



Board of Commissioners

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Roseau, MN 56751

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AGENDA

Tuesday September 29, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Roseau County will meet in session on September 29, 2009 at 8:30 am in the Roseau County Courthouse, Room 110, Roseau, MN, at which time the following matters will come before the Board:

8:30 Call to Order

1. Presentation of Colors
2. Approve Agenda

8:45 Consent Agenda

1. Approve Proceedings
2. Approve Joint Powers Agreement with MN Board of Animal Health to Support Bovine TB Efforts
3. Approve Bills

9:00 Dan Weir, Northwest Service Cooperative Consultant

1. 2010 Insurance Update
2. Approve Resolution in Support of the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2009

10:15 Break

10:30 Highway Department

1. Approve Final Payout of Project SAP 68-605-07 CSAH #5 Seal Coat Project
2. Approve Roseau River Watershed request to install structure in JD61 as part of the Norland Impoundment Project

10:45 Committee Reports

11:15 Comments and Announcements

11:30 Discussion

1. One Woman 2010 Nomination
2. Budget
3. Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to provide manpower for open shifts on the Stonegarden Operation
4. Appraiser II Hire
5. Wellness Breaks

12:00 Future Agenda Items

12:15 Adjourn

To schedule an appointment with the Board, please contact the County Coordinator at 218-463-4248

County Coordinator's e-mail address: trish.klein@co.roseau.mn.us

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District 1, Alan Johnston, Vice Chair - District 2, Jack Swanson, Chairman -
District 3, Orris Rasmussen - District 4, Russell Walker - District 5, Mark Foldesi

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ITEM # Consent 1

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

* Required Fields



*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 29 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Approve Proceedings from 9-15-09 Board Meeting

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Please review carefully and advise of any changes.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
None

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Date Received:	Comments:
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Board Action:

Comm.	Motion (First)	Motion (Second)	Vote			Vote Result	
			Yes	No	Abstain		
Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Mark Foldesi, Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of a final payout on FEMA PW 254 – Project #1 was added to the Highway Department Agenda. Clarification of the Citizen Complaint Committee structure was added to discussion. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings from the September 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the MN Department of Natural Resources Grant-In-Aid Trail Permit for Bemis Hill Area Trail.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved an annual maintenance agreement with ESRI for the county's GIS software in the amount of \$2, 027.50.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Election Systems & Software, Inc. Post Warranty Hardware Maintenance Services and Software Maintenance and Support Agreement.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved payment of bills as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 8/27/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
5750.00	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	2178.10	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
1250.00	CHAD MCDONALD CONSTRUCTION	424.19	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
706.96	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	364.07	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
3102.48	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	20000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM
2694.96	PRIOR ELECTRIC INC	383.68	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC
575.50	SATHER LAW OFFICE	7784.50	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA
401.72	VERIZON WIRELESS	3200.00	WYNNE CONSULTING INC
		9 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	244.33
		**** FINAL TOTAL.....	\$49,060.49 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 9/03/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1616.89	SCHOOL DIST 447	16686.07	SCHOOL DIST 682
57502.89	SCHOOL DIST 690	2571.22	TOWN OF BEAVER
404.22	TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY	423.95	TOWN OF LAONA
		8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	930.00
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$80,135.24 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 9/03/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2033.52	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	1351.58	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
2677.29	CENTURYTEL	2046.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
1730.71	MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	640.00	MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
53925.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	600.00	ROSEAU CO VICTIM SERVICES
		4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	734.24
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$65,738.34 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 9/10/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
354.34	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2178.10	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
934.03	CENTURYTEL	242813.21	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS
742.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES	706.96	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
3102.48	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	1400.00	KATHLEEN O'HARA
2997.62	R & Q CONTRACTING INC	10200.30	ROSEAU CITY
7389.75	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA		
		11 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	982.66
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$273,801.65 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 9/15/2009 FOR PAYMENT 9/18/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
608.97	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	400.00	ASSN OF MN COUNTIES
8519.85	AVIANDS LLC	1024.50	BALLARD MOTOR CO
4320.00	BEITO REPAIR	3396.82	BERGSTROM ELECTRIC INC
2871.15	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	343.54	D & L AUTO GLASS INC
300.00	MSHA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	645.80	TONY DORN INC
760.00	DUSTCOATING INC	2671.12	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
3320.29	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	534.15	FASTENALCOMPANY
2509.68	FLEET SERVICES DIVISION	21792.00	GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO
356.00	GIRARD'S BUSINESS MACHINES	1101.75	GRAINGER INC
322.65	GREENBUSH CITY	1196.22	GREENBUSH IMPLEMENT CO
845.76	MICHAEL GROVER	1816.09	H & L MESABI INC
525.00	HILDI INC	1203.04	HLUCNY REPAIR
410.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC	384.75	HOLTE IMPLEMENT INC
7702.99	JOHNSON OIL CO INC	2177.23	JOHNSTON FARGO CULVERT INC
1101.94	KITTSOON CO HIGHWAY	2774.00	KLAAS MARC
568.44	KOFSTAD SIGNS	575.00	LAKE OF THE WOODS CO PUBLIC WO
645.42	M & R SIGN CO INC	475.00	MAAO
30288.60	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	808.94	MATTSON PHARMACY INC
790.00	MN COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST	1140.62	MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	1035.19	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
2000.00	NCDPSA	497.20	GRACIA NELSON
8546.16	NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	400.00	NORTH COUNTRY WEBSITES
18704.98	NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	752.27	NORTHLAND TIRE
346.90	GLENDA PHILLIPE	2384.05	POWER PLAN
1250.00	PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES OF SOUTHER	537.39	QUILL CORPORATION
11526.02	RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA	1081.35	REESE RENTAL
900.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS	5419.82	RIVERFRONT STATION

