



BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:15 AM

Location: Board Room, Courthouse

or

Virtual TEAMS Meeting Option

Call-In #: 763-496-5929 - Conference I.D.: 717 485 784#

8:15 Call the Board Meeting to Order: Board Chair Meyer

1. Pledge of Allegiance

8:20 Regular Business

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2. Reports and Correspondence
3. Appointments

9:00 County Administrator

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9:20 Planning & Zoning

1. Low Potency Hemp and Cannabis Ordinance Discussion for Fees and Requirements
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Adjourn

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BOARD MEETING AS POSTED

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: TUESDAY, November 4, 2025 at 8:15 am

LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

1. Meeting was brought to order by Chair Meyer. Commissioners in attendance: Meyer, Jepson, Hansen, Vareberg and Nelson, County Administrator Carrie Smith, and minute taker Peggy Martin.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Agenda – Motion and second to approve the agenda with the following changes:
Addition to Planning & Zoning: Discussion on Retaining Wall and Conditional Use Permit enforcement (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
2. Minutes – Motion and second to approve minutes of October 21, 2025 with the requested changes (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion and second to approve and accept the following Consent Agenda Items –
Auditor-Treasurer: Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants and Claims over 90 Days, Human Services: Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit, Highway: Resolution 11-25-1F – City of Audubon – LRIP Support, Sheriff: Resolution 11-25-1E – New Rates for Becker County Gun Permit Fees, Sale of Squad Car 4677 (Jepson, Nelson) carried.

Commissioners:

1. Open Forum:
 - Jay Carlson – Heartland Trail Extension. Make direction based on best route.
2. Reports and Correspondence: Reports were provided on the following meetings:
 - Commissioner Jepson – Crow Wing Watershed District, Planning & Zoning, Mahube.
 - Commissioner Nelson – District 4, Lakeland Mental Health, Sheriff.
 - Commissioner Vareberg – Environmental, Highway.
 - Commissioner Hansen – District 4, Environmental, Highway, Transit, PLMSW, Tribal Relations.
 - Commissioner Meyer – District 4, Sheriff.
3. Appointments:

- Cormorant Lakes Watershed District and Lake Agassiz Regional Library are being advertised and will come back at a later meeting.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Mahube OTWA Update: presented by Liz Kuoppala.
 - Serves 16,000 people across 5 counties.
 - 5 Levels of Help provided. Starting with people in crisis, to connecting to services, relationship-based coaching, asset building and leadership development.
2. Sunnyside Care Center: presented by Ashley McNally.
 - 30 Bed Skilled Nursing Facility with 78 employees.
 - 5 Star Facility.
 - Fiscal year ended in September in the positive.
 - Motion and second to continue ECPN support at \$7 per day per resident for a total amount of \$22,085 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.

Public Hearing to Reclassify Tax Forfeit Lands: presented by Mary Hendrickson.

1. Motion and second to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 am (Hansen, Nelson) carried.
2. Discussion.
 - Reclassification of Tax Forfeit Land in Eagle View Township to non-conservation.
 - Land sale to adjacent owners.
3. Motion and second to close the Public Hearing at 9:33 am (Jepson, Nelson) carried.
4. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1B – Reclassify Parcel 09.7006.000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
5. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1C – Reclassify Parcel 09.7053.000 (Nelson, Jepson) carried.
6. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1D – Authorize Tax Forfeit Land Sale and to the 2025 Terms of Sale and Parcel List (Jepson, Hansen) carried.

County Administrator: presented by Carrie Smith.

1. Report.
 - Repeal of the Moratorium on Nuclear Energy was discussed at finance. AMC also has a policy regarding the moratorium.
 - Paycom employee training has begun.
 - Leading on Purpose sessions are continuing.
 - Courthouse Fire Drill was conducted. Will be discussed at the next Safety Meeting
2. Becker County Township Association Meeting is November 20 at 7:00 pm.

3. Year End Purchase Order Cut off Dates have been established.

Highway: presented by Jim Olson.

1. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1G – State Aid Advance in the amount of \$1,415,587.99 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve Resolution 11-25-1H – Gravel Tax Reserve Transfer in the amount of \$400,000 to help finance CSAH 7 Grade Widening Project (Construction Project SAP No. 003-607-026 (Nelson, Hansen) carried.

Land Use/Highway: presented by Steve Skoog, Mitch Lundeen, and Jim Olson.

1. Final Heartland Trail Routing Study Update.
 - Study is complete and on the Becker County Website.
 - Next steps – discussion of implementation of the trail routing study.

Sheriff: presented by Todd Glander.

1. Motion and second to approve the Trade-In and purchase of 33 service pistols, holsters and lights up to \$25,000 to be paid in full at time of order (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Motion and second to approve the Cellebrite Inc. Unlocks Subscription in the amount of \$5,565 (Hansen, Jepson) carried.
3. Motion and second to approve the Ballistic Glass to be sold at Public Auction (Hansen, Nelson) carried.

Planning & Zoning: presented by Kyle Vareberg.

1. Planning Commission Recommendations from 10/29/2025.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Sunny's Dock and Lift LLC – Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate a dock and lift company to include storage, in addition to return to the Planning Commission to request additional storage building if needed (Meyer, Nelson) carried.
 - Motion and second to concur with the Planning Commission Recommendation for Devon Green – Request a Conditional Use Permit for a retaining wall pending recommendations from the DNR and Soil & Water. Should the DNR and Soil & Water decline recommendations, the application comes back to the County Board (Nelson, Hansen) carried.
2. Retaining wall amendment discussion taking place after the Board Meeting.
3. Conditional Use Permit Enforcement Discussion.

- In the past, they have been brought back to the County Board to discuss revocation of Conditional Use Permit.

Being no further business, Board Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 11:01 am.

