

February 25, 2025

Chair:

PULL: None

ADDITIONS:

1. Item #6.9 (Letter of Support for HF 246 Re: Carbon-Free Energy)

CHANGES:

1. Item #5.1 (Sale of Tax-Forfeited Undivided Interest Property to other Undivided Interest Owner) – Updated verbiage per Kory Cease

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Item #6.7 (Public Hearing Re: County Subordinate Service district for Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area) - Additional Input



ITASCA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 327-2847

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

2:30 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

DRAFT

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Venema called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Cory Smith	District #1	Present	2:30 PM
Terry Snyder	District #2	Present	2:30 PM
John Johnson	District #3	Present	2:30 PM
	District #4	Vacant	
Casey Venema	District #5	Present	2:30 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To: Add Item #6.8 (MPCA C/D Recycling Grant Application - Letter of Support) and approve the agenda, as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion To: Approve the minutes, as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 11, 2025 County Board Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

1. Approve the Letter of Support to Minnesota North College for an IRRR grant for a Cannabis Training Program and authorize necessary signatures.
2. Award 2025 Tree Planting Contract to Great Lakes Forestry, LLC in the amount of \$21,269.60 to be paid from the Forest Resource Fund 12 and authorize necessary signatures.
3. Award 2025 Site Preparation Contract to Future Forests Inc. in the amount of \$58,615.00 to be paid from Forest Resources Fund 12 and authorize necessary signatures.
4. Adopt the Resolution Re: Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant Application and authorize necessary signatures.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Receive Citizen Input
No Citizen Input Provided.
2. Hold a Legislative Conference Call with Itasca County Delegation.
A Legislative Conference Call was provided by Representative Spenser Igo for informational purposes only; no action taken.
3. Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of February 19, 2025, in the amount of \$1,169,967.36.
Motion To: Approve the Commissioner Warrants with a check date of February 19, 2025, in the amount of \$1,169,967.36.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

4. Approve the MOA to carry out implementation of the Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and appoint a primary and alternate member on the Implementation Policy Committee for this watershed or continue with current appointments.
Motion To: Approve the MOA to carry out implementation of the Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids Comprehensive Watershed Management Plant and to continue with current appointments of Commissioner Snyder as Primary and Commissioner Smith as Alternate.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

5. Approve the 2025/2026 Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids Watershed Implementation Budget workplan in the amount of \$574,720.52 staff budget, \$686,199.48 Projects & Programs Budget, \$66,200.00 Administration Budget for a total of \$1,324,120.00.

Motion To: Approve the 2025/2026 Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids Watershed Implementation Budget Workplan in the amount of \$574,720.52 staff budget, \$686,199.48 Projects & Programs Budget, \$66,200.00 Administration Budget for a total of \$1,324,120.00.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

6. Schedule the 2025 County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM with 15-minute appointments available from 3:15 PM until 7:00 PM and on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, only if necessary, to finalize any items remaining from the initial meeting. No appointments will be scheduled for the Thursday, June 19, 2025 meeting.

Motion To: Schedule the 2025 County Board of Appeal & Equalization, as amended, for Monday, June 16, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, only if necessary to finalize any items remaining from the initial meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

7. Hold a Public Hearing Re: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment submitted by Jim Maddern/The Great Outdoors Bottle Shop & Bait, consider adoption of the Resolution Re: Adoption of Zoning Text Ordinance Amendment (effective March 1, 2025) Relative to Conditional Uses in the Shoreland Overlay District, Article 5.6.5, and adopt the findings of fact and recommendations presented by the Planning Commission.

Motion To: Open the Public Hearing Re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Text

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

Motion To: Close the above Public Hearing

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

Motion To: Adopt the Resolution Re: Adoption of the Shoreland Overland District, Article 5.6.5 and adopt the finding of fact and recommendations presented by the Planning Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

8. Approve Letter of Support for MPCA C/D Recycling Grant Application with Board Chair signature.
Motion To: Approve the Letter of Support for MPCA C/D Recycling Grant Application with Board Chair signature.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Casey Venema
VACANT:	District #4

VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson reported on testifying to the Tax Committee Re: Tax Rebate, attended Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, met with Mayor Antonovich and Sheriff Dasovich.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending Township Association meeting, DNR meeting, Mesabi Metallica meeting, Forest Service & Transportation Department meeting, and Trails Task Force meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported on attending Forest Service & Transportation Department meeting.

Commissioner Venema reported on attending Carpenter Township meeting, Zoning of Great Outdoors, St. Louis County Days, and Western Mine Planning Board meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson reported on the Association of MN Counties, and becoming Co-Chair of AMC.

Commissioner Venema reported on the Veteran's Snomobile ride with approximately 150 riders.

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:18 PM.

ATTEST

Casey Venema
Chair of the County Board

Brett Skyles
Clerk of the County Board



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-284

DEPARTMENT: Land Department

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Renata Rogalla

AGENDA ITEM:

Sale of a Tax-Forfeited Undivided Interest Property to other Undivided Interest Owner

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the Resolution Re: Authorizing and Fixing the Notice and Terms of Tax-Forfeited Land Sale to other Undivided Interest Owner.

BACKGROUND:

The Land Department is requesting that the County Board set the values and terms of sale per the attached Notice and Terms of Tax-Forfeited Land Sale to Adjoining Owners.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Survey Sketch & Description
2. Notice of Terms and Conditions

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson
VACANT:	District #4



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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD AUTHORIZING AND FIXING THE TERMS OF SALE
TO OTHER UNDIVIDED INTEREST PARTY**

WHEREAS, an undivided 16/48 interest is held by the State of Minnesota in trust of the taxing districts in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SWSW), Section 13, Township 55 North, Range 26 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, and;

WHEREAS, the said tax-forfeited property has been appraised and classified as non-conservation, and;

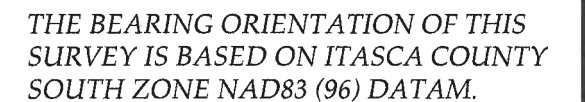
WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.01, subdivision 7a allows for the sale of such a tax-forfeited undivided interest to the other tenants in common, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board is by law designated with authority to provide for the sale of such forfeited land on terms and conditions included in the Notice of Sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Auditor of Itasca County offer such tax-forfeited undivided interest property for sale to the sole other tenant in common as authorized under Minnesota Statute 282.01, subdivision 7a.

**PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER,
SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 55 NORTH, RANGE 26 WEST, 4TH P.M.,
ITASCA COUNTY, MINNESOTA.**

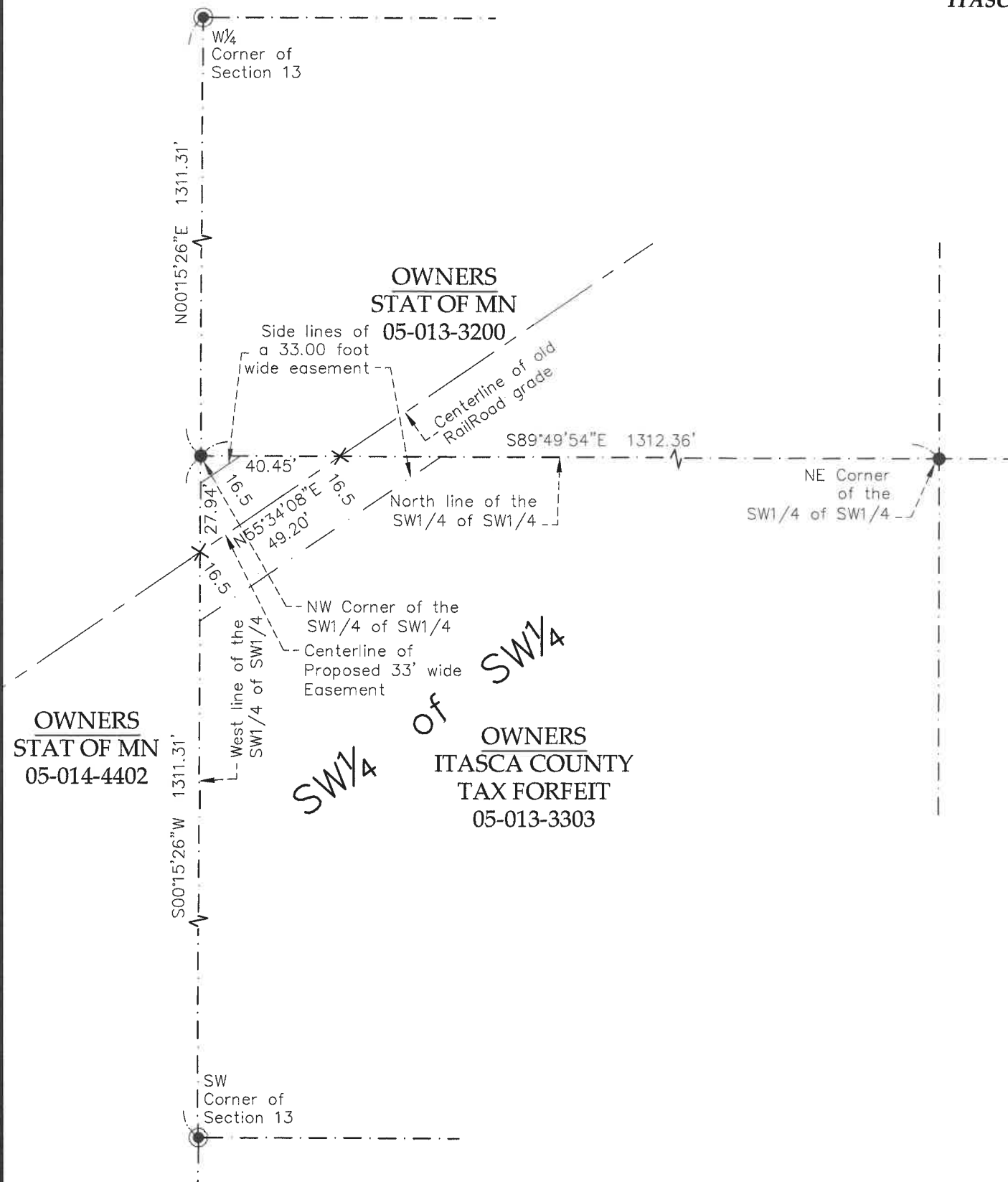
A 33.00 foot wide ingress and egress easement over and across that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 13, Township 55 North, Range 26 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, the centerline of said easement is described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 26 seconds West, assign bearing, along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, a distance of 27.94 feet, intersect with the centerline of an old railroad grade, and to the point of beginning of the centerline of said 33.00 foot wide easement; thence North 55 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East 49.20 feet, to the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and to the point of termination of the centerline of said easement.



 DENOTES KIMBALL MONUMENT FOUND
 DENOTES IRON MONUMENT FOUND
 DENOTES SET 3/4"X18" IRON PIPE
W/PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "45353"
 DENOTES CALCULATED POSITION



SIGNATURE: COREY J. HENDERSHOTT
DATE 09-14-2024 **LIC.NO.** 45353



**NOTICE OF TAX-FORFEITED COUNTY LAND SALE TO OTHER UNDIVIDED INTEREST PARTY
ITASCA COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sale the sole other tenant in common at the Itasca County Land Department Building, 1177 La Prairie Avenue, GRAND RAPIDS, COUNTY OF ITASCA, MINNESOTA, the following described parcel held by the State of Minnesota in trust of the taxing districts, which has been classified and appraised as provided by law. Said sale will be governed as to terms and conditions by resolution of the County Board authorizing the same.

AUSTIN ROHLING, Itasca County Auditor/Treasurer

KORY CEASE, Itasca County Land Commissioner

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TO OTHER UNDIVIDED INTEREST PARTY**

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WHEREAS, the said tax-forfeited property has been appraised and classified as non-conservation, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 282.01, subdivision 7a allows for the sale of such a tax-forfeited undivided interest to the other tenants in common, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board is by law designated with authority to provide for the sale of such forfeited land on terms and conditions included in the Notice of Sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Auditor of Itasca County offer such tax-forfeited undivided interest property for sale to the sole other tenant in common as authorized under Minnesota Statute 282.01, subdivision 7a.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

The County Board is by law designated to provide for the terms and conditions for sale of said tax-forfeited land and such parcel shall be sold on the following terms, to wit: The total appraised value of timber and land must be paid within 45 days of County Board approval of this Notice of Sale. No timber shall be cut, removed, or damaged until the entire purchase price for the parcel is paid in full.

The land and improvements are being sold AS IS and the County makes no warranties as to the condition of any buildings, wells, septic systems, soils, roads, or any other thing on the tract. The tract is being sold with the understanding that the buyer and seller agree to waive disclosures required under Minnesota Statutes Chapters 513.52 to 513.60 and 1031.235 and any associated liabilities. No representation is made as to the condition of the structure, if any, its fixtures or contents, or their suitability for any particular use.

Any conveyance of tax-forfeited lands shall be by Conveyance of tax-forfeited Lands or other conveyance as prescribed by the Minnesota Department of Revenue or in the case of county fee lands by Quit Claim Deed. All conveyances shall be subject to the provisions of any documents appearing in the chain of title as recorded in the office of the Itasca County Recorder, Itasca County Minnesota, rights of parties in possession not shown by the public records and subject to any encroachment, encumbrance violation, variation, or adverse circumstance affecting title that would be disclosed by an accurate and complete land survey of the Parcel. The Term "encroachment" includes encroachments of existing improvements located on the Parcel onto adjoining land, and encroachments onto the Parcel of existing improvements located on adjoining land.

As required by Laws of Minnesota 1969, Chapter 373, Subd. 6., there will be added to the sale price of any tax-forfeited land, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the total price, said additional amount to be deposited to the State Treasury and credited to the tax-forfeited land assurance account.

All parcels of land sold hereunder shall be subject to zoning ordinances, existing railway and highway easements, power and pipeline easements and leases, if any.

All lands whether zoned or not zoned which do not abut a legalized highway are subject to any and all existing restrictions empowered by statute relating to the expenditure of public lands.

Any lands herein offered for sale that do not adjoin or are located on a suitable legally established and maintained public highway or road, the township wherein said lands may be located, or any other municipality, shall not for a period of five years, be obligated to the establishment, construction or additional maintenance of any public roads or the expenditure of any public funds for the benefit of the owner or occupant of any lands purchased, by reason of the ownership or occupancy of any of this land; provided further that nothing herein shall be construed to create any obligation directly or indirectly on the part of any municipality of the expenditures of any money for the benefit of said parcels after the expiration of said five year period.

Any parcel of land on the list is subject to withdrawal from sale by the County Board or Land Commissioner when it appears to be in the public interest to do so.

Laws 1990, Chapter 594 impose a \$25.00 fee upon purchasers of tax-forfeited land for issuance of the state tax deed. Purchasers of direct county land must pay a \$25.00 deed issuance fee and will receive a quit claim deed from Itasca County. In the event of Torrens Property there may be additional recording fees.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 94.343, Subd. 4, the State of Minnesota shall reserve all tax-forfeited minerals and mineral rights, and water power rights on tax-forfeited lands. Pursuant to the terms of Minn. Stat. 373.01, all mineral rights shall be reserved on direct county lands, together with the right to explore for, mine, and remove minerals thereon.