1056.11 ROSEAU AUTO VALUE	462.76 ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS
6339.14 ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	12958.41 ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT
527.25 ROSEAU CO SHERIFF-SUNDRY ACCOU	123272.38 SANITATION PRODUCTS INC
2718.20 SJOBERG'S INC	1320.98 SPRUCE VALLEY CORPORATION THE
340.00 SVEN & OLE'S ULTIMATE CARWASH	2671.00 TC STORAGE SOLUTIONS
1409.36 TITAN MACHINERY-CONST DIVISION	2800.00 ARIA TRUDEAU
1500.00 UND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY	7100.00 VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC
510.74 WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	2056.00 WARROAD READY MIX
2312.00 WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	7042.50 WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION CO INC
653.28 ZIEGLER INC	

60 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 8,207.23

FINAL TOTAL..... \$352,565.98 ****

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swanson announced that he was appointed as a delegate to a Health and Human Services Redesign Work Group. Social Service Director Dave Anderson will also serve as a delegate to this Work Group.

The Board was reminded of the All Terrain Vehicle Association of MN Annual Fall Convention being held in Roseau Friday, September 18, 2009 at the Roseau City Park. Commissioner Walker will attend.

Commissioner Rasmussen noted that he will be attending the Beltrami Island State Forest Work Group for Water Retention projects. Commissioner Swanson will also attend.

Commissioner Foldesi noted that he was again receiving a number of phone calls from residents in his district regarding concerns within the Sheriff's Office.

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller reminded the Board that the Respectful Workplace training is scheduled for September 23rd and 24th and that all employees are required to attend.

Commissioner Swanson notified the Board of a request from the Northwest Private Industry Council, Inc. (NWPIC) Workforce Investment Board to comment or recommend an application from Robert Evans to serve as a Private Sector Member. It is the Board's recommendation that Mr. Evans should be appointed to the Northwest Workforce Investment Board and instructed Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller to notify the NWPIC of this recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Highway Committee Meeting, 8/31/09: Discussed gravel pit concern, inter-office communication and watershed appointments. Sheriff's Committee Meeting, 9/8/09: Met with Jerome Burkel regarding his concerns within the Sheriff's office. Meeting with Tim Erickson, Highway Department, 9/11/09: Discussed FEMA projects. Northwest Community Action, 9/2/09: Discussed grant projects available.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Sheriff's Committee Meeting, 9/8/09: Met with Jerome Burkel regarding his concerns within the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meetings: Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 8/27/09; Northwest Regional Development Commission meeting, 9/7/09.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Association of MN Counties Futures Task Force, 9/2/09: Heard from Governor Al Quie on leadership and statesmanship. Also had update on human services redesign. Affordable Housing Loan Committee, 9/10/09: Discussed loan pool cash balance. KaMaR meeting, 9/14/09: Discussed and approved 2010 budget.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: TB Tax Credit meeting, 8/31/09: Discussed application process. Highway Committee meeting, 8/31/09: Discussed gravel pit concern, inter-office communication and watershed appointments.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to request final payout on S.A.P. 68-599-83. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payout on S.A.P. 68-599-83 to Lian Construction in the amount of \$5,455.68.

Engineer Ketring requested final payout on SP 68-090-003. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payout on SP 068-090-003 to R & Q Trucking in the amount of \$10,377.91.

