



ITASCA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Tuesday, August 19, 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: Approve the agenda, as presented.

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

1. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Itasca County Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

1. Designate County Assessor William Hilback as Itasca County's Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer effective 8/19/2025.
2. Approve the Gate Project Grant Agreement # 3-27-0037-031-2025 at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the necessary signatures.

3. Award Contract 65407 CSAH 54 Construction Projects SP 031-654-007, SP 031-654-009 & SAP 031- 654-010, to the lowest responsible bidder, Casper Construction, Inc. contingent upon the approval of the Office of Civil Rights and authorize the required signatures on the contract documents.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
Doug Carpenter provided a summons for civil court to the Commissioners, Administrator, Attorney, and Auditor.

A citizen choosing to go by Stuart Little provided input on the data request process, the possibility of the Veteran's Service Office moving, the levee going up, and IMCare.

Jake from the goat farm provided input on the federal civil rights lawsuit, and requested his goats be returned to him.

Another citizen provided input in fiscal responsibility, the Administrator's benefit package, the levee going up, civil rights, and the data request process.

2. Commissioner Warrants

Motion To: Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of August 20, 2025, in the amount of \$3,847,839.83.

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

3. County Based Purchasing (IMCare) Division Update/Presentation.
MACHP Executive Director Steve Gottwalt provided a presentation on CARMA and Legislative Update.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - between AEOA Youth Services and Itasca County Probation

Motion To: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – between AEOA Youth Services and Itasca County Probation.

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

5. Update on the 2025 Budget for the Administrative Coordinator Position
Court Services Director Kevin Glass provided an update on the 2025 Budget for the Administrative Coordinator Position.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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6. Updated Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - Big Fork River Watershed One Watershed Comprehensive Water Management Plan

Motion To: Approve an updated Planning Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which was initially approved on March 25, 2025, to include Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as a Policy Committee member and some updated language.

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

VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Brett Skyles provided a brief update on Citizen Input.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hopkins reported on attending the Itasca County Fair serving lunch to the Seniors and a budget session.

Commissioner Johnson reported on creating an Advisory Committee comprising of Itasca County Employees and Community members regarding potentially sellable Itasca County owned properties.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending a budget session, and a Mesabi Metallica meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported on attending the Itasca County Fair serving lunch to the Seniors, awarding the High Plains Tree Farm with the Farm Family of the Year award, and judged a lego competition.

Commissioner Venema reported on attending a Brownfield meeting regarding site cleanup, and a RAMS presentation regarding Keetac and Wild Rice.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hopkins provided comment regarding thanking those that spoke during Citizen Input.

Commissioner Johnson provided comment regarding visiting a former Congressman and his family.

RECESS

Chair Venema recessed the meeting at 3:30 PM.

RECONVENE

Chair Venema reconvened the meeting at 3:39 PM, with all members present.

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

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

Motion To: Go into Closed Session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 Re: Labor Negotiations.

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

Others Present: County Administrator Brett Skyles, Deputy Clerk of the County Board Shelley

SECONDER: Commissioner John Johnson AYES: Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema
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Others Present: County Administrator Brett Skyles, Deputy Clear of the County Board Shelley Kebart, and Labor Attorney Scott Lepak, virtually.

Motion To: Go into Open Session

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0) MOVER: Commissioner John Johnson SECONDER: Commissioner Cory Smith AYES: Cory Smith, Terry Snyder, John Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Casey Venema
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RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN

XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM.

ATTEST



Casey Venema
Chair of the County Board



Brett Skyles
Clerk of the County Board



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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion To: Move Consent Agenda Item #5.6 (Adopt the Resolution Re: Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land through Private Sale per Special Legislation) to Regular Agenda Item #6.8 and approve the agenda, as amended.

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

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion To: Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 5, 2025, County Board Regular Session.

