



Board of Commissioners

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Roseau, MN 56751

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AGENDA

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Roseau County will meet in session on September 8, 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

8:35 Comments and Announcements

8:45 Consent Agenda

1. Approve Proceedings
2. Approve Storage Area Network Hardware Purchase

8:50 Discussion

1. Rail Abandonment
2. Approve 2010 Unorganized Budgets
3. Approve PILT Payment Resolution
4. Hiring Freeze
5. Appraiser II Position

9:25 Future Agenda Items

9:30 Recess

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

APPOINTMENTS

9:30 Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Re-development Authority

Executive Director Lee Meier; HRA Board Commissioner Brian Hardwick; Wynne Consulting
President, John Wynne

1. Overview of HRA Levy/Grant Status Update

Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

10:00 Highway Department - Final approval for CSAH #7 Culvert Replacement

10:15 Committee Structure

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

Roseau County Home Page Address: <http://www.co.roseau.mn.us/>

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 8 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Approve Proceedings from 8-25-09 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

August 25, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 25, 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 contract with Northland Community and Technical College for the Services of Dave Grafstrom was added to the Consent Agenda. Appointment of a manager to the Roseau River Watershed District was removed from the Consent Agenda and added as a separate discussion item. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the proceedings from the October 11, 2009 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the 2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement granted by the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$14,642.00.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the MnDOT Communications Facility Use Agreement with Roseau County allowing Roseau County to place their communications equipment on the towers at Greenbush and Warroad in the amount of \$400 per year per tower.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved an Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$8,921.00 for each of two years beginning August 15, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the appointment of Gerald Phillipe and Jeff O'Donnell to a three year term on the Warroad River Watershed Board commencing September 19, 2009.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the appointment of Richard Novacek to a three year term on Two Rivers Watershed Board commencing October 29, 2009.

The Board, by adoption of its consents agenda, approved the Minnesota Trails Assistance program Snowmobile FY 2010 Maintenance and Grooming Grant Agreement for Pelan and BISF #1 trails in the amount of \$122,308.20.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agreement, approved a contract with Northland Community and Technical College in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the services of Dave Grafstrom to assist with coordinating meetings and correspondence as it relates to the Bovine TB Split State (MA zone).

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

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 8/13/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2005.20	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	1016.69	B & B PLUMBING & HEATING INC
355.58	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2178.10	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
18247.00	CHAD MCDONALD CONSTRUCTION	710.50	SEAMUS DUFFY
7338.33	HUG INC	9000.00	J & L CONSTRUCTION
1137.00	KB BOBCAT SERVICE	3460155.11	KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS
714.15	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES	706.96	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
3040.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	3102.48	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION
5876.00	RB BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION	12087.35	ROSEAU CITY
7307.50	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA	1076.17	TRIANGLE ELECTRIC INC
1680.00	UPPER MISSISSIPPI MENTAL HEALT		
	11 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	1,212.27	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$3,538,946.89	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 8/20/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
525.07	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	302.80	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
5505.00	HOLTHUSEN CONSTRUCTION INC	4183.03	LAURE JOHNSON
8261.14	JOHNSTON FARGO CULVERT INC	502.57	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
194598.83	MORRIS SEALCOAT & TRUCKING INC	88442.81	OLSON CONSTRUCTION TRF INC
6980.14	ROSEAU CO TREASURER		
	5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	239.16	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$309,540.55	****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 8/25/2009 FOR PAYMENT 8/28/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
449.62	ALIVE OUTDOOR SERVICES	414.01	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES
6096.57	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1342.62	CRT PROCESSING LLC
1489.03	D & E SPORT SHOP-ROSEAU	401.85	DEATONS MAILING SYSTEMS INC
1516.32	DELL MARKETING LP	502.93	ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV.
978.75	EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION INC	833.79	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
7963.71	FRANK'S TV REPAIR	1347.56	GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO
3057.84	DAVE GRAFSTROM	1610.04	AL HEIM
3562.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC	619.48	LAKESIDE PROTECTION INC
2250.45	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	616.35	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C
984.97	MATTSON PHARMACY INC	504.00	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA
389.97	NORTHERN OFFICE OUTFITTERS	5102.80	NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE
4485.50	NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE-	1600.00	ARIA OLSLUND
762.63	PEART & ASSOCIATES INC	800.00	PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC
7733.27	ROSEAU CITY	14793.72	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT
391.49	SAY SECURITY NORTH COUNTRY	2658.92	TW VENDING INC
427.00	US SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.	343.03	WARROAD PIONEER
	28 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	2,659.62	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$78,689.84	****