Engineer Ketring requested final payout on FEMA PW 254. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payout on DR-1288, FEMA PW 254 – Project #1 located on County Ditch #26, Lateral #1 to Holthusen Construction in the amount of \$4,184.59.

AUDITOR ANNE GRANITZ - BUDGET DISCUSSION

Auditor Anne Granitz and Deputy Auditor John Huss met with the Board to review the proposed 2010 budget and levy. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by

Commissioner Walker and carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Foldesi opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payable 2010 Proposed Property Tax Levy for Roseau County is hereby approved, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Levy</u>
Revenue	\$3,195,910
Road & Bridge	1,100,000
Welfare	1,600,000
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>472,200</u>
Total	\$6,368,110

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed budgets for the year 2010—incorporating the proposed levy as shown above—are hereby approved, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 6,319,893	\$ 6,755,641	\$(435,748)
Road & Bridge	7,084,626	7,296,095	(211,469)
Welfare	3,112,478	3,321,909	(209,431)
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>485,803</u>	<u>448,918</u>	<u>36,885</u>
Tax Supported Funds – Total	\$17,002,800	\$17,822,563	\$(819,763)
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,942</u>	<u>\$ 1,258,853</u>	<u>\$ 18,089</u>
Total – All Funds	\$18,279,752	\$19,081,416	\$(801,674)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting at the courthouse on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed levy and budget and allow the public to comment and ask questions.

The Board reviewed 2010 unorganized township budgets and levies. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-07

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and considered budgets for the unorganized townships located in Commissioner Districts No. 3, 4, and 5, and

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners deems it necessary that the following amounts be levied on all taxable property in specified unorganized townships in Roseau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the year 2010 unorganized township budgets are hereby approved and the following amounts shall be levied upon all taxable property in unorganized townships in Roseau County for the year 2010:

Twp. 161N., Rg. 36W. (Clear River)	\$ 6,000
Twp. 161N., Rg. 37W. (America)	\$ 3,400
Twp. 162N., Rg. 44W. (Juneberry)	\$ 4,250
Twp. 163N., Rg. 38W. (Norland)	\$13,000
Twp. 163N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley)	\$ 6,000
Twp. 163N., Rg. 40W. (Jadis)	\$ 500
Twp. 163N., Rg. 43W.	\$ 125
Twp. 163N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley)	\$ 1,500
Twp. 164N., Rg. 38W. (Norland)	\$ 50
Twp. 164N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley)	\$ 200
Twp. 164N., Rg. 40W.	\$ 700
Twp. 164N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley)	\$ 360

A copy of the year 2010 unorganized township budgets is on file in the County Auditor's office.

Auditor Granitz requested the Board approve the 2010 PILT Payment Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-08

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 477A.14 Subdivision 1 (b), payments for natural resources lands not located in an organized township shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund, and

WHEREAS, the county may allocate the amount determined to be necessary for maintenance of roads in unorganized townships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates the 2010 Natural Resources Land Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes to the following unorganized townships: Twp. 161N., Rg. 35W. (Oaks); Twp. 161N., Rg. 36W. (Clear River); Twp. 161N., Rg. 37W. (America); Twp. 162N., Rg. 44W. (Juneberry); Twp. 163N., Rg. 38W. (Norland); Twp. 163N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley); Twp. 163N., Rg. 40W. (Jadis); Twp. 163N., Rg. 43W.; Twp. 163N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley); Twp. 164N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley); and Twp. 164N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no allocation will be made to the unorganized townships that do not have township roads.

The commissioners concurred that if funds are required for road maintenance in an unorganized township whose fund balance cannot absorb the expenditure, the commissioner from that district will bring a request to the County Board for approval to spend funds from the Revenue Fund not to exceed the balance of previous years' PILT payments that have been credited to the Revenue Fund.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Walker requested the Board consider reducing Commissioner Salaries and per diems for 2010. After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Swanson,

seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-09-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners will maintain the current 2009 salary throughout the year 2010.

