health and safety related or be utilized for accessibility improvements for a disabled household member.
- Work is completed by a licensed contractor.
- Typical repairs include but are not limited to: roof, well, septic or sewer line replacements, radon mitigation and accessibility improvements.

I've attached our fact sheet for both the 504 Repair and the 502 Purchase programs along with the PSA Announcement. Feel free to distribute these items to homeowners who you run across in your day-to day work. We want your referrals and can partner with other agencies to assist in financing!

Interested persons can contact me at (218) 741-3929 ext 4 or email me directly with questions. If you, your co-workers, or clients would like to know more about our programs and processes, contact me and I'd be happy to discuss.

Thank you,

Relief. Recover. Refinance.

Lisa Kerr  
SFH Direct Loan Technician  
Rural Development  
United States Department of Agriculture  
1202 8th St S, Suite 103 | Virginia, MN 55792  
Phone: 218.305.3589 | Fax: 855.823.7652  
Email: [lisa.kerr@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.kerr@usda.gov)  
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## **USDA Accepting Applications to Help Low-Income Individuals and Families Buy or Repair Homes**

USDA Rural Development has funds available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development [Housing Specialist](#) in your area today, to see if you qualify.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn).

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# Rural Home Loans (Direct Program)

## What does this program do?

**Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program helps low- and very-low-income applicants buy decent, safe, and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase their applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.**

### **Who can apply for this program?**

A number of factors are considered when determining eligibility for Single Family Direct Home Loans. At a minimum, applicants must have an adjusted income that is at or below the applicable low-income limit for the area in which they wish to buy a house (an income limit map is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcfb>). They must also demonstrate a willingness and ability to repay debt.

### **Applicants must:**

- Be without decent, safe, and sanitary housing
- Be unable to obtain a loan from other resources on terms and conditions that can reasonably be expected to be met
- Agree to occupy the property as their principal residence
- Have the legal capacity to incur a loan obligation
- Meet citizenship or eligible noncitizen requirements
- Not be suspended or debarred from participation in federal programs

### **Properties financed with direct loan funds must:**

- Be modest in size for the area
- Not have market value in excess of the applicable area loan limit
- Not be designed for income-producing activities

Borrowers are required to repay all or a portion of the payment subsidy received over the life of the loan when the title to the property transfers, or the borrower is no longer living in the dwelling.

Applicants must meet income eligibility for a direct loan. You can visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for complete details. Or, contact your local Rural Development office (a map is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) to learn more.

### **What is an eligible area?**

Properties must be located in an eligible rural area. Visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for details.

### **How can funds be used?**

Loan funds can be used to help low-income people or households buy homes in rural areas. Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate, or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and waste treatment equipment.

### **How much can I borrow?**

The maximum loan amount an applicant qualifies for depends on their ability to repay a loan. Rural Development considers various factors, such as income, debts, assets, and the amount of payment assistance the applicant is eligible to receive. Regardless of repayment ability, applicants can never borrow more than the area loan limit (plus certain other costs eligible to be financed) in the county in which the property is located (information is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcGB> - PDF)

## What is the interest rate and payback period?

- The interest rate is fixed, and based on current market rates at loan approval or closing, whichever is lower.
- When modified by payment assistance, the monthly mortgage payment can be reduced to a low as an effective 1 percent interest rate.
- The payback period is 33 years (38 years for very-low-income applicants who can't afford a 33-year loan term).

## How much down payment is required?

Down payments are not typically required, but applicants with assets higher than the asset limit can be required to use a portion of those assets.

## Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are accepted year-round through your local Rural Development office. A map is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>.

## How long does an application take?

Processing times vary depending on funding availability and program demand in the area in which the applicant is interested in buying. Processing times also are dependent upon the completeness of the applicant's package.

## What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended; 7 CFR, Part 3550 (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvG>)
- HB-1-3550 - Direct Single Family Housing Program Field Office Handbook (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvM> - PDF)

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# Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

## What does this program do?

**Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, it provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes, or provides grants to elderly, very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.**

## Who can apply for this program?

**To qualify, you must:**

- **Be the homeowner and occupy the house**
- **Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere**
- **Have a family income within the very-low-income limit**
- **For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan**

### **What is an eligible area?**

Properties must be located in an eligible rural area. You can visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for complete details.

### **How can funds be used?**

- Loans can be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes, or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

### **How much money can I get?**

- Maximum loan is \$40,000.
- Maximum grant is \$10,000.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 in assistance.

### **What are the terms of the loan or grant?**

- Loans are repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1 percent.
- Full title service is required for loans greater than \$25,000.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$10,000.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than three years.

- If applicants can repay part - but not all - of the costs, they may be offered a loan and grant combination.

### **Is there a deadline to apply?**

Applications are available year-round as long as funding is available, and are processed in the order they are received.

### **How long does an application take?**

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a state or area office-based USDA home loan specialist (a map is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) for help with your application.

### **How do I get started?**

Contact a USDA home loan specialist (information is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) in your area.

### **What governs this program?**

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended; 7 CFR, Part 3550 (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvG>)
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# Breitung 2022 Drinking Water Report

## Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 52 to 62 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian and Quaternary Water Table aquifers.

Breitung works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Matt Tuchel, Water Supervisor, at (218) 780-2560 or [towersoudanwater@accessmn.com](mailto:towersoudanwater@accessmn.com) if you have questions about Breitung's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Breitung Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage [Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

## How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

## Definitions

- **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{l}$ ).
- **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter ( $\text{mg}/\text{l}$ ).
- **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

**Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances**

<b>LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.</b>						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (09/01/20)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.28 ppb	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (09/01/20)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.24 ppm	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

<b>INORGANIC &amp; ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.</b>						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	0.06 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (09/22/21)	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.03 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.

**CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	47.5 ppb	28.60 - 64.00 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.07 ppm	0.02 - 0.11 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	82.6 ppb	35.00 - 67.30 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

**Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)**

Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA): Late in the year our system had a HAA result that was greater than the MCL. Since there is variability in sampling results, and this is not an acute contaminant, four quarterly sample results are used to determine compliance for this contaminant. HAAs will continue to be monitored quarterly on our system into 2023.

**OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.59 ppm	0.45 - 0.51 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

**Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)**

Fluoride: If your drinking water fluoride levels are below the optimal concentration range of 0.5 to 0.9 ppm, please talk with your dentist about how you can protect your teeth and your family's teeth from tooth decay and cavities. For more information, visit: MDH Drinking Water Fluoridation (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/fluoride.html>).

Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to an optimal concentration between 0.5 to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

## Monitoring Results – Unregulated Substances

In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water.

Detection alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The meaning of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time.

The following table shows the unregulated contaminants we detected last year, as well as human-health based guidance values for comparison, where available. The comparison values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations or the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. They may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for water systems to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contaminant).

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little or no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions - like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity – may need to take extra precautions. Because these contaminants are unregulated, EPA and MDH require no particular action based on detection of an unregulated contaminant. We are notifying you of the unregulated contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity.

- More information is available on MDH’s [A-Z List of Contaminants in Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html>) and Fourth [Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule \(UCMR 4\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html>).

<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.</b>			
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Comparison Value</b>	<b>Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result</b>	<b>Range of Detected Test Results</b>
Sulfate	500 ppm	17.3 ppm	N/A

## Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## Learn More about Your Drinking Water

### Drinking Water Sources

Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Breitung is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Breitung is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
  - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>
  - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
  - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:  
[Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program \(https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam\)](https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)  
The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
  - Read about water treatment units:  
[Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html)

Learn more:

- Visit [Lead in Drinking Water \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html)
- Visit [Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water \(http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead\)](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)
- Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit [Common Sources \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html).

## Help Protect Our Most Precious Resource – Water

## Conservation

Conservation is essential, even in the land of 10,000 lakes. For example, in parts of the metropolitan area, groundwater is being used faster than it can be replaced. Some agricultural regions in Minnesota are vulnerable to drought, which can affect crop yields and municipal water supplies.

We must use our water wisely. Below are some tips to help you and your family conserve – and save money in the process.

- Fix running toilets—they can waste hundreds of gallons of water.
- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Shower instead of bathe. Bathing uses more water than showering, on average.
- Only run full loads of laundry, and set the washing machine to the correct water level.
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full.
- Use water-efficient appliances (look for the WaterSense label).
- Use water-friendly landscaping, such as native plants.
- When you do water your yard, water slowly, deeply, and less frequently. Water early in the morning and close to the ground.
- Learn more
  - [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Conserving Water webpage \(https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/conserving-water\)](https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/conserving-water)
  - [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense webpage \(https://www.epa.gov/watersense\)](https://www.epa.gov/watersense)

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:

- Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.
- Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.
- Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.
- Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.
- Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills.
- Contact us to learn more.



# BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DANIEL REING  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## March 2023 Police Report

**ICRs (Calls for Service) 65 calls**

**Arrests 3**

- 1 Misdemeanor 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI arrest. (Citation issued).
- 1 Gross Misdemeanor DWI arrest, 2 times the legal limit.
- 1 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI arrest. (Citation issued).

**Citations (Excluding DWI citations) 6**

- 1 citation for Driving After Cancellation
- 1 citation for Driving After Revocation
- 1 citation for Expired Registration (Vehicles tabs were nearly 6 months overdue).
- 1 ordinance citation for Exhibition of Speed
- 1 ordinance citation for Blight Violation
- 1 ordinance citation for Parking Violation (Parking on the street in a Snow Emergency).

### **Notable Calls for Service:**

- 1 juvenile psych emergency incident.
- Assisted Babbitt Police Department with a felony pursuit.
- Numerous boathouses broken into in Stuntz Bay, nothing stolen.
- Multiple traffic and signs taken from Lake Vermilion State Park.



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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

March went very quickly this year. I can't believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2023. This month was a busy one for the department. We spent time on patrol and working on paperwork in the office. I finalized our Inservice training for next month through the POST Board. We are working in cooperation with Babbitt PD for our annual training saving both departments money on their budgets. Our trainings will occur at the end of April in both Breitung and Babbitt. Our call volume for March was steady. On the previous page I listed some of our notable incidents. I also completed a TZD (Towards Zero Deaths, State Grant) shift as well on St. Patrick's Day resulting in a DWI arrest. Our call volume will go up as the weather warms. I hope our warm up is sooner than later, I would enjoy some warmer weather. Stay safe and have a good week.

Daniel Reing

Chief of Police

Breitung Police Department

"It is with honor that we serve."

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

**March Fire Dept Report**

Our regular monthly fire department meeting was held on 3/8/2023.

This month's training consisted of Fire Fighter Rescue which was held at the Water Plant. This was conducted by our in-house training officers.

I received a retirement letter from one of our fire fighters who has been on the department for over 25 years. His last day will be July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

We received one call for service for the month which consisted of a snowmobile accident in Greenwood Township.

# Road and Bridge Report

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March 2023 Report

Continue Snow Plowing

Scraping ice off the Street

Sweeping Streets

Thawing out Culverts

Manhole Inspections and televising sewer mains for Inflow and Infrastructure

Replaced numerous water meters that are not working

Continue to televise sewer laterals on Poplar Street

Tom Gorsma

Maintenance Supervisor

# TOWN ROAD [ESTABLISHMENT / ALTERATION / VACATION] PETITION

To the Town Board of Breitung Township, St Louis  
County, Minnesota:

The undersigned legal voters of the Town who own real estate or occupy real estate under the homestead or preemption laws or under contract with the state within three miles of the road described below hereby petition you to [establish, alter, or vacate] the following described road:

[describe the road]

[a petition to establish a road must at least include the road's point of beginning, its general course, and its termination]

[a petition to alter or vacate a portion of a road must include a specific description of the portion to be altered or vacated]

[a petition to establish or alter a road must contain the following statements of purpose and necessity:

The purpose and necessity of the requested road establishment or alteration are:

The description of the several tracts of land over which the road passes and their owners are as follows:

Owners

Scott & Amy Lilya  
Mark Norcia

Description of Land

5737 Puncher Pt. Rd Tower Mn  
Parcel ID: 270-0095-00260

[add lines as needed]

of property line?

We ask you proceed with such [establishment, alteration, or vacation] pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 164.07.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Petitioners

Dale Duzan  
Linda Burgess

Address/Land Owned

5743 Puncher Pt Rd  
5743 Puncher Pt Rd.

[add lines as needed]

(Note: Only legal voters of the Town who own real estate or who occupy real estate under the homestead or preemption laws or under contract with the state within three miles of the road may sign the petition. At least eight signatures are required. If a husband and wife are both on the title to their property, and are voters of the town, then each can sign separately.)