<u>/s/</u>	Carrie Smith	<u>/s/</u>	David Meyer
	Carrie Smith		David Meyer
	County Administrator		Board Chair

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BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Finance Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Location: 1st Floor – Board Meeting Room - Courthouse
915 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN

9:00 County Administrator

1. Report

Auditor-Treasurer

1. Regular Claims, Auditor Warrants, & Over 90 Days

2. September 2025 Cash Comparison, Sales Tax, and Investment Reports

3. Resolution 11-25-2A - Tax Forfeit Easement 12.0104.000

Human Services

1. Regular Claims, Public Health, & Transit

2. Resolution 11-25-2B - Donation Acceptance from St Peter's Lutheran Church

Sheriff

1. Advanced Correctional Healthcare Renewal

Adjourn

BECKER COUNTY CASH COMPARISON

FUND	September 2024	September 2025	% Change	August 2025
REVENUE FUND				
REVENUE FUND	\$ 13,926,771.29	\$ 16,610,738.40	19.27%	\$ 16,924,004.62
DESIGNATED				
LAW LIBRARY	26,101.41	37,449.20	43.48%	35,688.99
ATTORNEY'S FORFEITURES	80,220.76	85,371.42	6.42%	85,360.92
RECORDERS EQUIPMENT	53,140.45	16,957.87	-68.09%	11,285.65
RECORDERS ENHANCEMENT	127,106.58	105,233.79	-17.21%	98,138.79
TRANSIT	138,697.80	88,660.08	-36.08%	126,442.42
TRANSIT LOCAL RESERVE	36,426.09	37,279.73	2.34%	37,279.73
2023 PUBLIC SAFETY AID	948,645.12	4,060.47	-99.57%	4,060.47
TOTAL REVENUE FUND	\$ 15,337,109.50	\$ 16,985,750.96	10.75%	\$ 17,322,261.59
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,238,091.60	\$ 473,037.27	-61.79%	\$ 1,017,805.78
E-911	292,493.64	391,721.13	33.92%	361,488.86
ROAD AND BRIDGE	3,729,750.68	(3,324,787.68)	-189.14%	(3,220,604.15)
HUMAN SERVICES	9,552,837.50	10,128,472.52	6.03%	10,979,388.29
RECREATION	535,758.70	174,183.18	-67.49%	190,059.78
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	978,167.89	977,647.93	-0.05%	987,651.62
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	2,378,065.39	2,756,309.63	15.91%	2,676,981.46
DEBT FUNDS	1,315,514.88	1,370,853.19	4.21%	1,355,853.19
DITCH FUND	215.64	215.64	0.00%	215.64
SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTER	2,283,191.45	2,727,019.54	19.44%	2,830,941.19
NATURAL RESOURCE MGT	187,783.77	215,241.09	14.62%	219,538.22
GRAVEL RESERVE	684,111.49	682,373.36	-0.25%	682,373.36
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	677,282.49	618,328.92	-8.70%	623,376.43
LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND	165,515.18	-	-100.00%	-
GENERAL - SPECIAL	2,873,631.45	1,472,482.91	-48.76%	1,464,866.91
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$ 26,892,411.75	\$ 18,663,098.63	-30.60%	\$ 20,169,936.58
AGENCY FUNDS				
BCCI	\$ 177,455.22	\$ 208,981.77	17.77%	\$ 147,046.77
TAXES AND PENALTIES	5,042,816.21	5,859,389.67	16.19%	2,676,309.95
CLEARING FUNDS	808,816.28	1,024,324.97	26.64%	1,073,595.16
TOTAL AGENCY PASS THRU FUNDS	\$ 6,029,087.71	\$ 7,092,696.41	17.64%	\$ 3,896,951.88
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 48,258,608.96	\$ 42,741,546.00	-11.43%	\$ 41,389,150.05

Becker County Sales & Use Tax

2014					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	606,000.00	129,165.85	735,165.85	(31,350.71)	703,815.14
2015					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	1,925,000.00	199,199.05	2,124,199.05	(26,358.15)	2,097,840.90
2016					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	1,912,893.48	209,748.19	2,122,641.67	(27,908.63)	2,094,733.04
2017					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	2,172,000.00	233,642.63	2,405,642.63	(29,318.97)	2,376,323.66
2018					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	2,281,000.00	365,457.85	2,646,457.85	(33,661.93)	2,612,795.92
2019					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	2,452,000.00	222,944.01	2,674,944.01	(34,367.81)	2,640,576.20
2020					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	2,563,000.00	279,602.16	2,842,602.16	(36,985.03)	2,805,617.13
2021					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	2,957,000.00	376,489.88	3,333,489.88	(38,856.08)	3,294,633.80
2022					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	3,230,000.00	485,045.29	3,715,045.29	(38,854.14)	3,676,191.15
2023					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	3,471,000.00	307,883.00	3,778,883.00	(38,200.43)	3,740,682.57
2024					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt 1</u>	<u>Receipt 2</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
	3,464,709.18	61,883.40	3,526,592.58	(19,435.57)	3,507,157.01
2025					
<u>Month</u>	<u>Receipt</u>			<u>Fees</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
November	300,638.51		300,638.51	(2,705.75)	297,932.76
December	276,634.30		276,634.30	(2,489.71)	274,144.59
January	307,544.79		307,544.79	(2,767.90)	304,776.89
February	234,737.21		234,737.21	(2,112.63)	232,624.58
March	223,127.64		223,127.64	(2,008.15)	221,119.49
April	293,314.67		293,314.67	(2,639.83)	290,674.84
May	298,221.32		298,221.32	(2,683.99)	295,537.33
June	376,771.57		376,771.57	(3,390.94)	373,380.63
July	416,827.17		416,827.17	(3,751.44)	413,075.73
August			-		-
September			-		-
October			-		-
	2,727,817.18	-	2,727,817.18	(24,550.34)	2,703,266.84
Grand Total	29,762,419.84	2,871,061.31	32,633,481.15	(379,847.79)	32,253,633.36

Please note effective April 2024 ONE payment of GROSS REVENUE and ADMINISTRATIVE COST is received

EX--December 2023 Receipt 1 in the IFS (Bank/Cash Comp) January 2024 and Receipt 2 in the IFS (Bank/Cash Comp) February 2024

