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Working Together to Deliver Quality Services that are Valued by the Community, Today and Tomorrow

Vision:

A modern community where all are treated as neighbors

**Regular Meeting of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Government Center Board Room**

Members Present: Chairperson Greg Anderson; Commissioners Susan Morris, Terry Turnquist, Dave Oslund, Mike Warring
Members Absent: None
Others Present: J Lines, J Edblad, R Heilman, P Messer, M Jensen, K Hansen, B Wendorf, and T Bergloff; (Reporter: J Kotila, N Olson)

00o Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

00o Public Comment Session. There was no public comment.

20/02-22 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the February 19, 2020, County Board Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-23 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the February 5, 2020, County Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-24 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Morris, to approve the request of the Personnel Committee to fill the Highway Technician II position at the lesser hours until the end of May. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-25 Motion by Morris, seconded by Warring, to approve the following Personnel Action Items: to ratify the hire of Andrea Abress, part time temporary Adult Probation Agent, effective February 10, 2020; to ratify the hire of Kimberly Hite, part time Public Health Administrative Assistant II, effective February 13, 2020; to ratify the hire of Emily Moe, full time Public Health Administrative Assistant III, effective February 18, 2020; to accept the transfer of Cody Brown, full time Heavy Equipment Mechanic to full time Sign Worker II, effective February 24, 2020; to approve the regular full time status of Maria Glad, full time Legal Administrative Assistant, effective March 3, 2020; to approve the regular full time status of Ben Mortenson, full time Adult Probation Agent, effective March 3, 2020; to approve the regular full time status of Molly Wiemann, full time Health and Safety Coordinator, effective March 9, 2020; to approve the regular full time status of Emily James, Social Worker, effective March 16, 2020; to approve the regular full time status of Brad Weber, Adult Probation Agent, effective March 17, 2020; to accept the resignation of Damien Louis, full time Social Worker, effective February 25, 2020; to accept the resignation of Mercideze VanBrugen, full time Social Worker, effective February 26, 2020; and to accept the resignation of William Snyder, part time Courthouse Security Officer, effective February 29, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-26 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the Lower St. Croix Policy Committee representative to approve submittal of the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Plan for 60-day review to State Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-27 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the Therapeutic Services Agency Lease Agreement beginning March 1, 2020 until 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-28 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Morris, to approve the following claims and warrants:

Beaudry Oil & Propane	\$8,136.00	Metro. Mechanical Contractors	\$91,039.69
Chisago County Treasurer	\$8,197.87	Motorola	\$11,660.43
Design Electric, Inc	\$11,991.11	Office of MN IT Services	\$5,651.55
Jeff's Outdoor Services	\$17,393.77	The Masters Touch	\$8,000.00
Knife River Corp	\$83,794.56	Traffic Marking Services	\$6,251.64
Maple Ridge Township	\$7,069.40	Ziegler	\$6,310.13
		Total Claims & Warrants	\$265,496.15

Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-29 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the following Utility Permit: Permit No. 20-02-02: CenturyLink – Fiber optic cable on CSAH 14, from 0.146 miles West of Bridge No. 30505 to CSAH 6. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-30 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Morris, to accept the completed Contract #1901, and approve the final payment of \$78,242.21 to MN Paving and Materials. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-31 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to accept the completed Contract #1902, and approve the final payment of \$3,036.26 to MN Paving and Materials. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-32 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION NO. 20-13-01. HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 25. S.A.P. 030-614-021. COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 14. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners, State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the Right of Way location of County State Aid Highway 14 as shown on the Isanti County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 25. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-33 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Morris, to authorize the purchase of a Gilson TS-1 Hydraulic Screen Shaker in the amount of \$6,953.50 from Gilson Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-34 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Warring, to approve the professional engineering agreement work order for the design of replacement structures for Bridge No.'s 3052, 3053, and 3054 with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$27,940.00. Motion carried unanimously.

00o Mark Jensen, Fiscal Supervisor, presented the agency's monthly financial report to the Board.

20/02-35 Motion by Morris, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the contract between Family Services and New Pathways, Inc. (Host County Contract for the Regions). Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-36 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the contract between Family Services and Country Services for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-37 Motion by Morris, seconded by Turnquist, to approve the contract between Family Services and Robin Noren-Mullins for Circle of Security. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-38 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the contract between Isanti County Family Services acting as Fiscal Host for the Adult Mental Health Initiative and Lighthouse Child and Family Services. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-39 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the contract between Isanti County Family Services Acting as Fiscal Host for the Adult Mental Health Initiative and Amy Conant. Motion carried unanimously.