Willard Potela

5729 Puncher Pt. Rd. Tower

Miriam Potela

5729 Puncher pt Rd. Tower

Ralph Bidler

5731 Puncher Pt. Rd. Tower

Jay

5741 PUNCHER POINT RD

[Signature]

5725 PUNCHER PT RD

Jane Turk

5758 PUNCHER PT. RD.



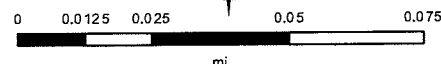
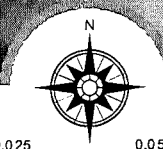
# County Land Explorer

St. Louis County, Minnesota

Scott Lilye



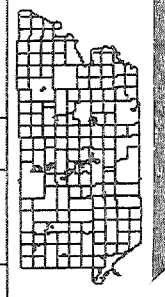
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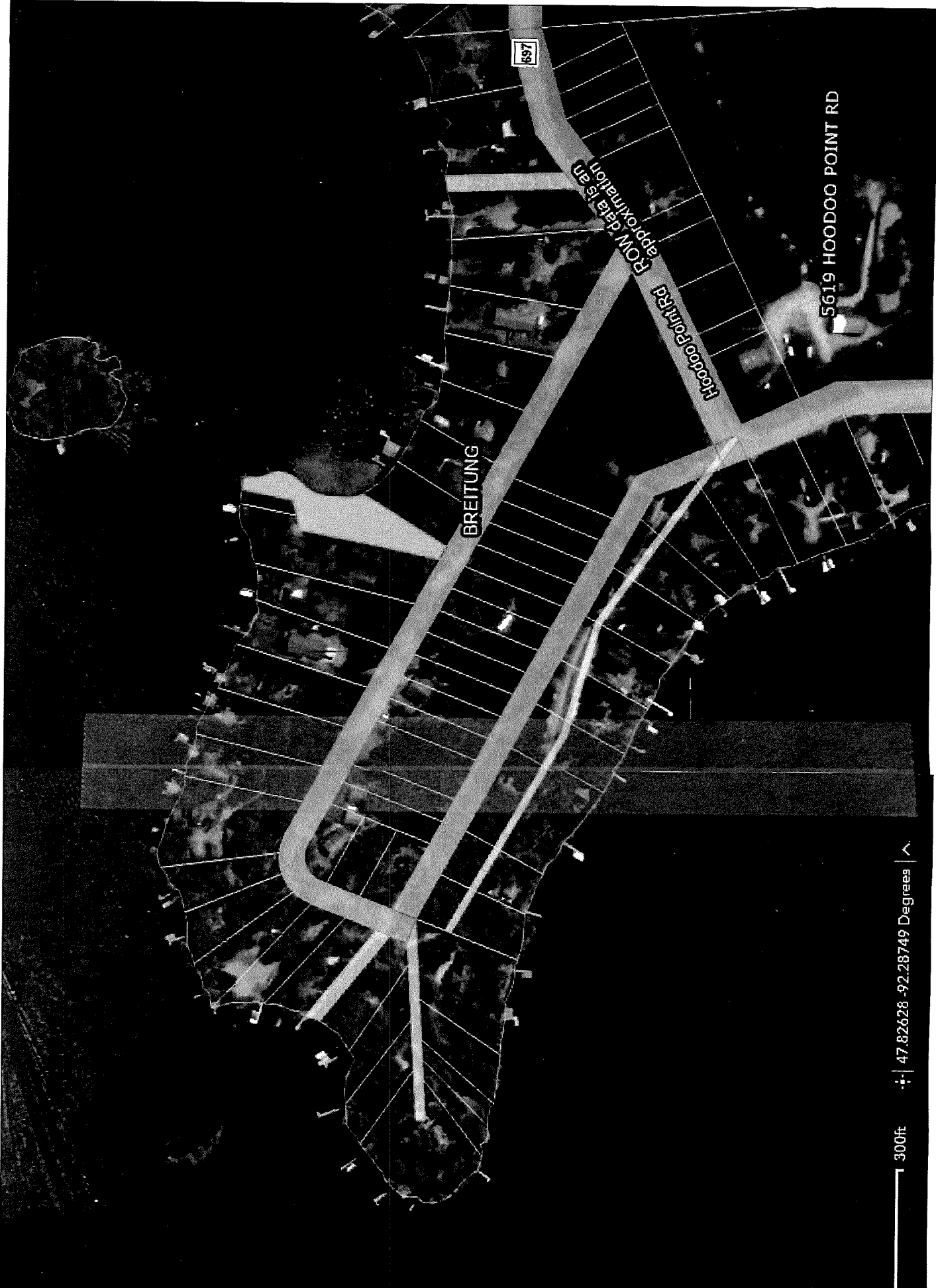


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County Land Explorer  
St. Louis County [www.stlouiscountymn.gov/explorer](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/explorer) Minnesota

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This is a compilation of records as they appear in the Saint Louis County Offices affecting the area shown. This drawing is to be used only for reference purposes and the County is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein





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47.82628 -92.28749 Degrees

5619 HOODOO POINT RD

BREITUNG

Hoodoo Point Rd  
ROW data is an  
approximation

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# THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

## FACILITY USE AND RENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted: April 27th

The Township of Breitung Buildings and Grounds are a gift to our community due to the support of our township residents and taxpayers. These buildings and grounds are an asset to our community and we want them to remain so. The Community Room was created primarily to serve the Township's government operations and the residents of the Township of Breitung. Use of the Community Room is governed by the Town Board and is set as follows:

### **PRIORITY FOR USE**

In the event of conflicts or multiple requests, use of the Community Room will be permitted according to the following priorities

1. Township of Breitung Operations:  
Town Board meetings, township governing bodies and administrative board meetings. Activities or events sponsored or presented by the Town Board.
2. Township of Breitung Community Organizations:  
Local organizations and groups serving the Township of Breitung such as non-profit educational, civic, or cultural organizations and groups operating within the Township of Breitung or who have a member residing within the Township.
3. Other non-township events such as: weddings, showers, birthdays, anniversaries, family gatherings, graduations, individual and/or groups for community meetings, or support groups.

### **RULES**

#### 1. FEES

- A. The Community Room may be reserved free of charge by any organization that meets the definition of Priority One or Two per above provided that the estimated attendance is 75 or less. If attendance is estimated to be over 75, then the fees are based on section B.1 that follows unless the fees are adjusted by pre-approval of the Town Board.
- B. For non-public events that meet the definition of Priority Three per above the following fees on a daily (full or partial) basis apply:

- 1) For residents of the Township a total fee of \$100 will be collected for rental fee, (\$50 refundable cleaning deposit). This must be collected within 72 hours of reserving the room and before use of the room. This must be collected in the form of two checks or money orders in the amount of \$50.00 each made out to the Township of Breitung. ~~one check or money order for \$100 made out to the Township of Breitung.~~ The \$50 cleaning deposit will be refunded by mail within 30 days after the key is returned and the room is left as specified below in Section 4.
  - 2) For non-residents of the Township a total fee of \$150 will be collected at the time of reserving the room (\$100 rental fee, \$50 cleaning deposit). This must be collected within 72 hours of reserving the room and before use of the room. This must be collected in the form of two checks or money orders in the amount of \$100.00 for rental and \$50.00 for the deposit made out to the Township of Breitung. ~~one check or money order for \$150 made out to the Township of Breitung.~~ The \$50 cleaning deposit will be refunded by mail within 30 days after the key is returned and the room is left as specified below in Section 4.
- C. For any organization serving alcohol in any Township building or grounds, an additional \$200 cleaning deposit will be collected and returned in the same manner of the normal \$50 cleaning deposit.
- ~~D. Organizations using the Community Room and wanting to charge for attendance or admission must get Board Approval prior to doing so. Consideration by the Board is on a case-by-case basis. Organizations using the Community Room may not charge for attendance or an admission charge to any event.~~

## 2. RESERVATIONS

- A. Reservations must be made in advance at the Township of Breitung clerk's office. All requests are honored on a first come, first serve basis.
- B. Only adults can reserve the Community Room and an adult must be present while the room is in use.
- C. The Community Room is available from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight. EXCEPT for the Township of Breitung Operations (i.e., the posted hours of operation for the office of the clerk and treasurer, etc.)
- D. Those who use the Community Room may set-up the day before **ONLY** if the room is not in use.

E. The Community Room may only be reserved for one day at a time unless specifically pre-approved by the Town Board.

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## REGULATIONS

- F. The Township of Breitung reserves the right to limit use of the Community Room by organizations whose activities interfere with township operations, adversely affect public safety or cause public disturbances. Any modifications to this policy or one-time exceptions shall be pre-approved upon a vote by the township supervisors.
- G. The person renting the room whose signature appears on the Facility Use Agreement form is fully responsible for any damages. If damages are found, the cleaning deposit shall be forfeited as to that portion which is necessary to repair such damage. If the cost of said repairs exceeds the deposit, damage charges will be invoiced by the Township of Breitung clerk's office to the lessee and shall be paid in full no later than one month following the date on the invoice.
- H. The Township of Breitung buildings are a smoke free environment. Event attendees desiring to smoke should be directed outside and at least 30 feet away from all entrances to the buildings.
- I. Serving of alcohol is prohibited except for pre-approval of the town board and which is subject to the additional \$200 deposit described above, the presence of either an off duty or hired law enforcement officer for the duration of the event and proper evidence of liability insurance coverage for their event.
- J. Parking on the grass is prohibited. Parking should be limited to the designated parking areas and adjacent parking lots or streets.
- K. All equipment, furniture, tables, chairs, etc. contained within the Community Room shall remain inside the building and shall not be removed at any time during the event.
- L. The Township of Breitung board and its employees are not responsible for injuries or damage to any member of a party of the equipment they bring in for set up or use.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF USE

- A. Leave the room and grounds in a clean and orderly condition. Wipe down all tables and chairs before restacking them or setting the tables and chairs back to the original set up, unless otherwise directed.
- B. Do not use tape on the walls or ceilings. Activities that may cause excessive wear on surfaces will be prohibited.
- C. Remove all trash from the building and grounds, it is the user's responsibility to properly remove and dispose of all garbage including garbage from the restrooms.
- D. Wash all dishes, utensils, etc. used, dry and place back where found.
- E. Sweep and/or mop the floor and vacuum where needed to bring the community room in a clean and orderly condition. Use the janitor's room sink to dispose of mop water.
- F. Clean the sinks, toilets and floor in the restrooms and empty trash.
- G. Adjust the setting on the thermostat back to the original setting.
- H. When you leave, turn off all the lights and make sure the doors are locked.
- I. Check the parking lot for any debris that guests may have left behind.

### 4. Other Guidelines

- A. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. Please report any other problems or concerns during business hours to the maintenance supervisor or the clerk's office.
- B. The person who signed the facility use agreement is responsible for the condition of the Community Room. Failure to comply with the above rules and regulations will be grounds for denying the groups' future requests to us the facility.
- C. The Township of Breitung is pleased to be able to offer our Community Room for use and we appreciate your assistance in helping us maintain our buildings and grounds.

The Breitung Township Board



## ADJACENT PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

ADJACENT NO. 1263795

East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

1.1 acre for Highway 169.

That part of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 5, Block 18, Soudan, according to recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County, Minnesota; thence northeasterly the extension boundary line between Lots 4 and 5, said Block 18, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 62 degrees 11 minutes 44 seconds the northerly right of way line of Highway 169; thence southwesterly said right of way line to the most easterly corner of said Lot 5; thence westerly along the north line of said Lot 5 to the point of beginning.

## ADJACENT PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS:

A:

East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying north of the northerly right of way of Highway 169.

That part of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 5, Block 18, Soudan, according to recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County, Minnesota; thence North 17 degrees 48 minutes 24 seconds East, assumed bearing along the easterly extension of the lot line between Lots 4 and 5, said Block 18, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 73 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East to the west line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, the point of beginning of the tract to be surveyed; thence continue South 73 degrees 46 minutes 20 seconds East to the northerly right of way line of Highway 169; thence easterly along said northerly right of way line to the west line of said East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence westerly along said west line to the point of beginning.

B:

East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of Highway 169.



Engineering  
Land Surveying  
Site Development

JPI ENGINEERING, INC  
425 Grant Street  
Hibbing, MN 55746  
(218) 262-5528

5670 Miller Trunk Hwy  
Duluth, MN 55811  
(218) 720-6219

www.jpjeng.com

## SKETCH & DESCRIPTION

For: Breitung Township

5111 Highway 169, Soudan, Minnesota 55782  
Part of the SE1/4 of Section 27, T62N, R15W, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

## SURVEYOR NOTES:

"This is not a boundary survey"

Orientation of the bearing system is based on the north line of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 27, T62N, R15W, to have a bearing of N 89°43'34" E.

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

Area of Parcel A is 748,391 square feet or 17.1807 acres ±.

Area of Parcel B is 17,704 square feet or 0.4064 acres ±.

Address of the property is 5111 Highway 169, Soudan, MN 55782.

Parcel Identification Number for this property is 270-0020-02774.

## CERTIFICATION:

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

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2023 for JPI Engineering, Inc.

Randy M. Morchy, PLS License Number 21401

SURVEY BY :	AUG
DRAWN BY :	AUG
DESIGNED BY :	
APPROVED BY :	RMM
DATE :	4/12/2023
PROJECT NUMBER	
XX-XXX	
SHEET NUMBER	

1 OF 2

**From:** Horton, Becky (DNR) <becky.horton@state.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2023 4:53 PM  
**Subject:** Notice of upcoming April 4 publication of Prospectors Loop Trail System EAW  
**Attachments:** 2023-03-27-ProspectorsEAW-InterestedPartiesMemo.pdf

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you are on the required Environmental Quality Board distribution list for Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAW), or you are another interested party.

This is an early notice that the EAW for the Prospectors Loop Trail System (Phase 2) will be released on April 4, 2023. The 30-day review and comment period will run from April 4 through May 4, 2023. Access to the EAW and its related documents will be available on the [DNR projects webpage](#) beginning April 4th.

For more information on the EAW and the commenting process, please see the attached memo.

Thank you,

Becky

**Rebecca Horton**  
Planner Principal | Division of Ecological and Water Resources

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**  
500 Lafayette Road N  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4025  
Phone: 651-259-5122  
Email: [becky.horton@state.mn.us](mailto:becky.horton@state.mn.us)  
[mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov)



Date: April 4, 2023

To: Parties on the EQB EAW Distribution List and Other Interested Parties

From: Becky Horton, Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit

## **RE: Prospectors Loop Trail System Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Worksheet**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments through May 4, 2023 on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposal for four new ATV trail segments and a connecting spur on the greater Prospectors Loop Trail. The segments would provide new connections to existing off-highway vehicle trails and amenities in northern St. Louis County.

The proposal from the Prospectors Trail Alliance (Club) is part of Phase 2 (also called “Connect Four” segments) of the greater Prospectors Loop Trail. Approximately 59 miles of trail are included: 22 miles of existing route open to ATV use, 28 miles of existing route with new ATV use, and 9 miles of proposed new route with new ATV use. The preparation of this EAW is mandatory and the DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the environmental review of this proposed project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on April 4, 2023 with the publication of the notice of availability of the EAW in the *Environmental Quality Board Monitor*.

The EAW and its associated attachments and figures will be available for review online on the [project page](#) of the DNR website beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

(<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/prospectors-loop.html>)

The EAW is available for public review at the following library:

- Hoyt Lakes Public Library: 206 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750.

Comments must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. May 4, 2023.

- Mailed comments should be sent to the attention of Becky Horton, EAW project manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Ecological and Water Resources Division, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155.
- E-mail comments should be sent to [environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with “Prospectors Loop” in the subject line.

Anyone providing a mailing address or submitting comments via email will receive a copy of the decision document, which includes responses to comments. Because all comments and related information are part of the public record for this environmental review, commenters’ names and email or postal addresses will be published and publicly available as they appear in the materials they submit.

## EXHIBIT B: PAYMENTS

*Culture &  
Tourism*

The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract will not exceed \$18,000.00 The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents itemized invoices for the services actually performed and the agency's Authorized Representatives accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule: reimbursement upon submission of invoices upon completion of stages of work on the project and/or completion of the entire project done in accordance with this Agreement.

