

MEETING INFORMATION SHEET
June 17, 2025

PULL: None

ADDITIONS:

1. Item #6.5 (North Itasca Joint Powers Board Update)

CHANGES: None

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Item #5.3 (Recreational Trail Master License Agreement with Blandin Paper Company) -Additional information.



ITASCA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

2:30 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

FINAL

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
Larry Hopkins	District #4	Present	2:30 PM
Casey Venema	District #5	Present	2:30 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To: Add Item #6.5 (North Itasca Joint Powers Agreement Update) and approve Agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion To: Approve the Minutes as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Itasca County Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Consent Agenda as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
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1. Approve and authorize County Board Chair and North Memorial Health Care to sign the contract to provide ambulance service to the Nashwauk Ambulance Subordinate Service District (NASSD).
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3. Approve the Recreational Trail Master License Agreement by and between Blandin Paper Company and Itasca County authorize necessary signatures.
4. Authorize the Probation Department to apply for the Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitor (REAM) Grant and authorize signatures of the County Board Chair and County Auditor as the fiscal agent, for acceptance of the grant, if awarded.
5. Authorize the Probation Department to apply for the State of Minnesota Community Based Sex Offender Programming Grant and authorize signature of the County Board Chair and County Auditor as fiscal agent, for acceptance of the grant, if awarded.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
No Citizen Input Provided.
2. Commissioner Warrants

Motion To: Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of June 18, 2025, in the amount of \$589,286.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

3. Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) For Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC

Motion To: Open the Public Hearing Re: Conditional Use Permit for Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

Motion To: Close the above Public Hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

Motion To: Adopt the finding and fact of the Land Planning Commission Board and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

4. Tentative Sponsorship for the proposed Keewatin Connection ATV Trail

Motion To: Approve the Tentative Sponsorship for the Keewatin Connection ATV Trail.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

5. North Itasca Joint Powers Board Update

Tim Johnson, Dean Haley, and Amy Phiher provided an update on the North Itasca Joint Powers Board.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Hopkins reported on attending a Wildwood Township meeting.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending a Lake Jesse Township meeting, County Board of Appeals & Equalization meeting, IEDC, and a Housing Development meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported on attending a Housing Development meeting and meeting with the Land Department Re: trails.

Commissioner Venema reported on attending the Western Mine Planning Board meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith provided comment regarding the passing of Brian Schaar, Mayor of Squaw Lake. His Service will be held at the Squaw Lake Community Center on June 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

Chair Venema recessed the meeting at 3:00 PM.

RECONVENE

Chair Venema reconvened the meeting at 3:06 PM, with all members present.

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

1. Hold a meeting which may be closed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, subd. 3(b) based upon attorney/client privilege, Minn. Stat. §595.02 to discuss litigation issues.

Motion To: Go into Closed Session per MN Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(d) regarding Active Litigation.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

Others Present: County Administrator Brett Skyles, County Assessor William Hilback, Assistant County Attorney Mike Haig.

Motion To: Go into Open Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

ATTEST


Casey Venema
Chair of the County Board



Brett Skyles
Clerk of the County Board



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III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion To: Approve the Minutes, as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
SECONDER:	Commissioner Larry Hopkins
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 3, 2025, Itasca County Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Consent Agenda, as delineated below.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

1. Approve an LG214 Premises Permit Application, as requested by Community Charities of Minnesota, for gambling at North Star Lake Resort located at 37948 N Star Rd, Marcell, MN 56657.

2. Approve an LG214 Premises Permit Application, as requested by Grand Rapids Amateur Hockey Association, for gambling at Chapman Resorts dba Anchor Inn Resort located at 55960 County Road 4, Spring Lake, MN 56680.
3. Approve road easement for Blandin Paper Company over and across tax-forfeited trust land located in a portion of the SWSW in Section 25, Township 53, Range 26.
4. Approve final payment for Contract 66112, a bridge replacement project on CSAH 61, and authorize the County Board Chairperson and Clerk to the County Board to sign the necessary documents.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
No citizen input provided.
2. Recognition of County Employees

Farewell to Ryan Gunderson, whose last day as a Sheriff's Road Deputy/Sergeant will be June 21, 2025, after 29+ years of service.

Farewell to Kory Johnson, whose last day as Highway Maintenance Director was June 3, 2025, after 5+ years of service.

Congratulations to Matthew Grossell who was promoted from Sheriff's Deputy/Road Deputy to Sheriff's Deputy/Sergeant, which was effective June 8, 2025.

Farewell to Christine Blackburn, whose last day as Legal Secretary was May 6, 2025, after 2+ years of service.

Farewell to Todd Webb, whose last day as Chief Deputy/1st Assistant County Attorney was May 30, 2025, after 21+ years of service.

Congratulations to Garrett Smith, who was promoted from Corrections Deputy to Assistant Jail Administrator/Lieutenant, which was effective June 2, 2025.

Congratulations to Shawn Racine, who was promoted from Assistant Jail Administrator/Lieutenant to Jail Administrator/Captain, which was effective June 2, 2025.

Farewell to Samuel Karkela, whose last day as Corrections Deputy was June 2, 2025.

Welcome to new employee, Kenn Hasbargen, who is a new Deputy Sheriff/Road Deputy with the Sheriff's Department, which was effective June 9, 2025.

Congratulations to Joshua Nelson, who was promoted from Senior Network & Security Engineer to Network & Security Supervisor, which was effective June 8th, 2025.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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3. Commissioner Warrants

Motion To: Approve Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$3,026,059.72

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Cory Smith

SECONDER:	Commissioner John Johnson
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

4. Bush Grant Update
Korey Wahwassuck, Ed Zabinski and Laura Connelly provided an update on the Bush Grant.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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5. Arrowhead Library Services Presentation
Executive Director, Mollie Stanford gave a presentation on Arrowhead Library Service.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Brett Skyles provided an Administrator Update regarding the ongoing Legislative Activities.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson reported on attending Ramsey Washington Recycling Energy Center visit, U of M Solid Waste meeting, MPCA, and a meeting with Itasca County Lobbyist.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending Fairground Task Force, Blandin Foundation, and speaking with many Constituents regarding Library funding and Zoning issues.

Commissioner Smith reported on speaking with many Constituents regarding Library funding, dust control, the cost sharing system and met with Sarah Thompson and Local Snowmobile Clubs regarding a trail.

Commissioner Venema reported on attending Fairground Task Force, Nashwauk City Council, Taconite City Council and speaking with Constituents regarding the Library funding.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:20 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, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-439

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Eric Villeneuve

AGENDA ITEM:

Award Contract - North Memorial Health Care

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve and authorize County Board Chair and North Memorial Health Care to sign the contract to provide ambulance service to the Nashwauk Ambulance Subordinate Service District (NASSD).