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT MANAGER APPOINTMENT

The Board voted on nominations for the Roseau River Watershed appointment. A motion to appoint Steve Lee as Watershed Manager was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and failed by a 2-3 vote with Commissioners Johnston and Swanson in favor and Commissioners, Foldesi, Rasmussen and Walker opposed. A motion to appoint Daniel Johnston as Watershed Manager was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and failed due to a tie vote. Commissioner Swanson removed himself from voting due to a personal relationship with this candidate. Commissioners Johnston and Walker voted in favor and Commissioners Foldesi and Rasmussen were opposed. A motion to appoint Floyd Haugen as Watershed Manager was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Foldesi, Rasmussen and Walker in favor and Commissioners Johnston and Swanson opposed. Mr. Haugen's term as Watershed Manager will commence on October 19, 2009.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swanson presented the Board with a letter from the MN Department of Human Services regarding the DHS Re-Design Act. Chair Swanson directed Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller to draft a letter to Senators Olin and Stumpf regarding the DHS' interpretation of the recent legislation.

Commissioner Swanson announced the upcoming All-Terrain Vehicle Association Annual Fall Convention in Roseau Friday, September 18, 2009 and shared a MCIT letter regarding coverage renewal.

Commissioner Rasmussen expressed concern over a constituent complaint regarding the Sheriff's Office. This concern will be put on the next Sheriff's Committee agenda.

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller notified the Board of an upcoming meeting with Legislative Auditor Colbey Sullivan regarding the state's natural resource land ownership and easements. Commissioners Swanson and Walker will attend.

Commissioner Johnston received a letter from the Sugar Beet Growers regarding truck transportation issues and announced that he will be attending the September 14, 2009 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting with Highway Engineer Brian Ketring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Northwest Regional Library Board Committee Representative Nadene Johnston met with the Board to give an update on the recent activities within the Northwest Regional Library system. The Northwest Regional Library and all Regional Library systems will receive a portion of legacy funding for region wide programming. Legacy funding is 3/8 of 1 percent sales tax voted on in the last election which will allow for funding in cultural institutions such as libraries. With this funding NWRL will be able to enhance the programming already in place giving all tax payers the opportunity use the library and it services.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 8/19/09: Discussed process for land sale; Two Rivers Watershed Meeting,

8/13/09: Discussed Big Swamp concerns; Highway Committee Meeting, 8/17/09: Discussed gravel pit concern and FEMA repairs.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the follow committee meeting: AMC Leadership Summit, August 12-14, 2009: Three day presentation on exercising leadership.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: AMC Leadership Summit, August 12-14, 2009: Three day presentation on exercising leadership; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 8/17/09: Discussed cooperating use of bus with LifeCare Manor; DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 8/19/09: Discussed process for land sale; Agriculture Listening Session with Gene Hugoson, 8/20/09.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meeting: Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 8/14/09: Discussed Emerald Ash Borer problem in Minnesota and DNR lawsuit with Kittson County.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meeting: Bovine TB meeting, 8/19/09: Discussed restrictions on Mexican cattle in the United States.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

There were no action items for the Board.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed at length the appropriations for 2010. A motion to approve the following appropriations was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution.