Bolded amounts corresponds to Monthly-Cash Comp

**Becker County
Investment Analysis
September 30, 2025**

Bank or Institution		Investment Number	Interest Rate	Yield Rate	Maturity Date	Book Value(Cost)	Fair Market Value
<u>American National Bank</u>							
ANB CD	American Natl	24-03	3.950%	3.950%	1/14/26	245,000.00	245,000.00
<u>Deerwood Bank</u>							
CDB CD	CDBoO	09-13	3.850%	3.850%	7/18/26	500,000.00	500,000.00
CDB CD	CDBoO	13-1	4.000%	4.000%	2/15/26	425,000.00	425,000.00
<u>Midwest bank</u>							
MW CD	Midwest	0-39	4.250%	4.250%	12/8/25	96,000.00	96,000.00
MW CD	Midwest CDARS	10-09	3.922%	3.922%	7/2/26	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
<u>State Bank of Lake Park</u>							
SBLP CD	State Bank of LP	01-39	4.110%	4.110%	9/30/25	162,408.46	162,408.46
<u>United Community Bank of Frazee</u>							
UCB CD	UCBoF	23-07	3.750%	3.750%	6/7/26	200,099.38	200,099.38
<u>Raymond James</u>							
MK	Lake Park-Audubon MN GO	11-6	5.375%	3.652%	2/1/26	500,000.00	502,750.00
MK	Connecticut St Taxable Go Bond	20-14	3.310%	3.310%	1/15/26	564,114.72	499,135.00
MK	BOND	21-02	0.820%	0.820%	3/1/26	244,054.30	241,962.00
MK	FHLB	25-05	4.000%	4.000%	7/2/30	500,000.00	500,720.00
MK	FHLB	23-03	4.240%	4.240%	2/17/28	250,000.00	249,612.50
MK	FHLB	25-06	4.080%	4.080%	7/23/29	305,000.00	306,964.20
MK	CD	24-08	3.800%	3.800%	9/5/28	150,000.00	150,624.00
MK	CD	22-07	4.850%	4.850%	11/9/26	244,000.00	246,837.72
MK	CD	23-04	4.950%	4.950%	3/24/26	225,000.00	226,102.50
MK	CD	23-06	4.600%	4.600%	7/7/26	100,000.00	100,587.00
MK	CD	23-07	5.250%	5.250%	2/27/26	240,000.00	241,209.60
<u>Wells Fargo Advisors (Formerly Wachovia Securities)</u>							
WFA BOND	US Treasury Notes	22-03	2.750%	2.750%	4/30/27	326,476.93	325,449.30
WFA FHLMC	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	25-03	4.000%	4.000%	4/17/29	1,497,000.00	1,498,140.00
WFA FHLBMSUCP	Federal Home Loan Bank Multi Step Up Cpn Bor	21-03	1.000%	1.000%	3/16/26	455,000.00	449,034.95
WFA CD	Goldman Sachs BK USA CD	21-07	1.000%	1.000%	8/8/26	215,000.00	209,738.95
WFA CD	UBS Bank USA CD	24-07	3.850%	3.850%	8/30/27	245,000.00	245,879.55
WFA CD	JP Morgan Chase Bk NA CD	25-01	4.600%	4.600%	1/31/28	245,000.00	245,132.30
WFA CD	City Natl Bk - Bev Hi CD	23-01	4.350%	4.350%	1/26/26	245,000.00	245,235.20
WFA CD	Synchrony Bank CD	23-08	5.050%	5.050%	10/27/26	245,000.00	248,160.50
WFA CD	Sallie Mae Bank/Salt CD	24-09	4.050%	4.050%	11/22/27	245,000.00	246,986.95
WFA CD	American Expr National Bk CD	25-04	4.250%	4.250%	6/12/28	245,000.00	248,731.35
WFA CD	Morgan Stanley BK NA CD	23-12	4.800%	4.800%	12/8/25	245,000.00	245,291.55
WFA CD	Wells Fargo Bank NA CD	24-04	4.850%	4.850%	5/14/27	245,000.00	249,429.60
WFA CD	Bank of America NA CD	24-05	5.050%	5.050%	6/8/26	240,000.00	241,912.80

Total Pooled Investments - Securities

10,644,153.79 10,594,135.36

Summary of Investments by Type		
	Book Value	Fair Value
CD's	5,002,507.84	5,020,367.41
CDARS	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Jumbo CDs		
Local Gov Issues	0.00	0.00
Govt. Securities	1,308,169.02	1,243,847.00
Treasury	326,476.93	325,449.30
FNMA	0.00	0.00
FHLBMSUCP	455,000.00	449,034.95
FHLMC	1,497,000.00	1,498,140.00
FHLB	1,055,000.00	1,057,296.70
Totals	10,644,153.79	10,594,135.36

Investment Summary by Fund		
Revenue Fund	10,644,153.79	10,594,135.36
	10,644,153.79	10,594,135.36
Fair Market Value Adjustment		(50,018.43)

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 11-25-2A

Private Non-Exclusive Easement

WHEREAS, Richard Veronen has applied for a private easement across tax forfeit land to provide legal access from Sunset Drive Road to his property in Section 17-142-37 of Forest Township, Parcel #12.0104.000.

WHEREAS, Mark Veronen purchased the NE1/4 of NW1/4 Section 17-142-37 in 1993 and sold on a Contract for Deed to Richard Veronen in 2025 and used an existing trail as an access, and

WHEREAS, Parcels 12.7107.000 SW1/4 of NW1/4 and 12.7109.000 SE1/4 of NW1/4 in Section 17-142-37 forfeited 03-08-1938 on Tax Deed Documents 150008 and 150011, and

WHEREAS, Veronen's provided a July 31, 2025, certified survey of the existing trail to their property, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has drafted an Easement based on the 2025 Survey, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. That the Board of County Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota approves the Easement to Richard Veronen Parcel #12.0104.000 based on the 2025 surveyed legal description.

Duly adopted this 18th day of November 2025 at Detroit Lakes, MN.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Becker County, Minnesota

ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ Davis Meyer
David Meyer
Board Chair

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of Becker)

I, the undersigned being the duly appointed and qualified County Administrator for the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held November 18, 2025 as recorded in the record of proceedings.

Carrie Smith
County Administrator

Richard Veronen
PO Box 595
Philomath OR 97370

Mitch Lundeen
Supervisor Becker County Natural Resources Management
1771 N Tower Road
Detroit Lakes MN 56501

Dear Mr. Lundeen

I appreciate the assistance you have already provided in applying for an easement. I have found the process to be involved, but necessary. I respect the steps required.