The Board discussed the Complaint Committee established at the September 8, 2009 Board Meeting. Clarification was needed as to whether or not this Committee should meet as a Committee of the Whole or as a separate committee. The Board agreed to set up times for Citizens Complaints during the first regularly scheduled Board meeting of the month at 9:00 a.m. Ann Marie Miller will coordinate the scheduling.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 29, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Trish Klein, Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Jack Swanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota

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ITEM # Consent 2

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

* Required Fields



*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 29 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Approve JPA with Board of Animal Health to Support Bovine TB Efforts

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
The current Joint Powers Agreement with the Board of Animal Health will expire on September 30 and they would like to know if Roseau County would like to continue this partnership. I have attached the current JPA for your review.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
None

Coordinator's Office Use (Do Not Write Below)

Date Received:	Comments:
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Board Action:

Comm.	Motion (First)	Motion (Second)	Vote			Vote Result	
			Yes	No	Abstain		
Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk



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Board of Animal Health

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Safeguarding Animal Health

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May 28, 2009

Teresa Klein
Roseau County Coordinator
606 5th Avenue Southwest, Room 131
Roseau, MN 56751

Dear Ms. Klein:

Trish, enclosed is the fully executed amendment to the joint powers agreement between Roseau County and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. The amendment has increased the total obligation of the state to \$30,000 and extended the agreement through September 30, 2009. Please remember that we can only pay up to \$30,000 or through September 30, 2009, whichever happens first.

If you have any questions or need my assistance, please contact me at (651) 201-6817.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Troyer

Barbara Troyer, Business Manager
Business Management Division

Joint Powers Agreement Start Date:	September 1, 2008	Total Joint Powers Agreement Amount:	\$30,000
Original Joint Powers Agreement Expiration Date:	March 31, 2009	Original Joint Powers Agreement:	\$15,000
Current Joint Powers Agreement Expiration Date:	March 31, 2009	Previous Amendment(s) Total:	\$
Requested Joint Powers Agreement Expiration Date:	September 30, 2009	This Amendment:	\$15,000

This amendment is by and between the State of Minnesota, through its Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health ("State") and Minnesota Roseau County ("Governmental Unit"), 606 5th Avenue Southwest, Room 131, Roseau, MN 56751.

Recitals

1. The State has a Joint Powers Agreement with the Governmental Unit identified as B19389 to hold informational meetings for producers in the Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone; workshops for livestock producers and deer hunters in Northwest Minnesota; an interactive meeting with local lenders; development of partnerships with the University of Minnesota Beef Team, the Board of Animal, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources.
2. The State needs the assistance of the Governmental Unit to continue facilitating monthly local stakeholder meetings; generate meeting and presentation of ideas and present them to the Multi Agency Coordinating Council (MACC) for discussion and approval; monitor and share producer concerns and/or ideas regarding the eradication of bovine tuberculosis; and coordinate to meet and work with members of the Board's northwest field staff.
3. The State and the Governmental Unit are willing to amend the original Joint Powers Agreement as stated below.

Joint Powers Agreement Amendment

Clause 1. "Term of Joint Powers Agreement" is amended as follows:

- 1.1 *Effective date:* September 1, 2008, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 *Expiration date:* ~~March 31, 2009~~, September ^{30 but} 30, 2009, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

Clause 2. "Governmental Unit Duties" is amended to add:

Governmental Unit shall perform the duties as detailed in Attachment B, which is attached and incorporated into this Joint Powers Agreement. Also, attached is Attachment C which outlines expense allowance reimbursements.

Clause 3. "Total Obligation" is amended as follows:

Total Obligation. The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Government Unit under this Joint Powers Agreement will not exceed ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$30,000.00.

Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the Original Joint Powers Agreement and all previous amendments remain in full force and effect.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: [Signature]
Date: 4/21/09

CFMS Contract No. B19389 Object Code: 2D90

2. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

The Governmental Unit certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the contract on behalf of the Contractor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: [Signature]
Title: BOARD CHAIR
Date: 4/28/09

3. STATE AGENCY

Individual certifies the applicable provisions of Minn. Stat. §16C.08, subdivisions 2 and 3 are reaffirmed.

By: [Signature]
(with delegated authority)
Title: Business Manager
Date: 5/1/09

4. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

As delegated to Materials Management Division

By: [Signature]
Date: 5/6/09

Distribution:
Agency
Contractor
State's Authorized Representative - Photo Copy

Attachment B

State of Minnesota
Joint Powers Agreement
Amendment No. 1

1. Roseau County will continue to facilitate the monthly local stakeholder group. Once the monthly meeting date has been determined, notify Dr. McClanahan, via email. The meeting agenda should be emailed to Dr. Susan McClanahan 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. A summary of each meeting will be forwarded to Dr. Susan McClanahan within 2 days of the meeting date.
2. Roseau County will continue to generate meeting and presentation ideas and present them to the MACC for discussion and approval. Once the idea is approved, the County will facilitate at least one meeting per month in NW MN, in and around the Modified Accredited Zone. A summary of each meeting will be forwarded to Dr. Susan McClanahan within 2 days of the meeting date.
3. Roseau County will monitor and share any producer concerns or ideas regarding the eradication of bovine tuberculosis with Dr. Susan McClanahan. Roseau County will also be informed of the Board's position on the issues, and Roseau County will strive to accurately state the Board's position.
4. Roseau County will also coordinate to meet, or work with members of the Board's northwest field staff, and visiting district veterinarians, on a monthly basis. The goal of the meeting should be to address producer issues, increase understanding of the TB eradication process, develop unified messages, and identify strategies to facilitate TB testing for producers and field staff on farms with less than optimal cattle handling facilities. A member of the northwest field staff will be available to accompany you on the assigned premises to complete the premise inspection report and risk assessment.
5. Roseau County will provide an end of the month summary of activities, along with an itemized invoice per activity, to the MN BAH (Dr. Susan McClanahan, Dr. Bill Hartmann, Malissa Fritz, and Barb Troyer).