O0o Karyn Hansen, Social Services Supervisor, gave the 2020 report of gaps and needs for Mental Health related services.

O0o The Board was advised that the number of Income Maintenance cases as shown by the MAXIS system as of January 31, 2020, was 2,153.

20/02-40 On motion by Terry Turnquist and seconded by Mike Warring: 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved:

Anoka Metro RTC-412/(1)	\$43,276.00	Kanabec Co Family Svcs	\$23,394.50
Canvas Health	\$7,700.10	Mille Lacs Acdy - Ship & Safari Pgm	\$24,990.34
CDW Government	\$65,327.38	Therapeutic Services Agency	\$14,411.96
Department of Human Svcs	\$51,717.31	Village Ranch Inc	\$5,832.03
Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer	\$26,976.00	Auditors	\$298,135.10
Isanti County Family Svcs	\$5,558.34	Total Family Services Vouchers	\$567,319.06

Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-41 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Morris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION. WHEREAS, the County of Isanti supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Program. The application is to construct 6.7 miles of single-track mountain bike trails within the Springvale County Park trail System. The trail system is located within 211 acres of Springvale County Park, and WHEREAS, the County of Isanti recognizes that it has secured \$45,000 in local cash matching funds for this project and must provide a twenty-five percent (25%) cash match. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if the County of Isanti is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural resources, the County of Isanti agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The County of Isanti will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant has read the Conflict of Interest Policy contained in the Trail Program Grant Manual and certifies it will report any actual, potential, perceived, or organizational conflicts of interest upon discovery to the state related to the application or grant award. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of the County of Isanti names the fiscal agent for the County of Isanti for this project as:

Barry Wendorf, Parks Director, Isanti County 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Isanti hereby assures the Springvale County Park: Trail will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-42 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the following Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Licenses: Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal; and LePage and Sons. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-43 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the final plat of Vogtlin Addition, Section 10, Township 34, Range 25, Stanford Township. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-44 Motion by Warring, seconded by Oslund, to approve the final plat of Rose Acres First Addition, Section 5, Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-45 Motion by Morris, seconded by Warring, to approve the final plat of Swamp View, Section 3, Township 35, Range 22, North Branch Township. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-46 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Warring, to approve the final plat of Towering Pines 2, Section 2, Township 35, Range 25, Spencer Brook Township, with the following condition: 1. Control access must be indicated and recorded on the final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-47 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Morris, to approve the final plat of Moody's Place, Section 8, Township 35, Range 25, Spencer Brook Township, with the following condition: 1. The driveway easement for Lots 2 and 3 must be recorded when the final plat is recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS

20/02-48 Motion by Morris, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of Ekerholm & Erickson LLC, 3710 Paul's Lake Road NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to present a preliminary plat of London Creek 3. Legal description is Lot 1 Block 1 London Creek of Section 9, Township 35, Range 23, Isanti Township. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-49 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Warring, to approve the request of Jeremy & Kimberly Walizer, 12060 Porter Dr., Champlin, MN 55316, to present a preliminary plat of Walizer Acres. Legal description is the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ fct. of Section 18, Township 35, Range 258, Spencer Brook Township. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-50 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Warring, to approve the request of David Mohs, 13050 Dunkirk Circle NE, Blaine, MN 55449 & Don Hanson Carlson McCain, 3890 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite #100, Blaine, MN 55449, to present a preliminary plat of Hunters Special. Legal description is the S ½ of the NE ¼ fct. of Section 18, Township 36, Range 24, Springvale Township, with the following conditions: 1. The driveway for the exception must get resolved which is not located where it is supposed to be. 2. Springvale Township Board must approve the reconfiguration of the final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-51 Motion by Turnquist, seconded by Oslund, to approve the request of DGO Cambridge MN 021319, LLC, 5072 Highway 95 NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 and Indigo Signworks, 4133 Iowa Street, Suite 100, Alexandria, MN 56308, for a Conditional Use Permit for a free standing on premise business sign. Legal description is Lot 2 Block 1 West Side Commercial of Section 25, Township 36, Range 25, Wyanett Township, with the following conditions: 1. This is for a 5' x 10' free standing on premise day/night pylon sign. 2. Must obtain all necessary permits. 3. Must meet applicable setbacks. 4. No flashing lights. 5. The location of the sign to be as indicated per the submitted site plan. 6. The overall height of the sign not to exceed 20'. 7. Total lumens count per face cannot be increased above 9,700 count. 8. The sign will be on only during business hours. Findings: 1. The lumens and the size of the sign have been reduced so the conditional use permit will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. The property is located in the Business District so the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and

orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. The lumen count has been reduced and the size of the sign has been modified so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-52 Motion by Warring, seconded by Morris, to approve the request of Craig and Dianne Bjorklund, 27072 Polk Street NE, Isanti, MN 55040, and EDF Renewables, 10 NE 2nd street, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55413, for a Conditional Use Permit for a Solar Garden. Legal description is the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (12.119.0200) and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (12.119.1800) of Section 19, Township 34, Range 24, Stanford Township, with the following conditions: 1. This project is for a 7 Megawatt community solar energy system. 2. The maximum height of the Solar Panels shall be 15'. 3. Construction and maintenance activities must be done during daylight hours. 4. Must adhere to the MN Wetland Conservation Act and Notice of Decision on 1/22/2020. 5. All onsite power and communication lines running between banks of solar panels and buildings shall be buried underground on premise. 6. Erosion control measures must be in place prior to construction. 7. This community solar energy system and its components must meet the setback, height and coverage limitations in the Agriculture/Residential district. 8. This project shall require a building permit, shall be subject to the approval of the County Building Official, and shall be consistent with the State of Minnesota Building Code, Electrical and Energy Codes. 9. The owner or operator shall contain all unenclosed electrical conductors located above ground within structures that control access. 10. Where visible from adjacent residential properties and public rights of way, buffer screening and landscaping shall minimize the visual impact of above grade site improvements. All buffer screening must provide year round screening. 11. Two rows staggered of conifer trees that must be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height at the time of installation, and reach a minimum maturity height of twelve (12) feet will be required to screen the use from public right of way and immediately adjacent properties and applicant must maintain the initial plantings and maintain the buffer at all times for the lease time agreement. 12. Areas of bare ground shall be re-vegetated with low growing pollinator friendly seed mix. 13. Security and perimeter fencing is required to be at least eight feet (8') in height around the surrounding facility and must accommodate unimpeded wildlife migration. 14. Must preserve the natural landscape and minimize tree removal and prevent any unnecessary destruction of the natural surroundings in the vicinity of the project during construction and maintenance. 15. Owner/Operator shall decommission the solar panels on the event they are not in use for 12 consecutive months; including removal of all structures and foundations, removal of electrical transmission components and restoration of soil and vegetation. The owner/operator shall provide a bond for decommissioning of this project for the current day decommission cost of \$109,879.50, and using a 1.5 % inflationary escalator; at 25 years the decommission cost of \$159,429.15 and at 35 years a cost of \$185,024.00. 16. Vehicle and utility access to the proposed project site must be on Bjorklund's property or an agreement with the adjacent neighbors. 17. A property site survey must be completed. 18. Project approved per the site plan that was submitted. Findings: 1. The Community Solar Energy System will not be harmful or interfere with adjacent uses. It does not create noise while in operation. The panels are relatively low and proposed to be setback a significant distance on the 100 plus acre site resulting in minimal visual impact and a significant portion of the perimeter being farmed or wooded to screen adjacent residences. Complies with the Isanti County Comprehensive Plan, Objective No. 2 – Encourage Agriculture – related commercial and non – traditional agricultural development. Encourage the research and development of alternative energy sources so that the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. 2. The project is surrounded by farmland, wetlands and established tree cover that will screen the residences and future development to be located on properties adjacent to the project which complies with Isanti County Comprehensive Plan Objective No. 5 – Establish land use patterns that preserve and protect natural qualities and existing rural character of the landscape so the establishment of the conditional use will not

impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. 3. No water or sewage disposal will be needed. Stormwater management infiltration basins and access will be provided as needed during the final design and building permit submittal so that adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. 4. There will be minimal people that will be on site during operations so no designated parking areas are needed.

Maintenance vehicles will park within the perimeter fence in the large open areas provided. Staging, loading and laydown areas are provided within the fence area as indicated on the submitted site plan so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. 5. The operation of a Community Solar Energy System does not result in odor, fumes, dust, or noise or vibration. This project will not include lighted signs or lighting that would be a disturbance to neighboring properties. During the construction period best management practices will be installed and maintained to avoid erosion and sedimentation outside the limits of the property so that adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odors, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Motion carried unanimously.

20/02-53 Motion by Oslund, seconded by Morris, to adjourn (10:45 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Julia Lines, County Administrator

Greg Anderson, County Board Chairperson

By: Halee Turner, Administrative Assistant II