2009-8-02

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the following appropriations and dues payable in the year 2010:

Area Ag Information Center \$750
Far North Transit \$3,000
Joint Powers Natural Resource Board \$2,000
Memorial Day \$600
Northern Counties Land Use Board \$2,500
Minnesota Heartland Tourism Association \$250
Minnesota Red River Development Association \$800
Northwest Regional Library \$91,857
Pembina Trail Resource Conservation & Development Association \$500
Red River Basin Commission \$347
Roseau County Agricultural Society (Fair) \$15,000
Roseau County Historical Society \$40,000
Roseau County Medical Travel \$4,465
Rural Life Outreach \$750

After further discussion, a motion to approve the Roseau County Soil and Water Conservation District appropriation was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioners Foldesi, Rasmussen, Swanson and Walker in favor and Commissioner Johnston opposed to approve the following resolution:

2009-08-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appropriate \$60,000 to the Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District with \$30,000 payable in January, 2010 and \$30,000 payable in July, 2010.

The Board discussed funding of the 2010 Ambulance/Fire Donations. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-08-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the 2010 Ambulance/Fire Donations as follows: Warroad Ambulance and Rescue Squad, \$25,000.00; LifeCare Medical Center, \$24,800.00; Tri-County Ambulance in the amount of \$1,500.00 Greenbush Fire Department, \$1,500.00.

The Board deferred discussion on the approval of 2010 Unorganized Township Budgets and levies and the PILT payment resolution to the September 8, 2009 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Johnston requested approval for his attendance at the Greater MN Regional Park & Trail Providers meeting scheduled for September 9, 2009. A motion for Commissioner Johnston to attend the above stated meeting was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously. Commissioner Johnston will also be attending the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System meeting scheduled for September 10, 2009 in Fergus Falls.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Ann Marie Miller, Board Clerk
Roseau County, Minnesota

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

ITEM # Consent 2

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

* Required Fields



*Person Responsible for Request Stauffer, Chris	*Department Information Systems	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Storage Area Network hardware purchase through CDWG.

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
This acts as a shared main storage system for all servers, with enormous capacity. Will be utilized right away with the ApplicationXtender deployment, as well as all future storage needs.

***Financial Consideration:**
Money has been budgeted for purchase in 2009 - \$21,047.68

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
I worked with 4 different vendors and overall Fujitsu was able to deliver the best product at the best price. The other Vendors that quoted a similar product were Dell-Equalogic, EMC, and HP.

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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Swanson						Passed
Johnston						
Folds						Failed
Rasmussen						
Walker						Tabled

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk



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QUOTE NO.	ACCOUNT NO.	DATE
PQF8864	9485217	8/20/2009

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O Contact: CHRIS STAUFFER 218-463-4247

Customer P.O. # FUJITSU SAN QUOTE

ACCOUNT MANAGER	SHIPPING METHOD	TERMS	EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
CHANCE DEHAVEN 877-500-3113	DROP SHIP-GROUND	MasterCard/Visa Go	

QTY	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	1726205	FUJITSU E2K M200 BASE ISCSI 4-PORTS Mfg#: FJS-E220L4CU Contract: MARKET	5824.00	5824.00
1	1746455	FUJITSU 4PK SAS 450GB 15K HD Mfg#: FJH-E20S4P4U Contract: MARKET	3353.60	3353.60
1	1629732	FUJITSU 4PK NEARLINE SAS 1TB F/ E2K Mfg#: FJS-E20E4P1U Contract: MARKET	2560.00	2560.00
2	1739157	FUJITSU SAS 450GB HD-SGL E2K Mfg#: FJH-E20S1H4U Contract: MARKET	838.40	1676.80
2	1620088	FUJITSU SAS 1TB 7.2K DISK DRIVE Mfg#: FJS-E20E1H1U Contract: MARKET	640.00	1280.00
1	1629635	FUJITSU AC POWER CORDS 125V F/ E2K Mfg#: FJS-E20CAC30U Contract: MARKET	64.00	64.00
1	1767054	FUJITSU ETERNUS SF ADVCOPY MGR TS Mfg#: FJS-D0253AD80H Contract: MARKET	1514.24	1514.24
1	1629716	FUJITSU ETERNUS SF ACM 13.1 MED PACK Mfg#: FJS-B0251SDB0H Contract: MARKET	149.76	149.76