Expense Description	Funding Source: Applicant	Funding Source: IRRR	Funding Source: McKinley Park Campground	Funding Source: Stuntz Bay Association	Funding Source: Lake Country Power	Total Funding
Expense 1 Stuntz Bay Dock replacement	\$7,300			\$7,500		\$14,800
Expense 2 McKinley Park dock decking; playground upgrades; sound system & bullhorn; large capacity canopy; serving tables; picnic tables	\$12,700	\$18,000	\$12,000		\$2,500	\$45,200
Expense 3						
Expense 4						
Expense 5						
Expense 6						
Expense 7						
Expense 8						
Expense 9						
Expense 10						
<b>Total</b>	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$12,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$60,000

Customer Name: Breitung Township  
 Billing Address: PO Box 56  
 City, State, Zip: Soudan, MN 55782  
 Business Telephone: 218-753-6020  
 Customer Contact: Dianna Sumsdahl

Sales Rep: Hannah Anderson  
 SOA Date: 3/24/2023  
 Renewal Date: Upon Return  
 CTC Acct #: 31480-5

Member Service Renewal



**CTC Local Services and Features**

Co-Term with Agreement ending January of 2028

Unit Price	Quantity	Monthly Total	Contract Discount	Per Unit Rate After Discount	Monthly Total With Contract Discounts	Non-Recurring Charges	
<b>McKinley Campground Services - Office</b>							
	1	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		
	1	\$ 15.95	(\$ 15.95)	\$ -	\$ -		
	1	\$ 15.95		\$ 15.95	\$ 15.95		
	1	\$ 5.00	(\$ 5.00)	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Voice Services</b>							
	1	\$ 24.95	(\$ 3.75)	\$ 21.20	\$ 21.20		
	1	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00		
	1	\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		
	1	\$ 0.91		\$ 0.91	\$ 0.91		
<b>Fiber Construction</b>							
...waived with agreement							
Subtotal Charges					\$ 177.76	\$ (24.70)	\$ 153.06

\*Surcharges and taxes required by local, state and federal agencies and content providers will be passed through to the customer and are not included in this quote.\*

**Directory Listing**

PLEASE REVIEW AND CORRECT IF NEEDED

McKinley Park Campground  
 5563 Hoodoo Point Rd  
 Soudan, MN 55782  
 218-753-2191

Tax Exempt  Contract Term 5 Year  X

Contact Email Address: clerk@breitungtownship.org

After-Hours Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: 5563 Hoodoo Point Rd  
 City, State, Zip: Soudan, MN 55782  
 Physical Address, if different than Billing address

CTC  
 Outbound LD Rate \$0.04  
 Inbound 800 LD Rate N/A  
 800 Number N/A

International Calling L/D Disclosure BLOCKED

IT Provider \_\_\_\_\_  
 IT Provider Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

HPBX Members Initial to Accept Long Distance Fees \* \_\_\_\_\_

Initial to Accept Master Service Terms \* \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Account Representatives**

The following person(s) are authorized to make changes to my service or personal information:

Name	Title/Position	Contact Number
Dianna Sumsdahl	Clerk	218-753-6020
Jorgine Gornick	Treasurer	218-753-6020
Daniel Reing	Police Chief	218-753-6020

CPNIA Account password: \_\_\_\_\_

\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/24/2023

Customer Signature/Title (Officer) Hannah Anderson CTC Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This Agreement, along with the Master Agreement, constitutes a binding agreement between Consolidated Telecommunications Co. and Customer. Customer acknowledges that the service term begins upon installation of respective services indicated in this Agreement. \*Surcharges and taxes required by local, state and federal agencies and content providers will be passed through to the customer and are not included in this quote.\*

Ver 02.23.23



# Saint Louis County

Planning and Community Development Department  
www.stlouiscountymn.gov

Matthew E. Johnson  
Director

April, 25, 2023

Township of Breitung  
PO Box 56  
Soudan  
Minnesota 55782-0056

2023  
Infrastructure

Your project has cleared environmental review and may move forward ~

A couple reminders:

- Before requesting bids, please contact St. Louis County Community Development staff for the current federal wage decision and other documents that *must be* included in the bid solicitation and contract. Failure to do so may require rebidding of the project or make it ineligible for CDBG reimbursement.
  - (**NOTE**) The Federal Labor Standards 4010 and Section 3 processes have *both* been updated for the 2023 construction year.
  - As of the date of this notice **the current HUD-4010 form was published 06/2022, and this must be the version used in bids and contracts** until the next version is published.
  - Contract training is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:00 am.
- 2023 awards have yet to be confirmed by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners. While the CDBG Advisory Committee has completed its process, those recommendations must be approved by the County Board. That process will take place after HUD's notification to St. Louis County of its CDBG award.
  - Reduced funding from HUD may mean reduced funding for your project**••
- Communities and agencies proceed at their own risk if undertaking their project prior to County Board approval and issuance of the 2023 CDBG contract with St. Louis County.
  - You may begin the proposed work prior to 5/1/2023. However, any costs incurred prior to MAY 01 **are not** reimbursable by CDBG.
- Workers and others involved on this project must adhere to the Unanticipated Discoveries Plan.

Thank you for your cooperation,

St. Louis County, Minnesota  
Planning and Community Development Staff  
Virginia Govt. Service Center  
201 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W, Virginia, MN 55792  
(P) 218-749-7103 (F) 218-749-7194  
[communitydevelopmentinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:communitydevelopmentinfo@stlouiscountymn.gov)

PLAN AND PROCEDURES FOR THE UNANTICIPATED DISCOVERY OF  
CULTURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS

2023 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS  
BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

**1. Introduction**

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP plans to construct the 2023 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS project. This project consists the reconstruction of an existing public street and including the following storm sewer, curb and gutter and bituminous pavement, public sidewalks and related appurtenances.

The following Unanticipated Discovery Plan (UDP) outlines procedures to follow, in accordance with state and federal laws, if archaeological materials or human remains are discovered.

**2. Discovery of Archaeological Site, Feature, or Deposit**

In the event that a previously unrecorded archaeological site or intact archaeological feature is discovered during construction, the following steps will be taken:

1. Ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of the discovery shall cease whenever a suspected intact archaeological site, feature, or deposit is encountered. This cessation shall continue until the archaeological site, feature, or deposit can be examined by a qualified archaeologist and the nature and extent of the site, feature, or deposit can be determined. Ground disturbing activities outside of the exclusion zone may proceed while this examination is undertaken.
2. The construction contractor will contact the Project Manager who will then contract a qualified archaeologist to record and examine the archaeological site, feature, or deposit.
3. The archaeological site, feature, or deposit shall be recorded and documented in accordance with the standards put forth in *State Archaeologist's Manual for Archaeological Projects in Minnesota* (Anfinson 2011) and evaluated for significance and National Register of Historic Places eligibility by a qualified archaeologist. If examination determines the site, feature, or deposit has sufficient significance and integrity to be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places a plan for avoidance, reducing impact, or mitigating the impact shall be developed in conjunction with all appropriate parties, which includes but is not limited to the Office of the State Archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Office, and in the event the site, feature, or deposit is

American Indian in nature, with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and appropriate tribal entities.

4. Ground disturbing activities within the cultural resource exclusion zone may proceed once the archaeological site, feature, or deposit has been recorded and is determined insignificant, or the appropriate treatment / mitigation has been completed.

### **3. Discovery of Human Remains or Suspected Human Remains:**

In the event that human remains, suspected human remains, or indications of burials are discovered during construction, the following steps will be taken per Minnesota Statute 307.08 (a human osteologist may aid in the identification of human remains if necessary, as approved by Minnesota Indian Affairs Council if the remains may be of American Indian ancestry):

1. Ground disturbing activities in the vicinity of the discovery *shall cease, and nothing shall be moved including: heavy equipment or machinery used in the vicinity of the discovery, human remains, or associated burial objects*, unless directed by law enforcement, the Office of the State Archaeologist, or the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. *The area of the discovery shall be secured against vandalism and/or theft.*
2. The Township Police Department shall be contacted immediately regarding the discovery, as well as the Project Manager, and the Office of the State Archaeologist if it is determined not to be a crime scene and the remains are 50 years of age or older.
3. If the remains are determined or suspected to be American Indian, the Office of the State Archaeologist will consult with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.
4. The Office of the State Archaeologist, in consultation with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council if the human remains or indication of a burial are suspected to be American Indian, will attempt to define the extent of the burial or grave site and determine the ancestry of the individuals.
5. The Office of the Sate Archaeologist, in conjunction with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council if appropriate, will determine how to proceed.
6. Earth moving activities in the vicinity of the human remains, suspected human remains, or indication of a burial shall not commence until approved by the

appropriate authorities, including local law enforcement, the Office of the State Archaeologist, or the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.

7. If the project occurs on federal lands (e.g., national forest or park, military reservation) the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 apply, and the responsible federal agency will follow its provisions.
8. If the project occurs on non-federal lands, ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and the following procedure:
9. At all times, the remains shall be treated with the utmost dignity and respect no matter the age or ethnic origin.

#### **4. Recognizing Cultural Resources**

A cultural resource discovery could be prehistoric or historic. Examples include:

- Bones, which may be small or fragmented;
- Circular depressions representing housing or ceremonial structures
- Very dark stained soil, or greasy soil, that may be associated with charcoal, shell, flaked stone, ash, or ground stone;
- Stone tools or waste flakes such as arrowheads; and
- Clusters of tin cans or bottles, logging or agricultural equipment that appear to be older than 50 years

When in doubt, assume the material is a cultural resource.

#### **5. On-Site Work Responsibilities**

STEP 1: STOP WORK. If any worker believes that he or she has uncovered a cultural resource or archaeological site, feature, or deposit at any point in the project, all work adjacent to the discovery must stop. The discovery location should be secured at all times.

STEP 2: NOTIFY PROJECT MANAGEMENT. Contact the Project Manager and the project manager will follow pre-determined protocols.

STEP 3: NOTIFY THE ASSIGNED CULTURAL RESOURCE (CR) SPECIALIST. Contact the CR Specialist and the CR Specialist will follow pre-determined protocols.

## 6. Further Contacts and Responsibilities

### A. Project Manager's Responsibilities:

- Protect Find: The Project Manager is responsible for taking appropriate steps to protect the discovery site. All work will stop in an area adequate to provide for the total security, protection, and integrity of the resource. Work in the immediate area will not resume until treatment of the discovery has been completed following provisions for treating archaeological/cultural material.
- Direct Construction Elsewhere On-site: The Project Manager may direct construction away from the vicinity of the site of discovery to work in other areas prior to contacting the concerned parties.
- Contact Pre-determined Consultation: If Consultation has not yet been contacted, the Project Manager will contact the necessary entities. This might include but is not limited to the County Sheriff's Office and the Office of State Archaeology.

### B. Assigned CR Specialist's Responsibilities:

- Identify Find: The Assigned CR Specialist will ensure that a qualified professional archaeologist examines the find to determine if it is archaeological.
  - If it is determined not archaeological, work may proceed with no further delay.
  - If it is determined to be archaeological, the Assigned CR Specialist will continue with notification.
  - If the find may be human remains or funerary objects, the Assigned CR Specialist will ensure that a qualified physical anthropologist examines the find. If it is determined to be human remains, the procedure described in Section 5 will be followed.
- Notification: The Assigned CR Specialist will contact involved federal agencies (if any), the State Office of Archaeology, and other pre-determined authorities as necessary.
- Notify Tribes: If the discovery may relate to Native American interests, the Assigned CR Specialist will also contact the project's Tribal Liaison, or, if the project is not assigned a Liaison, coordinate with the State Office of Archaeology to ensure protection of Native American interests.

## **7. Special Procedures for the Discovery of Human Skeletal Material**

At all times, the remains shall be treated with the utmost dignity and respect no matter the age or ethnic origin.

### **A. Notify Law Enforcement Agency:**

In addition to the actions described in previous sections, the Project Manager will immediately notify local law enforcement and follow their instructions.

## **8. DOCUMENTATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS**

The assigned CR Specialist will ensure the proper documentation and assessment of any discovered cultural resources in cooperation with a professional archaeologist and applicable agencies.

All prehistoric and historic cultural material discovered during project construction will be recorded by a professional archaeologist. Instructions regarding the discovery of human remains will be followed.

### **Contact Information:**

#### *Local Law Enforcement:*

Breitung Police Department:  
Dan Reing, Chief of Police  
41 1st Ave.  
Soudan, MN 55782  
(218) 753-6660

#### *Office of the State Archaeologist:*

Amanda Gronhovd: 651.201.2263

#### *Minnesota Indian Affairs Council:*

Melissa Cerda: 651-276-2797  
Dylan Goetsch: 651.724.3325

#### *Responsible Government Unit and or Landowner:*

Breitung Township:  
Timothy Tomsich, Supervisor -Chairman  
41 1st Ave.  
Soudan, MN 55782  
(218) 753-6020



Operations Services Division  
1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401

April 19, 2022

Tim Tomsich, Chair  
Breitung Township  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782

Dear Tim Tomsich:

This letter serves as notice that \$418,000.00 of State Park Road Account Funding is hereby authorized to Saint Louis County for reconstruction of Stuntz Bay Road from Jasper Street through the pit crossing on the top of the hill and address erosion issues near the bottom of the hill on Stuntz Bay Road which provides access to Lake Vermilion - Stuntz Bay Public Water Access.

State Park Road Account funds are to be used for access road construction/maintenance and necessary supporting infrastructure to state recreational units. This funding cannot be used for improvements to recreational facilities (e.g., parking lots, trails, boat ramps, etc.). County State Aid Highways must be approved by the County State Aid Screening Board.

The following criteria must be met before the authorized projects are let and contracts are awarded:

1. The unit of government (county, township, city) initiating this project must review the project with the DNR Area Hydrologist and Wildlife Manager to determine if the project has any adverse effect on protected waters or lands currently enrolled in the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program.
2. A plan must be developed, signed by a registered engineer, and submitted to the MnDOT District State Aid Engineer through the County Engineer.
3. The Department of Transportation, Office of State Aid, will review the plan, and if acceptable, will notify the county engineer and the local unit of government to proceed with letting, force account or negotiated agreement.
  - A. The County shall administer the contract, force account or negotiated agreement.
  - B. For projects managed by the County, the County Engineer will supervise the construction and budget as the work progresses.
  - C. On all projects, the District State Aid Engineer will monitor the progress of the project according to the specifications and proposals.
4. Payment requests as submitted by the County Engineer and based on estimates or force account agreements, shall be administered in accordance with State Aid rules and payments will be made to the County Treasurer.
5. Overruns are the responsibility of the local unit of government unless approved by the Department of Natural Resources and the State Aid Engineer.

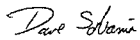
Tim Tomsich, Chair

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April 19, 2022

6. Right-of-way costs (payments to land owners) are a reimbursable cost.
7. Engineering costs are the responsibility of the local unit of government.
8. The minimum standards for any improvement must be designed as shown on the attached sheet.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by  
Dave Sobania, P.E.  
#22844  
Date: 2022.04.19  
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Dave Sobania, P.E.