Billing and submission guidelines must be in accordance with state policies and the commissioner's plan: please see Attachment C for expense reimbursement policy and further clarification.

Term of Agreement:

Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Expiration date: September 30, 2009

15***Expense Reimbursement***

General. The Appointing Authority may authorize payment of travel and other expenses and reimbursement of special expenses for employees and interns in accord with the provisions of this Chapter, Chapter 8, and Administrative Procedure 4.4 for the effective conduct of the State's business. Such authorization must be granted prior to incurring the actual expenses.

Privately-Owned Vehicles and Aircraft. An employee shall be reimbursed for the use of privately-owned vehicles and aircraft under the situations and at the rates specified below. In all cases, mileage must be on the most direct route according to Department of Transportation records.

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Rate Per Mile</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal automobile when a State-owned vehicle is not available. 	Federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal automobile when a State-owned vehicle is available and declined by the employee. 	Federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate less \$0.07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal van or van-type vehicle specially equipped with a ramp, lift, or other level-changing device designed to provide wheelchair access. 	Federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate plus \$0.09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal aircraft provided that the employee demonstrates adequate liability coverage under the requirements of M.S. 360.59, subdivision 10, and the Appointing Authority has granted approval for the use of the aircraft. 	Federal IRS mileage reimbursement rate

In addition to mileage, actual parking fees and toll charges shall be reimbursed. At the sole discretion of the Appointing Authority, employees who normally are not required to travel on state business may be reimbursed for parking at their work location on an incidental basis when they are required to use their personal or a state vehicle for state business and no free parking is provided.

Employees shall not receive mileage reimbursement for commuting between a permanent work location and their home. For each position, the Appointing Authority may designate no more than two permanent work locations, which must be within 35 miles of each other. For purposes of expense reimbursement for trips to temporary work locations, the Appointing Authority shall designate one of the two permanent work locations as the primary location. The Appointing Authority must provide advance written notice of the two locations and the primary location to anyone being appointed to such a position.

When an employee does not report to the permanent work location during the day or makes business calls before or after reporting to the permanent work location, the allowable mileage is: (1) the lesser of the mileage from the employee's residence to the first stop or from his/her permanent work location to the first stop, (2) all mileage between points visited on State business during the day, and (3) the lesser of the mileage from the last stop to the employee's residence or from the last stop to his/her permanent work location.

Employees accepting mobility assignments, as defined in Administrative Procedure 1.1, are not eligible for mileage reimbursement for the trip between their home and the mobility assignment.

Employees who are in travel status for two or more consecutive meals shall be reimbursed for the actual costs of the meals including tax and a reasonable gratuity, up to the combined maximum amount for the reimbursable meals.

- Hotel and motel accommodations provided that employees exercise good judgment in incurring lodging costs and that charges are reasonable and consistent with the facilities available.
- All work-related long distance telephone calls provided that the employee does not have a State telephone credit card or is unable to bill the call to the office telephone number.
- Actual personal telephone call charges. The maximum reimbursement for each trip shall be the result of multiplying the number of nights away from home up to \$3.00.
- Reasonable costs of dry cleaning and laundry services, not to exceed \$16.00, each week after the first week an employee is in continued travel status.
- Reasonable costs and gratuities for baggage handling.
- Parking fees and toll charges.

Receipts. The Appointing Authority may require receipts for any reimbursement requested by an employee under the provisions of this or any other chapter in this Plan.

Uniforms. If an Appointing Authority requires an employee to wear a uniform, the Appointing Authority shall supply the initial uniform and the employee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the uniform.

ITEM # 9:00 appt.