TOTAL Continued

CDW Government, Inc.
230 North Milwaukee Ave.
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
General Phone: 847-371-5000 Fax: 847-419-6200
Account Manager's Direct Fax: 312-705-8688

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QTY	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
3	1767056	FUJITSU ETERNUS SF ADVCOPY SUP 1Y Mfg#: FJS-D0253ADS0H Contract: MARKET	272.90	818.70
1	1629703	FUJITSU ADV COPY LIC F/ E2K M200 Mfg#: FJS-E20LC20U Contract: MARKET	252.74	252.74
36	1765968	FUJITSU 1MO 24X7 4HR OS F/ E2K BASE Mfg#: FJS-ET2K-EPLUPLT-BASE Contract: MARKET	66.56	2396.16
			SUBTOTAL	19890.00
			FREIGHT	.00
			SALES TAX	1157.68

TOTAL	US Currency 21,047.68
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ITEM # Discussion 1

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Railroad Abandonment

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Preliminary research has begun on the proposed rail abandonment between Roseau and Warroad. Attached is a letter from Attorney Thomas McFarland requesting the county identify any potential environmental or historic effects the abandonment may cause. This should not require any action by the County Board at this time. Also attached is a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding a meeting to be held at the City Center on September 15th.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

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

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Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

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THOMAS F. MCFARLAND

August 26, 2009

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c/o Minnesota Department of Administration
200 Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota Historical Preservation Office:

Minnesota Historical Society
345 Kellogg Blvd. West
St. Paul, MN 55102-1906

**Environmental Protection Agency
(regional office):**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

City Planner:

c/o Warroad City Clerk
121 Main Avenue, NE
Warroad, MN 56763

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
St. Paul District (CEMVP-PA)
190 Fifth Street East
St. Paul, MN 55101-1638

Minnesota Department of Transportation:

Minnesota Department of Transportation
Transportation Building
395 John Ireland Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

State Coastal Zone Management

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Waters
1568 Highway 2
Two Harbors, MN 55616

Natural Resources Conservation Service:

Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA
375 Jackson Street, Room 600
St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Region 3
One Federal Drive
BHW Federal Building
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Twin Cities, MN 55111

City Planner:

c/o Roseau City Clerk
100 Center Street E, Suite 202
Roseau, MN 56751

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin.:

NGS Information Services, NOAA, N/NGS12
National Geodetic Survey SSMC-3, #9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

National Park Service:

Nick Chevance, Environmental Coordinator
Planning and Compliance Office
National Park Service - Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

County Commissioners:

Roseau County Commissioners
606 Fifth Avenue, SW
Roseau, MN 56751

Re: STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 5X), *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Roseau County, MN*

August 26, 2009

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Dear Agency or Governmental Representative:

In the near future, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) intends to file a Petition with the Surface Transportation Board (STB), Washington, DC, for an exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10903 that would permit abandonment of a portion of its Warroad Subdivision rail line from Milepost 83.6, which is located approximately 300 feet west of Roseau County Road 124 (11th Ave., SE) in Roseau, to Milepost 101.61, which is the end of the line at Warroad, a distance of 20.01 miles in Roseau County, Minnesota ("the Roseau-Warroad rail line"). The Roseau-Warroad rail line is shaded in yellow on a print that is attached to this letter as Appendix 1.

Pursuant to STB regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7, this letter is to request your assistance in identifying potential environmental and historic effects of the proposed abandonment. MNN does not anticipate any adverse environmental or historic impacts; however, if you identify any such adverse impacts, please describe any action that could be taken to mitigate such adverse impacts. Please provide a written response to this letter so that it can be included in a Draft Environmental and Historic Report that MNN will prepare and file with the STB.

COUNTY AND CITY PLANNING AGENCIES. Please state whether the proposed abandonment would be consistent with existing land-use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

US SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE. Please state the effect of the proposed abandonment on any prime agricultural land.