Administrative Engineer

Attachments: Minimum Geometric Design Standards

CC: Mao Yang, MnDOT, State Aid Division, Assistant Operations Engineer  
Steve Hennessy, DNR, Parks and Trails Division, Development Consultant  
Jamie Gangaware, DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division, Wildlife Operations and Development Supervisor  
James T. Foldesi, P.E., Saint Louis County Public Works Department, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer  
Krysten Saatela Foster, MnDOT, State Aid Division, District 1 State Aid Engineer  
Jim Essig, DNR, Parks and Trails Division, Park Manager  
File, SPRA 867

**PARK ROAD ACCOUNT PROJECTS**  
**Minimum Geometric Design Standards <sup>(1)</sup>**  
**For New / Reconstruction**  
**Not on the State Aid System <sup>(1)</sup>**

Surface Type / ADT (existing)	Design Speed MPH (2)	Lane Width Feet	Shoulder Width Feet (3)	In-Slope Rise: Run (4)	Clear Zone Feet	Design Strength Tons	Bridge to Remain Width Feet (5)
Aggregate ADT < 100	30	11	1	1:3	3	--	22
Paved ADT < 100	30	11	2	1:3	6	7	22
Aggregate ADT < 300	30	11	2	1:3	9	--	22
Paved ADT < 300	40	11	3	1:4	9	7	22
Aggregate ADT < 750	30	12	3	1:4	10	--	24
Paved ADT < 750	30	12	4	1:4	10	7	24
Paved ADT < 750	40	12	4	1:4	15	7	24

Engineering judgment may be used to choose dimensions other than the widths indicated in the chart for roadways. Factors to consider may be safety, speed, population, land use, benefit/cost analysis, traffic mix, farm equipment, environmental impacts, terrain limitations, bicycle traffic, pedestrian traffic, other non-motorized uses, functional classification, or other factors. Widths less than those indicated in the chart require a variance from the Commissioners of Department of Transportation and Natural Resources.

- (1) Rural design sections with average daily traffic (ADT) greater than 750 must meet the minimum requirements for state aid highways (8820.9920). Urban design sections must meet the minimum requirements for state aid streets (8820.9936).
- (2) Based on stopping sight distance.
- (3) The designer will provide a four-foot minimum paved shoulder if the route is a popular bicycle route.
- (4) Applies to slope within clear zone area only. Obstacle-free area measured from edge of traffic lane. Guardrail is required at all bridges where the design speed exceeds 40 mph, and either the ADT exceeds 400 or the bridge width is less than the sum of the lane and shoulder widths. Mailbox supports must be in accordance with 8818.
- (5) Inventory rating of HS 15 is required. A bridge narrower than these widths may remain in place if the bridge does not qualify for federal-aid bridge funds. HS 25 loading with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard Specifications or HL-93 loading with load and resistance factor design (LRFD) is required for new or reconstructed bridges. HS 18 loading is required for all rehabilitated bridges. The curb-to-curb minimum width for new or reconstructed bridges must be no less than either the minimum required lane plus shoulder width or the proposed lane plus shoulder width, whichever is greater, but in no case less than the minimum lane widths plus four feet, and in no case less than required per Minnesota Statutes, section 165.04.

**From:** Megan Christianson <megan@visitgrandrapids.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:21 PM  
**Cc:** Sarah Carling; Beth Pierce  
**Subject:** Historic Mine Tour Project Update

Dear Historic Mine Tour Community, Project Supporter, and City/County Leaders -

I apologize for not sending more timely updates for the Northern MN Historic Mine Tour Project! All of us project coordinators are volunteers, and so our regular business and personal lives have been very full since we kicked off this project in 2020! The project is still very much alive. Since we kicked off this project, COVID hit and then there have been many changes for the coordinators as well. I now have started my own business (North Star Marketing & Services), and I am still the Executive Director for Visit Grand Rapids (a funding partner) but they are actually a client of my new company because I went to a contracted position with them. That means that I still do everything I did before as an Executive Director, but I also have additional clients - so increased my workload. This is one of the reasons you haven't seen an update in a while.

We **GREATLY APPRECIATE** everyone's support, and especially to those who have committed financial support! Currently we are on grant #2 with the Iron Range Resources, Culture & Tourism Grant cycle, which will finalize June 30, 2023.

Below is a quick overview of where things are at with this project. COVID created a large delay in the project, and then it took over a year to get the photo and video assets we needed for this project additional phases. Please see the below information and Dropbox link for the photo assets.

**Updated Mine Tour Assets PLEASE DOWNLOAD YOUR COMMUNITIES ASSETS AND SAVE FOR FUTURE USE:**

**Photo Assets:** [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/961bgiay7orgirv/AACK5Hyb4\\_BpwghMHxMEkPUAa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/961bgiay7orgirv/AACK5Hyb4_BpwghMHxMEkPUAa?dl=0)

**Video Link:** <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9237923>

**password:** mnminetour

*\*Note: all communities were emailed these links several times in 2022 to finalize their communities video and photo assets. We finalized the photo & video assets to close out a portion of the IRRR, Culture & Tourism Grant back in December 2022.*

**PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE YOU FEEL WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATE ON THE NORTHERN MN HISTORIC MINE TOUR PROJECT.**

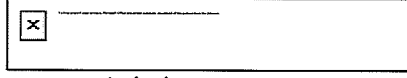
**Northern MN Historic Mine Tour Project Overview (March 2023)**

- Secured \$219,800 for the project year to date
- Each community & mine tour location has been filmed to get updated photography and videography assets
- Currently a historic narrative is being written for each community and mine location
- Next steps once the narratives are written:
  - Arrowhead Regional Development Association to create the ESRI ARCGIS map (interactive map) and Google Map of the communities and the historic mines
  - Sarah Carling to work with sign maker to create the interactive signs for each community
  - Launch the final ARCGIS map through marketing efforts

In July 2023, Iron Range Tourism Bureau will be taking over as Fiscal Agent and will be completing any further grant matching opportunities for the Northern MN Historic Mine Tour Project. At this time we are working on getting all financial commitments paid by June 2023 so we can transfer the financials to be up to date and accurate.

Thank you, Meg

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*VGR Mission - "Generating a positive economic impact through travel and tourism."*

**Annual Funding Report**  
Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan



March 23, 2023

PERA ID:  
3576-00

Governing Body and Fire Chief  
Breitung Fire Department

**clerk@breitungtownship.org; fire@breitungtownship.org**

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 353G.08, PERA has determined the 2024 contribution amount required to fund your pension account with the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan. The required contribution is due to PERA from the fire department's governing body before December 31, 2024.

The attached schedules provide the details of your SVF Plan pension assets and liabilities.

Benefit Level per Year of Service	\$2,500
Projected Surplus/(Deficit) Funding at 12/31/23	(\$111,292)
Projected Funding Ratio at 12/31/23	83%
This account is considered to have:	Deficit From Full Funding
Annual Financial Requirement at 12/31/2024	\$61,157
Reductions to the Annual Financial Requirement:	(\$46,421)
<b>Required Contribution Due by 12/31/2024</b>	<b>\$14,736</b>

At any time, you may make voluntary contributions to your SVF Plan pension account beyond any required contributions. To make a voluntary contribution, write a check payable to PERA for the amount of the voluntary contribution. Include the words "SVF Additional Contribution" on the memo line of the check. Mail the check to PERA at: 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, MN 55103-2088

On behalf of the SVF Plan advisory board, PERA directs you to distribute this report to your membership.

If you have questions, please contact us by email at PERASVF@mnpera.org or by phone at 651-201-2645.

Sincerely,

PERA Accounting Division

**1. Projected Surplus/(Deficit) Funding at 12/31/23**

**Projected Present Pension Assets**

*Anticipated 2023 Receipts (Disbursements)*

	<u>2023</u>
Fire State Aid	\$ 11,803
Fire Supplemental Aid	2,302
Supplemental Benefit Reimbursement	-
Voluntary Municipal Contribution	-
Required Municipal Contribution	-
Adjustment to Initial Asset Transfer	-
Net Investment Income	29,341
PERA Administrative Fee	(720)
Auditor/Accounting Fee	-
State Board of Investment Fee	(29)
Benefit Payments	-
Net Change in Present Pension Assets	<u>\$ 42,697</u>

Pension Assets Beginning 12/31/2022	\$ 489,023
Projected Present Pension Assets Ending 12/31/2023	<u>\$ 531,720</u>

Projected Accrued Pension Liability 12/31/2023	<u>\$ 643,013</u>
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**Projected Funding**

Projected Present Pension Assets 12/31/2023	\$ 531,720
Projected Accrued Pension Liability 12/31/2023	\$ 643,013
Projected Surplus/(Deficit) Funding at 12/31/23	<u>\$ (111,292)</u>
Projected Funding Ratio at 12/31/23	82.69%

**This account is considered to have:**

**Deficit From Full Funding**

**2. Annual Financial Requirement for Following Calendar Year**

Projected Accrued Pension Liability 12/31/2024			\$	<u>692,321</u>
<b>Increase in Pension Liability between Current &amp; Next Year</b>				
Projected Accrued Pension Liability 12/31/2024			\$	692,321
Projected Accrued Pension Liability 12/31/2023			\$	<u>643,013</u>
Increase in Pension Liability between 12/31/23 and 12/31/24			\$	<u>49,308</u>
<b>PERA Administrative Fees</b>				
\$30 per Member			\$	<u>720</u>
<b>Annual Financial Requirement if 100% Funded</b>				
Increase in Accrued Pension Liability	\$	49,308		
Administrative Fees	\$	720	N/A	
<b>Annual Financial Requirement if (Deficit) Funding</b>				
Increase in Accrued Pension Liability	\$	49,308		
Administrative Fees	\$	720		
Charge One-Tenth of Deficit	\$	11,129	\$	<u>61,157</u>
<b>Annual Financial Requirement if Surplus Funding</b>				
Increase in Accrued Pension Liability	\$	49,308		
Administrative Fees	\$	720		
Credit One-Tenth of Surplus (if prior two years had surplus funding)	\$	-	N/A	
<b>Annual Financial Requirement at 12/31/2024</b>				\$ <u>61,157</u>

**3. Required Contribution due from Governing Body of Fire Department**

<b>Determination of Required Contribution</b>				
Annual Financial Requirement at 12/31/2024			\$	61,157
<u>Reductions to Annual Financial Requirement</u>				
Projected 2024 Fire State Aid			\$	(12,217)
Projected 2024 Supplemental State Aid			\$	(2,302)
Projected 2024 Investment Earnings (assumed 6% rate of return)			\$	<u>(31,903)</u>
<b>Required Contribution due by 12/31/2024</b>				\$ <u>14,736</u>

PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Plan  
 Financial Statement  
 Breitung Fire Department  
 #3576

SBI Return 2022 = (15.2)%

	For Year Ended 12/31/2018	For Year Ended 12/31/2019	For Year Ended 12/31/2020	For Year Ended 12/31/2021	For Year Ended 12/31/2022
<b>Additions</b>					
Fire State Aid	\$ 10,354.96	\$ 10,431.46	\$ 10,855.95	\$ 11,169.67	\$ 11,404.25
Fire Supplemental Aid	2,463.91	2,414.89	2,396.33	2,346.74	2,301.62
Supplemental Benefit Reimbursement	-	-	1,000.00	-	-
Voluntary Municipal Contribution	-	-	-	15,000.00	-
Required Municipal Contribution	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Transfer/Other	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	(13,646.67)	63,407.58	61,538.42	47,533.66	(84,424.11)
<b>Total Additions</b>	\$ (827.80)	\$ 76,253.93	\$ 75,790.70	\$ 76,050.07	\$ (70,718.24)

<b>Deductions</b>					
PERA Administrative Fee	600.00	600.00	570.00	570.00	810.00
Auditor/Accounting Fee	-	-	-	-	-
SBI Fee	20.03	21.99	24.63	27.89	34.46
Benefit Payments	-	12,550.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Deductions</b>	\$ 620.03	\$ 13,171.99	\$ 594.63	\$ 597.89	\$ 844.46

**Net Increase / (Decrease)** \$ (1,447.83) \$ 63,081.94 \$ 75,196.07 \$ 75,452.18 \$ (71,562.70)

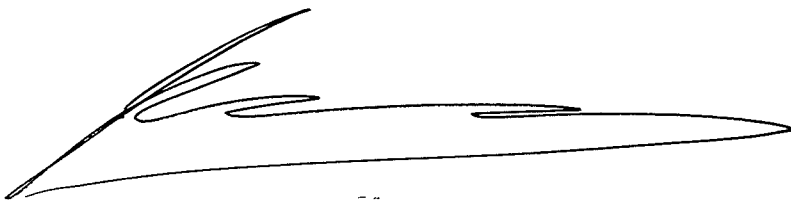
**Net Assets Held in Trust at FMV**

Beginning of Year	\$ 348,303.43	\$ 346,855.60	\$ 409,937.54	\$ 485,133.61	\$ 560,585.79
End of Year	\$ 346,855.60	\$ 409,937.54	\$ 485,133.61	\$ 560,585.79	\$ 489,023.09

April 20 2023

Chief Banks,

With this letter I intend to announce my retirement from the Breitung Fire Department effective July 6 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Gornick'. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Aaron Gornick

Subd. 10. **Disposition of forfeited vehicle.** (a) If the vehicle is administratively forfeited under subdivision 8, or if the court finds under subdivision 9 that the vehicle is subject to forfeiture under subdivisions 6 and 7, the appropriate agency shall:

(1) sell the vehicle and distribute the proceeds under paragraph (b); or

(2) keep the vehicle for official use. If the agency keeps a forfeited motor vehicle for official use, it shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the motor vehicle is available for use by the agency's officers who participate in the drug abuse resistance education program.

(b) The proceeds from the sale of forfeited vehicles, after payment of seizure, towing, storage, forfeiture, and sale expenses, and satisfaction of valid liens against the property, must be distributed as follows:

(1) 70 percent of the proceeds must be forwarded to the appropriate agency for deposit as a supplement to the state or local agency's operating fund or similar fund for use in DWI-related enforcement, training, education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital expenses; and

(2) 30 percent of the money or proceeds must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority that handled the forfeiture for deposit as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund for prosecutorial purposes, training, education, crime prevention, equipment, or capital expenses. For purposes of this subdivision, the prosecuting authority shall not include privately contracted prosecutors of a local political subdivision and, in those events, the forfeiture proceeds shall be forwarded to the political subdivision where the forfeiture was handled for the purposes identified in clause (1).

(c) If a vehicle is sold under paragraph (a), the appropriate agency shall not sell the vehicle to: (1) an officer or employee of the agency that seized the property or to a person related to the officer or employee by blood or marriage; or (2) the prosecuting authority or any individual working in the same office or a person related to the authority or individual by blood or marriage.