Please find the attached application with a check for \$346.00, for private easement over tax forfeit land. An application was submitted to the Forest Town Board for action during the May meeting. The Forest Town Board did not desire to make this a public easement and so the application was not accepted. A copy of the meeting minutes is included in the attachments.

I am now submitting an application for a private easement across tax forfeit land. I have filled out a package as instructed in the *Becker County Natural Resources Management* pages.

While the application did not require a certificate of survey unless requested, I did not find it possible to provide a legal description of the requested easement without one. I have contracted with Meadowland Surveying Inc to prepare a certificate of survey and have attached the data from this effort to provide for an appropriate legal description for the easement.

While there is no requirement, I offer to see if I can work with your department to plant some replacement trees along the easement if granted. We have done some restoration work here in Oregon as numerous Douglas Fir trees were lost from a recent drought. Since the area adjacent to the proposed driveway will be logged off, we could extend your department's restoration efforts as volunteers to plant under your direction.

I would appreciate it if you can advise me of any additional required information or if personal presence is beneficial as the application goes through the processes. I can be reached at 541-929-4001 (541-740-6653 mobile) or email at badmed711@aol.com.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Regards:



Rick Veronen
AKA Richard Veronen

COUNTY OF BECKER
APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT ACROSS TAX-FORFEITED LAND

Name of Applicant (Print or Type)		
Richard Veronen		
Address (Mailing)		
PO Box 595		
City	State	Phone No.
Philomath	OR, 97370	541-929-4001, 541-740-6653
Contact Person	Phone No.	
Rick Veronen	541-929-4001 hm, 541-740-6653 mobile	

The applicant herein applies pursuant to Minnesota Statute 282.04 Subd. 4 and other applicable statutes for an Easement to Cross Tax-Forfeited Land as described below, in accordance with all maps, plans, specifications and other supporting data submitted with this application and made a part thereof.

Section 1. *Legal Description of Easement:* (attach survey, if required)

Please see attached sheet for description of the proposed easement.

Note: A survey was prepared to provide a better legal description of the easement. This data is included in the attached sheets.

Section 2. *Legal Description of Property Benefiting From Easement:* (Attach copy of deed)

Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 MW 1/4) Section Seventeen (17), Township One Hundred Forty-two (142), Range Thirty Seven (37)

Section 3. *Additional Easement Requirements:* (Are additional easements required to access property? ☐ Yes ☒ No) If yes, attach copies of signed easement agreements.

Section 4. *Application Fee:*

☒ \$346.00 Attached.

If easement is denied or canceled prior to field review and appraisal, application fee will be fully refunded.

The Easement Application Fee covers the cost of the land appraisal and the recording fee. The cost of the actual easement will be in addition to the application fee.

**No action will be taken on this application until the application fee is submitted.
 Make checks payable to Becker County.**

NOTE: Becker County strongly urges applicants to check with the County Zoning Office prior to making application for easement.

This easement is requested to provide a driveway and access for electricity to parcel 120104000 in Forest Township. The application was submitted to the Forest Town Board and was addressed during the May board meeting. The town board opted to turn down taking on this easement as a public road. A copy of the minutes showing this result is attached.

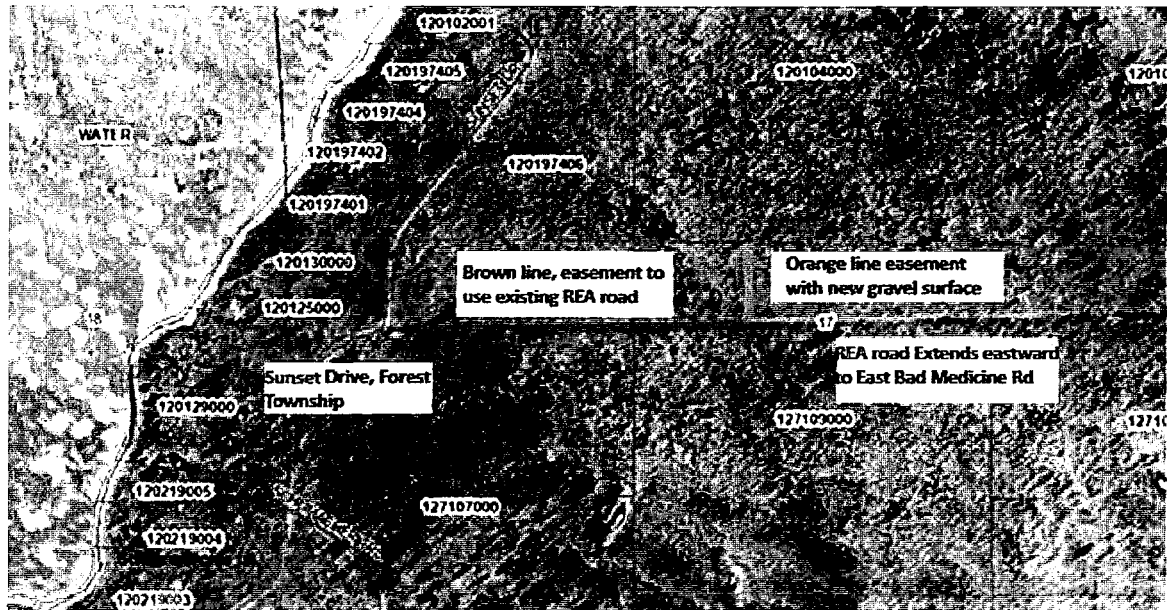
While the town board is very familiar with this area and was able to appropriately consider the application with a hand drawing map, a more accurate description has been prepared for consideration by the county personnel. In order to provide a reasonable documentation of this request, I contracted with Meadowland Surveying Inc. Adam Geiger of Meadowland Surveying has prepared a Certificate of Survey which is attached. This provides an accurate and descriptive summary of the easement request.

There is an existing REA road (AKA Lockram Road) that extends from Sunset Drive to East Bad Medicine Road. This existing road is marked as 10' wide gravel driving surface on the certificate. This surface is existing and is in use by the public today. An image of the county map showing this road is attached. The only disturbance of this portion of the easement will be some limbing and brushing to allow for larger truck traffic. There is a short section that extends in a northerly direction to the parcel. This surface would be a new driving surface. It is also proposed to contain the power access to the property. The routing for the driveway was selected to minimize required tree removal and yet provide a relatively straight path. The route does not require removal of any pine trees and minimal disturbance of hardwood trees. The survey did include flagging of any trees impacted by the driveway. If required photographs can be provided of all trees impacted by the easement. It should be noted that the area shown for this new driving surface has been marked by county personnel for timber harvest and is scheduled for auction this fall.