US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. Please state (1) whether the proposed abandonment is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat and, if so, please describe such effects; and (2) whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected and, if so, please describe such effects.

STATE WATER QUALITY OFFICIALS. Please state whether the proposed abandonment would be consistent with applicable Federal, State or Local water quality standards. Please describe any inconsistencies.

August 26, 2009

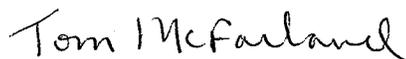
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US AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCIES (OR EQUIVALENT AGENCY). Please (1) identify any potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed abandonment on the surrounding area, and (2) identify the location of any known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way of the Rail Line, and list the types of hazardous materials involved, and (3) state whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342) are required for the proposed abandonment.

STATE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OFFICE. Please identify any known bridges and/or structures located on the Rail Line that are 50 years old or older, and which are historically significant. Please state whether the proposed abandonment would have an adverse effect on such bridges and/or structures and, if so, please describe efforts that can be taken during removal of the tracks in the Rail Line to mitigate any such adverse effects.

Please send your reply to me as MNN's attorney to: Thomas F. McFarland, Thomas F. McFarland, P.C., 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1890, Chicago, IL 60604-1112. You may reach me by telephone at (312) 236-0204 if you have any questions or need further information. MNN appreciates your assistance in furnishing a reply to this letter.

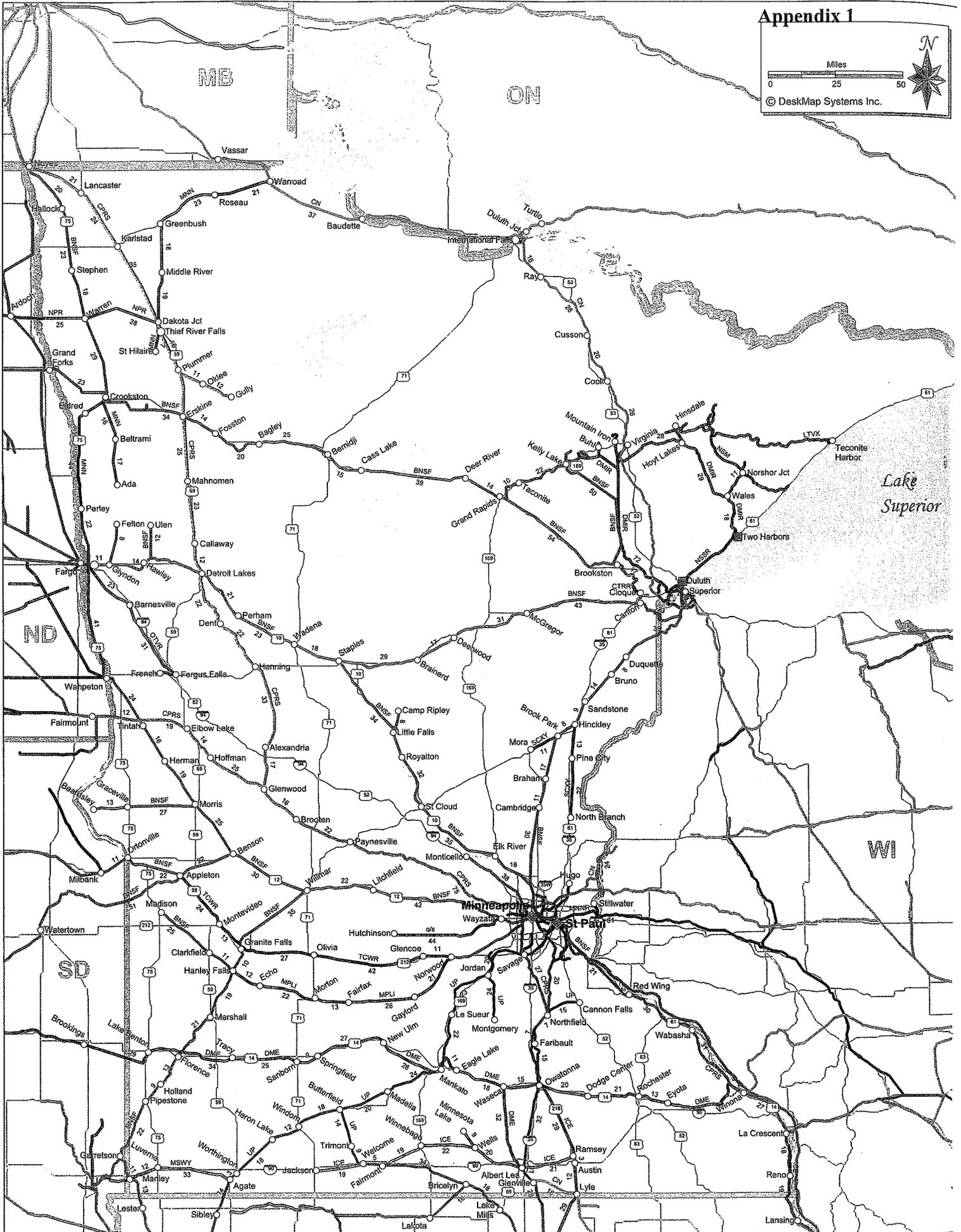
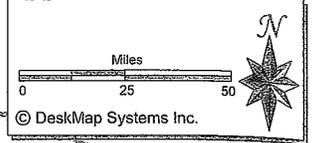
Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
*Attorney for Minnesota Northern
Railroad, Inc.*