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, August 5, 2025, Itasca County Regular Session.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion To: Add additional information to Item #5.1 (2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement - Teamsters 320), move Consent Agenda Item #5.6 (Adopt the Resolution Re: Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land through Private Sale per Special Legislation) to Regular Agenda Item #6.8 and approve the 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

1. Approve and authorize necessary signatures for the 2025-2027 collective bargaining agreement for the Teamsters 320 contract.
2. Appoint Molly MacGregor to the Park & Recreation Commission fulfilling an unexpired District #2 vacancy effective August 12, 2025.
3. Approve tobacco license for Casey's Retail Company dba Casey's #5235 located at 406 Main Ave, Bigfork, MN 55991. Casey's Retail Company is acquiring Two Rivers Convenience Store on September 16, 2025.
4. Approve IMCare Compliance Plan, Code of Conduct and Related Policies and Procedures.
5. Approve the Student Engagement & Attendance Support Program Services contract between ICHHS and Ross Resources Ltd., for the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Citizen Input

Patrick O'Connell gave input on Northern Natural Gas Company not using local people for work being done.

Hugh Quinn gave input on the possibility of the Veterans Service Office moving into the Courthouse from their current location.

2. Commissioner Warrants

Motion To: Approve Commissioner Warrants with a check date of August 13, 2025, in the amount of \$433,680.88.

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. Recognition of County Employees

The following employees were recognized:

Welcome to Spencer Schjenken, who is a new Mechanic/Welder in the Transportation Department, which was effective August 4th, 2025.

Welcome to Evan Petz, who is a new Eligibility Specialist in the Health and Human Services Department, which was effective August 4th, 2025.

Welcome to Jessica Rieland, who is a new Assessor/Appraiser in the Assessor Department, which was effective August 4th, 2025.

Welcome to Eugene Siddell, who is a new Assessor/Appraiser in the Assessor Department, which was effective August 4th, 2025.

Welcome to Jack Patten, who is a new Sheriff's/Road Deputy, which was effective August 4th, 2025.

Congratulations to Alissa Riehle, who moved from Administrative Support in the Recording Department to Clerk Treasurer in the Auditor-Treasurer Department, which was effective August 3rd, 2025.

Farewell to Lucas Thompson, whose last day as a Sheriff's Corrections Deputy/Captain will be

August 22, 2025, after 24+ years of service.

Farewell to Kathryn Thies, whose last day as a Public Health Administrative Specialist will be August 15, 2025, after 18+ years of service.

Farewell to Molly Rother, whose last day as an Emergency Telecommunicator was be July 31st, 2025, after 1+ years of service.

Farewell to Elizabeth Lopez, whose last day as a Corrections Deputy was July 28th, 2025, after 2.5 months of service.

Congratulations to Clint Chance, who was promoted from Highway Maintenance Worker to Highway Maintenance Supervisor, in the Transportation Department, which was effective July 20, 2025.

Congratulations to DJ Roberts, who is transferring from Corrections Deputy to Deputy/Sheriff Road Deputy in the Sheriff Department, which was effective August 3, 2025.

Congratulations to Becky Sutherland, who is being promoted from HRIS Assistant to Recruiting and Development Specialist in the HR Department, which was effective August 3, 2025.

4. Strategic Plan - TED Funding

Motion To: Approve the request for TED funding in the amount of up to \$10,000 for Consulting Services to support Grant Applications.

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

5. MN Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) through MetLife

Motion To: Approve Itasca County pursuing private coverage for Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) through MetLife and authorize necessary signatures.

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

6. Reallocate the open Public Health Nurse position to Social Worker position

Motion To: Approve reallocating the open Public Health Nurse position to a Social Worker position.

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

7. Itasca County Veterans Council – County Commissioner Appreciation

Veterans Council Commander Randal Schrouf provided appreciation to the County Commissioners.

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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8. Adopt the Resolution Re: Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land through Private Sale

Motion To: Adopt the Resolution Re: Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land through Private Sale per Special Legislation.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Terry Snyder

SECONDER: Commissioner Cory Smith

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

VII. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson reported on attending Two (2) Grant Planning meetings, MCIT Land Use Conference, Golf Course Project meeting at Eagle Ridge, and ARDC Federal EDA Grant meeting.

Commissioner Snyder reported on attending Budgets, IEDC meeting and Lake Jessie Township Association meeting.

Commissioner Venema reported on attending a Fair Board meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hopkins provided comment regarding appreciating our Veterans and taking in all that the Budget sessions bring.