The following information is offered for consideration when processing this application.

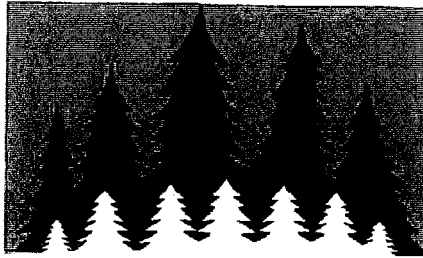
While shown on some county maps the REA road is not publicly maintained. Additionally, neither Itasca Mantrap cooperative nor Becker County Natural Resources could find an easement on record for developing this road nor for the installation of the existing power lines adjacent to the road. For this reason, the survey included access for the power line and the driveway. It is my understanding that this was not unusual for utility installations that have been in place for 50 plus years.

No portion of the proposed easement will take place over undisturbed land. It will all be on existing road surface or land that is scheduled and marked for logging. There is minimal impact on the natural environment.



The brown line shown on the image above is the portion of the existing REA road to be used as part of the property access. The orange line is an approximation of the portion of the driveway that involves a new gravel surface area. This portion is on land that is scheduled for timber auction this fall so the driveway is somewhat redundant to skidding roads for the timber harvest.

The following certificate of survey and supplemental reports provide an accurate legal description of the proposed easement.



FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Tim Holzkamm, Barb Christiansen, Lynn Lindow, Donna Waliczek

Absent:

Visitors: Lisa Marschall, Monette Lundquist, Len Thelen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points/Notes	Actions/Follow-up Needed
Pledge of Allegiance Visitor Sign in		
Consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April, Minutes • Treasurers Report • Approval of Claims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review minutes. • Submit reports. • Submit claims. 	Motion to approve the consent agenda-Lynn Second-Tim
Public Comment	•	
Clerk's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carr's Tree Service- received a flyer • Letter from IRS- • PERA Verification Report • 	IRS acknowledged receipt of documentation and will review in the future. PERA needs member status verification report.
Board Member Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall • Trash/Recycle • Roads • Planning Commission • Weed Report • Website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced light but still have issues • Dumpster repairs needed • Road Tour May 13th at 4:30-Completed and discussed by the board. See road tour minutes for recommendations to road maintenance. • Compared estimates from different contractors. The county proposal was the most reasonable. Will look into another contractor-Corbid for next year. • No new with permits • Will be completing a weed road tour in the next few weeks. • Updates Completed-ongoing review of website 	<p>Will look into costs of new replacement fixtures. Major repairs on dumpster have been made. Minor repairs still need to be completed. Some garbage has been dragged into the woods.</p> <p>Monette asked what steps will be taken to address the erosion at the end of her driveway. Len explained the step he has started to try to fix the problem.</p> <p>Reviewed costs of calcium chloride for the first 2 miles of East Bad Medicine Lake Road. The board voted to</p>

		<p>have the county apply the dust control. Motion was made by Tim to apply dust control on the first 2 miles of BML road, 20 ft. st</p> <p>Second by Lynn</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amnesty Day Dumpsters • Township Assessor Contract • Becker County Levy Form-Barb will stop at the courthouse to get the appropriate form. 	<p>4 dumpsters have been ordered. Will verify Bill will monitor on Saturday. Will change the lock during Amnesty Day to control what is being dumped.</p> <p>Assessor brought her new contract. It is a 4-year contract. Included minor increases. Has sent her insurance to the clerk-we will check to be sure it was received.</p> <p>Motion to accept the new contract-Lynn, second by Tim. Contract signed.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Easement Request • • Wake boat seminar-indicated that the township would be the starting point for any petition to ban or regulate wake boat use on Bad Medicine Lake. It was suggested that any petition should be addressed at the township annual meeting where residents can discuss and recommend a pathway for the township on this issue if there was a request to pursue the issue. 	<p>Request was submitted for the township to grant easement on the REA Road off Sunset drive to access a 40-acre parcel. Motion to deny the request by Tim, second by Barb.</p>
Adjourn		<p>Motion to adjourn-Barb, second by Lynn (7:47)</p>



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Rick Veronen – 33.00 foot wide driveway easement

Easement description:

A 33.00 foot wide easement for driveway purposes over, under, and across part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 17, Township 142 North, Range 37 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Becker County, Minnesota, as shown on Meadowland Surveying, Inc.'s Certificate of Survey 10801-15 dated July 31, 2025. The centerline of said driveway easement is described as follows:

Commencing at an iron monument which designates the north quarter corner of said Section 17; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 21 seconds East 1305.20 feet on an assumed bearing along the north-south quarter line of said Section 17 to an iron monument at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 07 seconds West 873.21 feet along the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning of the driveway easement centerline to be described; thence southwesterly on a curve concave to the northwest, having a central angle of 42 degrees 06 minutes 57 seconds and a radius of 194.00 feet, for a distance of 142.60 feet (chord bearing South 41 degrees 24 minutes 08 seconds West); thence southerly on a curve concave to the east, having a central angle of 98 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds and a radius of 73.00 feet, for a distance of 125.81 feet (chord bearing South 13 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds West); thence southerly on a curve concave to the west, having a central angle of 34 degrees 09 minutes 32 seconds and a radius of 50.00 feet, for a distance of 29.81 feet (chord bearing South 19 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds East); thence South 02 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds East 39.49 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 19 seconds West 1065.53 feet; thence westerly 174 feet, more or less, to the easterly terminus of the centerline of the first of two 66.00 foot wide public road easements conveyed to Forest Township in Document No. 363745, on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder in said County, and said driveway easement centerline there terminates. The sidelines of said 33.00 foot wide driveway easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and on the easterly line of said 66.00 foot wide public road easement conveyed to Forest Township.

I hereby certify that this 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 and that the above legal description was prepared from information on Certificate of Survey 10801-15 dated July 31, 2025, and said legal description is legally sufficient to locate the boundary lines shown on said Certificate of Survey.