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cc: George LaPray, by e-mail to mnn@rrv.net



(651) 366-3696

August 28, 2009

Mr. Rod Gunderson
Minnesota Dept. of Transportation
3920 Hwy 2 West.
Bemidji, MN 56601

Dear Sir:

The Minnesota Northern Railroad will be filing with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 20.01 miles of railroad between Milepost (MP) 83.6 near Roseau and MP 101.61 (end of track) in Warroad in the near future.

It is my responsibility to convene a "Quick Response Team" comprised of State, County and Local officials to discuss the impending rail line abandonment.

Our discussion will focus on assessing nine questions related to the abandonment. The answers to these questions will guide us as to what our formal response will be to the STB. The nine questions are as follows:

1. Does any economic or commercial reason exist to oppose this abandonment?
2. Does this corridor appear in any applicable state, regional or local plans?
3. Should this corridor, once abandoned, remain in the public domain?
4. What are the potential public uses, if any, for this corridor?
5. What multi-modal (e.g. continued rail service, highway, trails, transit) or multi-use (e.g. transportation, recreation, and utilities) opportunities are provided by preserving this corridor?
6. Does public support exist for preserving this corridor?
7. What are the potential acquisition funding sources for this corridor?
8. What are the legal constraints for acquiring this corridor?
9. What are the procedures to monitor, oversee or mediate the preservation process?

We will meet at the Roseau City Center in Roseau-Council Chambers (121 Center St. E.) on Tuesday September 15th at 9 a.m.

This is the time to voice your concerns on the above matter and I welcome your assistance, expertise and knowledge. I have enclosed my business card for your convenience, should you need to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Rickert
State Rail Bank Program Manager

ITEM # Discussion 4

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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*Person Responsible for Request Johnston, Alan	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Immediate hire freeze to take effect September 8, 2009

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
When looking at the budget with the unallotments, I have become very concerned that we will use reserves in 2009 and possibly not even be close to balancing the 2010 budget. Even with a reasonable levy total of 4%, considerable reserve needs to be used. Until we make a commitment on the levy it would be irresponsible to increase our spending.

***Financial Consideration:**
budget issues

***Legal Consideration:**
none

***Other Consideration:**
Departments hire part time or temporary help until financial conditions improve and State of Minnesota resolves their financial problems.

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**
Immediate hiring freeze effective September 8,2009 for all county departments.