BACKGROUND:

North Memorial Health Ambulance Services was awarded the bid for the Nashwauk Ambulance Subordinate Service District in the amount of \$652,519 (2026), \$685,144 (2027), and \$719,401 (2028) at the May 20th, 2025 county board meeting. The initial term of this contract shall commence on January 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2028, with up to three two-year extensions upon mutual agreement of the County and North Memorial Health Care.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. 02-25-2025 Resolution 2025-8 Exhibit A
2. FINAL - North Memorial Health Care Ambulance Contract 01012026

06/17/2025

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT	NEXT: 06/24/2025 2:30 PM
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**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

Contract For Ambulance Services

THIS CONTRACT, made this 17th day of June, 2025, by and between Itasca County, hereinafter referred to as “County” and North Memorial Health Care, hereinafter referred to as “NMHC”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2025-8 of the Itasca County Board of Commissioners, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the County hereby contracts with NMHC for professional services to provide ambulance services to the Nashwauk Ambulance Subordinate Service District (“NASSD”) in the Nashwauk area pursuant to a license issued by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, NMHC is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota to provide hospital services and related health care services to patients; and

WHEREAS, NMHC operates a division known as North Memorial Ambulance which supplies ambulance services in the Twin Cities area and to rural communities in Greater Minnesota and Western Wisconsin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED:

1. Operation of Ambulance Service. NMHC shall operate an ambulance service in the City of Nashwauk and the surrounding area which is identified in license # 0172 issued by the Office of Emergency Medical Services (formerly Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board) of the State of Minnesota, presently to the City of Nashwauk, which operating territory shall be hereinafter referred to as the “Area”. NMHC shall provide Basic Life Support Transportation in the Area and shall maintain and operate a twenty four (24) hour a day ambulance service with at least one staffed ambulance (the “Services”). Staff shall be provided by NMHC and shall be appropriately trained and certified. The Services will be operated in conjunction with North Memorial Ambulance policy and procedures, and applicable state and federal laws.
2. Term. The initial term of this contract shall commence on January 1, 2026, and continue thirty-six (36) months until December 31, 2028, with up to three two-year extensions thereafter upon mutual written agreement of the County and NMHC. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time without cause with one hundred eight (180) days written notice to the other party. In addition, the County shall have the right to terminate this agreement for cause upon notice to NMHC of alleged deficiencies in the EMS delivery system, and shall allow NMHC a period of sixty (60) days in which to correct such deficiencies.

3. Facilities. The City of Nashwauk shall allow NMHC the following usage within the Nashwauk Public Safety Building: two vehicle bays, upstairs office, living quarters, EMS specific storage cabinets, and access to generally shared areas within the building. Use of these areas will be at no charge for three years. After three years of use, the City may consider charging a negotiated fee.
4. Ambulances and Equipment. The NASSD will turn over to NMHC the current EMS vehicles (Ambulance), Lucas devices, cardiac monitors/defibrillators, and all other medical devices and supplies. NMHC will thereafter be responsible for the care and maintenance of such items.
5. Dispatch. NMHC, with the cooperation of the Itasca County Sheriff's Departments and other appropriate agencies shall maintain existing dispatch arrangements.
6. Radio Frequency. The County shall allow NMHC to continue to operate on the frequencies that are currently being utilized by the ambulance service.
7. Personnel. NMHC shall be responsible for selection, hiring, placement, discharging, scheduling and supervising of all medical personnel necessary including, but not limited to, a medical director for the rendering of patient care services related to the Services and the conduct of the Services within the Area. The rate of pay and other benefits to be supplied by NMHC to its employees shall be determined exclusively by NMHC.
8. Management. Day to day management services shall be coordinated through the management team of NMHC's Grand Rapids ambulance services facility. This management team reports under NMHC's ordinary management structure.
9. License. The County shall hold the ambulance license from the Minnesota Office of Emergency Medical Services for the Nashwauk Ambulance Primary Service Area.
10. Billing and Collection of Accounts. NMHC shall issue bills for services and materials furnished directly to persons receiving healthcare services or their insurance carriers in providing the Services within the Area and shall collect accounts and monies owed with respect thereto.
11. Charges and Rates. Rates shall not be changed by NMHC more than once annually. NMHC shall determine and revise the charge structure effective January 15th of each year for the Services provided hereunder as it deems reasonable based on the fair market value of the Services.
12. Financial Reporting. NMHC agrees to provide a financial statement regarding the operation of the Services to the County on a quarterly basis. These updates will occur at the Itasca County Board Meetings.

13. Basis For Financial Reporting. Revenue shall be accounted for using NMHC's accounts receivable system. The Services provided for herein shall be accounted for as an independent cost center. Receivables shall be derived from the units of service directly delivered to the patient.

For the purposes of figuring the cost of providing the Services, there shall be two categories, direct and indirect. Direct expenses shall be accounted for using NMHC's internal cost accounting system. These expenses are reported under the headings of salaries, benefits, supplies, purchased services, utilities, maintenance and repairs, rental, taxes, other miscellaneous expense and depreciation.

Indirect expenses shall be assigned at ten percent (10%) of the total direct expenses. This is intended to cover malpractice and general liability insurance and services provided such as finance, accounting, risk management, billing, employee health services, biomedical engineering, human resources, medical direction, education and administration.

14. Subsidy. In addition to revenue NMHC receives through patient transport charges, the County agrees to pay NMHC an annual operational subsidy as outlined in the following table. Said subsidy shall be due and payable to NMHC in equal quarterly installments (March, June, September, and December).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Subsidy Required</u>
2026	\$652,519.00
2027	\$685,144.00
2028	\$719,401.00

15. Insurance. NMHC further agrees, in order to protect itself and the County under the indemnity provisions set forth above, to at all times during the term of this Contract, have and keep in force a liability insurance policy in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for total injuries or damages arising from any one incident and \$3,000,000.00 general aggregate. Worker's Compensation shall be provided per Minnesota statutory limits and Employer's Liability shall be in the amount of Bodily Injury by Accident: \$500,000.00 each Accident, Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000.00 each employee, Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000.00 policy limit. When transportation is provided by NMHC, NMHC shall have and keep in force automobile liability in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage covering owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. The County of Itasca must be named additional insured throughout the duration of this contract and NMHC shall provide a copy of its insurance certificate to the County upon request.

NMHC certifies that it is in compliance with the workers compensation insurance requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 176.181, subdivision 2 as reflected in the attached proof of insurance.

16. Indemnity. NMHC agrees that it will at all times indemnify and hold harmless the County from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs or expenses which may be claimed against the County.

By reason of any service client's suffering person injury, death, or property loss or damages either while participating in or receiving from NMHC the care and services to be furnished by the NMHC under this Contract, or while on premises owned, leased or operated by NMHC, or while being transported to or from said premises in any vehicle owned, operated, chartered or otherwise contracted for by NMHC or his assigns; or

By reason of any injury to another person, damage to the property of another person during any time when NMHC or his assigns or employee thereof has undertaken, or is furnishing the care and service called for under this Contract.

17. Assignment. This contract cannot be assigned to any other entity without the express written consent of both parties. Further, NMHC shall not subcontract with anyone to provide the Services hereunder without the written authorization of County.
18. No Joint Venture or Partnership. In no event shall the relationship among the parties or the transactions contemplated hereunder constitute a partnership or joint venture among them with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no party shall owe another party any fiduciary duty or obligation hereunder.
19. Assumed Liabilities. NMHC is purchasing equipment and contracting to provide the Services beginning January 1, 2026 consistent with the terms of this Agreement. NMHC assumes no liability for any claims related to ambulance operations prior to January 1, 2026.
20. Data Practices. All data collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated for any purposes by the activities of NMHC because of this contract is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as amended, the Minnesota Rules implementing such act now in force or as adopted, as well as federal regulations on data privacy.
21. Consequential or Punitive Damages. No party shall be liable to the other parties for any consequential, incidental, punitive, exemplary or indirect damages, lost profits or business interruption damages arising in connection with or in any way related to this Contract, whether by statute, in tort, in contract, or otherwise.

22. Severability. The provisions of this Contract shall be deemed severable. If any part of this Contract is rendered void, invalid, or unenforceable, such rendering shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remainder of this Contract unless the part or parts which are void, invalid or otherwise unenforceable shall substantially impair the value of the entire Contract with respect to either party.
23. No Modifications. This Contract represents the entire agreement between the parties and may not be modified except by the express written agreement of the party against whom the same is attempted to be enforced.
24. Binding Effect. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.

ITASCA COUNTY

By: _____

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NORTH MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE

By: _____

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Administrator



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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-438

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Ryan Sutherland

AGENDA ITEM:

Award Contract 68104 - CSAH 81 Bituminous Mill and Overlay

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Award Contract 68104 CSAH 81 Bituminous Mill and Overlay to the lowest responsible bidder, Hawkinson Construction, in the amount of \$676,972.76 and authorize the required signatures on the contract documents.