(d) Sales of forfeited vehicles under this section must be conducted in a commercially reasonable manner.

(e) If a vehicle is forfeited administratively under this section and no demand for judicial determination is made, the appropriate agency shall provide the prosecuting authority with a copy of the forfeiture or evidence receipt, the notice of seizure and intent to forfeit, a statement of probable cause for forfeiture of the property, and a description of the property and its estimated value. Upon review and certification by the prosecuting authority that (1) the appropriate agency provided a receipt in accordance with subdivision 2, paragraph (c), (2) the appropriate agency served notice in accordance with subdivision 8, and (3) probable cause for forfeiture exists based on the officer's statement, the appropriate agency may dispose of the property in any of the ways listed in this subdivision.

Subd. 11. **Sale of forfeited vehicle by secured party.** (a) A financial institution with a valid security interest in or a valid lease covering a forfeited vehicle may choose to dispose of the vehicle under this subdivision, in lieu of the appropriate agency disposing of the vehicle under subdivision 9. A financial institution wishing to dispose of a vehicle under this subdivision shall notify the appropriate agency of its intent, in writing, within 30 days after receiving notice of the seizure and forfeiture. The appropriate agency shall release the vehicle to the financial institution or its agent after the financial institution presents proof of its valid security agreement or of its lease agreement and the financial institution agrees not to sell the vehicle to a member of the violator's household, unless the violator is not convicted of the offense on which the forfeiture is based. The financial institution shall dispose of the vehicle in a commercially reasonable manner as defined in section 336.9-610.

(b) After disposing of the forfeited vehicle, the financial institution shall reimburse the appropriate agency for its seizure, storage, and forfeiture costs. The financial institution may then apply the proceeds of the sale to its storage costs, to its sale expenses, and to satisfy the lien or the lease on the vehicle. If any proceeds remain, the financial institution shall forward the proceeds to the state treasury, which shall credit the appropriate fund as specified in subdivision 9.

Subd. 12. **Reporting.** The appropriate agency and prosecuting authority shall report on forfeitures occurring under this section as described in section 609.5315, subdivision 6.

§ Subd. 13. **Exception.** (a) A forfeiture proceeding is stayed and the vehicle must be returned if the driver becomes a program participant in the ignition interlock program under section 171.306 at any time before the motor vehicle is forfeited and any of the following apply:

(1) the driver committed a designated offense other than a violation of section 169A.20 under the circumstances described in section 169A.24; or

(2) the driver is accepted into a treatment court dedicated to changing the behavior of alcohol- and other drug-dependent offenders arrested for driving while impaired.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the vehicle whose forfeiture was stayed in paragraph (a) may be seized and the forfeiture action may proceed under this section if the program participant described in paragraph (a):


(1) subsequently operates a motor vehicle:

(i) to commit a violation of section 169A.20 (driving while impaired);

(ii) in a manner that results in a license revocation under section 169A.52 (license revocation for test failure or refusal) or 171.177 (revocation; search warrant) or a license disqualification under section 171.165 (commercial driver's license disqualification) resulting from a violation of section 169A.52 or 171.177;

catching fire?

**The video doorbell's battery can overheat when the incorrect screws are used for installation, posing fire and burn hazards.** This recall involves Ring Video Doorbell (2nd Generation), model number 5UM5E5 smart doorbell cameras.

 <https://support.ring.com> > articles

Ring Video Doorbell (2nd Generation)

Recall

[More results](#)

Which Ring doorbell catches fire?



**daniel.reing@breitungtownship.org**

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**From:** anthonyneari <anthonyneari@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:50 PM  
**To:** daniel.reing@breitungtownship.org  
**Cc:** anthonyneari@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Goombaz Security Proposal  
**Attachments:** 20230412\_165415.jpg

Dan,

Attached please find the proposal we discussed on Tuesday. I didn't do one for the replacement of the Avigilion system, as it would be well over \$10k to replace that system and would be overkill for your needs. I checked their website out and I'm sure they were good cameras when installed, but would NOT be NDAA compliant now, as this wasn't even a designation when they were installed. Their new cams are, but that didn't appear to be what was quoted by Custom Theaters of Ely. The other camera system is definitely NOT compliant and are junk. NDAA compliance is mandatory for any Government entity, so be careful with your choice of systems. Make sure it's NDAA certified!

I recommended a 5 camera system with our best bullet cam for the SE corner under the window to cover the parking lot and four of our porch cams to cover the other important areas we discussed: one above the front door, two in the entry hallway and one in the storage room upstairs. The Porch cams are two way talk and would be perfect for these areas. This system has room for 3 more cameras, should the need arise, to cover the back of the building and the garage area. I can send a quote for that if you'd like, as it would be cheaper than if I had to come back at a later date.

Feel free to call if you have any questions or need any further information. I look forward to helping you out, if this meets with board approval. I can stop up and explain the system to them if that helps.

Have a great day and I enjoyed meeting and talking with you.

Anthony Neari  
Goombaz Security Consultants  
218.750.2023

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone



PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: BREITLING P.A. JOB # 1047  
 ADDRESS: 41 15<sup>TH</sup> AVE JOB LOCATION: Soudan  
 PHONE # (218) 753-6660 DATE: 4/12/2023 ARCHITECT: X  
 FAX: (218) 753-2407

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:  
COMPLETE INSTALL OF:  
8 CHANNEL PROVue 4K ULTRA HD NVR  
8TB MEMORY  
1- PROVue 4K P120 BULLET CAMERA  
4- PROVue 4K ADC FOECH CAMERA  
PRICE INCLUDES ALL EQUIPMENT, WIRING, CABLES  
& PROGRAMMING.  
\* FREE 5 YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY  
\* USA DIRECTS & OPERATED COMPANY  
\* NDA COMPLIANT (APPROVED FOR GOVERNMENT INSTALLS)  
\* FREE LIFETIME SUPPORT

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of: **\$4,750** Dollars  
 with payments to be made as follows: Upon Signature  
 Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.  
 Respectfully submitted: [Signature] Day 2 Year  
 Note - this proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 14 days.

**Acceptance of Proposal**  
 The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.  
[Signature] Day 2 Year  
 Signature

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

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**Purpose**

This agreement is made and entered into between the County of St. Louis, a body politic and corporate existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and the Political Subdivision identified under Paragraph 8, pursuant to: authority granted in St. Louis County Board Resolution 23-151 (February 28, 2023); and Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, which authorizes the joint and cooperative exercise of powers common to contracting parties. The intent of this agreement is to make equipment, personnel, and other resources available between the political subdivisions subject to this Agreement.

**Definitions**

Party - means a political subdivision.

Requesting Official - means the person designated by a Party who is responsible for requesting assistance from the other Party.

Requesting Party - means the party that requests assistance from other parties.

Responding Official - means the person designated by the party who is responsible to determine whether and to what extent that party should provide assistance to the Requesting Party.

Responding Party - means a party that provides assistance to the Requesting Party.

Assistance Type - Law enforcement personnel and equipment.

**1. Procedure**

**1.1. Request for Assistance: Immediate Response / Short Term**

**1.1.1 Request for Assistance.** Whenever, in the opinion of a Requesting Party there is an immediate need for assistance from the other party, the Requesting Party may call upon the Responding Party for assistance.

**1.1.2 Responding to Request.** Upon the request for assistance from a Requesting Party, the Responding Party may authorize and direct personnel to provide assistance to the Requesting Party. This decision will be made after considering the needs of the Responding Party and the availability of other law enforcement personnel and equipment to the Responding Party.

- 1.1.3 Method.** Whenever practical the Requesting Party shall request immediate assistance through the 911 Emergency Communications Operations Center and the Responding Party shall indicate its intended response using the same method.
- 1.1.4 Command of Scene.** Except as provided in Section 1.1.4.1, the Requesting Party shall be in command of the mutual aid scene. The personnel and equipment of the Responding Party shall be under the direction and control of the Requesting Party until the Responding Official determines to withdraw assistance.
- 1.1.4.1 Specialized Forces.** When a Requesting Party requests the assistance of specialized forces from a Responding Party, such as a Tactical Command, Canine Units, Bomb Squads, Rescue Squad, etc., the personnel and equipment of the Responding Party shall be under the direction of the Responding Party.
- 1.1.5 Recall of Assistance.** The Responding Official may at any time recall assistance provided hereunder to the Requesting Party when in his or her best judgment or by an order from the governing body of the Responding Party, it is considered to be in the best interest of the Responding Party to recall or withdraw the assistance provided by it.
- 1.1.6 Release of Assistance.** The Requesting Party may at any time advise the Responding party that the assistance of the Responding Party is no longer needed. In such event the Responding Party shall withdraw its assistance at the earliest possible time that it is safe for its personnel and equipment to withdraw.
- 1.2 Request for Assistance: Long Term**
- 1.2.1 Request for Assistance.** Whenever, in the opinion of a Requesting Official, there is need for assistance from the other party that will reasonably be expected to continue beyond eight (8) hours, the Requesting Official may call upon the Responding Official of any other party to furnish assistance.
- 1.2.2 Responding to Request.** Upon the request for assistance from a Requesting Official on behalf of the Requesting Party, the Responding Official may authorize and direct his/her party's personnel to provide assistance to the Requesting Party. This decision will be made after considering the needs of the Responding Party and the availability of other law enforcement personnel and equipment to the Responding Party.
- 1.2.3 Method.** A request for Long Term Assistance shall be made to the Responding Official and the Responding Official shall indicate the intended response of the Responding Party to the Requesting Official.

**1.2.4 Recall of Assistance.** The Responding Official may at any time recall such assistance when in his or her best judgment or by any order from the governing body of the Responding Party, is considered to be in the best interests of the Responding Party to do so.

**1.2.5 Command of Scene.** The Requesting Party shall be in command of the mutual aid scene. The personnel and equipment of the Responding Party shall be under the direction and control of the Requesting Party until the Responding Official determines to withdraw assistance.

## **2. Worker's Compensation**

Each party shall be responsible for injuries or death of its own personnel. Each party will maintain workers' compensation insurance or self-insurance coverage, covering its own personnel while they are providing assistance pursuant to this Agreement. Each party waives the right to sue any other party for any workers' compensation benefits paid to its own employee, volunteer or their dependents, even if the injuries were caused wholly or partially by the negligence of any other party or its officers, employees, or volunteers.

## **3. Damage to Equipment**

Each party shall be responsible for damages to or loss of its own equipment. Each party waives the right to sue any other party for any damage to or loss of its equipment, even if the damages or losses were caused wholly or partially by the negligence of any other party or its officers, employees, or volunteers.

## **4. Liability**

**4.1 Requesting Party Liable.** For the purpose of the Minnesota Municipal Tort Liability Act (Minn. Stat. Ch. 466), the employees and officers of the Responding Party are deemed to be employees (as defined in Minn. Stat. § 466.01, subdivision 6) of the Requesting Party. This is specifically agreed and intended to be applicable to situations covered by Section 1.1.4.1 of this Agreement.

**4.2 Indemnification and Defense.** The Requesting Party agrees to defend and indemnify the Responding Party against any claims brought or actions filed against the Responding Party or any officer, employee, or volunteer of the Responding Party for injury to, death of, or damage to the property of any third person or persons, arising from the performance and provisions of assistance in responding to a request for assistance by the Requesting Party pursuant to this Agreement.

Under no circumstances, however, shall a party be required to pay on behalf of itself and other parties, any amounts in excess of the limits on liability established in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466 applicable to any

one party. The limits of liability for some or all of the parties may not be added together to determine the maximum amount of liability for any party.

The intent of this subdivision is to impose on each Requesting Party a limited duty to defend and indemnify a Responding Party for claims arising within the Requesting Party's jurisdiction subject to the limits of liability under Minnesota Statute Chapter 466. The purpose of creating this duty to defend and indemnify is to simplify the defense of claims against multiple defendants from a single occurrence to be defended by a single attorney or a single law firm.

- 4.3 No Liability.** No party to this Agreement nor any officer, employee, agent or official of any Party shall be liable to any other Party or to any other person for failure of any Party to furnish assistance to any other Party, or for recalling assistance, both as described in this Agreement.

**5. Charges to the Requesting Party**

- 5.1** No charges will be levied by a Responding Party to this Agreement for assistance rendered to the Requesting Party under the terms of this Agreement pursuant to Section 1.1 hereof except as provided in Section 4 hereof. If assistance is provided under this Agreement pursuant to Section 1.2 hereof, the Responding Party may submit to the Requesting Party an itemized bill for the actual cost of any assistance provided pursuant to Section 1.2 herein, including salaries, overtime, materials and supplies and other necessary expenses and the Requesting Party will pay the Responding Party providing the assistance that amount.

- 5.2** Such charges are not contingent upon the availability of federal or state government funds.

**6. Duration**

This Agreement will be in force until terminated by any Party hereto. Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement and terminate this Agreement with respect to it upon thirty- days (30) written notice to the other party or parties to the Agreement.

**7. Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 Minnesota Law to Govern.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive and procedural laws in the State of Minnesota without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws. All proceedings related to this Agreement shall be venued in the State of Minnesota District Court for the Sixth Judicial District in Duluth, Minnesota.

7.2 **Execution in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Agreement.

8. **Execution**

Each Party hereto has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and has read, agreed to and executed this Mutual Aid Agreement on this date indicated.

This Agreement shall be construed as complementary to and not inconsistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 12.331, which authorizes inter-agency disaster assistance. By signature below, the authorized representative of a governmental unit hereby enters into the foregoing agreement, effective upon the date of signature.

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:**

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_


TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS**

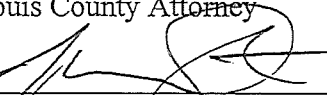
BY:   
GORDON RAMSAY  
Sheriff

BY:   
PATRICK BOYLE  
Chair of County Board

BY:   
NANCY NILSEN / *Phil Chapman*  
Auditor/Clerk of the Board / *Deputy Auditor*

APPROVED AS TO FORM &  
EXECUTION:

KIMBERLY MAKI  
St. Louis County Attorney

BY:   
THOMAS STANLEY  
Assistant County Attorney

Dated: 3-31-23  
2023-0187

The governing body resolutions or other authorizations to enter into this Agreement are attached hereto.



*Resolution  
of the  
Board of County Commissioners*

*St. Louis County, Minnesota*

*Adopted on: February 28, 2023 Resolution No. 23-151*

*Offered by Commissioner: Harala*

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**Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement Update**

WHEREAS, On March 22, 2005, the St. Louis County Board approved Resolution No. 05-153, authorizing the Sheriff to enter into law enforcement mutual aid agreements with the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA) District II Sheriffs' Offices; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board also approved Resolution No. 08-635 on December 2, 2008, to enter into law enforcement mutual aid agreements with participating police agencies within the MSA District II; and

WHEREAS, Due to the age of these agreements, few if any of those who authorized the previous mutual aid agreements remain in their positions, requiring an update to this agreement; and

WHEREAS, The intent of the agreement is to allow equipment, personnel, and other resources available to be shared among political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, This agreement will supersede all previous mutual aid agreements with those agencies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the execution of an updated Mutual Aid Agreement with the participating counties and police agencies which make up the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association District II.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to sign and execute the agreement.