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 29 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Dan Weir, Northwest Service Cooperative Consultant

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Dan Weir from Northwest Service Cooperative will be here to discuss changes in the 2010 Health Insurance Program. Also attached for your review is a Board Resolution in Support of the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2009.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
None

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Board Action:

Comm.	Motion (First)	Motion (Second)	Vote			Vote Result
			Yes	No	Abstain	
Swanson						Passed
Johnston						
Folds						Failed
Rasmussen						
Walker						Tabled

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

Board Resolution in Support of the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2009, S. 1153 and H.R. 2625

To expand the Definition of Eligible Beneficiaries in order to Avoid Forfeitures of Retiree Health Savings upon Death

WHEREAS, state and local governments nationwide have established irrevocable trusts with health reimbursement accounts to help employees pay for health insurance in retirement; and

WHEREAS, these arrangements are funded through employer contributions, including amounts in lieu of severance pay that may otherwise have been received as taxable wages; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service issued Revenue Ruling 2006-36, which prohibits reimbursement of medical expenses of beneficiaries who are not tax dependents, regardless of whether the reimbursements are taxable, and requires forfeiture of individual accounts when retirees die without spouses or legal tax dependents; and

WHEREAS, IRS Revenue Ruling 2006-36 disproportionately affects state and local government employees, including tens of thousands of public employees in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2009, introduced as S. 1153 and H.R. 2625, and included in the final markup of H.R. 3200, would allow these amounts to be used to reimburse medical expenses of adult children and other designated beneficiaries of retirees.

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: _____, urges Members of the United States House of Representatives Timothy Walz, John Kline, Erik Paulsen, Betty McCollum, Keith Ellison, Michelle Bachmann, Collin Peterson, James Oberstar, and of the United States Senate, Amy Klobuchar and Alan Franken, along with the U.S. Senate Finance Committee Members:

Democrats

Max Baucus, MT
John D. Rockefeller IV, WV
Kent Conrad, ND
Jeff Bingaman, NM
John F. Kerry, MA
Blanche L. Lincoln, AR
Ron Wyden, OR
Charles E. Schumer, NY
Debbie Stabenow, MI
Maria Cantwell, WA
Bill Nelson, FL
Robert Menendez, NJ
Thomas Carper, DE

Republicans

Chuck Grassley, IA
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
Olympia J. Snowe, ME
Jon Kyl, AZ
Jim Bunning, KY
Mike Crapo, ID
Pat Roberts, KS
John Ensign, NV
Mike Enzi, WY
John Cornyn, TX

to support the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2009 (the "Act"), as introduced in the Senate as S. 1153 and in the House of Representatives as H.R. 2625, and as included in the final markup of H.R. 3200, or any version thereof that allows retirees to avoid forfeiture of health savings upon death through the designation of beneficiaries who may use any remaining balance for the reimbursement of their medical expenses.

Voting in favor: _____

Voting against: _____

ITEM # Discussion 1

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 29 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
One Woman 2010 Nomination

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
We are still in need of a nomination from an unorganized township for One Woman 2010. Veteran's Service Officer Jeff Parker has written articles and spoke on the radio regarding nominating a woman who has served in the US military but has had no response. This nomination has to be submitted by October 31, 2009.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
None

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Board Action:

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			Yes	No	Abstain		
Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH — MARCH, 2010

RECEIVED
SEP 25 2009

*****FINAL REQUEST*****

TO: ROSEAU COUNTY TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND CITY COUNCILS

FROM: 2010 Roseau County Women's History Month Committee:

Linda Vatnsdal, Carole Wilson, Dawn Johnson

Date: September 24, 2009

In March 2010, the Roseau County Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month, which has been a national effort since 1987.

Please help us recognize Roseau County women who have made a difference in their community during their lifetimes. The woman you choose must have lived in your township or city at some time during her life, and may be living or deceased.

A display titled "One Woman" will be created at the Roseau County Museum honoring all women selected for this honor. The Roseau County Historical Society plans to make this an annual event, begun in 2009, with recognition displays in the museum.

The women selected for this honor will be announced in local and regional news media, as well as honored at a Grand Opening event, open to the public. Last year's Grand Opening saw over 300 attendees, with hundreds more viewing the exhibit throughout the year.

If you have questions regarding the exhibit, or wish to see the 2009 exhibit, the Roseau County Historical Society & Museum is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 218-463-1918, or rchsroseau@mncable.net

Please complete and submit the enclosed form to Linda Vatnsdal, 704 9th Street SE, Roseau, MN 56751 by **October 31, 2009**. Contact Linda at 463-1676, or vatnsdal@mncable.net or the Roseau County Museum if you have any questions.