Adam D. Geiger
Minnesota Licensed Land Surveyor No. 62727

IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF
SECTION 17-142-37
BECKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA



- = Denotes iron monuments found.
○ = Denotes iron monuments set
marked with Minnesota License
Nos. 46538/50320/57622/62727.
x = Denotes "x" chiseled in boulder.
◇ = Denotes wood laths set.

CURVE TABLE

CURVE	CENTRAL ANGLE	RADIUS	ARC LENGTH	CHORD LENGTH	CHORD BEARING
C1	42°05'57"	194.00'	142.60'	139.41'	S41°24'08"W
C2	88°44'50"	73.00'	125.81'	110.81'	S73°05'12"W
C3	8°10'33"	50.00'	26.81'	29.32'	S19°12'27"E

Orientation of bearing system is assumed.

0' 200' 400'

Graphic Scale

Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet

South quarter corner
of Section 17-142-37
Certified in Document
No. 710958

SURVEY DISCLAIMER:

[illegible]

I hereby certify that this 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.

Adam D. Geiger

Print name: Adam J. Deiser

Signature: _____
Date: July 31, 2025 62727
License # _____

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COMP FILE:	17FOREST(CC)
S/T/R:	17-142-37
DWG FILE:	17VERONEN_COS
COMP BY:	JDA
DRAWN BY:	JDA

DRAWING NUMBER: 10801-15

EASEMENT

Date: _____, 2025

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, Becker County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, Grantor, hereby conveys and quitclaims to Richard Veronen, Grantee, real property located in Becker County, Minnesota, described as follows:

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This easement shall be private and non-exclusive. Construction and maintenance of any road on the easement shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee. In the event of non-use; this easement reverts to the state in trust for the taxing district. Any timber rights are retained by Becker County.

BECKER COUNTY

By: _____
David Meyer
Its: Board Chair

By: _____
Carrie Smith
Its: County Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BECKER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2025, by David Meyer, and Carrie Smith, respectively, the Board Chair and County Administrator of Becker County.

Notary Public

Tax Statements for the real property described in this instrument should be sent to (Include name and address of Grantees):

Richard Veronen
P.O. Box 595
Philomath, OR 97370

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:

Brian W. McDonald
Becker County Attorney
913 Lake Avenue
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
(218) 847-6590
Atty Reg No. 0387510

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 11-25-2B

Acceptance of Donation

WHEREAS, the County may accept donations of goods and services for the benefit of its citizens, and;

WHEREAS, Becker County Human Services has received a \$200 donation in Detroit Lakes Chamber Bucks from Saint Peter's Lutheran Church to be used to aid individuals and families in our community who are in need; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Becker County Board of Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota, hereby accepts the donation of \$200 Detroit Lakes Chamber Bucks from Saint Peter's Lutheran Church and authorizes Becker County Human Services to utilize them to aid individuals and families in our community who are in need.

Duly adopted this 18th day of November 2025, at Detroit Lakes, MN.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Becker County, Minnesota

ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie Smith
Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ David Meyer
David Meyer
Board Chair

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of Becker)

I, the undersigned being the duly appointed and qualified County Administrator for the County of Becker, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held November 18, 2025, as recorded in the record of proceedings.

Carrie Smith
County Administrator



Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

October 14, 2025

Becker County Community Health
712 Minnesota Ave
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Re: Donation

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is very happy to provide you with the enclosed \$200.00 of Detroit Lakes Chamber Bucks. It is our hope this donation will support your efforts to provide assistance to the individuals and families in our community who are in need.

May the work you do be a blessing to those you serve.

Yours in Christ,

St Peter's Lutheran Church

Email: office@st-peters.us – Website: stpeters.us – Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SaintPetersAudubon

Luke Koran OSS

10/15/25

October 10, 2025

Becker, MN Renewal Letter

Sent VIA EMAIL ONLY

Sheriff Todd Glander

Dear Sheriff Glander,

Our contract is scheduled to renew on January 1, 2026. Effective 01/01/2026 our contract price will increase 2.5% to cover wage and benefit increases, as well as increased medical malpractice and civil rights insurance costs.

Percentage	2.5%
New Annual Price	\$446,480
New Per Diem	\$0.45
Medical Claims Repricing	\$17/claim

Early payment discount is available and applied upon receipt of full contract year payment prior to start date. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meeting.

For next year's budget, please budget a 7% increase. Our goal is to beat it and come in lower at renewal time.

As a reminder, the county also has access to the following services:

- Officer training: on-site and online LMS (learning management system)
- Mental Health First Aid certification training
- Occupational health / officer wellness: face-to-face wellness checks and fitness for duty evaluations
- PREA compliance: victim advocacy and medical specialty training
- DetainEMR: USMS will reportedly require electronic medical records in 2024
- Discharge planner: this professional assists patients with re-entry and release planning
- Substance Abuse Counselor / Substance Use Disorder Evaluator
- Co-responder consultant to arresting agency

Thank you for your partnership. Please know that we are available to you and your team 24/7/365.

Dave Tedrow

Dave Tedrow

Client Services Representative

Dave.Tedrow@advancedch.com

612-747-7056

Approved By

Date

BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 11-25-2F

Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production

WHEREAS, while national, state, and regional electrical demand has been historically stable or declining, recent trends in electrification, economic development, and technology demand have resulted in projected increase in electrical power needs; and

WHEREAS, reliance on carbon free-based energy production continues to increase and dependence on traditional fossil fuel-based energy production continues to decrease, despite significant concern over reliable baseline and peak demand energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Minnesota's Renewal Energy Standards statute was amended to include adding a carbon-free standard that requires electric utility to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, leading the nation with such an ambitious goal; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy is uniquely positioned to address America's energy challenges through generation of carbon-free electricity, with a record of over 70 years of safe operation and storage – all with significant federal and state oversight; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy already generates roughly half of Minnesota's current carbon-free electricity, with nuclear plants safely operating in Minnesota for over 50 years, providing decades of carbon-free affordable electricity for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of advanced nuclear technology offers enhanced safety features, flexibility in siting, and a smaller footprint, making them ideal for future energy needs; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three nations have now pledged to triple nuclear power by 2050, with America leading the charge, all while Minnesota – with a world-class engineering talent and manufacturing base – is the only state with an outright moratorium on all new nuclear reactor construction; and