Minnesota Statute 282.01, Subdivision 6, requires that all State tax deeds issued after June 5, 1985, be recorded with the County Recorder prior to issuing the deed to the purchaser, with the purchaser to pay the \$46.00 recording fee.

A deed tax of \$49.50 (.33%) thereof shall be paid by the purchaser to the County Auditor/Treasurer.

Purchaser is required to pay a fee of \$50.00 for recording the well certificate where applicable, prior to the Auditor/Treasurer delivering the deed to the purchaser.

Certain parcels of tax-forfeited land located within cities, forfeited with unpaid special assessments for improvements. These special assessments were cancelled at the time of forfeiture. Upon sale of this land, the municipality may establish a re-assessment schedule for payment of a portion or all of the unpaid special assessments. **Itasca County recommends that individuals check for assessments with the municipality office that the parcel is located within.**

Except for land in platted subdivisions and lands conveyed for correcting legal descriptions, all deeds requested after August 1, 1991, will contain the following statement: This property is not eligible for enrollment in a state funded program providing compensation for conservation of marginal land and wetlands.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

Itasca County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment and the provision of services. You may write to the return address shown on this notice or call telephone number 218-327-2855 or TDD nos. 218-326-0316 or 218-327-2941.

Questions regarding the sale, including information on viewing improvements, should be directed to the Itasca County Land Department, 1177 La Prairie Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 (telephone 218-327-2855).

SEC	TWP	RGE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PARCEL ID	ACRES	LAND APPRAISED (16/48 INT)	Other Fees	TOTAL
13	55	26	Undivided 16/48 Interest in W 300' of SWSW	05-013-3303	9.9	\$14,998.50	\$570.45	\$15,568.95

AUSTIN ROHLING
Itasca County Auditor/Treasurer

KORY CEASE
Itasca County Land Commissioner



**ITASCA COUNTY
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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-134

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 10 Minutes

PRESENTER: Chair

AGENDA ITEM:

Citizen Input

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive Citizen Input

BACKGROUND:

The Itasca County Board of Commissioners encourages citizen input. Each citizen will be allowed to address the County Board one time for up to three (3) minutes in length. Comments should be directed to the Board as a body. When addressing the Board, please state your name and address for the record. The Board will take all information under advisement. As part of County Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a County Board meeting. In addition, no political grandstanding, candidate endorsement, or other attempts to influence the outcome of an election shall be permitted. Any violation of the above statement shall result in the loss of your remaining time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

02/25/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-179

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Brett Skyles

AGENDA ITEM:

Recognition of County Employees

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

To recognize those employees who have either experienced a job change, given notice of leaving employment, received commendation, or to welcome any new employees.

Farewell to Amy Bestland, whose last day as a Social Worker-Home and Community Based Services with the Health and Human Services Department, was February 21, 2025, after 20+ years.

Welcome to new employee Ryan Lehr, Corrections Deputy with the Sheriff's Department, which was effective February 10, 2025.

Welcome to new employee Amy Bullock, Managed Care Nurse with Health and Human Services-IMCare, which was effective February 10, 2025.

Welcome to new employee Ryan Ehmke, Helpdesk Technician with MIS, which was effective February 10, 2025.

Congratulations to Danielle Larson who is being promoted to IMCare Quality Improvement/Utilization Management Director within HHS, effective February 16, 2025.

Farewell to James Rudquist, whose last day as a Corrections Deputy with the Sheriff's Office, was February 16, 2025, after 2+ months of service.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

02/25/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-64

DEPARTMENT: Auditor / Treasurer

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Gail Guck

AGENDA ITEM:

Commissioner Warrants

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of February 26, 2025, in the amount of \$2,240,333.26.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson
VACANT:	District #4



**ITASCA COUNTY
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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-106

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Christine Krebs

AGENDA ITEM:

ICHHS Warrants

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Itasca County Health and Human Services (ICHHS) Department Warrants for February 2025, in the amount of \$1,624,760.59.

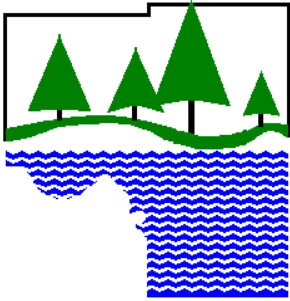
BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. ICHHS February 2025 Board Report

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson
VACANT:	District #4



ITASCA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ITASCA RESOURCE CENTER

1209 SE 2nd Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Hearing Impaired Number TDD: 218-327-5549

218-327-2941

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February 2025

Income Maint/Admin Payments	\$ 229,449.98
Social Services - Waivers	\$ 11,865.85
Social Services - Non-Waivers	\$ 933,300.12
Foster Care/Out of Home/FamilySupport	\$ 419,438.58
Relative Custody/Preventive Placement Costs/Incidentals	\$ 6,138.45
Public Health	\$ 18,083.73
Community Health Board	\$ 6,483.88
Total	\$ 1,624,760.59

Note : The above is a general description of payments made during the month indicated and is not intended to be a detailed itemization. The Community Health Board does not affect the Health & Human Services budget or levy.

February 2025
Out of Home Placement Breakdown

Foster Care/Out-of-Home/Family Support Comparison					
	Actual 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2021 (COVID Yr)
January	407,984.28	358,655.03	481,711.66	433,150.76	375,450.87
February	419,438.58	392,553.96	553,117.21	348,631.48	276,036.33
March		406,513.25	549,963.91	390,198.68	470,336.10
April		490,023.47	519,051.04	552,814.60	327,746.28
May		499,374.53	438,535.58	487,698.28	435,540.15
June		358,348.53	563,762.89	585,853.92	453,742.31
July		424,373.46	429,881.33	400,212.87	295,647.79
August		381,991.86	482,732.73	484,467.08	406,809.83
September		471,425.74	397,517.32	499,454.00	351,501.34
October		465,927.89	445,148.34	596,946.77	253,884.89
November		384,937.51	510,070.44	361,433.79	424,163.31
December		422,698.84	383,715.02	510,726.16	280,089.95
Total	827,422.86	5,056,824.07	5,755,207.47	5,651,588.39	4,350,949.15

Child Protection Statistics					
	Maltreatment Reports	Opened for Assessment	% Opened	Children Placed	% Placed of Open
January	34	8	24%	4	50%
February	117	27	23%	7	26%
March			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
April			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
May			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
June			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
July			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
August			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
September			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
October			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
November			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
December			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
	151	35	23%	11	31%
	average			average	

2024	472	191	40%	80	42%
2023	510	275	56%	84	32%
2022	605	300	50%	96	33%
2021 (COVID Yr)	522	343	67%	95	28%

February 2025
Out of Home Placement Payments by Vendor

		Rate	Invoices Paid
The Bridge Residential Facility	-	\$250/day	\$ 63,340
Nexus	-	\$556/day	\$ 52,637
Northwestern MN Juvenile	-	\$260-\$372/day	\$ 49,825
North Homes	-	\$175 - \$429/day	\$ 48,099
Lutheran Social Services	-	\$148-\$194/day	\$ 19,801
Snyders/Foundation for Life	-	\$122/day	\$ 18,658
Village Ranch	-	\$175 - \$231/day	\$ 16,845
Northwood	-	\$294-\$331/day	\$ 16,433
Northstar	-	\$128/day	\$ 12,400
Little Sand Group Home	-	\$366/day	\$ 12,228
Anoka County Juvenile Center	-	\$226 - \$282/day	\$ 9,585
Heartland Girls Ranch	-	\$249 - \$316/day	\$ 6,468
Dungarvin	-		\$ 2,183
Port Group Homes	-	\$269/day	\$ 1,526
180 Degrees Inc	-		\$ -
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	-	\$250/day	\$ -
Crow Wing Community Serv	-	\$295/day	\$ -
Dakota County Juvenile Serv	-	\$325 - \$340/day	\$ -
Fond Du Lac Foster Care	-		\$ -
Kidspeace Corp	-	\$266/day	\$ -
Kindred Family Focus	-		\$ -
Lighthouse	-	\$128/day	\$ -
MCF - Redwing	-	\$260/day	\$ -
MN Dept of Corrections	-	\$269/day	\$ -
New Trails Group Home	-	\$331/day	\$ -
Pathfinders Children Treat	-	\$106/day	\$ -
Peace House	-	\$115/day	\$ -
Prairie Lakes Youth Program	-	\$209 - \$239/day	\$ -
Serenity Christian Homes	-	\$256.69/day	\$ -
St Cloud Children's Home	-	\$221/day	\$ -
Volunteers of America	-		\$ -
West Central Juvenile Center	-	\$334/day	\$ -
Woodland Hills	-	\$152 - \$331/day	\$ -
Individuals*	-	\$21 - \$121/day	\$ 89,410
Total			\$ 419,438

*Individuals : Includes Foster Care & Family Support Programs

February 2025
North Homes & Northwestern Placement Breakdown

North Homes							
	Assessment Evaluation	Shelter	Hawkins Home	Boys & Girls Programs	Cottage	Foster	Total
Jan	9,003.33	3,858.57	11,009.65	19,134.09	4,287.30	6,296.10	53,589.04
Feb	9,175.49	10,800.81	11,890.36	9,789.64	-	6,443.04	48,099.34
Mar							-
Apr							-
May							-
Jun							-
Jul							-
Aug							-
Sep							-
Oct							-
Nov							-
Dec							-
	18,178.82	14,659.38	22,900.01	28,923.73	4,287.30	12,739.14	101,688.38

Northwestern							
		Residential	Non-Secure Detention	Secure Detention	Satellite Homes		Total
Jan		25,175.95	14,602.00	12,936.00	-		52,713.95
Feb		19,530.00	9,525.00	20,770.00	-		49,825.00
Mar							-
Apr							-
May							-
Jun							-
Jul							-
Aug							-
Sep							-
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Nov							-
Dec							-
	-	44,705.95	24,127.00	33,706.00	-	-	102,538.95



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-277

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Bill Grantges

AGENDA ITEM:

Letter of Opposition - Governor Waltz

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Board Chair signature on the Letter of Opposition regarding the proposed 50% reduction in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Aid for Minnesota counties and forward to the Governor.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

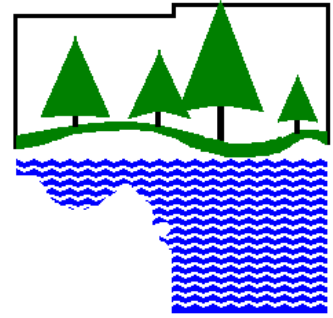
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Governor Walz Letter of Opposition

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson
VACANT:	District #4

ITASCA COUNTY

Courthouse
Administrative Services
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600
Office (218) 327-7363 Fax (218) 327-2848



2/25/2025

Office of Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

The Itasca County Board of Commissioners firmly opposes the proposed 50% reduction in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Aid for Minnesota counties. This reduction would have severe negative impacts on Itasca County, where AIS funding is crucial for protecting our public waters and natural resources.

A reduction of this magnitude would significantly undermine the Itasca County AIS Program, making it impossible to maintain current service levels. Essential initiatives, including Community Action Project (CAP) matching Grants, watercraft inspections, decontamination efforts, invasive species control, monitoring programs, and public outreach—would be drastically scaled back or, in some cases, completely eliminated. Without these proactive measures, the spread of aquatic invasive species will accelerate, leading to far greater long-term ecological and economic costs. Prevention is far more effective and less expensive than managing infestations once they take hold.

We strongly urge you to maintain full AIS Aid funding to safeguard Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and local economies.

Thank you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,

Casey Venema
Itasca County Board Chair
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, Mn 55744
218-327-7363



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-117

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Sarah Anderson

AGENDA ITEM:

County Based Purchasing (IMCare) Division Update/Presentation

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive County Based Purchasing (IMCare) Division Update/Presentation.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. 2024 Emergency Department FS Report
2. 2024 Polypharmacy FS Report

02/25/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-279

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

TIME REQUESTED: 10 Minutes

PRESENTER: Eric Villeneuve

AGENDA ITEM:

Public Hearing RE: County Subordinate Service District for Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Hold a Public Hearing Re: the creation of a County Subordinate Service District for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area and consider adoption of the Resolution Establishing A County Subordinate Service District for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Printed Document
2. Proof of Publication
3. Nashwauk PSA Presentation
4. Goodland's Resolution
5. Lawrence Township - Ambulance Resolution 2025-6 pg1
6. Lawrence Township - Ambulance Resolution 2025-6 pg2
7. Nashwauk Township's Resolution
8. Citizen Input - Micheal Troumbly
9. 2025- Keewatin - Ambulance Service Support
10. Balsam Township Resolution

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson
VACANT:	District #4



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-8

RE: Establishing a County Subordinate Service District for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area

WHEREAS, The City of Nashwauk desires to discontinue providing existing ambulance service to the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA) as presently defined by the Office of Emergency Medical Services pursuant to MS Chapter 144E, and

WHEREAS, Ambulance service licensed under chapter 144E may be financed by a County Subordinate Service District pursuant to MS 375B.09, and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA) covers areas within Itasca County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Itasca County Board hereby establishes a County Subordinate Service District for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Services Area as follows:
 - a. General description of territory to be included in the district – Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA) as defined by the Office of Emergency Medical Services.
 - b. Type of service – emergency medical services, including ambulance as defined by MS Chapter 144E after December 31, 2025.
 - c. Statement by which the services will be financed - property tax levy, or service charge, or combination thereof within the Nashwauk Ambulance PSA.
 - d. Designation of agency or officer who will be responsible for supervision – the Itasca County Board of Commissioners.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Itasca) ss.
Office of County Administrator)

I, BRETT SKYLES, Administrator of the County of Itasca, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in this office on February 25, 2025 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.


Administrator

Public Hearing

To Consider a Subordinate Service District

For Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area

The Itasca County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, during the regular meeting, beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m., in the Boardroom of the County Courthouse, 123 NE 4th Street, in the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to consider the creation of a Subordinate Service District for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area pursuant to MN Statute 375B.04.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. To obtain additional information please contact the Health and Human Services Director, Eric Villeneuve, at (218) 327-2941.

Dated: February 5, 2025

ITASCA COUNTY BOARD, MINNESOTA

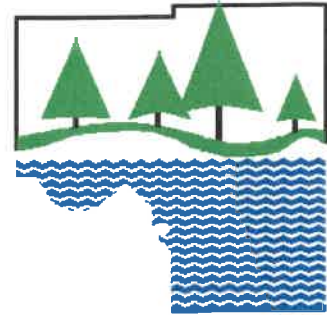
/s/ Brett Skyles

Clerk of the County Board

Itasca County Board, Minnesota

ITASCA COUNTY

Health and Human Services
1209 SE 2nd Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600
Office (218) 327-2941 Fax (218) 327-5532



DATE: February 5, 2025

TO: Grand Rapids Herald Review
21 NE 5th Street, Suite 101
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

via Email: grlegals@grhr.net

Scenic Range News Forum
113 2nd St
Nashwauk, MN 55769

via Email: copy@scenicrangenewsforum.com

FROM: Brenda Oberg
Executive Assistant
Itasca County Health and Human Services
1209 SE 2nd Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600

SUBJECT: Publication – Notice of Intent & Public Hearing Re: Subordinate Service District
for Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area

PLEASE PUBLISH THE ATTACHED AS:

☒ Legal Publication
☐ Display Ad

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

February 9, 2025 – GRHR

February 13, 2025 – SRNF

Public Hearing:

to consider the creation of a
Subordinate Service District for
the Nashwauk Primary Service
Area (PSA)



Subordinate Service Districts

December 2024

Subordinate service districts provide a method for a town or county to pay for providing unique or increased services to an area in its jurisdiction by charging property owners in that area.