Commissioner Snyder provided comment regarding the Itasca County Fair beginning on Wednesday, 8/13/2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Venema provided comment regarding the great turnout at Marble National Night Out and reminded everyone of Itasca County Fair starting.

X. CLOSED SESSIONS

XI. ADJOURN

Chair Venema adjourned the meeting at 3:01 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
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-530

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
PRESENTER:

TIME REQUESTED:

AGENDA ITEM:
Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Designate County Assessor William Hilback as Itasca County's Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer effective 8/19/2025.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

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**

Itasca County Courthouse
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-532

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
PRESENTER:

TIME REQUESTED:

AGENDA ITEM:
FAA Grant Agreement

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Gate Project Grant Agreement # 3-27-0037-031-2025 at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the necessary signatures.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. 2025 AIG Grant Request
2. 8-25-25 RCA GPZ FAA Grant_Gate Replacement
3. GPZ-GLG-3-27-0037-031-2025-Grant Agreement - unsigned

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

June 6, 2025

RE: Grand Rapids-Itasca County Airport
2025 IIJA/AIG Federal and State Grant Request

Matt Lebens, P.E.
Airport Development Engineer
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Office of Aeronautics
395 John Ireland Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Lebens:

The City of Grand Rapids is requesting a Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) / Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG - Allocated) grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Federal Fiscal Year 2025. The grant request is for the design, construction, and construction administration for the vehicle gates of Grant Rapids – Itasca County Airport (GPZ) in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Associated costs with this project are as follows:

Design (SEH)	\$ 38,100.00
Construction Administration (SEH)	\$ 54,300.00
Vehicle Gate Replacement (Century Fence Replacement)	\$ 218,561.00
City of Grand Rapids – Administrative Costs	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:	\$ 313,461.00

The City of Grand Rapids is requesting federal FAA entitlement participation for this project at 95 percent (\$297,787.94), a state fund request of 2.5% (\$7,836.53) and a local share of 2.5% (\$7,836.53) for a total grant request of \$313,461.00.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt Wegwerth, PE
Public Works Director, City Engineer
City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: August 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt a Resolution Accepting a FAA Grant in the amount of \$297,788 for the Vehicle Gate Replacement Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

PREPARED BY: Matt Wegwerth

BACKGROUND:

This project includes the replacement of two vehicle gates the Grand Rapids / Itasca County Airport. The FAA will be covering 95% of the project costs, the State of Minnesota will cover 2.5% and the local share is 2.5%. The local share is split with the County 50/50, which equals a City amount of \$3,918.27.

This is a budgeted project for 2025.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution accepting a FAA Grant in the amount of \$297,788 for the Vehicle Gate Replacement Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Dakota-Minnesota
Airports District Office

6020 28th Avenue South, Suite 102
Minneapolis, MN 55450

2301 University Drive, Building 23B
Bismarck, ND 58504

August 12, 2025

Ms. Tasha Connelly
Mayor
420 N Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport (GPZ)
Grand Rapids, MN
Grant No 3-27-0037-031-2025
UEI No FYCKJLVMF3J6
IIJA AIG Grant Offer Letter

Dear Ms. Connelly:

The Grant Offer for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Project **No. 3-27-0037-031-2025** at Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport is attached for execution. This letter outlines the steps you must take to properly enter into this agreement and provides other useful information. Please read the conditions, special conditions, and assurances that comprise the grant offer carefully.

You may not make any modification to the text, terms or conditions of the grant offer.

Steps You Must Take to Enter Into Agreement.

To properly enter into this agreement, you must do the following:

1. The governing body must give authority to execute the grant to the individual(s) signing the grant, i.e., the person signing the document must be the sponsor's authorized representative(s) (hereinafter "authorized representative").
2. The authorized representative must execute the grant by adding their electronic signature to the appropriate certificate at the end of the agreement.
3. Once the authorized representative has electronically signed the grant, the sponsor's attorney(s) will automatically receive an email notification.
4. On the **same day or after** the authorized representative has signed the grant, the sponsor's attorney(s) will add their electronic signature to the appropriate certificate at the end of the agreement.
5. If there are co-sponsors, the authorized representative(s) and sponsor's attorney(s) must follow the above procedures to fully execute the grant and finalize the process. Signatures must be obtained and finalized no later than **September 12, 2025**.
6. The fully executed grant will then be automatically sent to all parties as an email attachment.