BACKGROUND:

Bids were received and opened on June 10, 2025.

Contract 68104 includes:

CSAH 81 SAP 031-681-004 Bituminous Mill & Overlay

Engineer's Estimate:	\$675,411.50
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Hawkinson Construction	\$676,972.76
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TNT Construction Group	\$698,800.00
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KGM Contractors, Inc	\$735,606.70
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COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema



**ITASCA COUNTY
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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-442

DEPARTMENT: Land Department

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Sara Thompson, Kory Cease

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreational Trail Master License Agreement with Blandin Paper Company

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Recreational Trail Master License Agreement by and between Blandin Paper Company and Itasca County authorize necessary signatures.

BACKGROUND:

Representatives and Counsel of Blandin Paper Company and the Itasca County Land Department have been collaboratively working together to formalize a master trail agreement for all designated Grant-in-Aid ATV and Snowmobile trails on their property. This document has been updated and provided to our County Attorney's office for review.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. MASTER TRAIL LICENSE AGMT signature 2025-06-05
2. MASTER TRAIL LICENSE AGMT signature 2025-06-13

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

RECREATIONAL TRAIL MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS RECREATIONAL TRAIL MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT (Master Agreement) is made and entered into as of _____, 2025, by and between BLANDIN PAPER COMPANY (Licensor), and ITASCA COUNTY, a subdivision of the State of Minnesota (Licensee).

RECITALS

- (a) Licensor has certain ownership rights in real property located in Itasca County, Minnesota (Licensor's Premises); and
- (b) Licensee has overall operation duties in several Grant in Aid Recreational Trails as provided for in Minnesota Statutes; and
- (c) Licensee has requested, and intends to request in the future, individual licenses (Licenses) from Licensor to construct, maintain and repair Grant in Aid Recreational Trails (Trails).

AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the covenants and promises hereinafter made to be observed and performed by the Licensee, Licensor intends to issue Licenses to Licensee, only insofar as Licensor has a legal right to do so, to construct, maintain, operate, and repair subject to all of the provisions hereinafter set forth, for periods as set forth in the individual Licenses, subject to termination as hereinafter provided, it being understood and agreed, however, that the Licensee shall not by virtue hereof acquire and no License shall grant to the Licensee any right, title or interest, legal or equitable, under any License except as specifically granted herein.

1. All Licenses shall be expressly subject to all existing rights-of-way occupied or granted upon, over or across Licensor's Premises, to the terms of that certain Conservation Easement between Licensor and the State of Minnesota dated July 8, 2010, recorded on July 28, 2010, as Document Number A000645746 in the Office of the Itasca County Recorder, and to all other public and private rights existing in and to Licensor's Premises as of the date hereof, and to the following reservations, restrictions, limitations and conditions:

- (a) Licensee shall use the Trails solely for the purposes herein set forth and for no other

purposes whatsoever and, except as provided in section 2(c) of this agreement, and Licensee shall not grant to others the right to use the Trails or Licensor's Premises, or any part thereof, except as specifically provided in the Licenses or by other prior written consent of Licensor;

- (b) No License shall be construed to be a covenant on the part of the Licensor for quiet enjoyment, it being understood Licensor undertakes to grant this permission only to the extent of its interest in and to the said premises, as the same may appear, and only insofar as it has the legal right so to do;
- (c) It is understood that Licensee shall, prior to its use and occupancy of the Trails obtain all necessary licenses and permissions therefore from the proper public authorities, and the said use and occupancy thereof and all operations hereunder shall be conducted in strict compliance with all laws applicable thereto and with all rules and regulations promulgated, adopted and published by any commission or other governmental body having authority in the matter.

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liability for injury to or death of persons and loss or destruction of or damage to property, including the Trails and Licensors' Premises, in any manner arising from or growing out of or alleged to have arisen from or grown out of the occupation, entry, and use of the licensed premises, or any part thereof, by or under Licensee, however such injury, death, loss destruction or damage may occur or be caused, and to make good any damage to the property of the Licensor resulting from the entry, occupation and use, authorized or not, of the licensed premises or any part thereof by or under Licensee, it being the intent and purpose of this License that no additional risk or liability is assumed by the Licensor;

- (c) Licensee agrees to release, discharge, protect, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Licensor of and from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of actions, damages, losses, recoveries, judgments, attorney's fees, costs and expenses whatsoever, which shall or may be caused or occasioned by or result from any use or occupancy of the licensed premises by or under Licensee;
- (d) Licensee agrees to release and discharge Licensor of and from any and all claims for damages to or destruction of the Trails, or any part thereof, in any manner caused by or under the Licensor, whether the same be due to the negligence of the Licensor, its officers, representatives, agents or employees, or otherwise, or arising from any other cause whatsoever.
- (e) Licensee shall assume and conduct the defense of any suit or proceeding brought against the Licensor for recovery for injury to or death' of persons or for loss or destruction of or damage to property in any manner arising from or growing out of any entry, use or occupancy of the said premises, or any part thereof, by or under the Licenses;

- (f) Licensors and Licensees agree that Licensee's obligation under this Agreement or any License to release, discharge, protect, indemnify, save and hold harmless Licensors shall not apply where Licensors have willfully taken action so as to deprive Licensors of the statutory immunity from liability afforded by Minn. Stat. Sec. 604-A.20 through Minn. Stat. Sec. 604-A.27.
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- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any License, Licensee's liability to Licensors shall be limited as provided in this Paragraph 3(h). Licensee shall procure, or cause to be procured, and maintain general all risk liability insurance, naming Licensors as an additional insured, with limits of \$5,000,000 per person, \$5,000,000 per occurrence. The total liability, in the aggregate, of Licensee, its officers, employees, agents, and any of them, to Licensors and anyone claiming by, through or under Licensors, for any and all claims, losses, costs or damages whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to any License which is the subject of this Agreement, from any cause or causes, including but not limited to the negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability or breach of contract or warranty express or implied of Licensee or Licensee's officers, employees or agents or any of them, shall not exceed the total insurance proceeds paid on behalf of or to Licensee by Licensee's insurers in settlement or satisfaction of claims of Licensors or third parties, or any of them, under the terms and condition of Licensee's insurance policies applicable

thereto. If no insurance coverage is provided with respect to a claim, then the total liability, in the aggregate, of Licensee and Licensee's officers, employees, agents, and any of them, to Licensor and anyone claiming by, through or under Licensor, for any and all such uninsured claims shall not exceed \$5,000,000, except as Minnesota Statutes shall allow any higher amount.

4. Each and all of the covenants, promises, limitations, terms and conditions in this Agreement are material considerations. Upon any default in the performance by Licensee of any of the covenants or promises contained in this Recreational Trail License, Licensor may terminate this Agreement or any or all Licenses by giving Licensee at least thirty (30) days' written notice of such default and upon the expiration of thirty (30) days, this Agreement and/or any specific License and the rights granted hereunder shall terminate unless Licensee shall cure the default within said thirty (30) days, or if not curable within thirty (30) days, shall immediately commence doing what is necessary to cure the default and shall pursue such efforts diligently. Any delay on the part of Licensor in enforcing any of the provisions of this Agreement or any License shall not constitute a waiver by the Licensor of its rights hereunder; and a waiver by the Licensor of a default shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default of the Licensee.

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6. Upon the termination or cancellation of this Agreement or any or License, for any reason, the Licensee shall be released and relieved from any and all liability assumed or undertaken except any cause of action, liability or obligation arising out of actions occurring prior to the effective date of such termination or cancellation and except from the obligation to place and leave the said premises in the condition specified in Section Seven (7) hereof.