When did the legislature authorize counties and towns to use subordinate service districts?

Beginning in 1969, special law allowed a few metropolitan area counties to establish “subordinate service areas.” Beginning in 1982, general law has allowed counties, other than the seven metropolitan counties and St. Louis County, to establish subordinate service districts. [Minn. Stat. ch. 375B](#). Towns were authorized to establish subordinate service districts in 1989. [Minn. Stat. ch. 365A](#). These laws provide similar authority to towns and counties, with some differences discussed below.

What services can a town or county provide in a subordinate service district?

A county or town may provide any service in a subordinate service district that the county or town is otherwise authorized by law to provide. Op. Atty Gen. 125a (March 26, 1984). County and town subordinate service districts cannot overlap to provide the same service. [Minn. Stat. § 365A.10](#). Anecdotally, services have included paving portions of town roads, providing community sewage treatment systems in new developments and near lakes, and providing ambulance services. There is no comprehensive information on the number, location, purpose, or financing of subordinate service districts because counties and towns do not report on them to any state agency.

How are the services paid for?

Services in a subordinate service district are paid for by property owners in the district who use the services, either through a property tax, a service charge, or a combination of the two. For capital projects in subordinate service districts, counties and towns may issue general obligation bonds, payable



projects in subordinate service districts, counties and towns may issue general obligation bonds, payable primarily from the taxes or charges from the district. Although these bonds are payable by users of the service, these bonds are ultimately backed by the general taxing power of the county or town. Taxes or fees in the area of the subordinate service district must be imposed until the bonds are repaid, even if the district is dissolved. [Minn. Stat. §§ 375B.09; 365A.08; 365A.095.](#)

How does a local government’s use of a subordinate service district differ from use of property taxation or special assessments?

If the county or town used general property tax revenues instead of subordinate service district revenues, the entire jurisdiction would pay for any improvement or service. In contrast, a subordinate service district requires payment only from those benefitting from or using the improvements or services. Assuming the county or town could legally use special assessments to pay for the improvements or services of a subordinate service district, special assessments cannot generally pay ongoing costs, and the amount assessed against a property is limited to the amount the improvement increases its market value. In contrast, a subordinate service district can be used to pay for ongoing costs and does not require the charges to match the benefit.

By **Justin Cope**, justin.cope@house.mn.gov

Subordinate Service Districts

How is a subordinate service district formed?

A subordinate service district may be established by petition. In a county, the petition submitted to the county board must be signed by at least 10 percent of voters within the area proposed for the subordinate service district. In a town, it must be signed by at least 50 percent of the property owners in the area to be served. In both cases, the petition must describe the proposed district boundaries and services. Within 30 days, the county or town board must hold a public hearing and then approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the request.

In contrast to town boards, a county board may also establish a district by resolution, even in the

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In contrast to town boards, a county board may also establish a district by resolution even in the absence of a petition. The resolution must be adopted only after a public hearing and must specify the service or services to be provided within the subordinate service district and the territorial boundaries of the district. [Minn. Stat. § 375B.04](#).

However the district is created, establishment of a subordinate service district is subject to reverse referendum. If 5 percent of voters in a county district or 25 percent of property owners in a town district petition for a referendum, a special election must be held, and the district would not be established unless approved by a majority of those voting on the question. [Minn. Stat. §§ 365A.06; 375B.05](#).

Can a district be enlarged?

A subordinate service district may be enlarged in the same manner for establishing a new district. [Minn. Stat. §§ 365A.07; 375B.08](#). Only voters (for counties) or property owners (for towns) within the proposed expansion can vote on the proposal to expand the district, unless a petition is filed to expand the vote to others within the existing district.

How is a district discontinued?

Both county and town subordinate service districts may be discontinued if a petition requesting discontinuance is approved. For counties, the petition must be signed by at least 10 percent of the voters in the area. Counties are not required to hold public hearings. A county board also may initiate discontinuance of a district by adopting a resolution three to six months after publishing notice. In a county, whether initiated by petition or board resolution, the county must hold a special election within the boundaries of the district between 30 and 90 days after the resolution or receipt of the petition. The district is discontinued if a majority of those voting on the question favor discontinuance. For towns, the petition must be signed by at least 75 percent of the property owners in the area. Town boards must hold a public hearing before deciding whether to discontinue a subordinate service district, but no election is held. [Minn. Stat. §§ 365A.095; 375B.10; 375B.11](#).

If revenues remain after a town subordinate service district is discontinued and all outstanding obligations have been paid, the town board may deposit the surplus revenues in the town general fund or refund them to the property owners charged during the last year a tax or fee was imposed. [Minn. Stat. § 365A.095](#). The county subordinate service district law does not address this situation.

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CHAPTER 375B

COUNTY SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICTS

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375B.01 PURPOSE OF SUBORDINATE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

It is the purpose of this chapter to provide a means by which a county as a unit of general local government can effectively provide and finance various governmental services for its residents.

History: 1982 c 507 s 8; 1983 c 216 art 1 s 63

375B.02 DEFINITION.

"Subordinate service district" means a compact and contiguous district within the county in which one or more governmental services or additions to countywide services are provided by the county and financed from revenues secured from within that district. The boundaries of a single subordinate service district may not embrace an entire county.

History: 1982 c 507 s 9

375B.03 ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE DISTRICTS.

Notwithstanding any provision of law requiring uniform property tax rates on real or personal property within the county, any county in this state, except a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and any other county containing a city of the first class, may establish subordinate service districts to provide and finance any governmental service or function which it is otherwise authorized to undertake. A function or service to be provided shall not include a function or service which the county generally provides throughout the county unless an increase in the level of the service is to be supplied in the service district.

History: 1982 c 507 s 10

375B.04 CREATION BY COUNTY BOARD.

The county board of commissioners of any county, except a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and any other county containing a city of the first class, may establish a subordinate service district in a portion of the county by adoption of an appropriate resolution. Before the adoption of the resolution, the county board shall hold a public hearing on the question of whether or not a subordinate service district shall be established. The resolution shall specify the service or services to be provided within the subordinate service district and shall specify the territorial boundaries of the district.

History: 1982 c 507 s 11

375B.05 CREATION BY PETITION.

Subdivision 1. **Petition.** A petition signed by ten percent of the qualified voters within the portion of the county proposed for the subordinate service district may be submitted to the county board requesting the establishment of a subordinate county service district to provide any service or services which the county is otherwise authorized by law to provide. The petition shall include the territorial boundaries of the proposed district and shall specify the types of services to be provided within the district.

Subd. 2. **Public hearing.** Upon receipt of the petition, and verification of the signatures by the county auditor, the county board shall, within 30 days following verification, hold a public hearing on the question of whether or not the requested district shall be established.

Subd. 3. **Approval; disapproval.** Within 30 days following the holding of a public hearing, the county board, by resolution, shall approve or disapprove the establishment of the requested district. A resolution approving the creation of the district may contain amendments or modifications of the district's boundaries or functions as set forth in the petition.

History: 1982 c 507 s 12

375B.06 PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Upon passage of a resolution authorizing the creation of a subordinate service district, the county board shall cause the resolution to be published once in the official newspaper. The resolution shall include a general description of the territory to be included within the district, the type of service or services to be undertaken in the district, a statement of the means by which the service or services will be financed, and a designation of the county agency or officer who will be responsible for supervising the provision of the service or services. The district shall be deemed established 30 days after publication or at a later date as may be specified in the resolution.

History: 1982 c 507 s 13

375B.07 REFERENDUM.

Subdivision 1. **Petition.** Upon receipt of a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters within the territory of the proposed district prior to the effective date of its creation as specified in section 375B.06, the creation shall be held in abeyance pending referendum vote of all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the proposed district.

Subd. 2. **Election.** The county board shall make arrangements for the holding of a special election on a date authorized by section 205.10, subdivision 3a, within the boundaries of the proposed district. The question to be submitted and voted upon by the qualified voters within the territory of the proposed district shall be phrased substantially as follows:

"Shall a subordinate service district be established in order to provide (service or services to be provided) financed by (revenue sources)?"

If a majority of those voting on the question favor creation of the proposed district, the district shall be deemed created upon certification of the vote by the county auditor. The county auditor shall administer the election.

History: 1982 c 507 s 14; 2017 c 92 art 2 s 19

375B.08 ENLARGING A SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT.

The county board, on its own motion or pursuant to petition, may enlarge any existing subordinate service district pursuant to the procedures specified in sections 375B.04 to 375B.07. Only qualified voters residing in the district to be added shall be eligible to participate in the election, but if five percent of the qualified voters residing in the existing service district petition to participate in the election, all qualified voters residing in the proposed service district shall be eligible.

History: 1982 c 507 s 15

375B.09 FINANCING.

Subdivision 1. Budget. (a) Upon adoption of the next annual budget following the creation of a subordinate service district the county board shall include in the budget appropriate provisions for the operation of the district including, as appropriate, either a property tax levied only on property within the boundaries of the district or a levy of a service charge against the users of the service within the district, or any combination of a property tax and a service charge.

(b) A tax or service charge or a combination thereof shall not be imposed to finance a function or service in the subordinate service district which the county generally provides throughout the county unless an increase in the level of the service is to be supplied in the subordinate service district in which case, in addition to the countywide tax levy, only an amount necessary to pay for the increased level of service may be imposed.

Subd. 2. Bonds. At any time after the requirements of section 375B.07 have been met and the subordinate service district created, the county board may issue obligations in an amount it deems necessary to defray in whole or in part the expense incurred and estimated to be incurred in making capital improvements necessary to operate the subordinate service district and provide the special services in the district, including every item of cost from inception to completion and all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the capital improvements or the financing. The obligations shall be payable primarily out of the proceeds of the taxes and service charges imposed pursuant to subdivision 1, net revenues as described in section 444.075, and special assessments under chapter 429. The county board may by resolution pledge the full faith credit and taxing power of the county to ensure payment of the principal and interest on the obligations if the proceeds of the taxes and service charges are insufficient to pay the principal and interest. Obligations must be issued in accordance with chapter 475, except that an election is not required, and the amount of the obligations is not included in determining the net indebtedness of the county under the provisions of any law limiting indebtedness.

Subd. 3. Covenants to secure obligations. In resolutions authorizing the issuance of general or special obligations and pledging taxes and service charges imposed under subdivision 1, net revenues, or special assessments to their payment, the county board may make covenants for the protection of holders of the obligations and taxpayers of the county as it deems necessary, including a covenant that the county will impose and collect charges of the nature authorized by this chapter at the time and in the amounts required to produce, together with any taxes or special assessments designated as a primary source of payment of the obligations, funds adequate to pay all principal and interest when due on the obligations and to create and maintain reserves securing the payments as may be provided in the resolutions.

Subd. 4. Continuance in event of withdrawal. If obligations have been issued for the benefit of the subordinate service district, and the district is withdrawn or removed pursuant to either section 375B.10 or

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375B.11, the rates, charges, and tax levies, if any, in the withdrawn or removed district must continue until the obligations and any obligations issued to refund them have been paid in full.

History: 1982 c 507 s 16; 2008 c 154 art 10 s 11

375B.10 WITHDRAWAL; ELECTION.

Upon receipt of a petition signed by ten percent of the qualified voters within the territory of the subordinate service district requesting the removal of the district, or pursuant to its own resolution, the county board shall make arrangements for the holding of a special election within the boundaries of the service district on a date authorized by section 205.10, subdivision 3a. The question to be submitted and voted upon by the qualified voters within the territory of the district shall be phrased substantially as follows:

"Shall the subordinate service district presently established be removed and the service or services of the county as provided for the service district be discontinued?"

If a majority of those voting on the question favor the removal and discontinuance of the services, the service district shall be removed and the services shall be discontinued upon certification of the vote by the county auditor. The county auditor shall administer the election.

History: 1982 c 507 s 17; 2017 c 92 art 2 s 20

375B.11 WITHDRAWAL; BY RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD.

The county board may by resolution withdraw a subordinate service district from the provisions of this chapter and discontinue the service provided within the service district. The county board shall cause notice of its intention to withdraw the service district to be published at least once in the official newspaper not more than six months or less than three months before the resolution is adopted. If a joint powers agreement is a part of the subordinate service district arrangement no withdrawal shall be effective under this section unless all parties to the joint powers agreement agree to the withdrawal.

History: 1982 c 507 s 18

375B.12 LOCAL LAWS SUPERSEDED.

A special law for a single county, except a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and any other county containing a city of the first class, which authorizes the county to establish subordinate service districts or areas is hereby superseded. Any service being provided pursuant to the special law on or before the effective date of Laws 1982, chapter 507, sections 1 to 12 may continue to be provided pursuant to the special law.

History: 1982 c 507 s 19

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NASHWAUK REQUESTING ITASCA COUNTY
ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF ITS AMBULANCE SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
2026

WHEREAS, The City of Nashwauk ("City") is a statutory city organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Service has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk created an Ambulance Task Force, which consisted of all governmental agencies within the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA), to discuss funding options for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 375B provides a means by which a county as a unit of general local government can effectively provide and finance various governmental services for its residents through a County Subordinate Service District; and

WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Subordinate Service District requires time, planning, a public hearing, and implementing a property tax for taxpayers within the ambulance service PSA; and

WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Nashwauk hereby requests that Itasca County accept the conveyance of its ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit

April Kurtz, City Admin/Clerk/Treasurer

Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB)
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA

Ambulance Service: NASHWAUK AMBULANCE SERVICE, NASHWAUK

EMS#: 0172

Region: Northeast

Service Level: Basic

The Primary Service area is within the following County or Counties: Itasca

Townships:

 In Itasca Co.;