WHEREAS, lifting this 30-year-old moratorium is the first step in securing the affordable, clean, and reliable energy Minnesotans needs, especially as the state undertakes its energy transition to meet the 100% carbon-free electricity goals while ensuring reliable baseload power; and

WHEREAS, under the umbrella of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA), a diverse coalition of Minnesota governments, businesses, utilities, labor unions, and environmental advocates is calling on state lawmakers to lift Minnesota's 30-year-old moratorium on new nuclear power development; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *That the Board of County Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota, does hereby act to join the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) and actively support the repeal of Minnesota's moratorium on nuclear energy production to ensure safe, clean, and reliable baseload energy for all Minnesotans, especially as the State advances its 2040 goal for 10% carbon-free electricity generation.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota, urges the Minnesota Governor, State Legislature, and regulatory agencies to accelerate soonest reconsideration of the Minnesota moratorium, cognizant of advancements in available technology, increasing demand for reliable electrical power, and actions being taken by other states to located and support new nuclear power generation facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners of Becker County, Minnesota, respects Minnesota's Native American Community concerns regarding siting and operation of nuclear power facilities, and the safe storage of waste materials, and welcomes earnest consideration of Sherburne County for siting of such new nuclear power generation facility.

Duly adopted this 18th day of November, 2025, at Detroit Lakes, MN.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Becker County, Minnesota

ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie Smith

Carrie Smith
County Administrator

/s/ David Meyer

David Meyer
Board Chair

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of Becker)

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Carrie Smith
County Administrator

Nuclear Energy

A carbon-free solution

In 2023, Minnesota passed the 100% carbon free by 2040 legislation without a real plan on how we are going to achieve it. The reality is, there is no carbon free resource that can provide baseload power, available 24-7, other than nuclear power.

A typical home uses about 11 megawatt hours of energy in a year. Here is the amount of each resource it takes to produce 11 MWH.

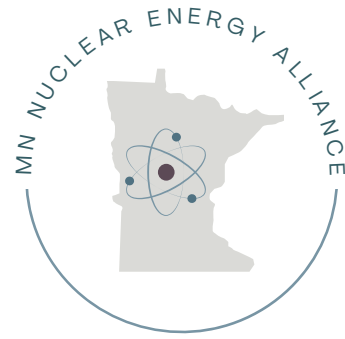


3.5 ounces of Uranium

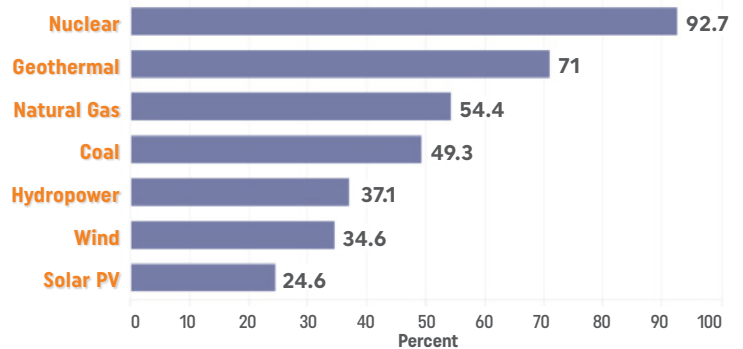


1.5 tons of coal

(Carbon Credits) <https://carboncredits.com/more-power-per-punch-nuclear-energy-outshines-fossil-fuels/>

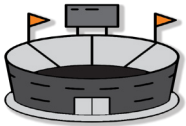


U.S. Capacity Factor* by Energy Source - 2021



(Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration)

All the spent fuel from U.S. nuclear reactors since the 1950s would fit into a single football field at a depth of less than 10 yards.



This spent fuel has been safely stored and caused harm to exactly 0 people throughout the life of the industry.

(Source: U.S. Department of Energy)

The used nuclear fuel from one person's entire lifetime of energy use would fit in one pop can.



(Source: Canadian Nuclear Association)

Nuclear provides more permanent jobs and higher hourly pay than all other generation sources.

- SMRs to large reactors provide 237-500 permanent jobs
- Hourly pay averages around \$56/hour (50-65% more than wind and solar)

(Source: U.S. Department of Energy)

Land use needed to produce 1 million megawatt hours of power:



17,800 acres wind



3,200 acres solar



103 acres nuclear

(Wind area includes the spacing required between turbines.) (Source: Nuclear Energy Institute) <https://www.nei.org/news/2022/nuclear-brings-more-electricity-with-less-land>

Studies show that nuclear energy worker safety ranks among the top of all forms of electric generation.

(Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/safest-sources-of-energy>)

Small modular reactors

Benefits of small modular reactors

- Smaller size
- Siting flexibility
- Enhanced safety features
- Modular build
- Scalability
- Reduced costs

- ▶ We are the only state in the nation that has an outright ban on new reactor construction.
- ▶ We are advocating for the ability to have conversations about nuclear energy.

* Capacity factor is a measure of the actual energy produced divided by the theoretical maximum energy produced if operated on a 24-7 basis.

The Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance is a coalition of diverse organizations committed to advancing nuclear power as a reliable solution to meet Minnesota's energy needs and achieve carbon-free goals. Alliance members represent utilities, labor unions, environmental advocates, businesses, and more. Learn more about the alliance at mnnuclearenergyalliance.org.

Memo: Requesting approval of resolution supporting all Minnesota Counties in to repeal Minnesota's longstanding moratorium on new Nuclear Power Generation facilities.

Sherburne County was recently approached by the MN Rural Electric Association and its related MN Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) about joining in an effort to repeal Minnesota's moratorium on new Nuclear Power Generation facilities. Itasca County was the first MN County to join!

With an aggressive goal of 100% carbon free energy production by 2040, Minnesota has no realistic ability to achieve this through Wind and Solar energy production without importing additional carbon free energy from elsewhere. With the most restrictive moratorium in the U.S. in place on nuclear power, Minnesota is missing out on newer and safer nuclear energy production technologies.

Repealing this Moratorium is an existing AMC Legislative Platform position, though Sherburne County will seek to amend this slightly in December to address these newer technologies.