Commissioner Harala moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Harala, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich and Chair Boyle – 7

Nays – None

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of County Auditor, ss.  
County of St. Louis

I, **NANCY NILSEN**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2023, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2023.

NANCY NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR

By:

Clerk of the County Board/Deputy Auditor

## How We Give

# Local Community Grants



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Our local community grants are awarded through an open application process and provide funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S. Don't know how to determine your local facility? Don't worry, the application will assist you.

## Guidelines

- Local Community grants range from a minimum of **\$250** to a maximum of **\$5,000**.
- Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly

running.

- Grant applications for calendar year 2023 will be accepted on a quarterly basis. Deadlines for submissions are as follows:
  - Quarter 1: Feb 1 – April 15
  - Quarter 2: May 1 – July 15
  - Quarter 3: August 1 – October 15
  - Quarter 4: November 1 – December 31
- Applications may be submitted at any time during each quarter funding cycle. All applications will be reviewed prior to the next funding cycle.
- Organizations may only submit a total number of 25 applications and/or receive up to 25 grants within the 2023 grant cycle.
- All organizations applying for a Local Community grant must be CyberGrants FrontDoor verified prior to applying.

## Eligibility Checklist

Organizations applying must meet one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States, classified as a public charity under Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) (Types I or II); and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.
- A recognized government entity: state, county or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.
- A K-12 public or nonprofit private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large,

PROHIBITED VEHICLES.

- NOTE: Non-charities, including organizations recognized as 501(c)(4)s, (c)(6)s, and (c)(19)s like homeowner's associations, civic leagues, or volunteer fire companies, are not eligible at this time.

## Areas of Funding

There are eight (8) areas of funding for which an organization can apply. Please review the areas listed below to ensure your organization's goals fall within one of these areas.

- **Community and Economic Development:** Improving local communities for the benefit of low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Fostering the building of relationships and understanding among diverse groups in the local service area
- **Education:** Providing afterschool enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Preventing waste, increasing recycling, or supporting other programs that work to improve the environment in the local service area
- **Health and Human Service:** Providing medical screening, treatment, social services, or shelters for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- **Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating:** Providing Federal or charitable meals/snacks for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- **Public Safety:** Supporting public safety programs through training programs or equipment in the local service area

## Selection Process

- Management at the facility to which you are applying will review the application and make initial funding recommendations on all submitted requests.
- Each facility manager may set the frequency and process in which application determinations are made.
- The facility manager and the grant administrator reserve the right to adjust the amount awarded to each organization without prior notice.
- Organizations will be notified of any decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.
- If an organization is approved, grant checks will be mailed directly to the recipient's address listed in the Cybergrant's FrontDoor profile for the organization. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.
- Upon receiving a grant, organizations should contact the local facility from which funds were awarded in order to schedule (subject to availability) a formal recognition event if such an event is desired.

**All grant applications are made subject to review of the organization's reputation and activities and its agreement to comply with applicable terms and conditions. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Funding exclusions include: organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.**

TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG,  
BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND  
ACCEPT FUNDS FROM WALMART LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT  
PROGRAM

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority approves of the Breitung Police Chief to apply for \$1500 in funds from the Walmart Local Community Grant Program under Public Safety Funding

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for Public Safety Funding from the Walmart local Community Grant Program.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution.

Township Supervisors: Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Tuchel

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2023-14 was declared duly passed and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

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Dianna Sunsdahl – Clerk

The Portal is closed. Please scroll down to the *Application Limit Exceeded* information below for more details.



[GRANT APPLICATION FAQs](#)

[APPLICATION CHECKLIST](#)

[START AN APPLICATION](#)

[SIGN IN](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions & Tips

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Please Apply Early. A maximum of 600 applications are accepted on a quarterly basis.

Please do not contact area restaurants or Firehouse Subs Care center with grant questions.

### What does the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation support?

Our Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders, non-profits and public safety organizations. All requests must fall within our funding guidelines via [firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas](https://firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas).

### If approved, how are the Foundation's grant awards funded?

The Foundation procures grant awards in one of two ways, to be determined by the Foundation team.

- Method 1: Direct Purchase made by the Foundation
- Method 2: Memo of Understanding in which funds will be transferred via ACH to the granted organization

### Are there items that your Foundation does not support?

All requests must fall within our funding guidelines found on our website via [firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas](https://firehousesubsfoundation.org/about-us/funding-areas). Examples of items that are not supported by our board of directors include:

- body cameras
- building exhaust removal systems
- crash data boxes
- dash cams
- drones and drone accessories
- exercise equipment
- guns/firearms/use of force equipment, riot gear, laser pointers (designators) & tasers
- inflatable bounce houses
- license plate readers
- Narcan & TruNar analyzers
- Cardiac Science Powerheart G3 AEDs & Philips FR3 AEDs
- Polar Breeze thermal rehabilitation systems
- portable message signs
- power load stretchers
- promotional items including apparel, costumes & Pluggie the fire plug/Sparky the Fire Dog robots
- radar detectors

- recording devices
- refurbished equipment
- security systems & surveillance equipment
- stop sticks
- throw bots
- traffic road barriers

### **Who can apply for this grant?**

Fire Departments, law enforcement, EMS, municipal & state organizations, public safety organizations, non-profits and schools are encouraged to apply for lifesaving equipment.

### **If my organization has received a grant award from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past, when can we reapply?**

We ask that grant recipients wait a minimum of two years from the date of approval before reapplying.

### **If approved, how are the Foundation's grant awards funded?**

The Foundation procures grant awards in one of two ways. The procurement method is up to the discretion of the Foundation team.

- Method 1: Direct Purchase made by the Foundation
- Method 2: Memo of Understanding in which funds will be transferred via ACH to the granted organization

### **Does the Foundation provide reimbursements for purchased equipment?**

No. If your organization has already purchased the equipment and is seeking reimbursement, please do not apply.

### **What are the most common reasons a grant application is marked incomplete?**

- Quote is missing the required contact information and/or is not itemized
- Financials are outdated and/or do not include both revenues and expenses
- Alternate contact information is the same contact information as the main contact information
- The name of the organization is missing on the financials
- W9 form is missing the required information

### **Can my organization submit multiple grant applications?**

The Foundation does not accept more than one grant request per organization each quarter. If your organization receives a grant, please wait a minimum of two years from the date of approval to apply again.

### **Is the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant a matching grant?**

There are no matching funds involved in our organization's grants program.

### **What is the Foundation's average funding range?**

\$15,000-\$35,000 is a guideline. Requests exceeding \$50,000 will be denied.

### **What financial information should we provide?**

*Financials must show revenue and expenses and list the name of your organization, city or county. One of the following options must be submitted:*

- o A recent - within one month - Balance Sheet which consists of Assets and Liabilities
- o A recent - within one month - Profit & Loss Statement also called an Income Statement
- o A current year annual budget showing projected income and expenses
- o A previous year audit or 990

## What is needed for the required vendor quote/bid attachment?

*You must provide an official vendor quote with the following information for your grant request to be considered. Submitted quotes **MUST** meet the requirements below, please read carefully:*

- o Only one vendor quote must be submitted for related items only, within one equipment category
- o Vendor sales representative first and last name must be included on quote
- o Vendor email address must be included on quote
- o The name & **physical** address of your organization must be included
- o The first & last name of a contact person from your organization must be included
- o Only one vendor quote can be submitted. Your application will be marked incomplete if more than one quote is submitted.
- o Quote must be itemized
- o Online quotes will not be accepted
- o Must be dated within six months of the application deadline
- o Must contain **only** the item(s) pertaining to your grant request
- o The total dollar amount and equipment quantities in the vendor quote **MUST MATCH** the total that your department is requesting on the application
- o Include sales tax if applicable and freight charges, if applicable. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for additional shipping costs or sales tax not included in the submitted quote.
- o The cost of maintenance plans and extended warranties are not permissible
- o Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will not be responsible for restocking fees or costs related to errors within your quote

Important: Only one vendor quote may be submitted for related items only, within one equipment category. Unrelated equipment cannot be combined into one quote. Examples of unacceptable requests include quotes for un-related equipment:

- Cutter, Spreader and Fire Hoses\*

- AEDs and gas monitors\*

- Requests with more than one quote

\* these items do not belong in the same equipment category

Your application will be marked incomplete if multiple quotes are submitted or if a quote containing multiple types of equipment is submitted.

Note: When requesting a quote/bid from a vendor, please share our quote requirements and notify the vendor that you are applying for a grant from our Foundation.

## What inventory information should I provide?

Equipment inventory is required for first responder organizations only. If your organization does not have apparatus, vehicles or specialized equipment, please attach a document noting that the organization does not have any applicable inventory, and include the name of your organization on the document.

For first responders: Please include a list of apparatus, vehicles and other specialized equipment, if applicable. The lists we receive vary in length depending on the size and type of organization. (For example, include items such as vehicles, extrication equipment, breathing devices, and personal protective equipment/PPE).

## If my department is located more than 60 miles from a Firehouse Subs restaurant, should I still apply?

Our Foundation focuses its resources in areas served by Firehouse Subs restaurants, however, we recognize the need of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country, and will consider applications outside of the 60-mile guideline.

## When can we expect to find out if our grant has been approved or denied?

Grant award notifications will be emailed to ALL applicants within two months after the grant deadline. Please do not contact the Foundation, restaurants or the Firehouse Subs Care Center with questions regarding your grant status.

## Does Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation fund requests for "use of force"?

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not accept grant requests for "use of force" items such as guns, tasers, riot gear, or firearm simulators.

### **Does the Foundation only work with specific equipment vendors?**

No, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation does not endorse any specific equipment vendor or brand. Our goal is to provide the equipment that best fits the needs of our recipients, at the best possible price, to enable us to help more organizations.

### **Does the Foundation fund requests for refurbished equipment?**

We do not accept grant requests for refurbished or pre-owned equipment.

### **Does the Foundation fund requests for patent-pending equipment?**

We do not accept grant requests for patent-pending products.

### **Does the Foundation accept requests for partial funding?**

We will consider requests for partial funding, however, the balance of funds must be secured and outlined within your grant request. Documentation of partial funding must be included as part of your background/history attachment.

**We are unable to provide any additional assistance due to the volume of applications received daily. For technical questions, please email [Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com](mailto:Foundation@FirehouseSubs.com).**

## **Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Scholarships Program FAQs**

### **How can an individual apply for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation scholarship?**

The scholarship program is open to community members as well as Firehouse Subs employees planning to enroll in a part-time or full-time firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) program at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational technical school for the upcoming academic year. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### **How can accredited schools apply for scholarship funding?**

Accredited schools can apply for scholarship funding in support of firefighter, law enforcement or emergency medical (paramedic or EMT) programs by completing the online grant applications via [grants.firehousesubs.com](https://grants.firehousesubs.com).

**We are unable to respond to general inquiries. For assistance related to grant portal technical errors, please email [foundation@firehousesubs.com](mailto:foundation@firehousesubs.com).**

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Quote Number: QUO-46305-H0V5T4  
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Freight	Delivery Terms	Payment Terms	Payment Methods
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Item #	QTY	Description	Open Mkt	MSRP	Discount Price	Extended
R23RSU99AJ	1	RANGER Crew XP 1000 NorthStar Premium - Azure Crystal Metallic - 49 State	No	\$30,799.00	\$28,876.10	\$28,876.10
2883979	1	Action - XP 1000's / Pro XD Deluxe Emergency Light Kit	No	\$8,980.00	\$7,509.72	\$7,509.72
2883982	1	Action - XP 1000's / Pro XD Premium Emergency Light Bar (requires 2883979 & inc'l 2883981)	No	\$6,670.00	\$5,577.93	\$5,577.93
2883966	1	Action - XP 1000's / Pro XD Custom Graphics for Fire or Law Enforcement	No	\$910.00	\$761.01	\$761.01
5416347	4	Pro Armor HarvesterTire (28x10-14) - each	No	\$229.99	\$192.33	\$769.32



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Comments:

<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$43,894.07
<b>INSTALL*</b>	\$270.00
<b>FREIGHT</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>TAX</b>	\$0.00
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TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG,  
BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE APPLICATION TO AND  
ACCEPT FUNDS FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS FOUNDATION  
GRANT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority approves of the Breitung Police Chief to apply for \$35,000 in funds from the Firehouse Subs Foundation grant program for Lifesaving Equipment (all-terrain vehicle).

**WHEREAS THE** authorizing authority agrees to accept funding for Lifesaving Equipment from the Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant Program.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that the authorizing authority of the Township of Breitung does adopt this resolution.

Township Supervisors: Chairman Tomsich, Supervisor Tekautz, Supervisor Tuchel

Upon vote taken, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution NO. 2023-15 was declared duly passed and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

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Dianna Sundahl – Clerk

## Travel Request Form

Employee name DANIEL L REING Title CHIEF  
 Department POLICE DEPT.  
 Travel purpose G.R.E.A.T. TRAINING Destination LOUISVILLE, KY  
 From July 10<sup>th</sup>, 23 To July 14<sup>th</sup>, 23 Days 5 days

Approved budget \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Justification		
<p>TRAINING FOR G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM. THIS WILL ALLOW BPD TO PARTNER WITH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO TEACH CONFLICT RESOLUTION, ANTI BULLYING, AND GANG VIOLENCE.</p>		
Estimated budget		
Type of expense	Description	Budget
PLANE TICKETS	DULUTH MN - Louisville, KY July 9 <sup>th</sup> - July 14 <sup>th</sup> one way	\$ 400-500 Based on today's search.
HOTEL	5 Nights plus BREAKFAST Law Enforcement rate @ 190 <sup>00</sup> - 200 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 1,000
ENTRANCE FEES	G.R.E.A.T Officer Training Tuition \$ 495 <sup>00</sup>	\$ 495 <sup>00</sup>
Estimated Total		\$ 2,000

Employee signature 

Date 7/25/23

Supervisor signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** Dustin Letica <LeticaD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:24 AM  
**To:** Ryan Bauers  
**Subject:** MA renewals resuming follow up  
**Attachments:** MA renewals resuming.pptx

Good morning,

Thank you for your attendance at our recent townhall meeting. We had nearly 100 individuals gather to meet and collaborate on ideas to work together to minimize the impact that the Medical Assistance renewals resuming may have on the individuals who need this critical coverage.

Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint that was used at the meeting. The recorded sessions have been uploaded to our St. Louis County YouTube channel, please find the link here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cytZenB\\_Pqo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cytZenB_Pqo)

St. Louis County's goal is to have a generic Medical Assistance call center up and operating soon. This phone line can be used for enrollees to call in and report an address change or find out when their renewal is. Any case specific questions would be directed to the individual's team.

As a reminder, we are planning to host town hall meetings for Medical Assistance enrollees as well. They will be at the following days/times/locations:

- Duluth – Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm – 6:00pm (this will be streamed live on St. Louis County's Facebook page)
- Virginia – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm – 6:00 pm

Below are Email contact(s) for:

Community events:

- Theresa – [DahlheimerT@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:DahlheimerT@stlouiscountymn.gov)
- Paige – [GephartP@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:GephartP@stlouiscountymn.gov)

Comments/suggestions/communications:

- Ryan - [BauersR@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:BauersR@stlouiscountymn.gov)

Specific case questions:

- Email/call the specific team that an individual is working with
  - If team is unknown, contact 218-726-2222

You may find additional resources here:

- To locate a navigator: <https://www.mnsure.org/help/find-assister/find-assister.jsp>
- To find DHS blank forms: <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/publications-forms-resources/edocs/>
- MA renewal resuming toolkit for enrollees: <https://mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage/>

We have received a couple of updates since our first town hall meeting:

- DHS is creating a tool on their website that any member of the public may go to and look up when their renewal date is. We have been told that this will be available by the end of May.

- DHS is developing a way that individuals may submit their renewal paperwork online via the [MNbenefits](#) . It appears that this will only be for submission and not an actual spot where an individual can fill out the renewal paperwork.

Again, thank you all for your willingness to work together, it is appreciated.

-Dusty

Dusty Leticia  
Economic Services & Supports Director  
St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services  
P | 218-726-2021



PUBLIC HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MN

**From:** Holly Olson <OlsonH@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Joshua Brinkman  
**Cc:** Duane Johnson; Joshua Graves  
**Subject:** FW: Spring Flooding 2023 - damages

**Importance:** High

Hello all St Louis County Cities and Townships,  
Per Emergency Management Planner Josh Brinkman, please see below.  
Please submit all information and any questions to Josh Brinkman [brinkmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:brinkmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov)  
Thank you, stay safe everyone.

*Note: The recipients of this email were blind carbon copied (BCC) to enhance viewing this email via a smart phone.*

**Holly Olson | Information Specialist III**

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office  
911/Communications  
2030 North Arlington Avenue  
Duluth, Minnesota 55811  
218-726-2921  
[olsonh@StLouisCountyMN.gov](mailto:olsonh@StLouisCountyMN.gov)

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**From:** Joshua Brinkman <BrinkmanJ@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:26 AM  
**To:** Holly Olson <OlsonH@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Cc:** Duane Johnson <JohnsonD@StLouisCountyMN.gov>  
**Subject:** Spring Flooding 2023 - damages

Holly, can you please send these out to all townships and cities?

Good morning,

St. Louis County will be declaring a State of Disaster for spring flooding in the coming week. At this time we need to receive preliminary damage assessments from you. This can be a rough 'guestimate' at this point, please include the following information:

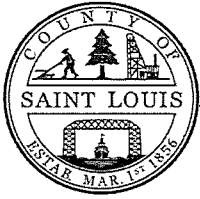
- Type of damages/work performed; road washouts, culverts, shoreline erosion, emergency pumping, debris removal, sandbagging etc.
  - Any damages/work performed from 3/21/2023 - future is eligible (start date subject to change)
- Estimated total cost \$

Failure to submit this information in a timely manner may result in losing eligibility for reimbursement.

Continue to maintain detailed records to ensure a smooth reimbursement process.

Please submit all information and any questions to: [brinkmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:brinkmanj@stlouiscountymn.gov)

**Josh Brinkman**



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March 1, 2023

REFSDAL DAREN C & LILYA JODY C  
5874 ECHO POINT RD  
TOWER MN 55790

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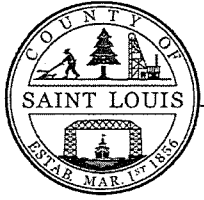
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Thanks much,

Ada Tse, Planner  
enc.



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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING VIOLATION AND CORRECTIVE ORDER

**Notice Date:**

**Property:** 270-0020-03142

**Property Owner:** REFSDAL DAREN C & LILYA JODY C

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Notice By:   
Jason Walsh, Senior Planner

cc: Township Official  
County Attorney  
Ada Tse



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**Property Owner:** BARBEAU LYNN & SERRANO JANE

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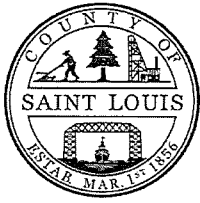
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March 1, 2023

BARBEAU LYNN & SERRANO JANE  
641 19TH AVE NE  
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55418

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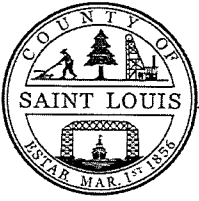
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Notice By:   
Jason Walsh, Senior Planner

cc: Township Official  
County Attorney  
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March 1, 2023

Gregory Hartman  
19262 E FRONT BLVD  
EAST BETHEL MN 55092

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Thanks much,

Paul Butler, Planner

**From:** Lori Vrolson <Lori@cmcoa.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2023 8:27 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Funding to Rural Minnesota  
**Attachments:** IFF\_FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS TO MBA\_LH.docx; IFF Support Rural Aging.A\_S.pdf

Our aging community members in Greater MN need your help. I am reaching out today to ask for your *public comment* to advocate for all Minnesotans aging in outstate MN.

The *Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA)* is tasked with creating an equitable funding intrastate funding formula (IFF) for Minnesota's Older American Act dollars and the public comment period will be open from April 3 to May 3. The MBA's proposed IFF leaves Greater MN at a shortfall, risking a substantial loss in service for our older community members including a loss of funding for rides to medical appointments, home delivered meals, grocery delivery, respite, lawn mowing and snow removal and services to support older adults to live at home and help family caregivers .

I am hopeful that you will make time to comment and ask the people you serve to comment. Older American Act funding supports services to people 60 and older, the implication of reduced resources affects all levels of our community including loss of services, reduced population, loss of jobs, caregiver burden and diminished health.

**Attached** is a draft letter that individuals can customize and submit directly to the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA), but using the public comment web link would be the easiest way to submit comment. Please remember, this is not lobbying, this is raising awareness and educating the public to provide public comment. We are mobilizing our network to raise its voice for Greater Minnesota service provision

**Below** is an email draft you can use to direct people to the link which will be live April 3, 2023 – May 3, 2023. Please help promote.

The Public Comment web link for the Intrastate Funding Formula or allocation formula for Older American Act services is live April 3-May 3, 2023. Please submit your comments today!

We need you to tell MBA: ***Please submit to ACL an Intrastate Funding Formula weighted as follows: 20% for population 60+, 5% for 60+ with disability, 20% for 60+ low income, 15% for 60+ minority, 25% for 60+ rural, 5% for 60+ population density, 10% for 60+ living alone. This formula best serves all older Americans in outstate MN.***

We would like you to include in your comments: ***This is about ensuring equitable allocations and service provision in Greater Minnesota for the decade to come.***

And finally, we request that you ask your friends, neighbors, civic groups and elected representatives to please include their voice with yours and inform MBA during this public comment period.

If you need more background on the Intrastate Funding Formula, please check out <https://www.greaterminnesotaaging.org/background-material-1>

Thank you for your support in making Aging in Greater Minnesota

Links:

Public comment: <https://mn.gov/board-on-aging/state-plan-on-aging/index.jsp>

Background information webpage: <https://www.greaterminnesotaaging.org/background-material-1>

**Letters can be sent via email to: Kari L Benson, Executive Director [kari.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:kari.benson@state.mn.us)**

**Send via mail:**

**Minnesota Board on Aging**

**PO Box 64976**

**St Paul, MN 55164**

FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS TO MBA

**Send via email:**

***Kari L Benson, Executive Director [kari.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:kari.benson@state.mn.us)***

**Send via USPS mail:**

***Minnesota Board on Aging***

***PO Box 64976***

***St Paul, MN 55164***

Dear Minnesota Board on Aging Members and Kari Benson,

I am a [insert your information, an older adult, a caregiver, a professional, a concerned community member]. I ask for your support to protect aging in rural Minnesota by ensuring an equitable Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) for rural communities. The current formula is heavily weighted to 60+ demographics and favors the 7-county metro region. [insert your town name] needs your support, and the health of older rural Minnesotans depends upon it.

Please prevent cuts to vital services for older adults in rural Minnesota. Please consider recommending an Intrastate Funding Formula weighted as follows: **20% for population 60+, 5% for 60+ with disability, 20% for 60+ low income, 15% for 60+ minority, 25% for 60+ rural, 5% for 60+ population density, 10% for 60+ living alone.** I would like the opportunity to continue to live in my community.

In my community, I have limited options for services such as meal delivery programs, I have longer transportation time to appointments, and I have limited access to technology and resources. Older American Act (OAA) programs truly act as lifeline in my rural community. These programs and services help people stay living in their homes.

In rural Minnesota, programs that provide services to older adults are at risk of being severely underfunded. The upcoming proposed changes to the Minnesota Intrastate Funding Formula would not meet the needs of older adults living in my community.

**I care about the health and wellbeing of my older neighbors, and I support their desire to age independently and in their family homes.**

Again, I ask you to prevent cuts to vital services in all Minnesota. Please consider recommending an Intrastate Funding Formula weighted as suggested by those serving me and my neighbors: 20% for population 60+, 5% for 60+ with disability, 20% for 60+ low income, 15% for 60+ minority, 25% for 60+ rural, 5% for 60+ population density, 10% for 60+ living alone. Help me maintain the opportunity for healthy aging in my rural community.

Sincerely,

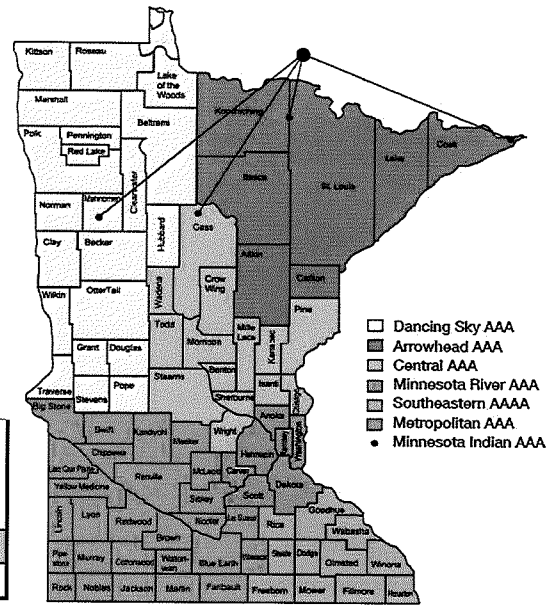


# Support Aging in Rural Minnesota

Rural communities are facing closed hospitals or unreachable health care services, a deepened digital divide, lost jobs at industries economically anchoring rural communities, and greater food insecurity for older adults.

The need for a conversation around rural service funding seems more important than ever.

Minnesota Area Agencies on Aging



	60+ Population	60+ with Disability	60+ Low Income	60+ Minority	60+ Rural	60+ Population Density	60+ Living Alone
<b>MBA Proposed</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Rural Ask</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

## Public Comment on IFF

PSA	Current 2023 allocations		Proposed IFF by MBA			IFF Request to Support Rural Seniors		
	Total OAA Title III (all titles)	%	Total OAA Title III (all titles)	%	+/- to current	Total OAA Title III (all titles)	%	+/- to current
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AAAA	1,831,139	8.8106%	1,803,098	8.6757%	-28,041	1,922,685	9.2511%	91,546
CMCOA	2,845,058	13.6891%	2,956,572	14.2257%	111,514	3,178,060	15.2914%	333,002
MINRAAA	2,709,193	13.0354%	2,305,701	11.0940%	-403,492	2,488,241	11.9723%	-220,952
SEMAAA	2,137,342	10.2839%	1,852,500	8.9134%	-284,842	1,892,861	9.1076%	-244,481
MAAA	8,450,005	40.6576%	9,144,575	43.9996%	694,570	8,353,313	40.1924%	-96,692
MIAAA	506,952	2.4392%	576,986	2.7762%	70,034	598,684	2.8806%	91,732
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,783,314</b>		<b>20,783,272</b>			<b>20,783,315</b>		

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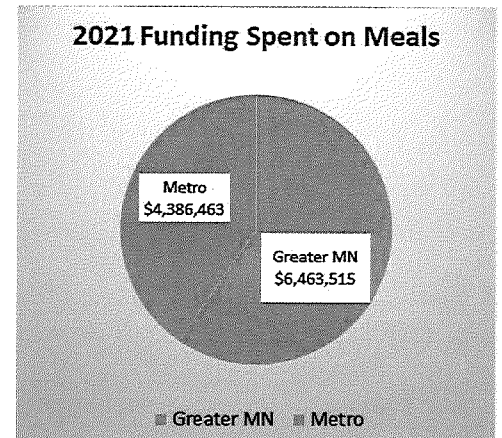
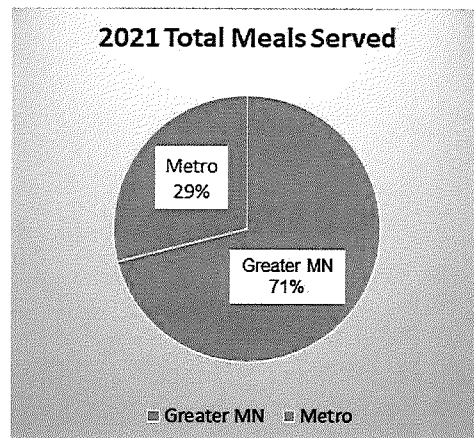
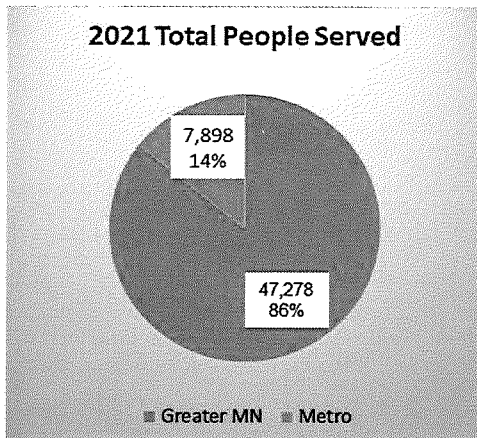
It would support our aging community members throughout Greater MN if the MN Board on Aging would consider the following changes to the MBA Proposed IFF.