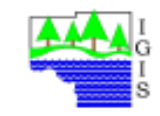
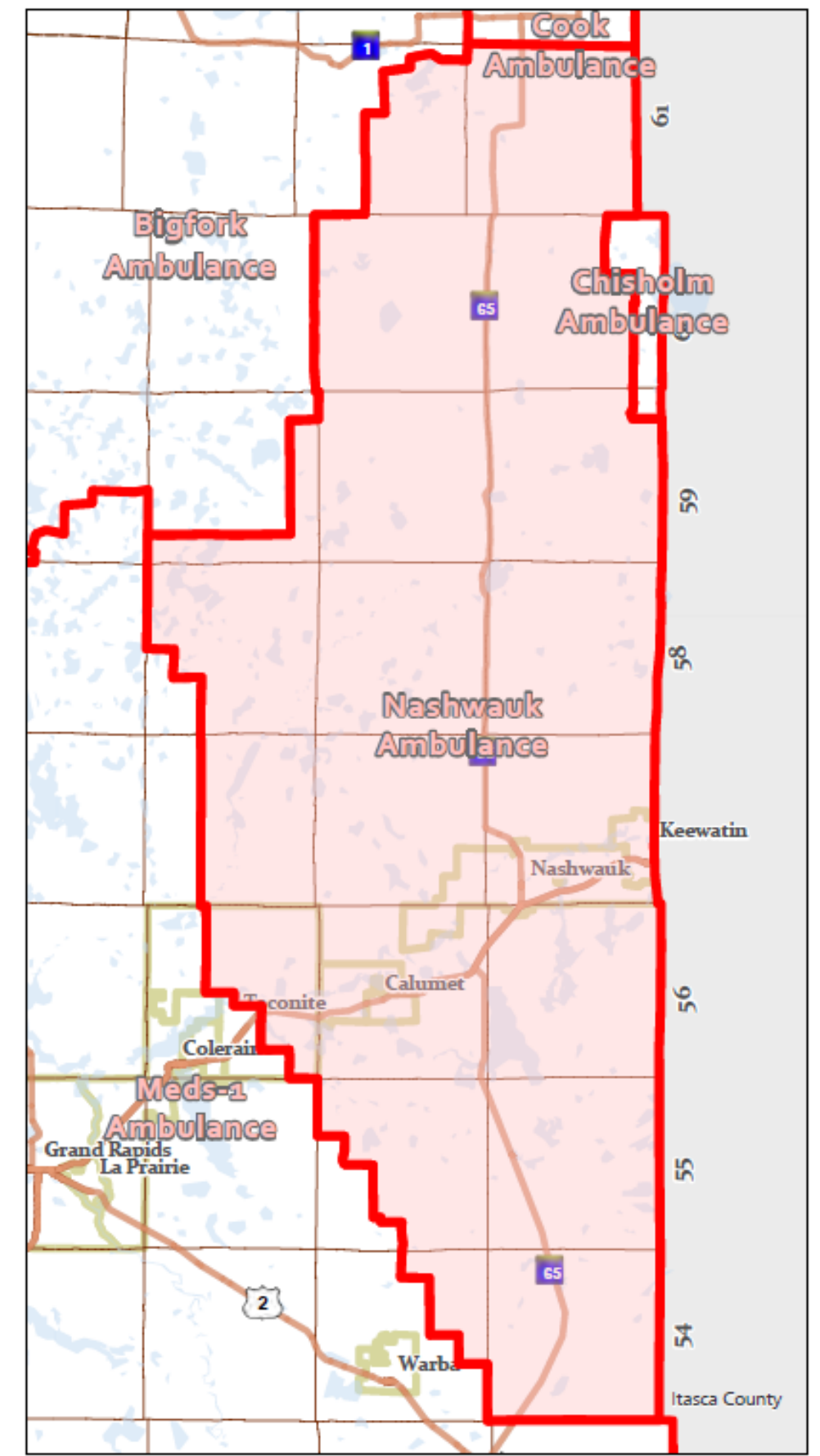
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 T58NR24W - sections 1 through 18, 20 through 28, 33 through 36
 T59NR22W - sections 2 through 36
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 T59NR24W - sections 12, 13, 24, 25, 31 through 36
 T60NR22W - sections 3 through 10, 14 through 23, 26 through 35
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 T61NR23W - sections 10 through 15, 22 through 27, 34 through 36, the S ½ of 1 and 2, the E ½ of 9, 16, 21, 28 and 33

This primary service area is the legal primary service area designated by the EMSRB. Any proposed changes must be reported to the EMSRB for prior approval.

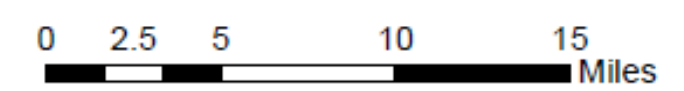
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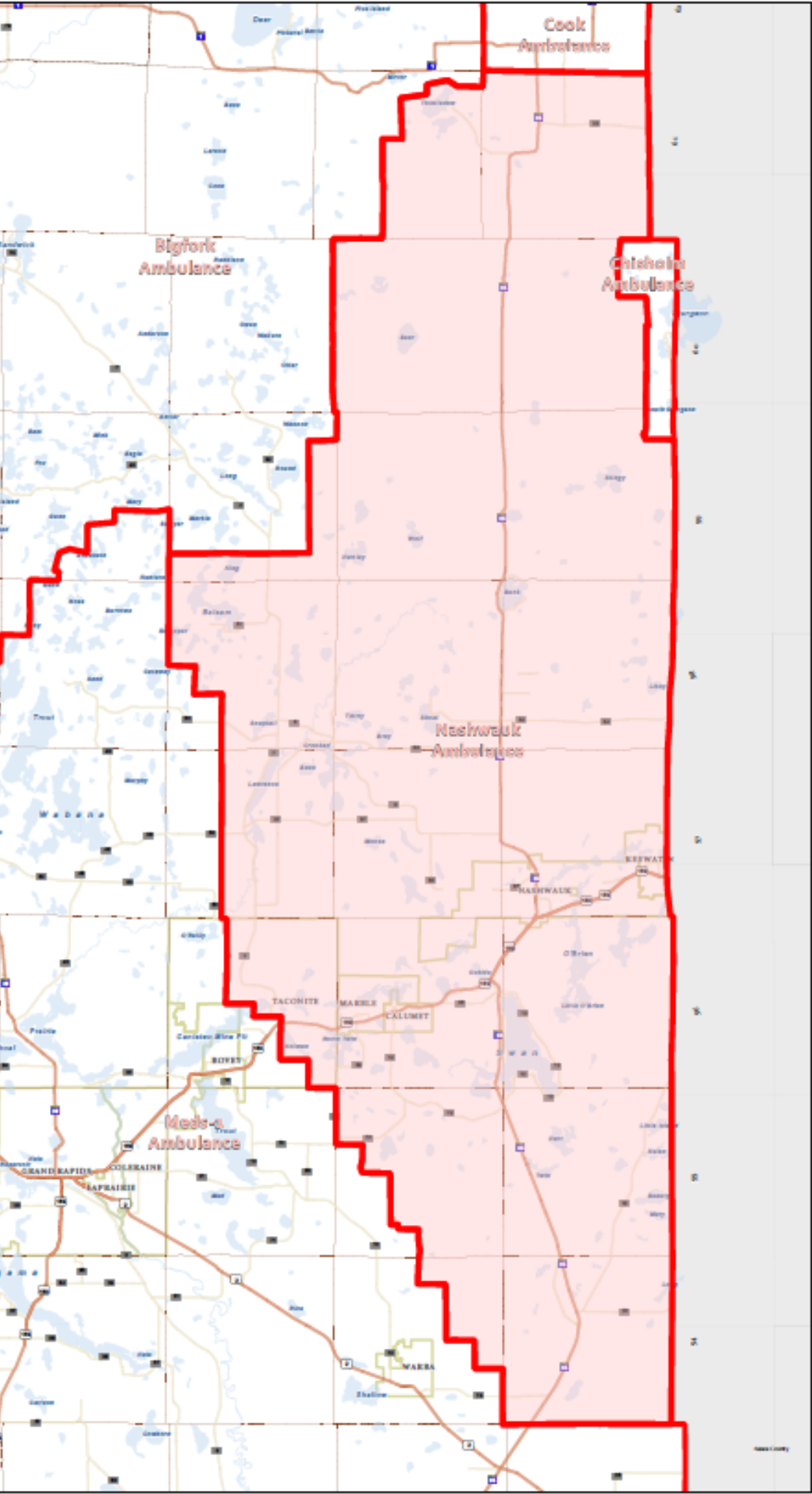


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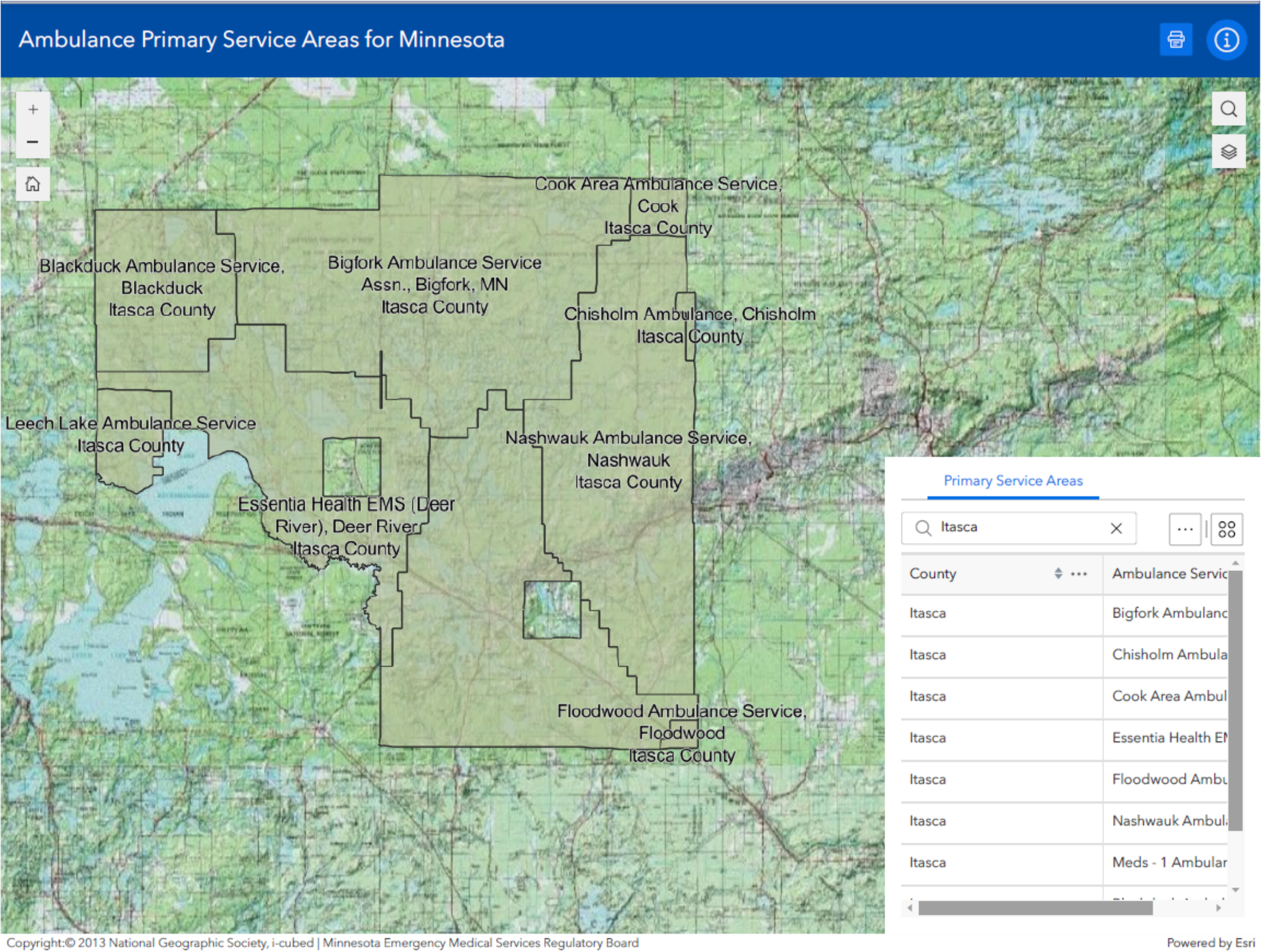
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Proposed County Tax Estimated market value of tax paying parcels – 1,116,256,090

Net Levy 650,000 Net Tax Capacity 15,256,090 Estimated Tax Capacity Rate 4.26%

	EMV	TMV	NTC	Proposed tax
residential homestead	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$180.00	\$7.67
	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$300.00	\$12.78
	\$75,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$450.00	\$19.17
	\$100,000.00	\$71,760.00	\$718.00	\$30.59
	\$125,000.00	\$99,010.00	\$990.00	\$42.17
	\$150,000.00	\$126,260.00	\$1,263.00	\$53.80
	\$200,000.00	\$180,760.00	\$1,808.00	\$77.02
	\$250,000.00	\$235,260.00	\$2,353.00	\$100.24
	\$300,000.00	\$289,760.00	\$2,898.00	\$123.45
seasonal rec	\$400,000.00	\$398,760.00	\$3,988.00	\$169.89
	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$500.00	\$21.30
	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$750.00	\$31.95
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$42.60
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$63.90
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$85.20
agricultural homestead (land Only)	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$106.50
	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$250.00	\$10.65
	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$375.00	\$15.98
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$500.00	\$21.30
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$750.00	\$31.95
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$42.60
	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$53.25
	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$63.90
Commercial	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$85.20
	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$750.00	\$31.95
	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$47.93
	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$63.90
	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$1,875.00	\$79.88
	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$95.85
	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$117.15
	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$138.45
	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$4,250.00	\$181.05

What happens If no one wants to take over operation of the existing license, or the service becomes insolvent and must shut down?

- The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) would meet with neighboring services to look at divvying up the PSA and reassigning portions to neighboring services
- If none of the neighboring services are willing to take on additional PSA, the OEMS would have to develop a contingency plan to ensure coverage of the Nashwauk PSA

Next Steps if the board resolution is passed establishing a County Subordinate Service District?

- Develop and issue an RFP for Emergency Medical Services for the district
- Review RFPs submitted once they come back
- Certify levy needed to support the Subordinate Service District before July, 1 2025

Questions?

**Goodland Township
Resolution 2025-02
Support Transfer of Nashwauk Ambulance Service
Effective January 1, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Goodland is within the Primary Service Area of the Nashwauk Ambulance Service and is served by said ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Service has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk created an Ambulance Task Force, which consisted of all governmental agencies within the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA), to discuss funding options for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 375B provides a means by which a county as a unit of general local government can effectively provide and finance various governmental services for its residents through a County Subordinate Service District; and

WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashwauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Subordinate Service District requires time, planning, a public hearing, and implementing a property tax for taxpayers within the ambulance service PSA; and

WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Goodland recognizes the value of retaining an ambulance service within the existing PSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Goodland hereby supports the request made by the City of Nashwauk to Itasca County to accept the conveyance of the ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit effective January 1, 2026; further, establishing a Subordinate Service District for the benefit of the ambulance service.

Adopted by the Goodland Town Board, February 11, 2025

Signed by:

Attested to by:



Chairperson


Town Clerk

CITY/TOWNSHIP OF Lawrence Township
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6

RESOLUTION OF THE **CITY/TOWNSHIP** OF Lawrence IN SUPPORT OF
ITASCA COUNTY ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY OF NASHWAUK
AMBULANCE SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the **City/Township** of Lawrence is within the Primary Service Area of the Nashwauk Ambulance Service and is served by said ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Service has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk created an Ambulance Task Force, which consisted of all governmental agencies within the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA), to discuss funding options for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 375B provides a means by which a county as a unit of general local government can effectively provide and finance various governmental services for its residents through a County Subordinate Service District; and

WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashwauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Subordinate Service District requires time, planning, a public hearing, and implementing a property tax for taxpayers within the ambulance service PSA; and

WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the **City/Township** of Lawrence recognizes the value of retaining an ambulance service within the existing PSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City/Township of Lawrence hereby supports the request made by the City of Nashwauk to Itasca County to accept the conveyance of the ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit effective January 1, 2026; further, establishing a Subordinate Service District for the benefit of the ambulance service.

For adoption: YES.

Against Adoption:

Absent:

Passed and adopted this 19 day of February 2025.