***DON'T LET YOUR TOWNSHIP OR CITY MISS BEING
REPRESENTED IN 2010.***

ITEM # Discussion 3

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

* Required Fields



*Person Responsible for Request Hanson, Jule	*Department Sheriff	*Board Meeting Date Sep 29 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
JPA with Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Joint Powers agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension so they can provide manpower for open shifts on the Stonegarden operation. Any open shifts that are not taken by RCSO or RPD will be given to the BCA.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
None

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Board Action:

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Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Ave. East, St. Paul, MN 55106 ("State") and Roseau County, Roseau County Sheriff's Department, 604 5th Avenue SW, Roseau, MN 56751 ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

- 1 Under Minn. Stat. § 471.59, subd. 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary.
- 2 The Governmental Unit is in need of increased presence of law enforcement personnel at or near the international boundary between the United States and Canada and routes of egress from the border area to enhance situational awareness and actionable intelligence.
- 3 The State represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to provide the services described in this agreement.

Agreement

1 Term of Agreement

- 1.1 *Effective date:* August 1, 2009, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 *Expiration date:* July 1, 2011, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

2 Agreement between the Parties

The State will:

- 2.1.1 Provide support to the cooperative effort of the Governmental Unit for Operation-08-Aquarius, Op Order Number 09-GFNWRM-12-001.
- 2.1.2 Provide eight-hour operational overtime enforcement patrols by Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents when a schedule of overtime has been requested by the Governmental Unit and the State has accepted the schedule.
- 2.1.3 Provide vehicles for Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents enforcement efforts and for patrolling designated roadways and areas as indicated by the Governmental Unit.
- 2.1.4 Collaborate with Governmental Unit and other state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies to increase the presence of law enforcement personnel at or near the international Canadian border and on egress routes from the border.

The Governmental Unit will:

- 2.2.1 Coordinate scheduling of enforcement efforts between the Governmental Unit and the State and other state, local and tribal agencies.
- 2.2.2 Request overtime enforcement patrols that shall be requested and scheduled with the State at least 2 weeks in advance of the time for which the overtime is required. The Governmental Units' Authorized Representative will request and schedule overtime hours/shifts with the State's Authorized Representative approval.
- 2.2.3 Process all invoices and claims submitted by the State which are related to Operation StoneGarden overtime enforcement patrols and vehicle costs of the overtime enforcement patrols.
- 2.2.4 The Governmental Unit is not obligated to request and schedule overtime hours/shifts to be performed by the State for any specific number of hours per week, per month, or total hours under this agreement.

3 Payment

The Governmental Unit will pay the State for all services performed by the State under this contract as follows:

For services provided to the Governmental Unit by the State, the total obligation of Governmental Unit for all compensation and reimbursements to the State under this agreement will not exceed \$103,542.40.

The State's overtime rate including fringe for the term of this agreement shall be set at the hourly rate of \$65.55 per hour and the rate will change in accordance with negotiated wage and benefit increases of State employees' collective

bargaining contracts.

The State's rate per vehicle for vehicle maintenance costs which include fuel costs for the term of this agreement is \$19.60 per hour.

Payment shall be made by Governmental Unit within 30 days of the invoice date after the State has presented invoices for services performed under this agreement.

The total obligation of the Governmental Unit for all compensation and reimbursements to the State under this contract will not exceed \$103,542.400.

4 Authorized Representatives

The State's Authorized Representative is Brad Barker, Special Agent, 3700 North Norris Court NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, 218-755-6653 or his/her successor.

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer, 604 5th Ave SW, Roseau, MN 56751, 218-463-1421.

5 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete

5.1 **Assignment.** The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.

5.2 **Amendments.** Any amendment to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.

5.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

5.4 **Contract Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

6 Liability

Each party will be responsible for its own acts and behavior and the results thereof.

7 State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement.

8 Government Data Practices

The Governmental Unit and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Governmental Unit or the State.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

9 Venue

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court

Newhouse, Don

From: Foster, Mary
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 1:38 PM
To: Newhouse, Don
Cc: Foster, Mary
Subject: FW: Joint Powers agreement with Roseau County for StoneGarden
Importance: High

Don,

The effective date on the above document is August 1st -- that probably should be changed to a later date.

Can you call me about this?

Thanks, Mary

651-201-7008

-----Original Message-----

From: Foster, Mary [mailto:Mary.Foster@state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 1:12 PM
To: Newhouse, Don
Cc: Foster, Mary
Subject: Joint Powers agreement with Roseau County for StoneGarden

Don,

Here is the Joint Powers Agreement with Roseau County and ready for signatures. They are the "Governmental Unit" and sign at number 2 signature on the last page. If there are any issues about the language in the agreement, please contact me and I'll help work out any issues.