Decrease the 60+ population factor to a 20% weight, Decrease 60+ factor with Disability to 5% weight, Increase 60+ Rural factor to 25%, Increase Living Alone factor to 10%, Keep 60+ Low Income at 20%, Keep 60+ Minority at 15%, and Keep 60+ Population Density at 5%. The formula factors and weights are re-evaluated every 10 years and data updates are completed a minimum of every 5 years.

Public comment will be open April 3rd via the State Register and on the MBA website: <https://mn.gov/board-on-aging/state-plan-on-aging/index.jsp> or

Minnesota Board on Aging  
P.O. Box 64976  
St. Paul, MN 55164

Because of disproportionate Title III funding, rural older adults do not receive equitable servings of meals. Other funding opportunities are limited in rural Minnesota.



Statewide in 2021, there were 56,819 older adults served through Title III congregate dining and home delivered meals. While 20% of all meal participants served were from the CMCOA Planning and Service Area, we only received 14% of the statewide nutrition funding allocated through the IFF.

#### Challenges to Providing Services in Rural Environment

##### Limited Infrastructure

- Few transportation options and poorly maintained roads
- Older housing in need of repairs, limited affordable senior housing
- Limited technology in some areas, including broadband

##### Dispersed Population

- Distance between sparse populations and disincentives for providers to serve rural area
- Distance hampers older adults' access to services in the community.

##### Demographic and Economic Trends

- Working-age adults leaving rural areas
- Smaller workforce pool for providers.
- Fewer family members and volunteers to help older adults
- Growing aging population eligible for services, including some high-need older adults

SOURCE: GAO.GOV

##### Access to Foundation Funding

- Congressional Districts 2,3,4,5,6 serve all or parts of the Metro region and contain 740 Foundations:
- \$1,868,000,000 Foundation dollars awarded in 2021
- Congressional District 8 and 7 contains 120 Foundations \$177,000,000 (Rural has 4.5% of the options that Metro area has for alternate funding.)
- 2% of all foundation dollars in MN are directed specifically toward aging services

## Rural Equity

Rural Equity means that all people living in rural areas are able to live their healthiest life possible.



## Helpful Links to learn more about the IFF

Video: What is the IFF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=1C6ldz2zHWE>

Video: What Does the IFF Mean our Greater MN Communities:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=49gwBkK2GeU>

Aging in Minnesota Fact Sheet 2022:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/63fce52c2c38300cb81dfbc/t/63fe69a8fb73e3000ba34439/1677617579898/Aging+in+MN+Fact+Sheet+-+Ann+Bussey.pdf>

Download the Support Letter to contact the Minnesota Board on Aging and support Greater Minnesota:

<https://cmcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/IFF-Support-Ltr.docx>

**clerk@breitungtownship.org**

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**From:** clerk@breitungtownship.org  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 9:55 AM  
**To:** 'lg.us.pdicentralquotes@linde.com'  
**Cc:** 'publicworks@breitungtownship.org'; 'chairman@breitungtownship.org'  
**Subject:** Customer # 71933915 Linde Gas-Virginia MN

To whom it may concern:

I have called and made several attempts since the beginning of the year to have our tanks picked up. I have just received our 3<sup>rd</sup> invoice since my initial call. Please come pick up your tanks, and please reverse the charges on invoice number 34521740. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the number listed below or our Maintenance Supervisor-Tom Gorsma during normal business hours @ 218-780-9463.

**Dianna Sundahl**  
Clerk, Breitung Township  
PO Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782  
218-753-6020

4/18/23 called Lisa in accounting  
800 266 4369

Escalating to Branch manager  
for pickup



Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.

PAGE	CUSTOMER NUMBER	DATE
1 OF 2	71933915	4/10/2023

2599 - 1/2 : 5199 (A1)

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
 NEED ADDRESS  
 PO BOX 56  
 SOUDAN MN 55782-0056



REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS:
PLEASE SHOW INVOICE NUMBER AND DATE ON REMITTANCE, AND SEND TO:
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC. DEPT CH 10660 PALATINE IL 60055-0660  Tel# 800-266-4369

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

71933915 99000004100000086351

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TOP PORTION WITH PAYMENT

**LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.**

**Past Due Amount \$ 86.35**

**PLEASE NOTE: REFLECTS PAYMENTS THROUGH 4/10/2023**

Dear Customer:

Our records indicate that your account is past due.

If your payment has recently been submitted, please accept our thanks. Otherwise, please use one of the following convenient payment options to immediately resolve the outstanding balance:

- Call to pay by Credit Card or Check by Phone. We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX, and DISCOVER. There are no additional fees for this service.
- Contact your financial institution regarding an electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- Pay in person at our nearest location.
- Mail check or money order with attached remittance slip.

Please see attached for a list of past due invoices.

Should you have any inquiries about the invoices listed, please call Customer Financial Services at the above remittance phone number.

We appreciate your business and your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Customer Financial Services

To set up your account online to make a one-time payment, view invoices or set up automated payments, please visit our website: [www.Lindedirect.com/billpay](http://www.Lindedirect.com/billpay)

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<b>PAST DUE INVOICE DETAIL</b>						
<b>INVOICE NUMBER</b>	<b>SALES ORDER NUMBER</b>	<b>INVOICE DATE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE AMOUNT</b>	<b>CUSTOMER PO#</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
34521740		2/28/2023	3/30/2023	86.35		Invoice
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 86.35</b>		

If you wish to receive your documents electronically, please contact us.

# — The Tower News —

## 2023 Signature Group Ad Package \* \$75.00

*Join other local businesses & send greetings for seven holidays during the year!*

**Mother's Day \* Memorial Day \* Father's Day \* Independence Day**

**Labor Day \* Veteran's Day \* Thanksgiving**

**....plus, Congratulations to 2023 Tower/Soudan Graduates**

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**We also do a few Special Group Ad Pages during the year,  
School Sports Congratulation pages mostly ...**

The cost for these additional pages is \$10.00 each.  
We can automatically put you on the greeting page  
or we can contact you each time - your choice!

(Promotion runs from May 2023 thru May 2024)

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**Yes, please add my business to the Signature Greeting Pages.**

I will be billed \$75.00 at the end of May 2023

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you want to appear on the list)

Please check one below for Special Group Ad Pages:

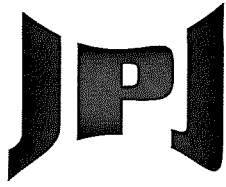
- Automatically put my business on all Special Pages**  
 **School Sports – YES, but call for any other Special Pages**  
 **Contact me first if you run any Special Pages**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, please contact Terry  
Phone 218-753-7777 \* Fax 218-753-7778  
thetowernews@gmx.com  
thetowernews1899@gmail.com

Please Reply by Friday, April 28



Engineering

Land Surveying

Site Development

**INVOICE**

March 28, 2023

Please make checks payable to:  
**JPJ Engineering, Inc.**  
Federal Tax ID #: 27-4371358

The Honorable Tim Tomsich  
Chairman, Breitung Township  
P.O. Box 56  
Soudan, MN 55782-0056

Project: **2023 Infrastructure Improvements**  
Project No.: 22-126  
Invoice No.: 1  
Invoice Period: November 2022 thru March 17, 2023

For professional engineering services provided to the Breitung Township for the above mentioned project.  
Services performed included the following:

Item	Contract Amount	Percent Cmpl.	Amount Billed To Date	Contract Amount Remaining	Amount Previously Invoiced	Current Invoice Amount
Design Fee (6% of \$462,000)	\$27,720.00	80%	22,176.00	5,544.00	0.00	22,176.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$27,720.00</b>		<b>\$22,176.00</b>	<b>\$5,544.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,176.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,720.00</b>		<b>\$22,176.00</b>	<b>\$5,544.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,176.00</b>

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE THIS INVOICE**

\$22,176.00

Approved by:

Preston W. Tripp, Professional Engineer

Invoices are due and payable upon receipt. Invoices not paid within 30 days of the date rendered will be assessed a finance charge of 1.0% per month for each month beyond 30 days past due.

425 Grant Street  
5670 Miller Trunk Hwy

P.O. Box 656  
Suite A

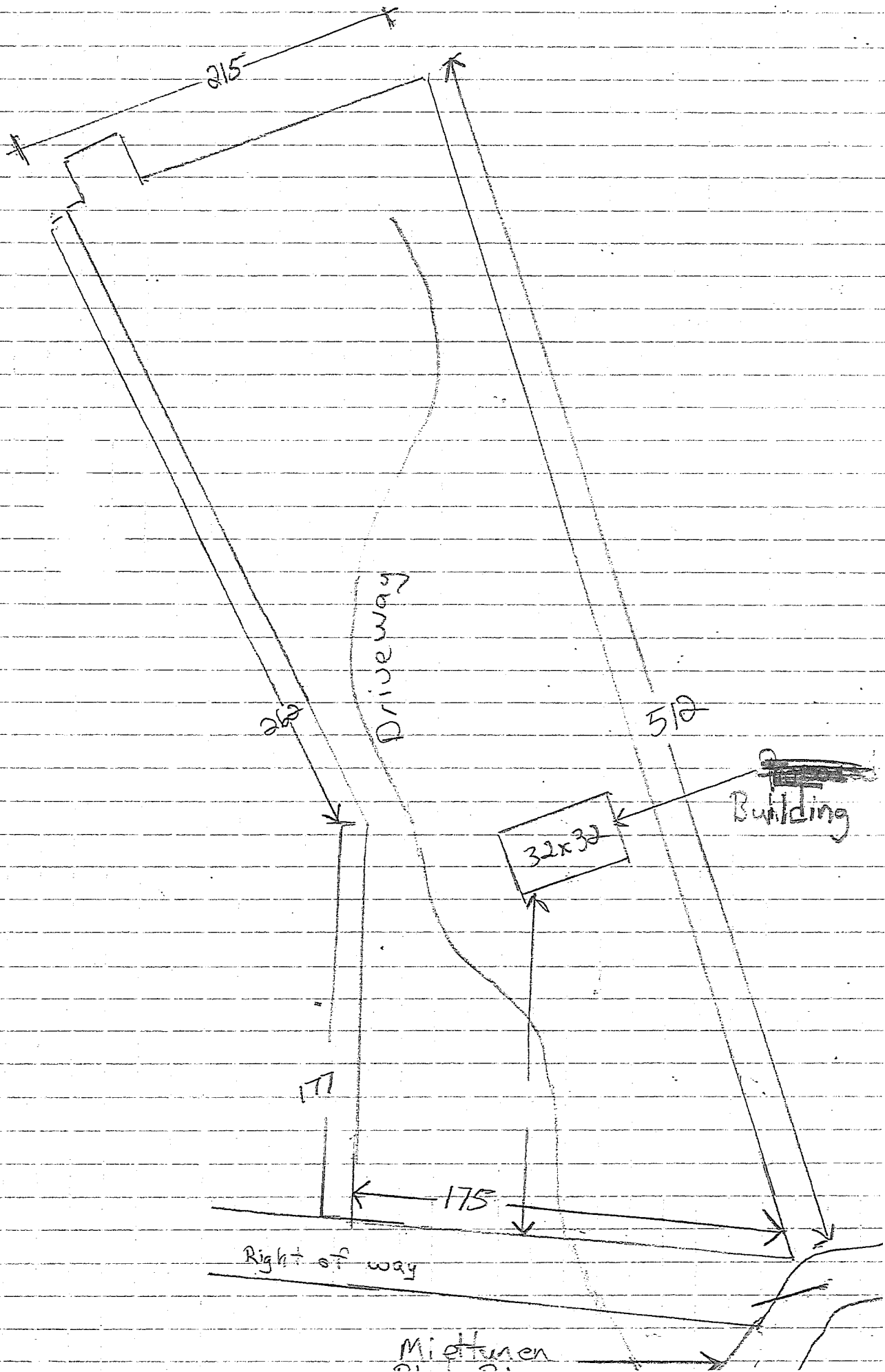
Hibbing, MN 55746  
Duluth, MN 55811  
www.jpjeng.com

218-262-5528  
218-720-6219

218-262-5059 (Fax)  
218-720-6267 (Fax)



5515 Miettunen Plat Rd  
Amanda and Paul Meyer



**TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10**

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

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

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

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

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Anonymous	\$500	03/22/2023

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

<b>Donation Number</b>	<b>Terms or Conditions</b>
1. Anonymous	Tower Ambulance Replacement Fund

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

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

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

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used in accordance with noted terms or conditions either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.

2. The town clerk is hereby directed to acknowledge to each donor the town's acceptance of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the Town Board of Breitung Township on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chairman Tim Tomsich, Supervisor Charles Tekautz, and Supervisor Matthew Tichel

Ayes:

Nays:

Approved: Chairperson

Attested: Clerk

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Timothy Tomsich – Chairman

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Dianna Sunsdahl - Clerk

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TIMBER DAYS

Cook Timber Days  
P.O. Box 1123  
Cook MN 55723

March 15, 2023

Greetings from the Cook's Annual Timber Days Planning Committee! We are very excited to announce that Timber Days will once again be held in Cook Minnesota, June 9th-10th-11th, 2023.

For over 65 years, our town has held the Cook's Annual Timber Days festival during the second weekend in June. While the displays, vendors and entertainment have changed through the years, Timber Days continues to celebrate our heritage, with emphasis on the contributions of the timber industry.

It takes many hours of planning, volunteer work, and monetary donations to organize and facilitate an event like Timber Days. The Planning Committee is seeking your help to support the upcoming festivities during Timber Days 2023. With all the fun activities, we have the responsibility to pay for entertainment acts, contests, displays, fireworks, the parade, raffle tickets, prizes, trophies...as well as organization expenses including advertising, insurance, licenses, permits, sanitary facilities, trash cleanup, etc.

Please consider sponsoring us! Any donation is greatly appreciated. Your name/organization will be displayed as a contributor in the Cook area newspapers with a monetary donation of \$250 or more. With a donation of \$500 or more, you will also be on the banner posted in the Cook City Park during Timber Days, as well as on the banner that leads the Parade on Sunday, June 11th. As we are operated as a 501c3, all contributions are tax deductible.

Please complete the form below and mail it with your contribution to the address listed above. If you have questions or need more information, please email us at: [timberdayscookmn@gmail.com](mailto:timberdayscookmn@gmail.com) and we will get back to you promptly.

Sincerely,

*Shirley Baumgartner*  
Shirley Baumgartner, Chairperson  
Cook's Annual Timber Days

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Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE to return this form and your contribution to be included in the recognition advertising is MAY 15, 2023.