City/Township of Lawrence

Chris Blackmer

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CHAIR person

[Signature]

Clerk/Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF NASHWAUK
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NASHWAUK IN SUPPORT OF ITASCA
COUNTY ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY OF NASHWAUK AMBULANCE
SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Nashwauk is within the Primary Service Area of the Nashwauk Ambulance Service and is served by said ambulance service; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

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WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashwauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

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WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Nashwauk recognizes the value of retaining an ambulance service within the existing PSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Nashwauk hereby supports the request made by the City of Nashwauk to Itasca County to accept the conveyance of the ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit effective January 1, 2026; further, establishing a Subordinate Service District for the benefit of the ambulance service.

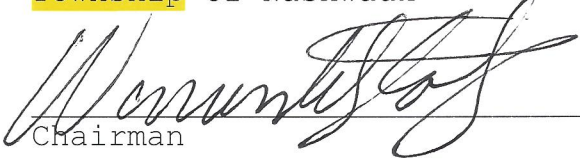
For adoption: Warren Stolp, Robert Coughlin, Marc Engel

Against Adoption: 0

Absent: 0

Passed and adopted this 12th day of February 2025.

Township of Nashwauk


Chairman


Clerk

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Cory Smith](#); [Terry Snyder](#); [John Johnson](#); [Casey Venema](#); [Brett Skyles](#); [Amanda Schultz](#); [Shelley Kebart](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Citizen eInput
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Citizen eInput

Citizen eInput Form

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All information submitted through this form becomes part of the official public record for the selected meeting. This service is provided as a convenience to the public and comments are subject to the following terms: • Submissions must include the submitter's true name and address. • It is unacceptable for any submission to slander or engage in character assassination. • No political grandstanding, candidate endorsement, or other attempts to influence the outcome of an election shall be permitted.

The County Board will read submissions at the selected meeting, in accordance with the 3-minute time limit, and take all information under advisement; responses are not provided to comments submitted through this form. Please complete the following items to submit your input. For questions or concerns regarding the use of this form, please contact Amanda Schultz, Deputy Clerk of the County Board via email at amanda.schultz@co.itasca.mn.us or via phone at (218) 327-7362.

(Section Break)

First Name	Michael
Last Name	Troumbly
Address	PO Box 137
City	Taconite
State	MN
Zip Code	55786

Meeting Date

February 25, 2025

Citizen Input

This input is from the City of Taconite. I'm the City Clerk. The following statement is from the Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. The City of Taconite is not for being included in the Subordinate Service District.

Nashwauk Ambulance Service. City of Nashwauk asked to have Taconite adopt a resolution for Taconite to be in support of Itasca County accepting conveyance of the City of Nashwauk Ambulance Service effective January 2026. Itasca County would then bill each entity in the service area for the costs of providing service. This service only covers East of Hwy 7 which was estimated as 30% of Taconite's population. Discussion was held on benefits of being under Nashwauk or Meds 1. Meds 1 is actually a little closer and Fire Department says that they have had very few calls that Nashwauk showed up on even in their allocated coverage area. The cookie cutter resolution for the city to adopt didn't really fit our situation. Questioned why every parcel within the city should pay an average of \$50 a year when they will not be covered. Taconite residents on Trout Lake near Coleraine may pay as much as \$125 annually and never use this service. Questioned if we should contact League of MN Cities to see if State Laws allow taxation on properties for services that do not cover where the parcels are located.

Clerk provided the original resolution and amended resolution stating our current situation. Council members felt that if we sent any resolution that it would just be put into a pile with all the other cookie cutter resolutions and look like we were in support of the current action of the Itasca County Board. Being no motion to adopt either resolution Mayor will talk to Commissioner Venema and see what could be done to get the rest of the city's population covered under Meds 1.

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

City of Keewatin, Minnesota, February 12, 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEEWATIN IN SUPPORT OF ITASCA COUNTY
ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY OF NASHWAUK AMBULANCE SERVICE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keewatin is within the Primary Service Area of the Nashwauk Ambulance Service and is served by said ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Service has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk created an Ambulance Task Force, which consisted of all governmental agencies within the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA), to discuss funding options for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 375B provides a means by which a county as a unit of general local government can effectively provide and finance various governmental services for its residents through a County Subordinate Service District; and

WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashwauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Subordinate Service District requires time, planning, a public hearing, and implementing a property tax for taxpayers within the ambulance service PSA; and

WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keewatin recognizes the value of retaining an ambulance service within the existing PSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Keewatin hereby supports the request made by the City of Nashwauk to Itasca County to accept the conveyance of the ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit effective January 1, 2026; further, establishing a Subordinate Service District for the benefit of the ambulance service.

Motion by Councilor LaBine, supported Councilor Strand that the above Resolution 2025-14 be adopted this February 12, 2025.

For adoption: Councilor LaBine, Nash, Strand, Maras, and Mayor LaBine

Against Adoption: None

Absent: None

City of Keewatin

Michael LaBine
2-18-25, Mayor

Debra Ann Pockay
2/18/25, Clerk/Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF Balsam
RESOLUTION NO. 2-20-2025

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BALSAM IN SUPPORT OF ITASCA COUNTY
ACCEPTING CONVEYANCE OF THE CITY OF NASHWAUK AMBULANCE SERVICE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk owns and operates an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Balsam is within the Primary Service Area of the Nashwauk Ambulance Service and is served by said ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, The Nashwauk Ambulance Service has operated at a deficit for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk has considered, pursued and implemented many ways to address the deficit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashwauk created an Ambulance Task Force, which consisted of all governmental agencies within the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area (PSA), to discuss funding options for the ambulance service; and

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WHEREAS, at the May 29, 2024, Ambulance Task Force Meeting, all governmental agencies in attendance voiced support for the City of Nashwauk requesting that Itasca County implement a Subordinate Service District, which would require that Itasca County own and hold the license for the ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Subordinate Service District requires



time, planning, a public hearing, and implementing a property tax for taxpayers within the ambulance service PSA; and

WHEREAS, the soonest property tax could be generated through a subordinate service district for the benefit of the ambulance service is January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Balsam recognizes the value of retaining an ambulance service within the existing PSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Balsam hereby supports the request made by the City of Nashwauk to Itasca County to accept the conveyance of the ambulance service to own and operate it as the County sees fit effective January 1, 2026; further, establishing a Subordinate Service District for the benefit of the ambulance service.

For adoption:

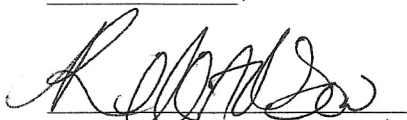
Against Adoption:

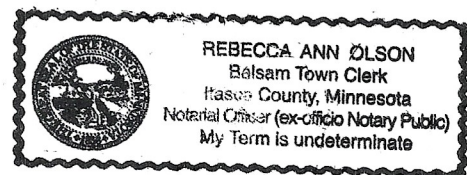
Absent:

Passed and adopted this 20th day of February 2025.

Township of Balsam


_____, Chairman


_____, Clerk/Treasurer





**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-281

DEPARTMENT: Land Department

TIME REQUESTED: 20 Minutes

PRESENTER: Michael Gibbons, Kimberly Thielen Cremers

AGENDA ITEM:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Presentation on Spongy Moth Management in Itasca County

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to inform the County Board of the upcoming Spongy Moth program in Itasca County.

BACKGROUND:

The Spongy moth or its old name Gypsy moth has been detected in Itasca County at levels that now require action from the MDA. Spongy moth is an invasive insect that is a threat to forest health in our county.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: NO

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Northeast Spongy Moth Proposed Managment 2025
2. Itasca_County_Final

02/25/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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Spongy Moth Management Is Proposed In Your Area

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) in collaboration with federal partners has identified areas in your districts that need to be managed to slow the spread of spongy moth in Minnesota.

What is spongy moth?

Spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) is an invasive insect that is a significant threat to the economy, environment, and human health. Spongy moth has caused billions of dollars in property damage and defoliated millions of acres of forested land. Spongy moth caterpillars can feed on over 300 tree species, including some of Minnesota's most common trees.

How is spongy moth managed?

There are two types of management strategies used in Minnesota, both are by applying an organic product via low flying aircrafts to the tree canopies. The two products used are Btk and Mating Disruption. Applications generally happen early in the mornings, with planes often flying in the area for several hours.

Btk

Bt is a naturally occurring soil bacteria. When formulated into Btk it kills spongy moth caterpillars. Used widely in agriculture, Btk is one of the most frequently used pest control tools in the world. Btk has a proven safety record with people, pets, birds, fish, livestock, and other insects such as bees; and has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in the U.S.

Mating Disruption (MD)

Mating Disruption halts the spongy moth mating process by saturating an area with female pheromones which prevent adult males from finding adult females to mate. The MDA utilizes a Mating Disruption product called SPLAT GM-O (Specialized Pheromone and Lure Application Technology Gypsy Moth-Organic). SPLAT GM-O is harmless to humans and animals. All the ingredients in SPLAT GM-O are listed by the EPA as safe.

How many acres in my district are proposed for management? What product will be used?

The MDA is proposing to manage spongy moth on 85,438 acres in 32 geographical areas in Aitkin, Carlton, Itasca, Pine, and St. Louis counties.

Management options to be utilized:

- *Btk (Table 1) and*
- *Mating Disruption (Table 2)*

*See Appendix 1 for a map of locations and treatment specifics by area. An interactive map of management activities is also available online at www.mda.state.mn.us/spongymothmanagement

Table 1. 2025 northeast Minnesota proposed Btk spongy moth management.

County	Area Name	Proposed Management	Acres
CARLTON	BERTHIAUME	BTK	137
CARLTON	EAGLE LANE	BTK	122
CARLTON	GILLOGLY RD	BTK	172
CARLTON	KEOCHER RD BTK	BTK	195
CARLTON	MAHTOWA REST AREA	BTK	181
ITASCA	GRAND RAPIDS	BTK	340
ST. LOUIS	MEANDER LAKE	BTK	171
ST. LOUIS	WILSON RD	BTK	148
TOTAL			1,466

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this information is available in alternative forms of communication upon request by calling 651-201-6000. TTY users can call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711. The MDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

How do community members and I stay informed?

With high visibility aerial management of Mating Disruption/Btk, communication with the public is key to success. The MDA uses several methods to inform residents of spongy moth management and how it affects them.

- **Public Meetings/Open Houses**

The MDA hosts several virtual or in-person public meetings, typically in the month of March to inform citizens about the proposed project.

- **Postcards**

The most significant communication tool the MDA uses are postcards. All residents with addresses within a management area receive at least one outlining what spongy moth is, the MDA's management proposal, and ways to learn more about the program.

- **Text/Email Alerts**

For the most up-to-date information on spongy moth management activities the public can sign up to receive text messages and emails that provide specific information on management timings in their area. The public can subscribe by visiting www.mda.state.mn.us/spongymothmanagement

- **Press Releases**

The MDA also issues press releases to advertise public meetings and announce upcoming treatments.

- **Listserv**

To keep local government informed on MDA activities, all relevant local government leaders are added to a local leader listserv. This listserv is an opportunity for local leaders to learn more about spongy moth activities, receive updates, and see what the MDA will be sharing with residents. If you would like to be added to our listserv, please let us know.

- **Cooperation**

We work closely with local government communication staff to help publicize spongy moth management activities on their websites and social media before and during treatments.

Table 2. 2025 northeast Minnesota proposed Mating Disruption spongy moth management.

County	Area Name	Proposed Management	Acres
AITKIN	BALSMA	MD	643
CARLTON	BARNUM	MD	10,120
CARLTON	EAGLE LAKE	MD	8,821
CARLTON	FDL STATE FOREST	MD	3,692
CARLTON	KETTLE RIVER	MD	5,381
CARLTON	KOECHER RD MD	MD	342
CARLTON	MAHTOWA	MD	9,045
CARLTON	MOOSE HORN RIVER	MD	326
CARLTON	MOOSE LAKE TWP	MD	6,599
CARLTON	OLESIAK RD	MD	902
CARLTON	OTTER CREEK	MD	1,503
CARLTON	SPIRIT LAKE RD	MD	836
ITASCA	CROPLESS LAKE	MD	1,472
ITASCA	SISEBAKWET	MD	319
ITASCA	TANK LAKE	MD	730
PINE	NEMADJI FOREST	MD	4,608
ST. LOUIS	ALLAVUS RD	MD	1,977
ST. LOUIS	BROOKSTON	MD	13,146
ST. LOUIS	CHISHOLM	MD	2,118
ST. LOUIS	CULVER	MD	1,579
ST. LOUIS	HIB TAC	MD	1,382
ST. LOUIS	NEW INDEPENDENCE	MD	2,085
ST. LOUIS	PRAIRIE LAKE	MD	5,884
ST. LOUIS	TOIVOLA	MD	462
TOTAL			83,972

More Information

www.mda.state.mn.us/spongymoth

Key Contacts

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Matt Gallo

Spongy Moth Treatment Coordinator

507-384-1129 (C)

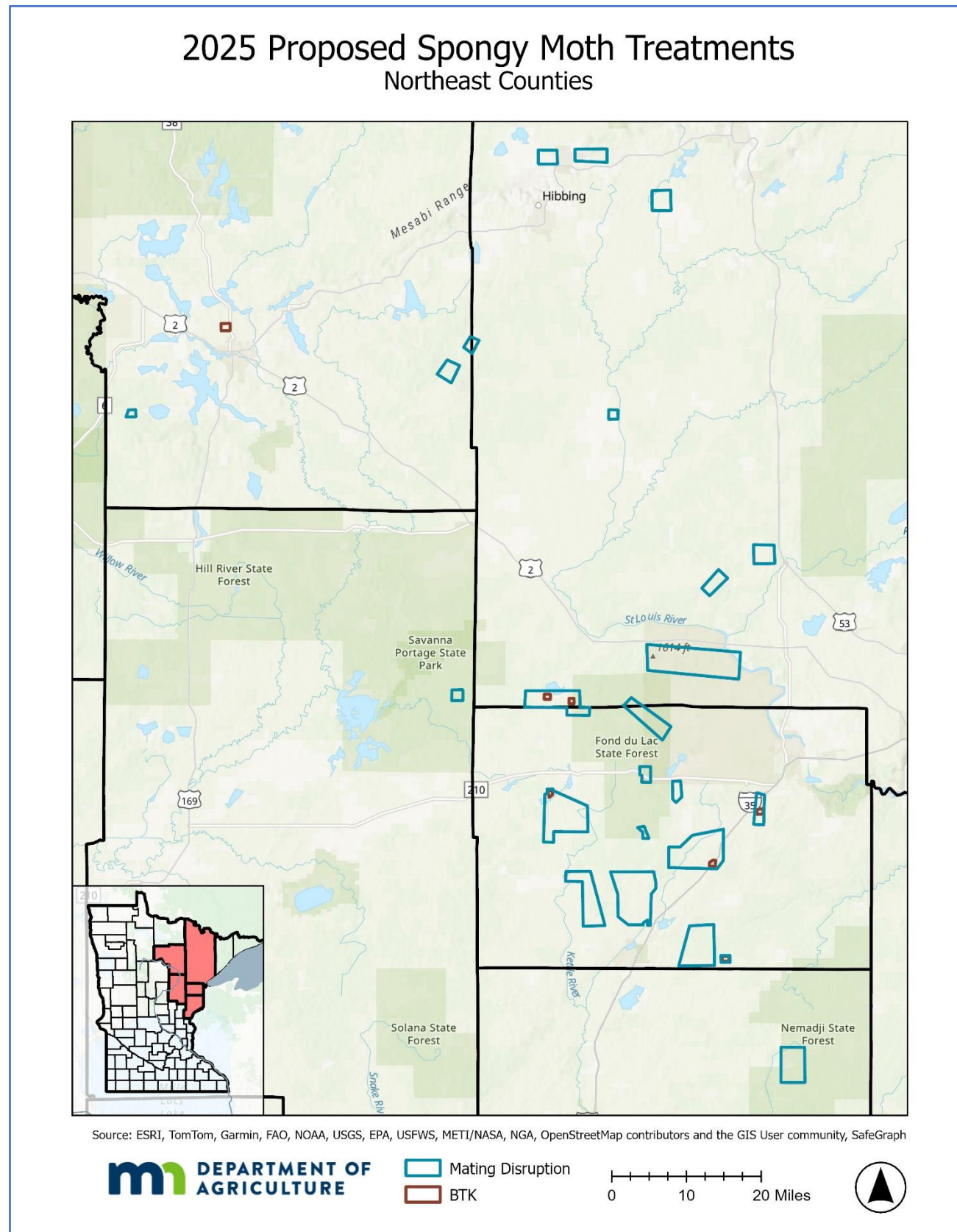
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Appendix 1

Proposed Activity

Number of management areas: 32

Figure 1. 2025 proposed spongy moth management areas in northeast Minnesota.