Payment. Subject to the requirements in 2 CFR § 200.305 (Federal Payment), each payment request for reimbursement under this grant must be made electronically via the Delphi eInvoicing System. Please see the attached Grant Agreement for more information regarding the use of this System.

Project Timing. The terms and conditions of this agreement require you to complete the project without undue delay and no later than the Period of Performance end date (1,460 days from the grant execution date). We will be monitoring your progress to ensure proper stewardship of these Federal funds. We expect you to submit payment requests for reimbursement of allowable incurred project expenses consistent with project progress. Your grant may be placed in “inactive” status if you do not make draws on a regular basis, which will affect your ability to receive future grant offers. Costs incurred after the Period of Performance ends are generally not allowable and will be rejected unless authorized by the FAA in advance.

Reporting. Until the grant is completed and closed, you are responsible for submitting formal reports as follows:

- For all grants, you must submit by December 31st of each year this grant is open:
 1. A signed/dated SF-270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement for non-construction projects) or SF-271 or equivalent (Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs), and
 2. An SF-425 (Federal Financial Report).
- For non-construction projects, you must submit [FAA Form 5100-140, Performance Report](#) within 30 days of the end of the Federal fiscal year.
- For construction projects, you must submit [FAA Form 5370-1, Construction Progress and Inspection Report](#), within 30 days of the end of each Federal fiscal quarter.

Audit Requirements. As a condition of receiving Federal assistance under this award, you must comply with audit requirements as established under 2 CFR Part 200. Subpart F requires non-Federal entities that expend \$1,000,000 or more in Federal awards to conduct a single or program specific audit for that year. Note that this includes Federal expenditures made under other Federal-assistance programs. Please take appropriate and necessary action to ensure your organization will comply with applicable audit requirements and standards.

Closeout. Once the project(s) is completed and all costs are determined, we ask that you work with your FAA contact indicated below to close the project without delay and submit the necessary final closeout documentation as required by your Region/Airports District Office.

FAA Contact Information. Gaven O Hair, (612) 253-4637, gaven.t.o'hair@faa.gov is the assigned program manager for this grant and is readily available to assist you and your designated representative with the requirements stated herein.

We sincerely value your cooperation in these efforts and look forward to working with you to complete this important project.

Sincerely,

E. Lindsay Terry
Manager



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

**FY 2025 AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
GRANT AGREEMENT
Part I - Offer**

Federal Award Offer Date

Airport/Planning Area

Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport

Airport Infrastructure Grant
Number

3-27-0037-031-2025

Unique Entity Identifier

FYCKJLVMF3J6

TO: County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids

(herein called the "Sponsor") (For Co-Sponsors, list all Co-Sponsor names. The word "Sponsor" in this Grant Agreement also applies to a Co-Sponsor.)

This grant channels through the State of Minnesota.

FROM: **The United States of America** (acting through the Federal Aviation Administration, herein called the "FAA")

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has submitted to the FAA a Project Application dated August 06, 2025, for a grant of Federal funds for a project at or associated with the Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport, which is included as part of this Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved a project for the Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport (herein called the "Project") consisting of the following:

Reconstruct Perimeter Fencing (Vehicle Gates)

which is more fully described in the Project Application.

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law (P.L.) 117-58) of 2021; FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-63); and the representations contained in the Project Application; and in consideration of (a) the Sponsor's adoption and ratification of the attached Grant Assurances dated April 2025, interpreted and applied consistent with the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024; (b) the Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer; and (c) the

benefits to accrue to the United States and the public from the accomplishment of the Project and compliance with the Grant Assurance and conditions as herein provided;

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, HEREBY OFFERS AND AGREES to pay (95) % of the allowable costs incurred accomplishing the Project as the United States share of the Project.