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Date Received:	Comments:

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

ITEM # Discussion 5

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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*Person Responsible for Request Swanson, Jack	*Department	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009		
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Appraiser II Position

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Al Heim will be here to discuss how to proceed with filling this position.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**

***Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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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

ITEM # Committee Structure

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*Person Responsible for Request Johnston, Alan	*Department	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009		
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
Discuss Committee Structure

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
Alan requested a discussion in order to establish a standing committee to address constituent complaints. Alan would be in support of a committee consisting of County Commissioners, Department Heads, County Coordinator and County Attorney if applicable. Commissioners and Department Heads needed would be specific to each complaint filed, with a minimum of two Commissioners at each Complaint Committee meeting. This committee would then be a pre-requisite for constituent concerns before reaching the Board level.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
None

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

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			Yes	No	Abstain		
Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

ITEM # FYI
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
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*Person Responsible for Request Klein, Trish	*Department Coordinator	*Board Meeting Date Sep 8 2009
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***Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**
 FYI

***Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**
 Attached for your information: [MN DNR Possible Amendment to and Repeal of Rules Governing Wildlife](#), Minnesota Rules, chapters 6230, 6232, 6234, 6240, 6282. [MN DNR letter and request for comments](#) reviewing Administrative Rules for public use of state parks, state recreation areas, state waysides and state forest recreation areas. Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2009. [Letter from the MN Pollution Control Agency](#) regarding application for the MN GreenCorp program. Roseau was not selected to be part of the 2009-10 service year.

***Financial Consideration:**

***Legal Consideration:**

***Other Consideration:**
 None

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

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Walker						Tabled

ATTEST: Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish and Wildlife**

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to and Repeal of Rules Governing Wildlife, *Minnesota Rules*, chapters 6230, 6232, 6234, 6240, 6282

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requests comments on its possible amendment to and repeal of rules governing miscellaneous wildlife issues. The Department is considering rule amendments and repealing its rules that:

- 1.) Modify provisions for controlled hunting zones on Lac qui Parle state game refuge.
- 2.) Modify provisions for taking antlerless deer by muzzleloader in lottery permit areas.
- 3.) Modifying provisions for bear hunting, baiting and outfitting.
- 4.) Modifying game species that may be taken by falconry
- 5.) Repealing provisions for taking furbearers in national wildlife refuges
- 6.) Modifying trap tending intervals, the use and placement of body-gripping traps and marking of muskrat houses
- 7.) Repealing duplicate rule provisions relating to certified predator control.
- 8.) Creating a standard opening date and bag limit for the mourning dove season
- 9.) Modifying provisions for taking Canada geese
- 10.) Modifying provisions on the harvest of ginseng in wildlife management areas

Persons Affected. The rules may affect persons using the Lac qui Parle wildlife refuge and controlled hunt zones; small game hunters, bear outfitters and hunters, furbearer trappers, migratory bird hunters and ginseng harvesters. Individuals or businesses that provide goods and services to hunters and trappers may also be affected.

Statutory Authority. The adoption of the proposed rules is authorized by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections: 84.093, 86A.06, 97A.091, 97A.137, 97B.301, 97B.311, 97B.411, 97B.425, 97B.431, 97B.605, 97B.611, 97B.615, 97B.621, 97B.625, 97B.631, 97B.635, 97B.671, 97B.731, 97B.803, 97B.911, 97B.915, 97B.921, and 97B.925.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing by e-mail or orally until 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, 2009. The Department does not anticipate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Department has prepared a draft of proposed amendments and repeals.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to:

Jason Abraham
Department of Natural Resources

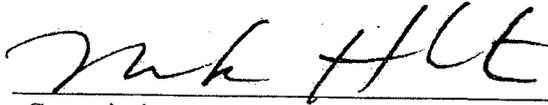
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4007
Phone: (651) 259-5197
Fax: (651) 297-4961
Email: Jason.Abraham@dnr.state.mn.us
TTY users may call (800) 657-3929 or (651) 296-5484

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: _____

6-25-09



Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

500 Lafayette Road • St. Paul, MN • 55155-40



August 27, 2009

Dear Friends:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reviewing Administrative Rules for public use of state parks, state recreation areas, state waysides, and state forest recreation areas and requests your comments on updating these rules.