7. It is agreed between the parties hereto that Licensee shall, upon any cancellation or termination of any License, at its own cost and expense, as promptly as possible, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such cancellation or termination remove all property and material which Licensee has under this Agreement or any License or otherwise erected, constructed or placed upon the licensed premises and leave the same in a neat, proper condition. Should the Licensee, for any reason whatsoever fail within the thirty (30) day period to remove any of said property and material from the Trail or Licensor's Premises, then and in that event the Licensor, without further notice to the Licensee, shall have the right to cause the affected area(s) to be placed in such neat and proper condition at the cost and expense of the Licensee or may appropriate the said property and material to its own use without compensation to the Licensee or to any other party and hereby the Licensee agrees to reimburse and pay the Licensor for any and all loss, cost, and expense so sustained and incurred.

8. Whenever it is necessary or proper to serve upon either party to this License a written notice or other instrument, service thereof shall be binding upon such party if sent by registered or certified mail, properly addressed to such party at its last known business office, which, in the absence of written notice to the contrary, shall be understood to be:

As to Licensor: Blandin Paper Company c/ o Forest Manager
115 SW First Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

As to Licensee: Itasca County
c/o Land Commissioner, Land Department
1177 LaPairie Avenue
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SIGNED BY THE PARTIES AS OF THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

BLANDIN PAPER COMPANY

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QUINTIN LEGLER
MANAGER, FOREST SERVICES

BY _____
ITASCA COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RECREATIONAL TRAIL MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS RECREATIONAL TRAIL MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT (Master Agreement) is made and entered into as of _____, 2025, by and between BLANDIN PAPER COMPANY (Licensor), and ITASCA COUNTY, a subdivision of the State of Minnesota (Licensee).

RECITALS

- (a) Licensor has certain ownership rights in real property located in Itasca County, Minnesota (Licensor's Premises); and
- (b) Licensee has overall operation duties in several Grant in Aid Recreational Trails as provided for in Minnesota Statutes; and
- (c) Licensee has requested, and intends to request in the future, individual licenses (Licenses) from Licensor to construct, maintain and repair Grant in Aid Recreational Trails (Trails).

AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of the covenants and promises hereinafter made to be observed and performed by the Licensee, Licensor intends to issue Licenses to Licensee, only insofar as Licensor has a legal right to do so, to construct, maintain, operate, and repair subject to all of the provisions hereinafter set forth, for periods as set forth in the individual Licenses, subject to termination as hereinafter provided, it being understood and agreed, however, that the Licensee shall not by virtue hereof acquire and no License shall grant to the Licensee any right, title or interest, legal or equitable, under any License except as specifically granted herein.

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7. This Agreement will commence on the Start Date and will continue for a period of ten (10) years and will be automatically renewed for successive one (1) year terms unless terminated sooner by either Party by 180 day's written notice in a manner set forth in Section 8 below. It is agreed between the parties hereto that Licensee shall, upon any cancellation or termination of any License, at its own cost and expense, as promptly as possible, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the effective date of such cancellation or termination remove all property and material which Licensee has under this Agreement or any License or otherwise erected, constructed or placed upon the licensed premises and leave the same in a neat, proper condition. Should the Licensee, for any reason whatsoever fail within the thirty (30) day period to remove any of said property and material from the Trail or Licensor's Premises, then and in that event the Licensor, without further notice to the Licensee, shall have the right to cause the affected area(s) to be placed in such neat and proper condition at the cost and expense of the Licensee or may appropriate the said property and material to its own use without compensation to the Licensee or to any other party and hereby the Licensee agrees to reimburse and pay the Licensor for any and all loss, cost, and expense so sustained and incurred.

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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-443

DEPARTMENT: Probation

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Kevin Glass

AGENDA ITEM:

Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitor (REAM) Grant

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Probation Department to apply for the Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitor (REAM) Grant and authorize signatures of the County Board Chair and County Auditor as the fiscal agent, for acceptance of the grant, if awarded.

BACKGROUND:

Itasca County has been the recipient of this grant for several years. The grant is distributed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections and is on a 2-year cycle. Itasca has received \$8,00 annually through this grant and the funds are used to offset the cost for individuals placed on electronic home alcohol monitoring as a condition of pre-trial supervision or probation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema



**ITASCA COUNTY
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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-444

DEPARTMENT: Probation

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Kevin Glass

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Sex Offender Treatment Grant

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the Probation Department to apply for the State of Minnesota Community Based Sex Offender Programming Grant and authorize signature of the County Board Chair and County Auditor as fiscal agent, for acceptance of the grant, if awarded.

BACKGROUND:

Itasca County has been the recipient of this grant for several years. The grant is distributed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections and is on a 2-year cycle. Itasca has received \$52,836 bi-annually through this grant and the funds are used to offset the cost of probation involved juveniles that are charged with a sexual offense and recommended to outpatient sex offender treatment/programming. The ability to provide this treatment/programming in the community helps rehabilitate and deter out of home placements.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-149

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

06/17/2025

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, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-78

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 June 18, 2025, in the amount of \$589,286.00.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-440

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services

TIME REQUESTED: 10 Minutes

PRESENTER: Greg Stoltz

AGENDA ITEM:

Public Hearing Re: Conditional Use Permit for Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Hold a Public Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application submitted by Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune to establish a multi-use alpine ski and snowboard area as approved by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on June 11, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2025, the Itasca County Planning Commission reviewed a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) submitted by Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune to establish a multi-use alpine ski and snowboard area. It is the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Itasca County Board of Commissioners that this CUP be approved according to their attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Resolution that sets forth the CUP background and processing information. Per Section 2.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, a CUP that is of a commercial nature in a Farm Residential zone that is not listed as a permitted or conditional use must be approved by the County Board.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Mad Bear CUP Criteria
2. Mad Bear CUP Packet

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)

RE: Applicant Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; (Jeff Fortune)
Proposed Use: Multi Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area
Township/Range Parcel #63-028-2300; Part SW NW, S.28 T.54 R.26

A CUP MAY BE GRANTED ONLY UPON FINDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County.
2. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood.
3. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance.
4. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress and is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment.
5. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions.

■ When in the opinion of the Planning Commission/BoA (PC/BoA), a CUP may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the PC/BoA to demonstrate the nature and extent of the effect and to demonstrate methods for mitigating or minimizing the adverse effects.

DATE 5-9-2025 PHONE # _____ PERMIT # _____

ITASCA COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION
USES NOT PROVIDED FOR WITHIN ZONING DISTRICTS

APPLICANT/ADDRESS Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; C/O Jeff Fortune; 203 SW 11th Ave. Grand Rapids

AGENT/ADDRESS _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS TBD off of Sugar Lake TRL. (Co Rd 449)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION/PARCEL # 63-028-2300; SW NW LYG SLY of Co Rd 449 Less E660';
S.28, T.54 R.26 (Unorganized District #4)

ZONE DISTRICT Farm Residential LAKE NAME/CLASS n/a EX. USE Vacant

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE Multi use ALPINE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA

SUGAR HILLS RECLAMATION

ATTACH A MAP SHOWING PROPERTY LOCATION, EXISTING CONDITIONS, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, AND NEARYBY USES, INCLUDING ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS PERTINENT TO THIS REQUEST.

MANDATORY LAKESHORE MITIGATION PRACTICES: (To be included with the C/U application)

- N/A-A. Septic System: Certified _____; Shall be Upgraded _____ with Permit/Design obtained by: _____
Certification of New Septic System by: _____;
- N/A-B. Erosion control, storm water management, and mitigation plan. This plan shall describe erosion control during/after construction, storm water management/runoff control and mitigation/buffer screening. The mitigation plan shall require a shoreline buffer which shall be in the shore impact zone and consist of trees, shrubs and ground cover of native plants and understory to effectively screen structure(s) as viewed from the waters. This may be accomplished by working with Itasca SWCD or other sources but said plan must be reviewed by Itasca SWCD. The required buffer shall be as follows:

Lake Class	Buffer (Distance from OHWL landward)
GD	10'
RD	15'
NE & PSL	50'

Plant materials for native vegetation buffers shall be as prescribed according to the landscape position, water table, soil type and exposure of the project site. For every 5,000 square feet of buffer are, there shall be a variety of types of native trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses planted to achieve full coverage. The survival of planting materials must be maintained for a minimum of five years, so that the approved coverage plan is adhered to.