Assistance Listings Number (Formerly CFDA Number): 20.106

This Offer is made on and SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

CONDITIONS

1. **Maximum Obligation.** The maximum obligation of the United States payable under this Offer is **\$297,788.**

The following amounts represent a breakdown of the maximum obligation for the purpose of establishing allowable amounts for any future grant amendment, which may increase the foregoing maximum obligation of the United States under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 47108(b):

\$0 for planning

\$297,788 for airport development or noise program implementation; and,

\$0 for land acquisition.

2. **Grant Performance.** This Grant Agreement is subject to the following Federal award requirements:

- a. Period of Performance:

1. Shall start on the date the Sponsor formally accepts this Agreement and is the date signed by the last Sponsor signatory to the Agreement. The end date of the Period of Performance is 4 years (1,460 calendar days) from the date of acceptance. The Period of Performance end date shall not affect, relieve, or reduce Sponsor obligations and assurances that extend beyond the closeout of this Grant Agreement.
2. Means the total estimated time interval between the start of an initial Federal award and the planned end date, which may include one or more funded portions or budget periods (2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 200.1) except as noted in 49 U.S.C § 47142(b).

- b. Budget Period:

1. For this Grant is 4 years (1,460 calendar days) and follows the same start and end date as the Period of Performance provided in paragraph 2(a)(1). Pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.403(h), the Sponsor may charge to the Grant only allowable costs incurred during the Budget Period and as stated in 49 U.S.C § 47142(b). Eligible project-related costs incurred on or after November 15, 2021 that comply with all Federal funding procurement requirements and FAA standards are allowable costs.
2. Means the time interval from the start date of a funded portion of an award to the end date of that funded portion during which Sponsors are authorized to expend the funds awarded, including any funds carried forward or other revisions pursuant to 2 CFR § 200.308.

- c. Close Out and Termination

Unless the FAA authorizes a written extension, the Sponsor must submit all Grant closeout documentation and liquidate (pay-off) all obligations incurred under this award no later

than 120 calendar days after the end date of the Period of Performance. If the Sponsor does not submit all required closeout documentation within this time period, the FAA will proceed to close out the grant within one year of the Period of Performance end date with the information available at the end of 120 days (2 CFR § 200.344). The FAA may terminate this agreement and all of its obligations under this agreement if any of the following occurs:

- (a) (1) The Sponsor fails to obtain or provide any Sponsor grant contribution as required by the agreement;
 - (2) A completion date for the Project or a component of the Project is listed in the agreement and the Recipient fails to meet that milestone by six months after the date listed in the agreement;
 - (3) The Sponsor fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement, including a material failure to comply with the Project Schedule even if it is beyond the reasonable control of the Sponsor;
 - (4) Circumstances cause changes to the Project that the FAA determines are inconsistent with the FAA's basis for selecting the Project to receive a grant; or
 - (5) The FAA determines that termination of this agreement is in the public interest.
- (b) In terminating this agreement under this section, the FAA may elect to consider only the interests of the FAA.
- (c) The Sponsor may request that the FAA terminate the agreement under this section.

3. **Ineligible or Unallowable Costs.** In accordance with P.L. 117-58, Division J, Title VIII, and 49 U.S.C. § 47110, the Sponsor is prohibited from including any costs in the grant funded portions of the project that the FAA has determined to be ineligible or unallowable, including costs incurred to carry out airport development implementing policies and initiatives repealed by Executive Order 14148, provided such costs are not otherwise permitted by statute.
4. **Indirect Costs - Sponsor.** The Sponsor may charge indirect costs under this award by applying the indirect cost rate identified in the project application as accepted by the FAA, to allowable costs for Sponsor direct salaries and wages.
5. **Determining the Final Federal Share of Costs.** The United States' share of allowable project costs will be made in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 47109, the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary of Transportation ("Secretary"), and any superseding legislation. Final determination of the United States' share will be based upon the final audit of the total amount of allowable project costs and settlement will be made for any upward or downward adjustments to the Federal share of costs.
6. **Completing the Project Without Delay and in Conformance with Requirements.** The Sponsor must carry out and complete the project without undue delays and in accordance with this Agreement, IIJA (P.L. 117-58), and the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary. Per 2 CFR § 200.308, the Sponsor agrees to report and request prior FAA approval for any disengagement from performing the project that exceeds three months or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the

project. The report must include a reason for the project stoppage. The Sponsor also agrees to comply with the grant assurances, which are part of this Agreement.