2025 Proposed Spongy Moth Treatment

Kimberly Thielen-Cremers

Plant Pest Regulatory and Mitigation Section Manager



Background



GOOD
NEWS

BAD
NEWS

Gypsy moth caterpillars in Upstate NY strip trees, rain poop: ‘the stuff that nightmares are made of’

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SCIENCE

Invasive spongy moths strip aspen tree foliage, damage a native species, UW-Madison researcher says

Rick Lindroth at the University of Wisconsin-Madison found that spongy moth caterpillars strip aspen tree foliage, increasing tree defenses and causing harm to a native species.

By **Lindsay Pfeiffer**

September 12, 2024 | 5:00am CDT

Gypsy moth caterpillars are ravaging upstate NY trees, raining down feces: 'It's biblical'



David Robinson

New York State Team

Published 5:00 a.m. ET July 8, 2021



ENVIRONMENT, INVASIVE SPECIES, NEWS, WEATHER

After record outbreak, Wisconsin could see another bad year for spongy moths

A wet spring could help keep the spongy moth population from growing

BY DANIELLE KAEDING • MAY 1, 2024 • UPDATED MAY 1, 2024 at 7:36 AM





Widespread Defoliation



Widespread Defoliation



300 Species of Trees and Shrubs

Preferred Host Plants of Spongy Moth

Table 2. Tree and shrub species susceptible, resistant, and immune to spongy moth feeding in the United States. See Liebhold et al. (1995) for a more complete spongy moth host list.

Susceptible	Resistant	Immune
Alder, <i>Alnus</i> spp.	Beech, <i>Fagus</i> spp.	Arborvitae, <i>Thuja</i> spp.
Apple, <i>Malus</i> spp.	Dogwood, <i>Cornus</i> spp.	Ash, <i>Fraxinus</i> spp.
Aspen and poplars, <i>Populus</i> spp.	Elm, <i>Ulmus</i> spp.	Black cherry, <i>Prunus serotina</i>
Basswood, <i>Tilia</i> spp.	Hemlock, <i>Tsuga</i> spp.	Fir, <i>Abies</i> spp.
Paper birch, <i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Hickory, <i>Carya</i> spp.	Holly, <i>Ilex</i> spp.
Hawthorn, <i>Crataegus</i> spp.	Maple, <i>Acer</i> spp.	Juniper, <i>Juniperus</i> spp.
Hazelnut, <i>Corylus</i> spp.	Pine, <i>Pinus</i> spp.	Locust, <i>Robinia</i> spp.
Larch, <i>Larix</i> spp.	<i>Prunus</i> spp.	Redbud, <i>Cercis</i> spp.
Mountain-ash, <i>Sorbus</i> spp.	Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier</i> spp.	Sumac, <i>Rhus</i> spp.
Oak, <i>Quercus</i> spp.	Spruce, <i>Picea</i> spp.	Sycamore, <i>Platanus</i> spp.
Willow, <i>Salix</i> spp.	<i>Viburnum</i> spp.	Tulip poplar, <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
Witch-hazel, <i>Hamamelis</i> spp.	Walnut, <i>Juglans</i> spp.	Tupelo, <i>Nyssa</i> spp.

Environmental Impacts

Table 2.—Top 10 species by statewide volume estimates on timberland, Minnesota 2017

	Species	Rank	Net volume (million ft ³)	Sampling error (%)	Saw timber (million board feet)	Sampling error (%)	Net volume change since 2012 (%)
	Quaking aspen	1	3,416.4	2.5	6,562.7	4.0	6.7
	Northern white cedar	2	1,243.6	6.0	3,403.3	7.5	12.8
	Red pine	3	1,227.8	6.7	5,182.0	7.2	8.8
	Bur oak	4	1,120.4	4.7	2,516.5	6.4	11.9
	Black ash	5	1,004.6	4.6	1,646.2	6.6	4.3
	American basswood	6	952.7	4.9	1,214.3	6.0	3.0
	Paper birch	7	934.7	3.5	2,710.5	6.3	-5.5
	Black spruce	8	836.5	5.1	910.8	7.8	4.8
	Northern red oak	9	832.5	5.7	2,855.8	6.5	-4.0
	Balsam fir	10	703.8	3.4	1,175.7	5.4	7.4

Human Impacts



Health
Concerns



Property
Value Impacts



Nuisance



Quarantine





What is Spongy Moth?

- *Lymantria dispar*
- Native to Europe, N. Africa, S. Asia and Japan
- First introduced to US in 1869
- Trapping in MN since 1973 and treatments since 1980
- Each caterpillar consumes 1 ft² leaves per day

Adult (~1-2 weeks)

**August -
September**



Adult Female



Adult Male

Egg Mass

**August –
May/June**

Overwinter



Egg Mass

Pupa (~1-2 weeks)

**July -
September**



Pupa

Larva (~1-2 months)

May-June



Caterpillar

**Spongy
Moth Life
Cycle**

Human Assisted Dispersal



Firewood



Household Moves



Nursery Stock

Human Assisted Dispersal



Tourism



Industry



Outdoor
Equipment

Human Assisted Dispersal



Holiday Greenery

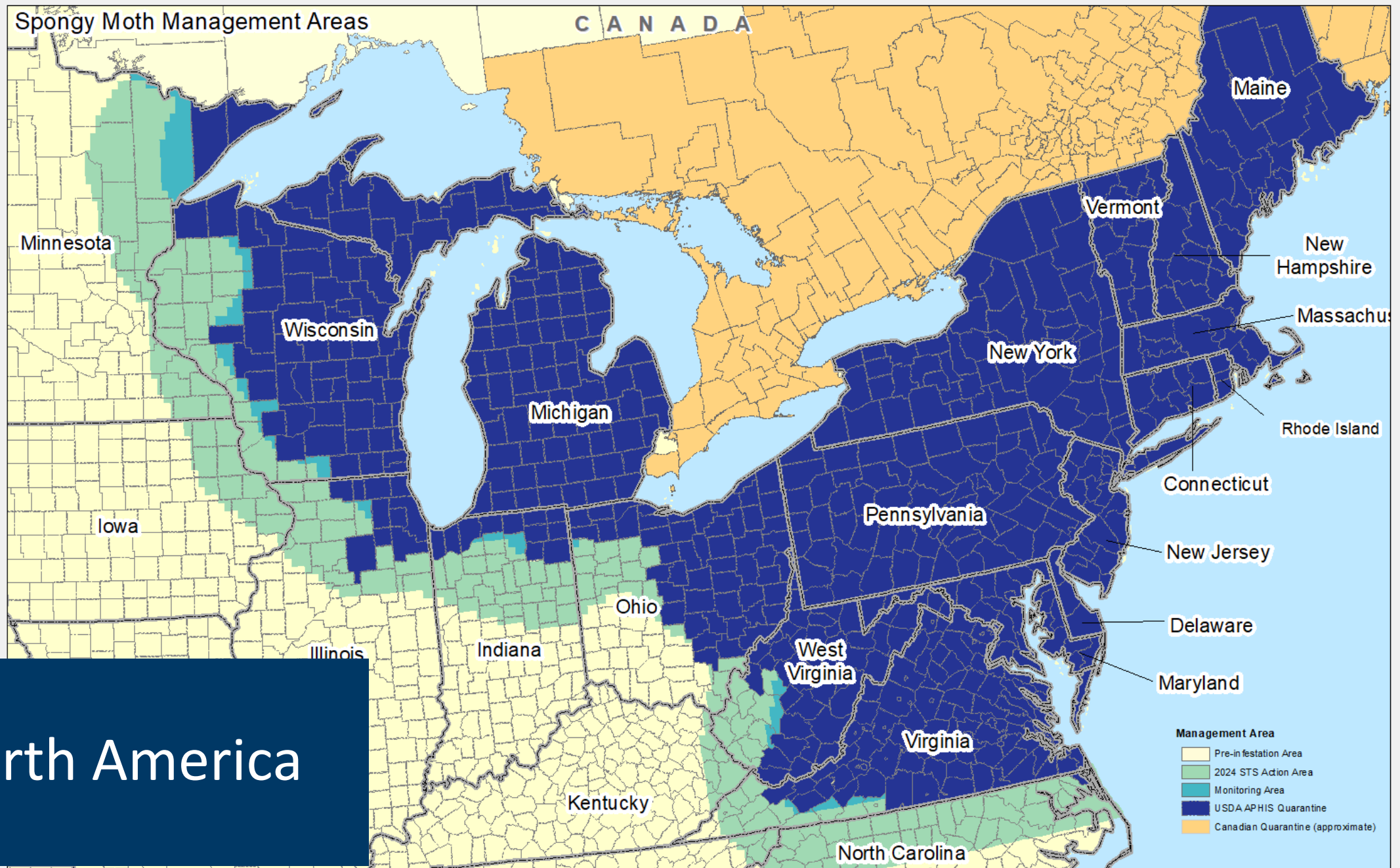


Industry



Visitors From
Quarantined Areas

Spongy Moth Management Areas



North America

Quarantine Information Source: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/maps/plant-health/european-gypsy-moth-quarantine>
<https://inspection.canada.ca/plant-health/invasive-species/directives/forest-products/d-96-09/appendix-1/eng/1343632991660/1343634043533>

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Plant Protection Division (Updated: 1/12/2024)



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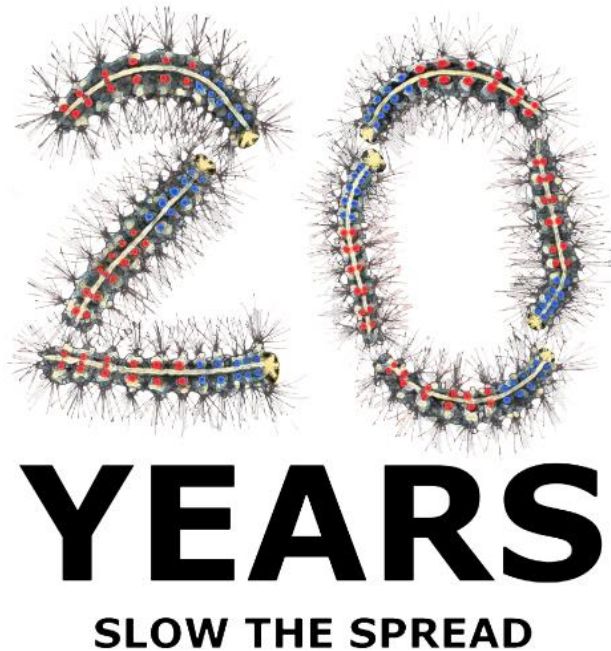


Management

Slow the Spread

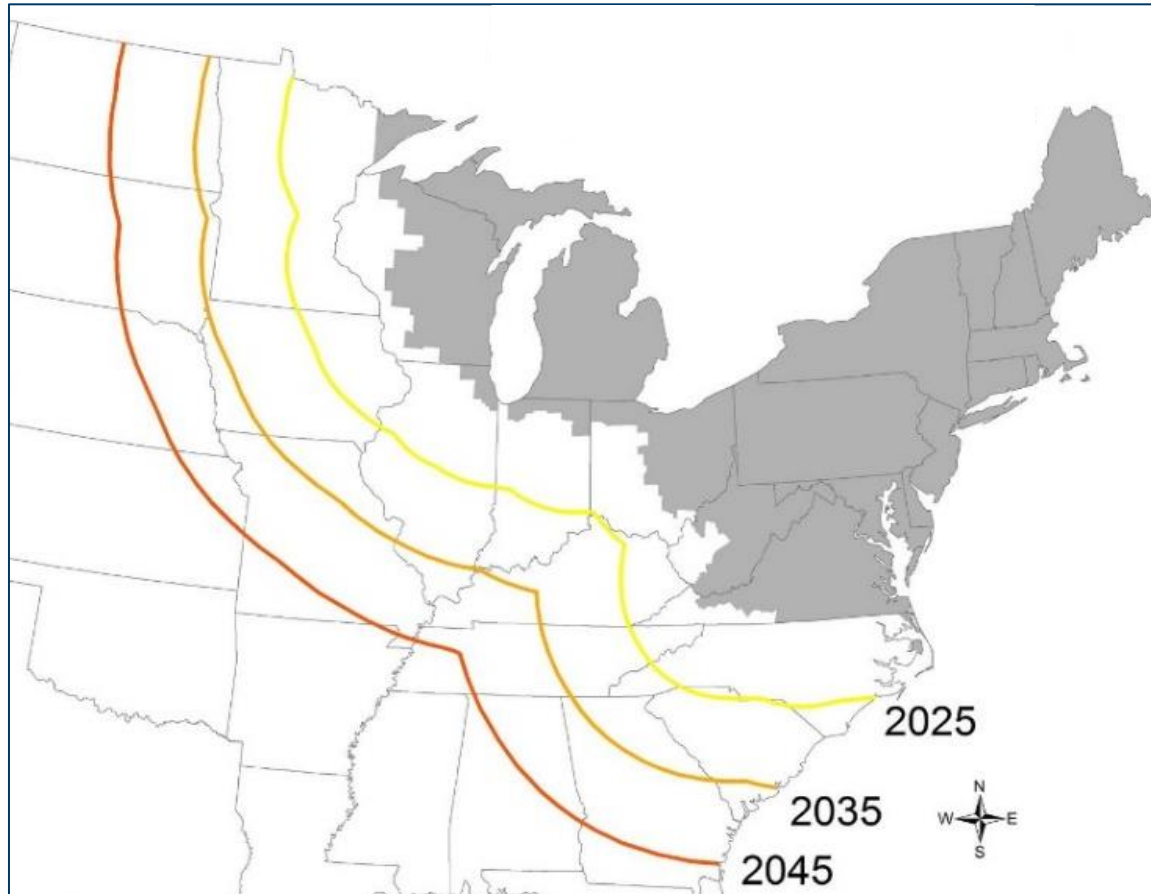
Slow the Spread: A 20-Year Reflection on the National *Lymantria dispar* Integrated Pest Management Program