SITE INSPECTION. The applicant acknowledges that no one can be prohibited from coming onto the property when the site is inspected by the Planning Commission or County Board. Photographs may be taken at the site inspection and displayed at the public hearing for use in the decision making process.

Unless otherwise stipulated, a conditional use permit shall remain in effect for so long as all conditions agreed upon are observed. Legal action may result if the provisions and conditions are not complied with as set forth in the application. Upon approval of this conditional use, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Environmental Services Department, upon completion of the project, including any conditions. The property may be inspected at any time to assure and affirm all conditions and terms of the permit are in compliance.

SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

PCBA 01
C: PCBA

Conditional Use Application - Uses Not Provided for Within Zoning Districts

RECOMMENDATIONS

TOWN BOARD OF _____
OR
UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP

APPROVAL
AMEND
REJECTION

CHAIR _____
DATE _____
COMMISSIONER _____

REASONS: _____

When a land use in any zoning district is not specifically listed as a Permitted Use or Conditional Use, the land use may be considered as a Conditional Use. The applicant shall make a showing that the proposed use is similar to a Permitted Use or Conditional Use, consistent with the purpose of the zoning district in which the proposed use will be located, compatible with surrounding uses, and conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Zoning Administrator shall determine if the Conditional Use Permit Application is complete and then submit the Application for consideration by the Planning Commission. If the use is of a commercial nature and proposed for a residential zoning district (Rural Residential or Farm Residential), the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, and submit a report of its finding and recommendations to the County Board. The County Board shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, consider the Planning Commission's report, and act on the Application.

On 6/11/2025 the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment, unanimously majority vote

APPROVED AMENDED DENIED a Conditional Use for: a multi-use alpine ski &
snowboard area

[description of conditional use and conditions or reasons for denial]

Miko Bellamy 6-11-25
Chairperson – Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment

DECISION

On _____ the County Board of Commissioners, unanimously/ majority vote

APPROVED AMENDED DENIED a Conditional Use for: _____

[description of conditional use and conditions or reasons for denial]

Chairperson – Itasca County Board of Commissioners

Approval includes the findings of fact and compliance with all County, State and Federal Rules, Regulations and Statutes as required by law. In accordance with Section 18.4.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, any aggrieved person may obtain judicial review by obtaining a writ of certiorari from Court of Appeals within 60 days after receipt of due notice of the proceeding and decision sought to be reviewed and by serving said writ upon the Itasca County Auditor and any other adverse party within such period of 60 days.

- 1) The proposed area for the new Mad Bear Alpine Area is part of the Superior Upland Mountain Range and falls in close Proximity to old Sugar Hills ski area. Our parcel is on the NW side of the Boundary Land that has existing Nordic ski programs already in place. Skiing along with hiking and mountain biking activities are already occurring near our property lines. The Thunder Peak area is the highest point in Itasca County and the third highest point within the state of Minnesota. The proposed MBAA development is approximately one hundred feet less than the 1752 feet elevation out at the Thunders. In terms of a comprehensive plan within Itasca County the Mad Bear Alpine Area will elevate winter recreation within Itasca County while bringing economic impact to the area with an influx of winter alpine enthusiasts. This facility, when completed, will cater to recreational, as well as, seasonal athletes of all calibers.
- 2) The entire 1660 acres encompassing the Superior Upland Mountain range is managed by the Boundary / Liila Forest Products, a division of Rajala Companies. They manage the land for sustainable production of forest products. The DNR acquired a conservation easement from Liila in May of 2007. Under the terms of the easement the property is open for public access and recreational activities to include; hunting, Nordic skiing, hiking, and mountain biking. MBAA seeks to enhance the appeal of the area by introducing two additional disciplines, alpine skiing and snowboarding, to enhance the existing portfolio of that area. These activities will be limited to the MBAA development.
- 3) The MBAA is being built on the premise of leaving as minimal a carbon footprint as we can. We are being good stewards to the forest and only harvest the timber we have to in order to create our alpine venue. The area is being designed to minimize spring washouts and we have already enhanced the old snowmobile trail system to that end. The proposed structure for the main chalet is a 20-foot yurt. This smaller mountain tent will be a non-permanent structure that will be moved once we build our brick-and-mortar structure. Additionally, there will be septic and well put in, hopefully, this fall; as well as, first phase snowmaking infrastructure. Lastly, Itasca Soil and Water has approved our placement for our holding pond for snowmaking. In terms of air quality, we will be burning bio mass at various times when allowed per the DNR regulations.
- 4) We have an access point on both the east and west side of the property. The west side will be multi directional traffic with the east side being utilized by mountain rescue operation for injured patron extraction, Extraction Point Alpha.
- 5) The intent is to build a recreational facility where the safety culture is ever present and being implemented daily. It is at the very core of what we will do.

MAD BEAR

Alpine Area



SUGAR HILL'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT MOGAN/FORTUNE VACATION PROPERTIES · A GREEN ENERGY PROJECT

Jeff Fortune:

• Ryan Mogan:

Mad Bear Alpine Area Projects Scope

Mad Bear Alpine Area will be an all-encompassing, gravity-fed, sports venue. The area, when completed, will service:

- Snowboarding
- Gravity Fuelled Mountain Biking
- Alpine Skiing
- Snow Shoe Excursions
- Snow Tubing
- Veterans/ Disabled adaptive sports programs (Mountain Biking, Snowboarding, and Alpine Skiing.

Alpine Sports School:

MBAA will play host to LTR/LTS programs that will instruct students in the alpine code of conduct through, on hill, etiquette. How to, properly utilize an aerial, and surface, lift systems. Understanding trail signage while negotiating a trail. We will also teach the students how to use their equipment safely.

Competitive Training Facility:

The MBAA has plans to reintroduce the lost art of half pipe snowboarding, and skiing, to our area as we strive to foster an environment where these athletes can excel.

MABB will create a, street style, terrain park for the rider who wishes to pursue that discipline.

MAD BEAR Alpine Area



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Recreational Opportunities:

Although MBAA will be a training facility we will still be offering recreational patrons a place to come relax and enjoy our après environment. We will offer, varied, trail systems for beginners all the way to advanced riders.

Blizzard Bowl Snow Tubing:

In the mood to just slide. Blizzard Bowl will have five lanes of perfectly groomed snow tubing options for you. Patrons will be able to enjoy **Flash Friday** nights when our local DJ will be playing your favorite music under the disco lights. Book an entire session for your birthday, or Christmas party!

Après Ski/Snowboarding: After a great day on the slopes stop into our, on hill, restaurant for a glass of your favorite wine or small batch beer. Our staff will be trained in the proper pairing of your beverage to one of our, signature, Minnesota local entrees. In the mood for lighter fare, MABB will offer all your pub favorites.

Veterans Adaptive Sports Programs:

MABB will be offering adaptive sports programs to veterans and disabled athletes. It is our sincere hope that we can accommodate all people with disabilities into the alpine sports arena. We will offer programs in snowboarding, mountain biking, and alpine skiing.

INTERPRETATION:

The applicant proposes to use the property for a multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area in a Farm Residential Zoning District (other proposed activities include mountain biking, snow shoeing and veteran/disabled adaptive sports programs).