7. **Amendments or Withdrawals before Grant Acceptance.** The FAA reserves the right to amend or withdraw this offer at any time prior to its acceptance by the Sponsor.
8. **Offer Expiration Date.** This offer will expire and the United States will not be obligated to pay any part of the costs of the project unless this offer has been accepted by the Sponsor on or before **September 12, 2025**, or such subsequent date as may be prescribed in writing by the FAA.
9. **Improper Use of Federal Funds and Mandatory Disclosure.**
 - a. The Sponsor must take all steps, including litigation if necessary, to recover Federal funds spent fraudulently, wastefully, or in violation of Federal antitrust statutes, or misused in any other manner for any project upon which Federal funds have been expended. For the purposes of this Grant Agreement, the term "Federal funds" means funds however used or dispersed by the Sponsor, that were originally paid pursuant to this or any other Federal grant agreement. The Sponsor must obtain the approval of the Secretary as to any determination of the amount of the Federal share of such funds. The Sponsor must return the recovered Federal share, including funds recovered by settlement, order, or judgment, to the Secretary. The Sponsor must furnish to the Secretary, upon request, all documents and records pertaining to the determination of the amount of the Federal share or to any settlement, litigation, negotiation, or other efforts taken to recover such funds. All settlements or other final positions of the Sponsor, in court or otherwise, involving the recovery of such Federal share require advance approval by the Secretary.
 - b. The Sponsor, a recipient, and a subrecipient under this Federal grant must promptly comply with the mandatory disclosure requirements as established under 2 CFR § 200.113, including reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII to 2 CFR Part 200.
10. **United States Not Liable for Damage or Injury.** The United States is not responsible or liable for damage to property or injury to persons which may arise from, or be incident to, compliance with this Grant Agreement.
11. **System for Award Management (SAM) Registration and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).**
 - a. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM): Unless the Sponsor is exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR § 25.110, the Sponsor must maintain the currency of its information in the SAM until the Sponsor submits the final financial report required under this Grant, or receives the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the Sponsor review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration and more frequently if required by changes in information or another award term. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM website (currently at <http://www.sam.gov>).
 - b. Unique entity identifier (UEI) means a 12-character alpha-numeric value used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit or governmental entity. A UEI may be obtained from SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>.
12. **Electronic Grant Payment(s).** Unless otherwise directed by the FAA, the Sponsor must make each payment request under this Agreement electronically via the Delphi eInvoicing System for Department of Transportation (DOT) Financial Assistance Awardees.

13. **Informal Letter Amendment of IJA Projects.** If, during the life of the project, the FAA determines that the maximum grant obligation of the United States exceeds the expected needs of the Sponsor by \$25,000 or five percent (5%), whichever is greater, the FAA can issue a letter amendment to the Sponsor unilaterally reducing the maximum obligation.

The FAA can, subject to the availability of Federal funds, also issue a letter to the Sponsor increasing the maximum obligation if there is an overrun in the total actual eligible and allowable project costs to cover the amount of the overrun provided it will not exceed the statutory limitations for grant amendments. The FAA's authority to increase the maximum obligation does not apply to the "planning" component of Condition No. 1, Maximum Obligation.

The FAA can also issue an informal letter amendment that modifies the grant description to correct administrative errors or to delete work items if the FAA finds it advantageous and in the best interests of the United States.

An informal letter amendment has the same force and effect as a formal grant amendment.