The national trend of declining participation in nature based outdoor recreation is a concern for all of us. The DNR is working to encourage the next generation of outdoor users and connect more Minnesotans to the state's diverse natural resources.

There is a new array of technologies and emerging recreation activities that may have a place in our state parks and forest lands. An important aspect of this review will be to develop a separate body of rules for use of State Recreation Areas. These areas were established to provide a broad spectrum of recreational opportunities.

Complete 6100.0000 Recreation Rules for State Forest, State Parks and State Recreation Areas may be viewed at the Minnesota Legislature Website: www.leg.state.mn.us. Additional information about the Minnesota Rulemaking process can be found on the DNR Website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/input.

The period for comment runs through September 30, 2009. Comments can be sent by to recreationrules@dnr.state.mn.us or by mailing it to: Department of Natural Resources, Recreation Rules, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtland Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtland Nelson, Director
DIVISION OF PARKS AND TRAILS



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Division of Parks and Trails
Division of Forestry**

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Governing State Parks and State Forest Land including State Parks, State Recreation Areas and State Waysides, *Minnesota Rules*, Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing State Parks, State Recreational Areas, State Forest Lands and State Waysides. The Department is considering rules and rule amendments consistent with each unit classification that address new and emerging recreational activities and technologies, including camping in camper cabins, ski-jouring, geo-caching, collecting shed antlers, gathering certain edible plants for personal use. Modification of rules would provide for organized public activities, extend State Park and State Recreation Area hours of operation, change camping registration and campsite use requirements, permit seasonal lease of campsites, and allow physically disabled persons to use electric mobility devices on park roads and trails. Proposed changes would identify recreational activities permitted on certain State Recreation Areas including target shooting on shooting ranges, dog field trials and dog training. The proposed rules would also make technical changes due to statutory changes and clarify and make recreation rules consistent with other recreational rules regarding state lands.

Persons Affected. Amendment of the rules may affect individuals and organizations that recreate on State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Forest lands and State Waysides; hikers, campers, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, hunters, anglers, and others. Individuals and businesses that use these lands for special events and commercial purposes may be affected; timber harvesters, outfitters, recreation providers, media and educational institutions.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Rules Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 are authorized by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.1285, 84.03, 85.052, 85.053, 85.20, 86A.05, 86A.06, 89.031, 89.19, 89.20, 89.21 and 89.71.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2009. The Department does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Department has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rules amendments.

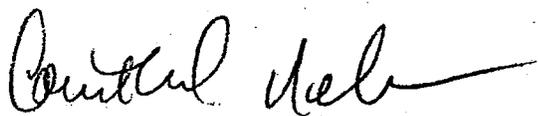
Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions or requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Jade Templin, at Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4039, phone: 651-259-5598, FAX: 651-297-1157, and

email: recreationrules@dnr.state.mn.us TTY users may call the Department 651-296-5484 or toll-free 800-657-3929.

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Date: August 4, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtland Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Courtland Nelson, Director
Division of Parks and Trails
Department of Natural Resources



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Ms. Trish Klein
Roseau County Coordinator
Roseau County
606 - 5th Avenue SW
Roseau, MN 56751

Dear Ms. Klein,

On behalf of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), I would like to thank you for your application to serve as a host site of the Minnesota GreenCorps program in 2009 – 2010.

We received 56 host site applications for the first year of the Minnesota GreenCorps program. The requests from host site applicants far exceeded the number of Minnesota GreenCorps members to be placed this year.

The MPCA conducted a detailed review of all the host site applications received. Although your application addressed matters of importance to our mission of preserving Minnesota's environment, unfortunately your organization was not among the host sites chosen for the 2009 – 10 service year.

We will notify you of future application opportunities for the Minnesota GreenCorps program.

Again thank you for applying, as well as for your many efforts to preserve Minnesota's environment.

Sincerely,

David Benke
Director
Prevention and Assistance Division