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioner is asking all remaining 85 MN counties to consider joining in this effort. *There is no \$\$ cost to joining the MNEA.* **Attached** is a simple **Fact Sheet** and a **Resolution Template**, along with a copy of Sherburne County's letter indicating its agreement to join the Alliance (with MNEA mailing and contact information).

Thanks for considering joining this effort.



Sherburne County Board of Commissioners

Sherburne County Government Center
13880 Business Center Drive
Suite 100
Elk River, MN 55330-4668
(763) 765-3001
1-800-433-5229

September 2nd, 2025

Mr. Darrick Moe, President & CEO
Minnesota Rural Electric Association
13601 80th Circle N., 3rd floor
P.O. Box 1265
Maple Grove, MN 55311 City, MN ZIP

RE: Sherburne County Participation in the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA)

Dear Mr. Moe;

Thank you for contacting Sherburne County regarding the Minnesota Rural Electric Association's (MREA) and Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance's (MNEA) interest in pursuing legislative action to repeal Minnesota's moratorium on Nuclear Power generation.

Sherburne County has a longstanding history as Minnesota's "Energy County". We not only currently host Xcel Energy's Sherburne County Generating Station (Sherco) - and have done so since 1976 - but we are now home to nearly 1000 MW in modern solar power production via both large industry production facilities and community solar gardens and farms.

In addition to hosting a variety of major energy production facilities, Sherburne County is home to significant transmission and distribution infrastructure (both electricity and gas) and five dynamic energy providers.

Sherburne County was also home to Minnesota's first nuclear power generation, compliments of the Elk River Atomic Reactor. Commissioned in August 1963 operated by the Rural Cooperative Power Association of Elk River until 1968, the first reactor operated by a rural cooperative in the United States.

Finally, with the Monticello Nuclear Power Plant just across the river, we continue to support safe and reliable nuclear power generation in Minnesota through emergency preparedness activities, mutual assistance planning, and regional coordination.

On August 19th, 2025, the Sherburne County first discussed and then voted unanimously to join the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) and actively support the repeal of Minnesota's moratorium on nuclear energy production to ensure safe, clean, and reliable baseload energy for

all Minnesotans, especially as the State advances its 2040 goal for 100% carbon-free electricity generation.

Further, the Board of Commissioners wishes to make known its conceptual support for locating and hosting safe, reliable nuclear energy production facilities here in Sherburne County, continuing our long-standing history as Minnesota's "Energy County."

Our point of contact to both effect and maximize Sherburne County's participation in and support for MNEA and its efforts is County Administrator Bruce Messelt. Bruce will reach out to ensure our immediate and active involvement.

Knowledgeable of the time and effort required to achieve success in this endeavor, we look forward to actively supporting the MNEA and its objectives.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Gray", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Gray
District 4 Commissioner and 2025 Board Chair

ec: Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County Administrator



COUNTY OF BECKER

Planning and Zoning

915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Phone: 218-846-7314 ~ Fax: 218-846-7266

Memo

To: Commissioners

From: Kyle Vareberg, Becker County Zoning Director

Date: November 12th, 2025

Subject: Retaining wall amendments and review process.

A meeting was recently held with Commissioner Hansen, DNR Staff, SWCD Staff and I, to discuss retaining wall amendments and a potential new review process. The review process would include review and approval by a licensed engineer for retaining walls over two feet in height. The engineering services will need to be retained by the Becker County Planning and Zoning Office. The cost burden established by the review process could be alleviated by a fixed review fee or a complete pass through of the actual fee accrued by the review process.

Action: Request County Board consideration for retaining wall amendments and a request for proposal for engineering services.

Thank you.

Recommended Amendments to the Becker County Zoning Ordinance

Proposed language is indicated by underline. Language to be removed has been "strike-throughed".

Proposal # 1.) Chapter 6, Section 8, and Chapter 11, Section 2 - Definitions. Retaining Walls.

~~**Section 8 Retaining Walls A.** Pre-application Meeting. In order to avoid costly revisions of retaining wall plans, the property owner and/or contractor may have a preliminary on-site meeting with the Environmental Review Technical Panel. The preliminary meeting is to insure that the applicant is informed of the procedural requirements or limitations imposed by the ordinances. The property owner and/or contractor may present a conceptual plan to the Zoning Office to have a meeting scheduled with the Environmental Review Technical Panel.~~

~~**B. Conditional Use Permit.** A conditional use permit is required to place a retaining wall structure in a shore impact zone or a bluff impact zone or replace an existing failing retaining wall and will not be issued unless; 1. The retaining wall is designed to correct an established shoreland erosion problem; 2. The retaining wall is suitable given the demonstrated shoreland usage needs; 3. The retaining wall may be required to be designed by a registered professional engineer or landscape architect, depending on the scope of the project; and 4. The dimensions of the retaining wall are the minimum necessary to control the shoreland erosion problem. Retaining walls located in the Pelican River Watershed District or Cormorant Lakes Watershed District do not require a permit from Becker County and will be reviewed and considered by the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District in which it is located.~~

Section 8 Retaining Walls.

- A. **A Retaining Wall Under Two Feet in Height.** Retaining walls under two feet in height shall require a land alteration permit from the Becker County Zoning Office.
- B. **A Retaining Wall Between Two Feet and Four Feet in Height.** Retaining walls between two feet and four feet in height shall be reviewed and approved by the Becker County Planning & Zoning Engineer. A land alteration permit is required from the Becker County Zoning Office.
- C. **A Retaining Wall Above Four Feet in Height.** Retaining walls exceeding four feet in height shall require a plan created by a licensed engineer or landscape architect. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Becker County Planning and Zoning Engineer. Tiered walls shall be considered one wall for height measuring purposes unless they are each separated by horizontal distance of three times the distance of the height of the lower wall. A land alteration permit is required from the Becker County Zoning Office.
- D. **Retaining Wall Setbacks.** Retaining walls shall be exempt from the setbacks of the Becker County Zoning Ordinance but shall not be placed within a road right-of-way without approval by the road authority of said right-of-way.

Definition: Retaining Wall. A wall or similar structure designed and constructed to hold back and prevent lateral movement of earth or other landscaping materials. Landscape edging, less than 6 inches tall, is not considered a retaining wall.

***The entirety of the Zoning Ordinance is subject to change as the amendments may affect more than one chapter or section.**