ZONING ORDINANCE (Effective 3/1/2025)**Section 2.5 Uses Not Provided for Within Zoning Districts**

When a land use in any zoning district is not specifically listed as a Permitted Use or Conditional Use, the land use may be considered as a Conditional Use. The applicant shall make a showing that the proposed use is similar to a Permitted Use or Conditional Use, consistent with the purpose of the zoning district in which the proposed use will be located, compatible with surrounding uses, and conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Zoning Administrator shall determine if the Conditional Use Permit Application is complete and then submit the Application for consideration by the Planning Commission. The Application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee for a Conditional Use Permit. If the use is of a commercial nature and proposed for a residential zoning district (Rural Residential or Farm Residential), the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, and submit a report of its finding and recommendations to the County Board. The County Board shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, consider the Planning Commission's report, and act on the Application. A notice of extension of the 60-day time deadline requirement of Minn. Stat. 15.99 shall be provided if necessary.

REQUEST OF APPLICANT FOR INTERPRETATION:

Attachment: Application submitted 5/9/2025, from Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC for SW NW LYG SLY of Co Rd 449 Less E 660', Section 28, Unorganized Township 54-26, Parcel #63-028-2300.

Based on the application and the following, my determination is that the proposed multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area would be appropriate for a conditional use based on the following:

- The proposed use will be sited on lands which are less suitable for commercial agriculture and forestry than other agricultural lands within the zoning districts per section 6.4.1 of the Ordinance;
- The proposed use shall be sited on a parcel in a manner which minimizes the amount of productive agricultural and forest land that is converted to the proposed use per section 6.4.2 of the Ordinance;
- Per Section 6.2.17, Noncommercial recreation areas are a permitted use and per Section 6.2.18, public parks and recreation areas are permitted uses; there are public recreation areas on other nearby parcels with similar uses; and
- Conditional Use Permits are intended for uses that would not be appropriate generally or without restrictions through the zoning district, but which is controlled as to number, area, location with the neighborhood, and other pertinent considerations would not be injurious to the public health, safety, welfare, moral order, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare thereof. Such uses may be granted by issuance of Conditional Use Permits by the Planning Commission.

Signed: Katie Benes Date: 6/10/25
Katie Benes, Environmental Services Director

NOTE: This document shall be attached to the Conditional Use Permit Application.

COPY: File, Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC, PC/BOA, Commissioner Larry Hopkins

MAD BEAR Alpine Area



Frontage Road

Angus Alley

Pro-Tow

Mountain Lab

Pro-Tow

Luck to The Irish

Little Swiss

Yeti

Valhalla

Squatch

Pipe Dreams

Pipe Dreams



Chalet
Shoppe Grill

Boys
E E E
E E E
E E E

Pro-Tow

Couleur Tubing Park



Maintenance
Building

- MAP KEY**
- Beginner
 - Intermediate
 - ◆ Expert
 - ▬ Terrain Park
 - Lift

ITASCA COUNTY

Transportation Department
123 NE 4th Street, Courthouse
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2600
Office (218) 327-2853 Fax (218) 327-0688



May 7, 2025

Jeff Fortune
203 SW 11th Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

RE: Approach Permit

Dear Mr. Fortune:

The Itasca County Transportation Department has issued a permit for the construction of a driveway approach connecting County Road 449 to parcel 63-028-2300. The driveway initially extends perpendicularly from CR 449 before veering eastward to run parallel to the roadway for approximately 150 feet, ultimately curving southward and exiting the right-of-way.

Upon inspection, it has been determined that the current condition of the driveway does not meet the requirements outlined in the permit. To ensure compliance with regulatory standards, the slopes must be properly graded and seeded to provide adequate erosion control and long-term stability.

Furthermore, the original permit did not authorize the construction of the driveway parallel to the roadway. However, given the site conditions, the driveway may remain in its current location. Please note that the Itasca County Transportation Department assumes no responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the portion situated within the right-of-way. Any long-term maintenance issues resulting from water runoff from the roadway shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner. Additionally, any maintenance concerns within the right-of-way that arise due to the driveway's presence shall also be the property owner's responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karin Grandia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karin Grandia, PE
Itasca County Engineer

PCBA 04
C: PCBA

Diane Nelson

From: Karin Grandia
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Katie Benes
Cc: Diane Nelson
Subject: Mad Bear Alpine CUP
Attachments: Jeff Fortune Approach Permit Letter.pdf

Katie:

I have reviewed the CUP submitted by Mad Bear Alpine/Jeff Fortune dated 5-9-2025 for the requested alpine area on parcel 63-028-2300 and would like to note for the record that the east driveway that is shown on the drawing is not yet completed. I recently wrote a letter regarding concerns from this department regarding the completion of that driveway and would like to add that letter to the record for this CUP. Beyond that, the Transportation Department does not have any transportation related concerns regarding the CUP.

Karin Grandia, P.E.
Itasca County Engineer
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Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-7389 office
218-244-2313 cell
Karin.grandia@co.itasca.mn.us

In Re: FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
RESOLUTION AND ORDER

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) submitted by: Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune
203 SW 11th Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Location of Property: TBD Sugar Lake Trail (County Rd. 449), Cohasset, MN 55721
SW NW LYG SLY of Co Rd 449 Less E 660', Section 28,
Unorganized Township 54-26, Parcel #63-028-2300

This matter came before the Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BoA), for public hearing, at their regular meeting on 6/11/2025 with Jeff Fortune present as representative. In addition to Board Members Bellomy, Butterfield, Janssen and Oja, also present was Environmental Services Director Katie Benes. Upon the records, files and proceedings herein, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The parcel is:
 - 14.80 acres in area;
 - Borders County Road 449;
 - Zoned Farm Residential;
 - Non-shoreland;
 - Located in Unorganized Township T54-R26, Commissioner District #4.
2. On 5/9/2025, Jeff Fortune submitted a CUP application to establish a multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area. The proposed plan includes the construction of a 20' yurt for a non-permanent chalet until a permanent structure can be built. Other proposed activities include mountain biking, snow shoeing and veteran/disabled adaptive sports programs.
3. A multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area is a CU as per Section 2.5, Uses not provided for within zoning districts, and the applicant must show that the proposed use is:
 - similar to a permitted use or CU consistent with the purpose of the zoning district in which the proposed use will be located,
 - compatible with the surrounding uses and
 - conforms to the comprehensive land use plan.If the CU is of a commercial nature and proposed for a residential zoning district (Rural Residential or Farm Residential), the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the County Board. The County Board shall hold a public hearing, evaluate the Application under the criteria in Article 21, consider the Planning Commission's report, and act on the Application.
4. The proposed use is consistent with the existing neighborhood, and the purpose statement of the Farm Residential Zoning District per Section 6.1, which is to implement the following goals including those contained in the Itasca County Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order & Resolution for Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune
CUP for Multi-Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area, Unorganized Township 54-26

Section 6.1 Purpose

The purposes of the Farm Residential Zoning District are to implement the following goals, including those contained in the Itasca County Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

- 6.1.1 To protect and promote the continuation of rural living, farming, and forestry in areas of Itasca County that have historically contained these uses and, therefore, have developed compatible residential patterns and transportation infrastructure;
 - 6.1.2 To permit primarily agriculture and forestry land uses and activities;
 - 6.1.3 To separate agricultural and forestry land uses and activities from incompatible residential, commercial, industrial development, and public facilities;
 - 6.1.4 To achieve the goals of growth management, natural resource protection, and economic diversity as stated in the Itasca County Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and
 - 6.1.5 To maintain agricultural and forest land in sufficient size tracts for economic operations
5. Per Section 21.3.2, a Conditional Use Permit may be granted only upon finding all of the following:
 - A. The use conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the County;
 - B. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood;
 - C. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality and water quality;
 - D. The use shall not cause soil disturbance;
 - E. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress;
 - F. The site is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment; and
 - G. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions.
 6. Per the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Commercial/Industrial Goal/Tourism Industry Objective supports the development of recreational opportunities for tourists and visitors; the Economic Development Objective encourages the development of new businesses.
 7. There are other parcels in the area (under a DNR conservation easement) which are open for public access and recreational activities including hunting, Nordic skiing, hiking and mountain biking.
 8. Mitigation practices on the CUP application do not apply as property is non-shoreland.
 9. The MPCA requirement to obtain a General Storm Water Permit prior to construction activity (clearing, grading and excavation activities) that results in the disturbance of one acre or more is the applicants' responsibility.
 10. SSTs. No design has been submitted yet but the applicant has consulted a septic designer who has been to the site and design will be obtained pending approval of the CUP.
 11. The project shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions as it will meet all zoning requirements. A handicap permit shall be obtained (\$500.00 fee).
 12. On 5/7/2025, a letter was received from Karin Grandia with concerns regarding the driveway which included erosion control and long-term stability.
 13. As required in Article 18, notice of the 6/11/2025 PC/BoA hearing and 6/17/2025 County Board hearing was sent to property owners within ¼ mile of the affected properties, SWCD, Itasca County Engineer, Itasca County Land Dept. and Commissioner Hopkins for their information and comment.