Edited by Tom W. Coleman and Andrew M. Liebhold

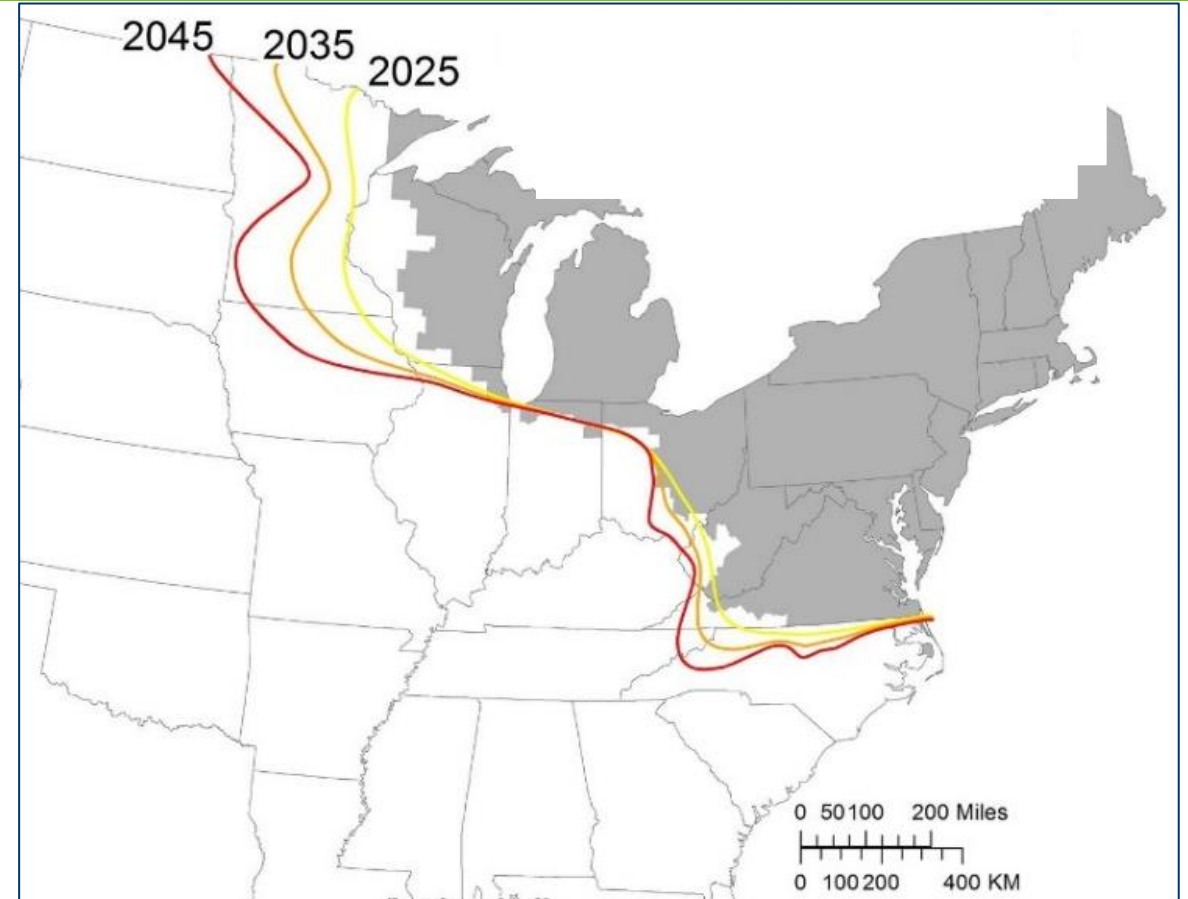


- Partnership between the US Forest Service and 10 states (including Minnesota) to slow the spread of spongy moth in North America by 60%
- Have consistently met and exceeded these expectations throughout our history

Slow the Spread Program



Predicted spongy moth spread
without STS



Predicted spongy moth spread
with STS

Diseases

- Fungal disease *E. maimaiga* and virus NPV help keep spongy moth populations in check *behind* the frontline
- Ultimate goal of STS is to slow the invasion front so that these diseases can keep up



Early Detection Survey Program



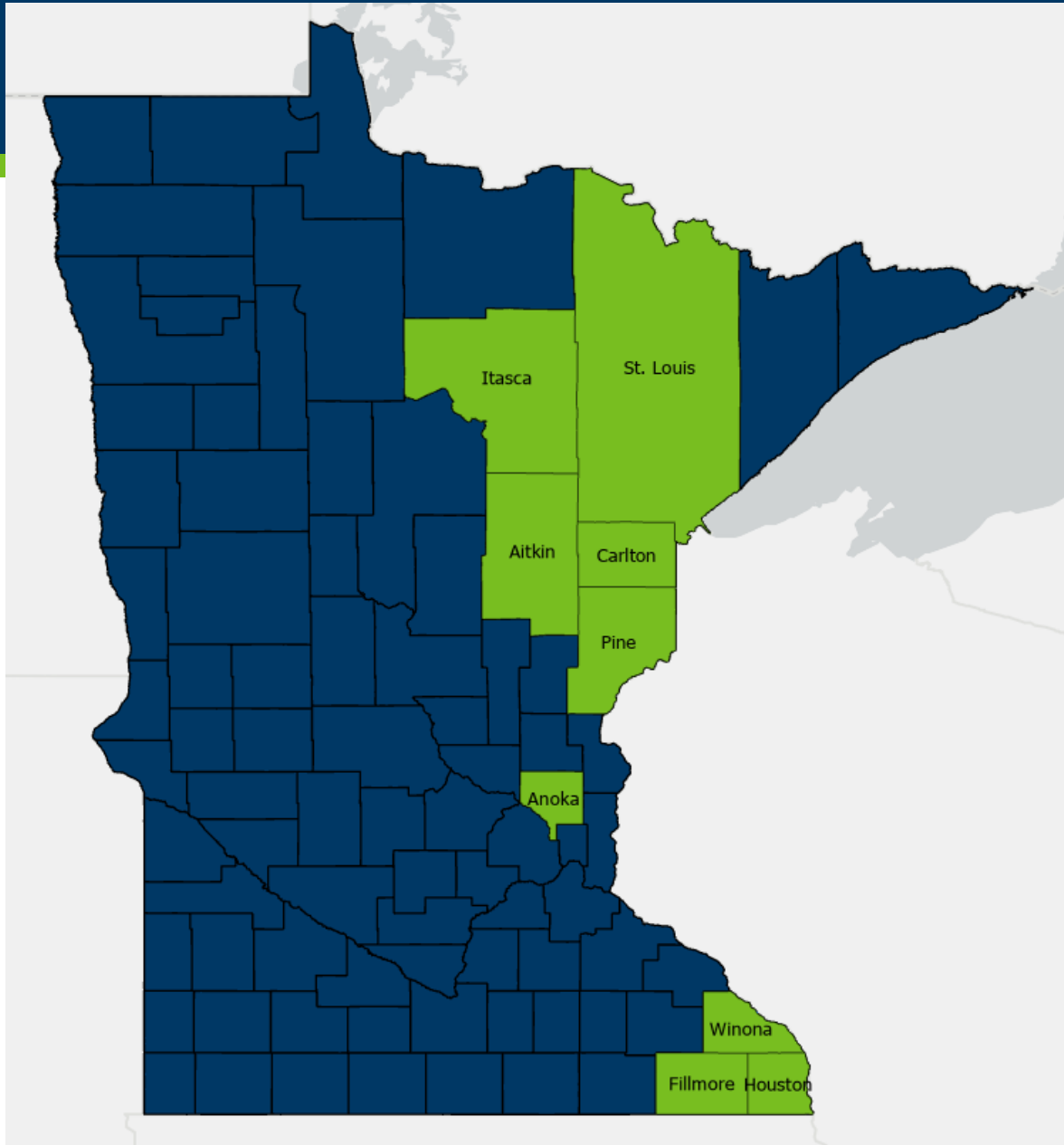
Survey Program

Uninfested Zone

Transition Zone

Infested Zone

2025 Proposed Treatments



9 Counties (~100,000 acres)

- North; Aitkin, Carlton, Itasca, Pine, and St. Louis
- Central; Anoka
- South; Fillmore, Houston, Winona

Itasca County

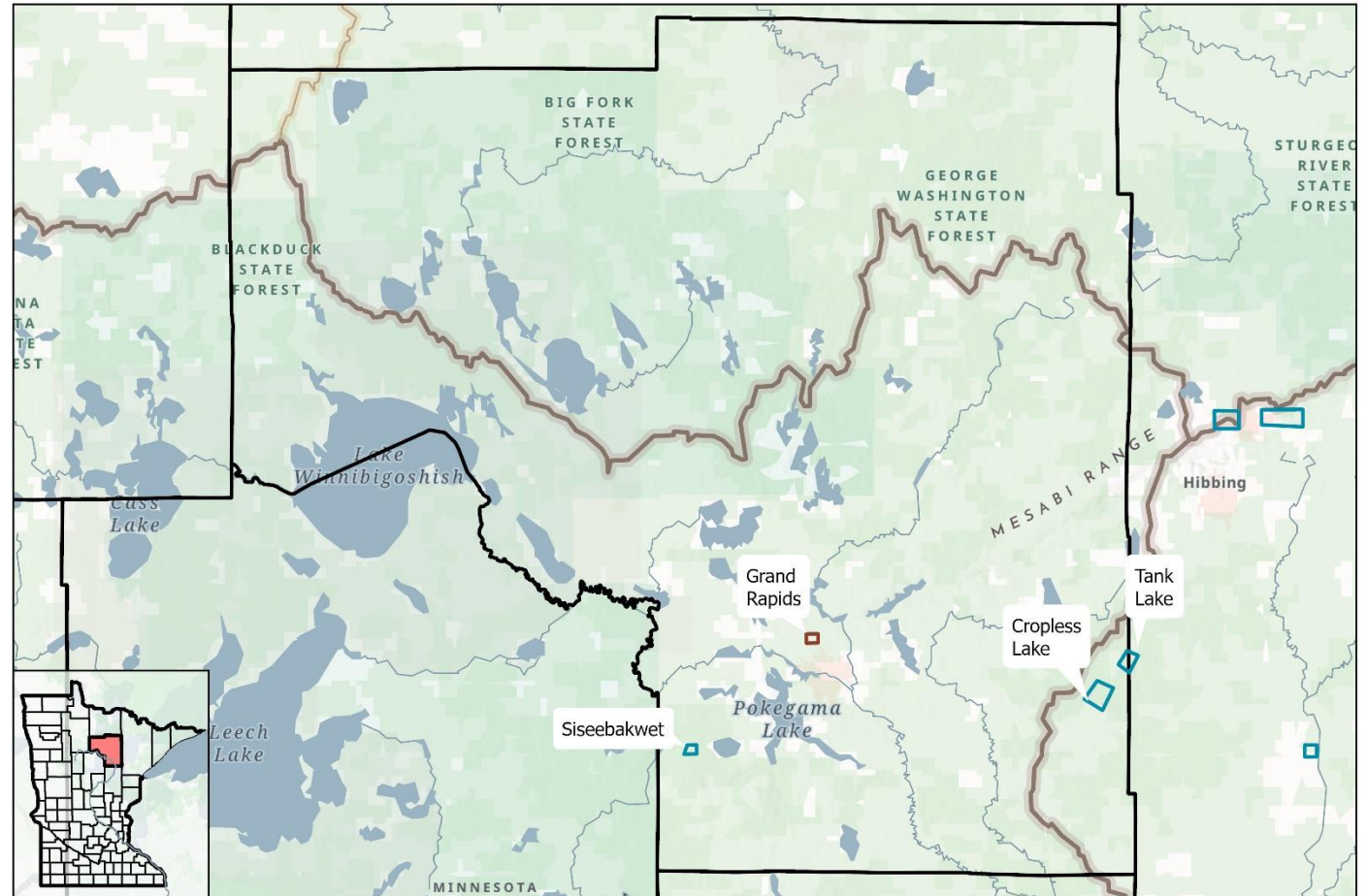
3 MD blocks

- 2521 acres

1 BTK block

- 340 acres

2025 Proposed Spongy Moth Treatments Itasca County

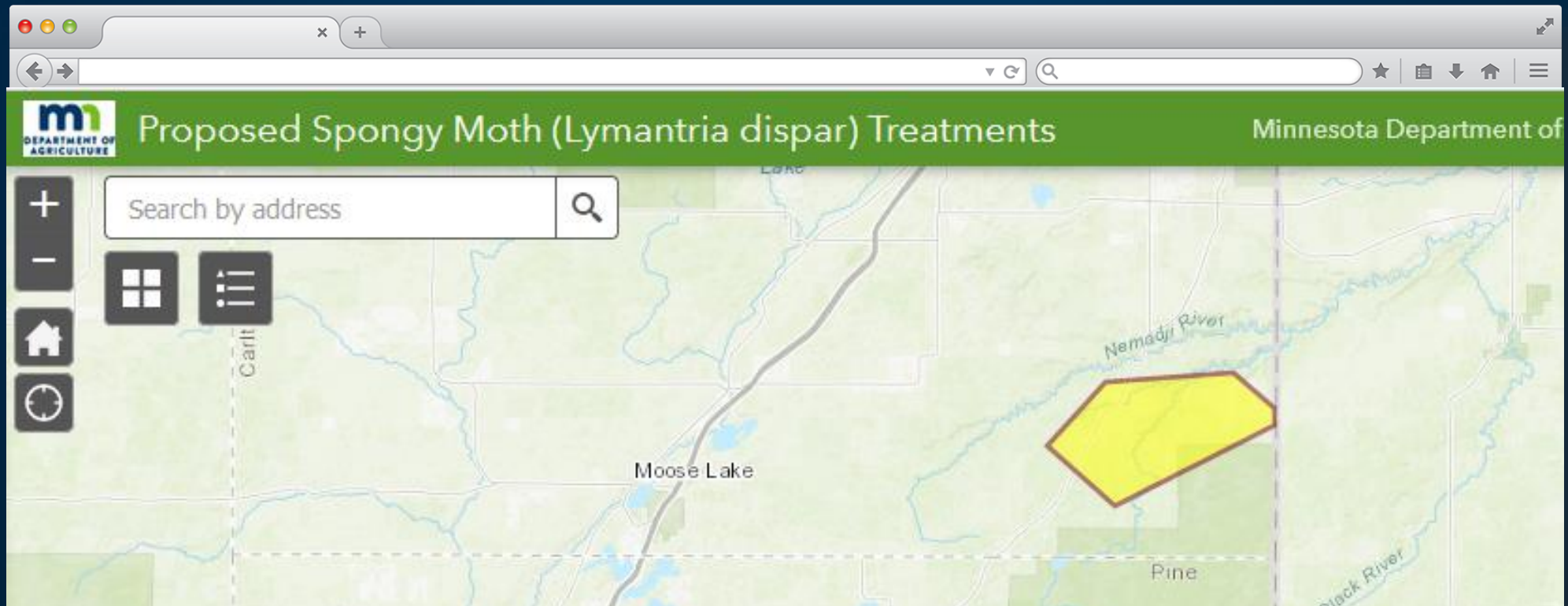


Source: ESRI, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, USFWS, METI/NASA, NGA, OpenStreetMap contributors and the GIS User community, SafeGraph