I am attaching a description of who can sign on behalf of a county. ALSO... Note paragraph at the top of the page -- if there is a resolution delegating the authority to sign the agreement for Roseau County, I would like a copy of the resolution too if the county is delegating. Please call me if you have any questions on this -- I would like to avoid any delays because the right folks do not sign the agreement.

After you have the county's signatures, please send to the Chief or Assistant Chief for signature and when all done, I'll send the county's copy to you to give to them.

Thanks, Mary

Mary Foster
Fiscal and Administrative Services
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
mary.foster@state.mn.us
(651) 201-7008
(651) 282-6586 fax

8/28/2009

Legal authority for signing contracts for cities and counties is identified in statute. If not signed by the office/official(s) identified in statute, the authority may be delegated by resolution from the city council or county board. If a resolution delegates to more than one person and if the word "and" is used between the names, then all named individuals must sign. If a resolution uses the word "or" between the names, then either individual may sign the contract.

Statutory Cities: MS. 412.201 Execution of instruments

"Every contract, conveyance, license or other written instrument shall be executed on behalf of the city by the mayor and clerk, with the corporate seal affixed, and only pursuant to authority from the council."

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=412.201>

Home Rule Charter Cities: MS 410. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth are the three Home Rule Charter Cities, sometimes referred to as "Cities of the First Class". All three cities pass resolutions that name an office/official(s) as authorized to sign a contract.

County Board: MS. 375.13 Chair

"The county board, at its first session in each year, shall elect from its members a chair and a vice-chair. The chair shall preside at its meetings and sign all documents requiring signature on its behalf. The chair's signature, attested by the clerk of the county board, shall be binding as the signature of the board. In case of the absence or incapacity of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform the chair's duties. If the chair or the vice-chair are absent from any meeting, all documents requiring the signature of the board shall be signed by a majority of it and attested by the clerk."

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=375.13>

with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

10 Termination

10.1 Termination. The State or the Governmental Unit may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

10.2 Termination for Insufficient Funding. The State may immediately terminate this agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Governmental Unit. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Governmental Unit will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Governmental Unit notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CFMS Contract No. _____

2. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____

(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

4. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

delegated to Materials Management Division

By: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:

- State
- Governmental Unit
- State's Authorized Representative - Photo Copy



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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DNR NEWS – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Media contacts: Colleen Coyne, DNR communications director, 651-259-5023; or Pat Matuseski, Northwest Region forest planner, -218-308-2381

DNR preparing 10-year forest plan for Aspen Parklands, encouraging public input

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public input as the agency begins a Subsection Forest Resource Management Plan (SFRMP) for the Aspen Parklands ecological subsection in Northwest Minnesota. The subsection covers approximately 2.9 million acres from Gully in the southeast, Roseau in the northeast, Lancaster in the northwest, and Crookston in the southwest.

"The plan will provide strategic direction for vegetation management for the Aspen Parklands," said Pat Matuseski, DNR forest planner, Bemidji, "It will also identify harvestable timber stands and outline harvest levels for the next decade."

"The public has a vital role in this forest management process," said Mike Carroll, DNR Northwest Region director. "Healthy forests are a cornerstone of our region. I encourage everyone interested in the future of state forests to identify issues, review documents, and send in their comments."

The SFRMP process includes two public comment periods. The first comment period is from September 15-30, 2009. The goal is to gather input on the forest inventory, on issues that should be covered, and on concerns stakeholders have for forestlands, brush lands and prairie in the subsection. Preliminary data and a draft list of issues are available online at www.mndnr.gov/forestry/subsection/aspenparklands/html.

Recreation and agriculture are the major uses of land in the subsection. The state manages approximately 355,000 acres or 12 percent. Of that, about 96,000 acres is forest and woodlands and will be considered for forest resource management. State non-forested (brushlands and prairie) totaling approximately 250,000 acres may be considered for biomass. Other state lands (9,000 acres) in State Parks and Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) will not be considered for timber management.

The federal government owns approximately 68,000 acres (2 percent). Private owners control approximately 2.4 million acres (83 percent). There is no industrial forest land in this subsection.

After the initial public comment period, the planning team will produce a strategic direction document that addresses issues and provides a draft list of forest stands for possible harvest. The DNR will also seek public comment on that draft plan. The DNR hopes to implement the plan in 2010.

The 10-year SFRMP includes annual reviews to adjust practices as conditions change or new information becomes available.

For further information contact Pat Matuseski at 6603 Bemidji Avenue N, Bemidji, MN 56601; pat.matuseski@state.mn.us; or 218-308-2381. Please submit written comments to Matuseski by September 30, 2009.