14. Notice of the 6/9/2025 site inspection and the 6/11/2025 public hearing was published in the 6/25/2025 issue of the *Grand Rapids Herald Review* and the 6/29/2025 issue of the *Scenic Range NewsForum*. Notice of the 6/17/2025 County Board Hearing was published in the 5/29/2025 issue of the *Scenic Range NewsForum* and the 6/1/2025 issue of the *Grand Rapids Herald Review*.
15. Per Minnesota Statute 15.99, the 60-day timeline shall expire on 7/8/2025.
16. No recommendation has been received from Commissioner Hopkins.
17. The site was viewed by the Planning Commission/BOA on 6/9/2025.
18. If said conditional use is approved, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Environmental Services Department upon completion of the project including any conditions. The property may be inspected at any time to ensure and affirm all conditions and terms of the permit are in compliance.
19. The record consists of:
 - PCBA 01- Conditional Use application submitted 5/9/2025 (7 pgs.);
 - PCBA 02- Site plan/map (2 pgs.);
 - PCBA 03- Strategic plan (22 pgs.);
 - PCBA 04- Letter dated 5/7/2025 and 5/16/2025 email from Karin Grandia (3 pgs.)
 - PCBA 05- Notice dated 5/14/2025 to property owners, etc.;
 - PCBA 06- Notice dated 5/14/2025 to Commissioner Hopkins;
 - PCBA 07- Notice dated 5/14/2025 to affected property owners; list of affected property owners; parcel map; plat book map (6 pgs.);
 - PCBA 08- Conditional Use Order;
 - PCBA 09- Interpretation;
 - PCBA 10- Staff report dated 6/6/2025 (3 pgs.);
 - PCBA 11- Criteria forms completed by the PCBA members (4 pgs.);

FROM THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, the Board makes the following:
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conditional use application should be approved pursuant to Sections 21.3 of the Zoning Ordinance because:

- A. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County—new businesses are allowed, encouraged and needed; proposed use will add value to the parcel; parcel will be used in a viable way to benefit the County and residents;
- B. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood as the parcel is located close to a former ski hill; the use fits in well with the nearby public recreation use and tourism area of the Sugar Lake area; parcel is located in a remote, undeveloped area with no nearby neighbors;
- C. The proposed use will not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance—erosion control measures will be utilized during construction; SWCD has been consulted; the applicant's goal is to keep the area as natural as possible with a low carbon footprint;
- D. There is sufficient access for ingress and egress and site is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment—the existing ingress/egress is satisfactory; new well/septic will be installed;
- E. The use will not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions—due to the sporting, ADA and disabled persons use safety will be a priority; no unsafe/unhealthy conditions are anticipated.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, Butterfield/Oja motioned to recommend (to the County Board) approval of the CUP application submitted by Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune to establish a multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area as set forth in the 6/6/2025 staff report and motion carried unanimously with the below condition/s:

Condition/s: Comply with Best Management Practices

ITASCA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:


Mike Bellomy, Chairperson

6-11-25
Date

ATTEST:



Katie Benes, Environmental Services Director

6/12/25
Date



ITASCA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
123 NE 4th St
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 327-2857

Wednesday, 6/11/2025

9:00 A.M.

Itasca County Boardroom

The regular meeting of the Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BoA) was held on Wednesday, 6/11/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Courthouse with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bellomy, Dan Butterfield, Mike Oja, Conley Janssen;

ABSENT: Lisa Maasch;

EXOFFICIO: Environmental Services Director Katie Benes,

GUESTS: Jeff Fortune, Alex Orlov, Peggy Clayton, Steve Rindahl, Tom Nelson, William & Michelle Greer, Mike Erickson

Chair Bellomy called the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting to order, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Copies of the agenda and opening statement were available for the audience.

Agenda. Upon the motion of Janssen/Butterfield, which carried unanimously, the agenda was approved as distributed.

Minutes. Upon the motion of Butterfield/Janssen, which carried unanimously, the minutes of the 5/14/2025 hearing were approved as distributed.

Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune/CUP— (SW NW LYG SLY of Co Rd 449 Less E 660', Section 28, Unorganized Township 54-26, Parcel #63-028-2300)— submitted a conditional use permit (CUP) application to establish a multi-use alpine ski and snowboard area. An administrative interpretation was added to the record (PCBA 09). The parcel was viewed on the overhead screen. Jeff Fortune was present and discussed his proposed plan noting there is existing Nordic skiing, hiking and mountain biking on other parcels in the area and they will be adding downhill skiing, snowboarding and other possible year-round activities (including ski jumping/free style training). The applicant accepts maintenance responsibility referred to in Karin Grandia's letter. Oja/Janssen motioned to close the public portion of the meeting which carried unanimously.

Motion: Butterfield/Oja motioned to recommend (to the County Board) approval of the CUP application submitted by Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC/Jeff Fortune to establish a multi-use alpine ski & snowboard area as set forth in the 6/6/2025 staff report. Motion carried unanimously.

Condition/s: 1) Comply with Best Management Practices

As per Section 2.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, since this CUP is of a commercial nature and proposed for a residential zoning district, the Planning Commission will make their recommendation to the County Board who will act on the application after holding a public hearing scheduled for 6/17/2025.

Butterfield/Janssen motioned to adjourn the Planning Commission and open the Board of Adjustment meeting and motion carried unanimously.

CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)

RE: Applicant Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; (Jeff Fortune)

Proposed Use: Multi Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area

Township/Range Parcel #63-028-2300; Part SW NW, S.28 T.54 R.26

A CUP MAY BE GRANTED ONLY UPON FINDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County.

yes comp plan promotes new/old business

2. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood.

yes former ski hill is close to the proposed
cup site.

3. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance.

yes ~~shall not~~ soil erosion measures will
be employed during construction

4. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress and is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment.

yes yes per Karin Guendia letter

5. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions.

yes shall not

■ When in the opinion of the Planning Commission/BoA (PC/BoA), a CUP may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the PC/BoA to demonstrate the nature and extent of the effect and to demonstrate methods for mitigating or minimizing the adverse effects.

Michael J. Jm 6/11/2005

CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)

RE: Applicant Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; (Jeff Fortune)

Proposed Use: Multi Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area

Township/Range Parcel #63-028-2300; Part SW NW, S.28 T.54 R.26

A CUP MAY BE GRANTED ONLY UPON FINDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County. *Yes.*

It will add value to the land and restore a property to be used in a viable way to benefit the county & residents

2. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood. *Yes*

It fits well with the local public use existing trails and also the tourism environment of sugar lake area.

3. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance. *Yes.*

SWCD has been consulted and approves. MBAA stated that it is the goal to keep as much nature as possible and low carbon footprint. Also the nature of the project benefits from retaining high natural environment equality.

4. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress and is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment.

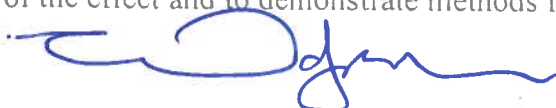
Yes. County engineer letter supports w/ advisory. Size of the property will give many options for well & septic.

5. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions. *Yes*

Due to the sporting and ADA and disabled use aspect safety will be paramount.

■ When in the opinion of the Planning Commission/BoA (PC/BoA), a CUP may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the PC/BoA to demonstrate the nature and extent of the effect and to demonstrate methods for mitigating or minimizing the adverse effects.

recommend approval



6-11-2025

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RE: Applicant Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; (Jeff Fortune)

Proposed Use: Multi Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area

Township/Range Parcel #63-028-2300; Part SW NW, S.28 T.54 R.26

A CUP MAY BE GRANTED ONLY UPON FINDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County.

Yes, New business is allowed, encouraged and wanted

2. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood.

Yes, remote ~~as~~ undeveloped area. No nearby neighbors.

3. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance.

Shall not

4. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress and is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment.

Yes, ingress & egress is satisfactory. New well & septic will be built

5. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions.

Shall not

Mike R. Elmore C-11-25

■ When in the opinion of the Planning Commission/BoA (PC/BoA), a CUP may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the PC/BoA to demonstrate the nature and extent of the effect and to demonstrate methods for mitigating or minimizing the adverse effects.

CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)

RE: Applicant Mad Bear Alpine Area LLC; (Jeff Fortune)

Proposed Use: Multi Use Alpine Ski & Snowboard Area

Township/Range Parcel #63-028-2300; Part SW NW, S.28 T.54 R.26

A CUP MAY BE GRANTED ONLY UPON FINDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The use conforms to the comprehensive plan of the County. *yes*
New business encouraged
2. The use is compatible with the existing neighborhood. *yes*
Old ski hill sign next door
Outdoor activities
3. The use shall not materially adversely impact air quality, water quality or cause soil disturbance. *shall not, encouraged outdoor activities*
New well & septic will be required at some point.
4. The site has sufficient access for ingress and egress and is adequate for water supply and sewage treatment. *yes* *Will be adding access if needed*
East + West access already.
5. The use shall not cause unsafe or unhealthy conditions. *condones healthy outdoor exercise.*

yes
DOB recommend
6-11-25

■ When in the opinion of the Planning Commission/BoA (PC/BoA), a CUP may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the PC/BoA to demonstrate the nature and extent of the effect and to demonstrate methods for mitigating or minimizing the adverse effects.



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-441

DEPARTMENT: Land Department

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Sara Thompson, Mark Erickson

AGENDA ITEM:

Tentative Sponsorship for the Keewatin Connection ATV Trail

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve tentative sponsorship for the proposed Keewatin Connection ATV Trail proposal.

BACKGROUND:

A public meeting was held on Thursday, June 5th, at 5:00 at the Keewatin Community Center. A total of 5 attendees were present at the meeting. Even though there was little attendance, we feel there is community support for the project. The City of Keewatin has approved a resolution for the designation of the trail within the community. The next step is for the club to request tentative sponsorship and enter into an agreement that outlines the duties and responsibilities of both the sponsor and the clubs upon Grant-in-Aid approval by the state. A trail proposal would then go to the DNR for GIA review and approval. When all permits and agreements are obtained, then the club can request final sponsorship for the trail.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Advertisment 052225, 052925
2. Keewatin Attendance sheet

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner John Johnson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Cory Smith
AYES:	Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema

...resolution. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2025. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for year on all unpaid installments.

Property owners may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the County auditor, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City of Nashwauck. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the date of this assessment. Property owners may at any time thereafter, pay to the City of Nashwauck the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or thereafter. Interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you do not prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is 1 percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file in the city clerk's office. Written objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court shall be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection filed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of the proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195, the council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older, one retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability, or a member of the National Guard or other person ordered to active military service for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law and Ordinance (Resolution), all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this Ordinance and the resolution corresponding to each assessment, may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the city clerk for the required form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on such property.

A property owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 435.191 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

City Clerk
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

...you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
That part of Government Lot 4, Section 32, Township 56 North, Range 24 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows:
Commencing at the intersection of

07 seconds East 60.08 feet; thence South 03 degrees 09 minutes 31 seconds East 28.02 feet; thence North 88 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds East 183 feet more or less to the shore of Trout Lake; thence Northerly along said shore to its intersection with a line commencing at the point of beginning, bearing North 88 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds East; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds West 274 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

The object of this action is to determine that the Plaintiff is the owner of a fee simple estate of the lands described above, free, and clear of a right of title or interest of Defendant.

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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Certificate of Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

Assumed Name: Launch by NSC

Public Information Meeting

Pursuant to the May 13th, 2025, official action of the Itasca County Board of Commissioners, the Keewatin Trail Runners ATV Club and the Itasca County Land Department will be holding a public informational meeting to discuss the proposed Trail Runners ATV Trail at the Keewatin Community Center on Thursday, June 5th, at 5:00 p.m. The Club is looking at establishing an ATV trail corridor connecting the City of Keewatin to the Len Hardy ATV Trail south of Nashwauck.

**If you have any questions,
please contact the Land Department at 218-327-2855 or
Mark Erickson from the Keewatin Trail Runners ATV Club at 218-969-5500.**

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 458 105
MAIN AVE W DEER RIVER MN 56636

Published 5/22, 5/29

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ITASCA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MAY 13, 2025

Per Minnesota State Statute 375.12, the full text of the Official Proceedings is available for public inspection in the Itasca County Administrator's Office of the Itasca County Courthouse in Grand Rapids, Minnesota; on the Itasca County website (<http://www.co.itasca.mn.us/129/Agendas-Minutes>); or by standard or electronic mail.

The Itasca County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 13, 2025, in the Boardroom of the Itasca County Courthouse, 123 NE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, MN.

Chair Venema called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Smith/Snyder pulled item #6.2 (Legislative Conference Call) and added additional information to Item #6.7 (Crisis Response Team Annual Report) and approved the agenda, as amended. All aye.

MINUTES APPROVAL
Johnson/Hopkins approved the minutes of the Tuesday, May 6, 2025 County Board Regular Session. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA
Snyder/Smith approved the Consent Agenda, as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN INPUT
No citizen input provided.

**RECOGNITION OF COUNTY
EMPLOYEES**
The following employees were recognized:
Becky Sutherland, Lisa Dobson, Carissa Nelson, Kenneth Schofield, Elizabeth

Keewatin Trail Runners ATV Club
ATV Trail Public Informational Meeting
Keewatin Community Center
Thursday, June 5th at 5:00 p.m.

	<u>Name</u>				<u>City or Township of Residence</u>
1	MARK ERICKSON	☒ ATV	☐ Government Agency	☒ Resident	KEEWATIN
2	Jim Neuman	☒ ATV	☐ Government Agency	☒ Resident	Keewatin
3	Jim Auegaard	☒ ATV	☐ Government Agency	☒ Resident	Keewatin
4	Richard Parish	☐ ATV	☐ Government Agency	☒ Resident	KEEWATIN
5	Kelly Larson	☒ ATV	☐ Government Agency	☒ Resident	Keewatin
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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-447

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 10 Minutes

PRESENTER: Tim Johnson

AGENDA ITEM:

North Itasca Joint Powers Board Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive Update from the North Itasca Joint Powers Board.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

06/17/2025

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, June 17, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-420

DEPARTMENT: Attorney

TIME REQUESTED: 20 Minutes

PRESENTER: Mike Haig

AGENDA ITEM:

Closed session with legal counsel to discuss active litigation issues and which discussions are protected under Minn. Stat. §595.02 - Attorney/Client Privilege. Others involved: William Hilback, Itasca County Assessor, Jake Fauchald, Itasca County Attorney. (Mike Haig)

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Hold a meeting which may be closed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, subd. 3(b) based upon attorney/client privilege, Minn. Stat. §595.02 to discuss litigation issues.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

06/17/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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