Online Interactive Map

- Search by address
- www.mda.state.mn.us/smmanagement





Mating-Disruption

- Synthetic pheromone that prevents male moths from finding females
- SPLAT GM-O
 - EPA certified Organic
 - Non-toxic
 - Biodegradable
 - Made of food grade materials
 - Specific to spongy moth

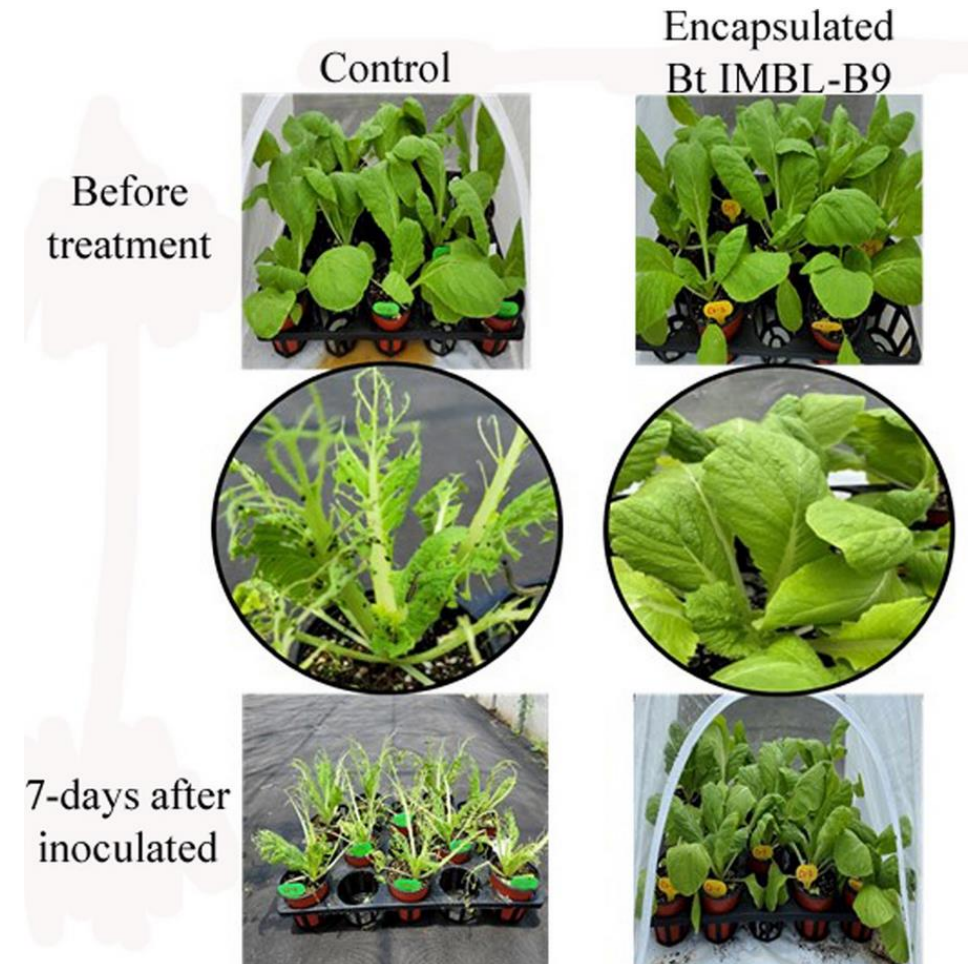


BtK- Biological Insecticide

- *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki*
- Organic
- Naturally occurring
- Only effects caterpillars
- Not harmful to humans, pets, birds, or bees

Btk Specifics

- Btk doesn't last long
 - breaks down in UV light
 - effective for approximately 3-7 days
- Btk has been available for 45 years and is used worldwide
- Btk products are used by organic gardeners and farmers. The product used in our treatments is organic certified.



Treatment Notifications

- Informational postcard mailed to residence
- Public meetings (NE MN, Thursday 3/20 @ 6pm)
- Press releases
- Law enforcement notified
- Media Blitz
- E-mail and Text Notification
 - www.mda.state.mn.us/smmanagement
- Report a Pest Hotline
 - **888-545-6685**



SPONGY MOTH TREATMENT PROPOSED FOR YOUR AREA

Public Meeting

Duluth City Hall, Room 330

March 7, 2023

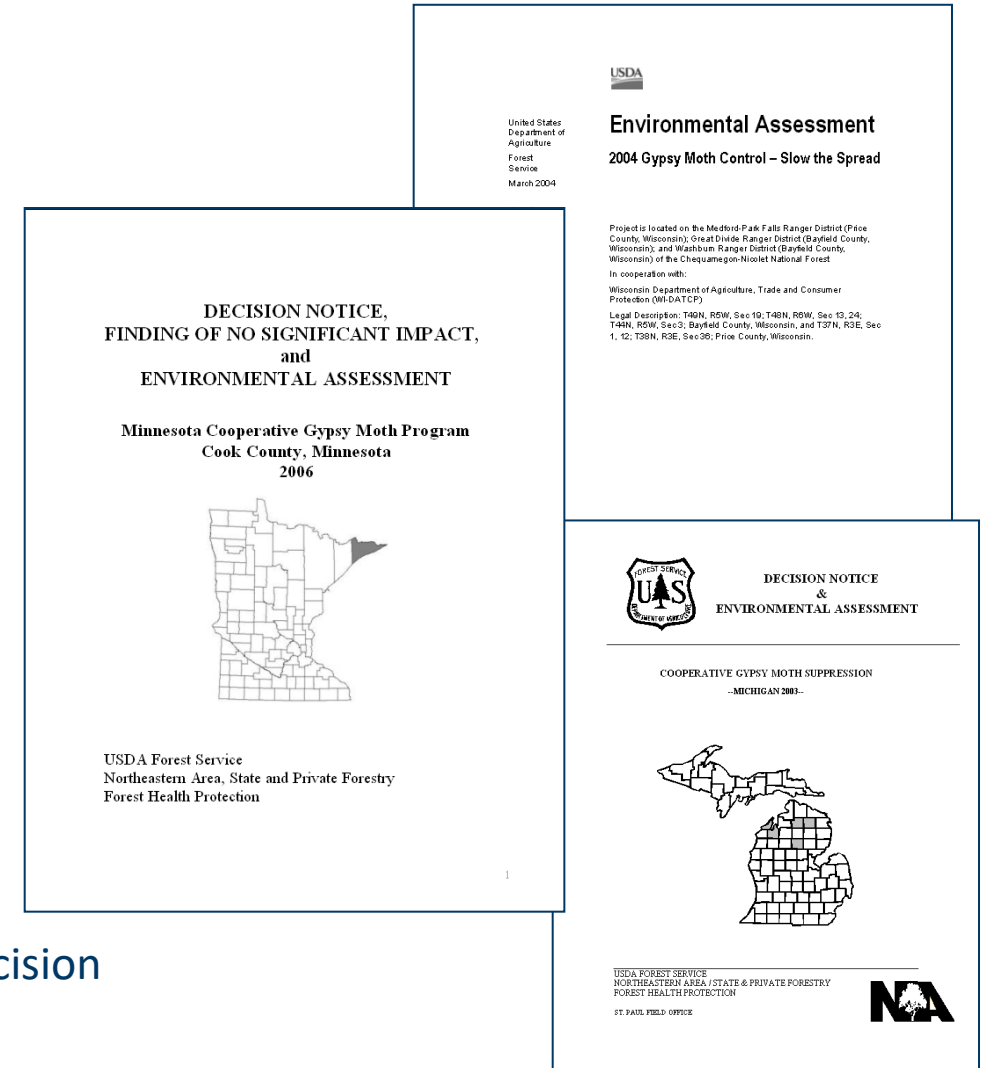
6:00 - 8:00 PM

www.mda.state.mn.us/smtreatments See
details on reverse side

Environmental Assessment (EA)

- An EA will be completed to determine if treatments are appropriate and what method is best
- Evaluated any potential impacts of treatment to threatened and endangered species
- Questions and comments from the public meetings are incorporated.

1995 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 1996 The Record of Decision (ROD), 2012 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



Thank you!

Kimberly Thielen-Cremers

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Questions?



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-291

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Brett Skyles

AGENDA ITEM:

Letter of Support for HF 246 Re: Carbon-Free Energy

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Letter of Support for HF 246 which would make clear in Minnesota law that facilities which generate energy through the combustion of wood and timber products are defined as “carbon-free” for purposes of Minnesota’s carbon free standard, and authorize necessary signature.

BACKGROUND:

As part of Itasca County’s 2025 Legislative Priorities and consistent with past actions by the County Board, in addition to the very abbreviated legislative timelines and the need for submitted letters of support, action is being requested post letter being sent.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

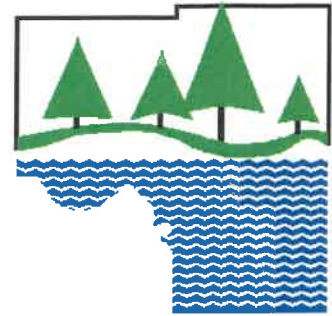
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Letter of Support-HF 249
2. 234 20245-207230-01

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, Casey Venema
ABSENT:	John Johnson,
VACANT:	District #4

ITASCA COUNTY

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February 24, 2025

Re: Support for HF 249

Chair and Members of the House Energy Finance and Policy Committee:

I write in support of House File 249, which would make clear in Minnesota law that facilities which generate energy through the combustion of wood and timber products are defined as "carbon-free" for purposes of Minnesota's carbon free standard. I thank Representative Igo for authoring this bill, and the Committee for hearing it.

As this Committee is aware, Itasca County is home to Minnesota Power's Boswell Energy Center. Boswell has powered our region and contributed significantly to our local economy. At its peak, the plant was made up of four coal-fired generating units. Two of those units have been retired, and the other two are scheduled to cease coal generation by 2030 and 2035 respectively.

As Minnesota is on track to replace carbon-intensive fossil fuel energy sources such as coal, this bill presents a unique opportunity to create a win-win. The use of local forest products industry and forest harvest residues as biofuels is globally considered to be one of the most cost-effective and ecofriendly methods of generating renewable bioenergy. These projects can support local economies, create good jobs, and blunt the impact of tax base losses that will accompany the retirement of long-standing fossil fuel facilities.

All of this can be accomplished while meeting the State's 100% by 2040 carbon free standard for energy production. Passage of House File 249 would provide important assurance to utilities that long-term investments made in these energy sources will result in

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Casey Venema". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "V".

Casey Venema, Chair

Itasca County Commissioner, District #5



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2024-3583

DEPARTMENT: Land Department

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Kory Cease

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution in Support of Including Woody Biomass as Eligible Energy Source

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the Resolution Re: Support for the Inclusion of Woody Biomass as a Qualifying Renewable Energy Source in the Renewable Energy Standard and Carbon Free Standard for submission to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

BACKGROUND:

BACKGROUND & SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is currently collecting public comment on implementing changes to the Renewable Energy Standard and the newly created Carbon Free Standard under Minnesota Statute 216B.1691.
- Minnesota forests provide the local means to support rural economies and to sustainably meet societal needs for goods and services. Locally sourced woody biofuels and bioenergy facilities provide local participation in energy production and help stimulate local job creation and economic impacts which is a requirement of Minnesota Statute §216B.1691, subd. 9.
- The use of local forest products industry and forest harvest residues as biofuels is globally considered to be one of the most cost-effective and ecofriendly methods of generating renewable bioenergy. Bioenergy from woody feedstock is already considered an eligible renewable energy source by the International Renewable Energy Agency.
- Replacing carbon-intensive fossil fuel energy sources, like coal, with renewable biomass feedstocks will provide a significant opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in Minnesota. There is an increased opportunity to meet the Carbon Free Standard for energy production by 2040 through converting coal-burning power plants to utilize renewable woody biomass as feedstock.
- Locating new bioenergy generating facilities in Itasca County where a fossil-fuel-generating plant is scheduled for retirement meets such requirements in Minnesota Statute §216B.1691, subd. 9.
- Designation of renewable woody biomass as a qualifying renewable carbon-free energy source in

Minnesota Statute §216B.1691 subd. 1(c) is an important assurance for utilities to make significant long-term investments in converting coal-fired power plants to these new energy sources.

- Renewable woody biofuel energy projects and facilities should be locally located in areas such as Itasca County which are close to the source of such feedstocks, and which minimize emissions associated with the transportation of materials to maximize carbon benefits.
- Minnesota’s forests already produce an abundance of renewable woody biomass materials in the form of mill residues, tree tops/ limbs, under-utilized species, and salvage from widespread forest pest damage (i.e. emerald ash borer, eastern larch beetle and spruce budworm).
- Abundant woody residues provide unique opportunities for use as biofuels for renewable energy production that would otherwise release carbon as waste products through incineration, being stockpiled or left on the ground.
- Renewable biofuel facilities will be necessary to provide more reliable and affordable electric service for consumers as required in Minnesota Statute §216B.1691 subd. 9, to supplement other eligible renewable energy sources that are subject to unpredictability of weather, etc. which limits their reliability and output.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Burl Ives
AYES:	Cory Smith, John Johnson, Burl Ives
ABSENT:	Terry Snyder, Casey Venema



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

RESOLUTION 2024-22

Re: Support for the Inclusion of Woody Biomass as a Qualifying Renewable Energy Source in the Renewable Energy Standard and Carbon Free Standard

Whereas, Minnesota House File No. 7 became effective on February 7, 2023, with sections 3 through 16 of House File No. 7 amending Minnesota Statute 216B.1691, and

Whereas, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is currently collecting public comment on implementing said changes to the Renewable Energy Standard and the newly created Carbon Free Standard under Minnesota Statute § 216B.1691, and

Whereas, Minnesota's renewable energy objectives as defined within Minnesota Statute §216B.1691, subdivision 1(c) list biomass as a qualifying renewable energy source for eligible energy technologies to generate "carbon-free" electricity.

Therefore be it resolved, Itasca County recommends that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission provide clarification to include renewable woody biomass, without limitations, as a qualifying biomass renewable energy source for "carbon-free" eligible energy technologies to maximize local benefits as required in Minnesota Statute §216B.1691, subdivision 9.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Administrator
ss. County of Itasca

I, BRETT SKYLES, Administrator of the County of Itasca, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 16th day of April A.D. 2024 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 16th day of April A.D. 2024.

Administrator



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-283

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes

PRESENTER: Chair

AGENDA ITEM:

Closed Session Re: Labor Negotiations

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Hold a Closed Session per MN Statutes 13D.03 Re: Labor Negotiations

BACKGROUND:

13D.03 CLOSED MEETINGS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY.

Subdivision 2. **Meeting must be recorded.** (a) The proceedings of a closed meeting to discuss negotiation strategies shall be tape-recorded at the expense of the governing body. (b) The recording shall be preserved for two years after the contract is signed and shall be made available to the public after all labor contracts are signed by the governing body for the current budget period.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

02/25/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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