14. **Environmental Standards.** The Sponsor is required to comply with all applicable environmental standards, as further defined in the Grant Assurances, for all projects in this grant. If the Sponsor fails to comply with this requirement, the FAA may suspend, cancel, or terminate this Grant Agreement.
15. **Financial Reporting and Payment Requirements.** The Sponsor will comply with all Federal financial reporting requirements and payment requirements, including submittal of timely and accurate reports.
16. **Buy American.** Unless otherwise approved in advance by the FAA, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 50101, the Sponsor will not acquire or permit any contractor or subcontractor to acquire any steel or manufactured goods produced outside the United States to be used for any project for which funds are provided under this Grant. The Sponsor will include a provision implementing Buy American in every contract and subcontract awarded under this Grant.
17. **Build America, Buy American.** The Sponsor must comply with the requirements under the Build America, Buy America Act (P.L. 117-58).
18. **Maximum Obligation Increase.** In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 47108(b)(3), as amended, the maximum obligation of the United States, as stated in Condition No. 1, Maximum Obligation, of this Grant:
- a. May not be increased for a planning project;
 - b. May be increased by not more than 15 percent for development projects, if funds are available;
 - c. May be increased by not more than the greater of the following for a land project, if funds are available:
 1. 15 percent; or
 2. 25 percent of the total increase in allowable project costs attributable to acquiring an interest in the land.

If the Sponsor requests an increase, any eligible increase in funding will be subject to the United States Government share as provided in IJA (P.L. 117-58), or other superseding legislation if applicable, for the fiscal year appropriation with which the increase is funded. The FAA is not responsible for the same Federal share provided herein for any amount increased over the initial

grant amount. The FAA may adjust the Federal share as applicable through an informal letter of amendment.

19. Audits for Sponsors.

PUBLIC SPONSORS. The Sponsor must provide for a Single Audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. The Sponsor must submit the audit reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>. Upon request of the FAA, the Sponsor shall provide one copy of the completed audit to the FAA. Sponsors that expend less than \$1,000,000 in Federal awards and are exempt from Federal audit requirements must make records available for review or audit by the appropriate Federal agency officials, State, and Government Accountability Office. The FAA and other appropriate Federal agencies may request additional information to meet all Federal audit requirements.

20. Suspension or Debarment. When entering into a "covered transaction" as defined by 2 CFR § 180.200, the Sponsor must:

- a. Verify the non-Federal entity is eligible to participate in this Federal program by:
 1. Checking the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) exclusions to determine if the non-Federal entity is excluded or disqualified; or
 2. Collecting a certification statement from the non-Federal entity attesting they are not excluded or disqualified from participating; or
 3. Adding a clause or condition to covered transactions attesting the individual or firm are not excluded or disqualified from participating.
- b. Require prime contractors to comply with 2 CFR § 180.330 when entering into lower-tier transactions with their contractors and sub-contractors.
- c. Immediately disclose in writing to the FAA whenever (1) the Sponsor learns it has entered into a covered transaction with an ineligible entity or (2) the Public Sponsor suspends or debars a contractor, person, or entity.

21. Ban on Texting While Driving.

- a. In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, October 1, 2009, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, December 30, 2009, the Sponsor is encouraged to:
 1. Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers including policies to ban text messaging while driving when performing any work for, or on behalf of, the Federal government, including work relating to a grant or subgrant.
 2. Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as:
 - i. Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and
 - ii. Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.
- b. The Sponsor must insert the substance of this clause on banning texting while driving in all subgrants, contracts, and subcontracts funded with this Grant.

22. Trafficking in Persons.

1. *Posting of contact information.*
 - a. The Sponsor must post the contact information of the national human trafficking hotline (including options to reach out to the hotline such as through phone, text, or TTY) in all public airport restrooms.
2. *Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.*
 - a. Under this Grant, the recipient, its employees, subrecipients under this Grant, and subrecipients employees must not engage in:
 - i. Severe forms of trafficking in persons;
 - ii. The procurement of commercial sex act during the period of time that the grant or cooperative agreement is in effect;
 - iii. The use of forced labor in the performance of this grant; or any subaward; or
 - iv. Acts that directly support or advance trafficking in person, including the following acts;
 - a) Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or otherwise denying an employee access to that employee's identity or immigration documents;
 - b) Failing to provide return transportation of pay for return transportation costs to an employee from a country outside the United States to the country from which the employee was recruited upon the end of employment if requested by the employee, unless:
 1. Exempted from the requirement to provide or pay for such return transportation by the federal department or agency providing or entering into the grant; or
 2. The employee is a victim of human trafficking seeking victim services or legal redress in the country of employment or witness in a human trafficking enforcement action;
 - c) Soliciting a person for the purpose of employment, or offering employment, by means of materially false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises regarding that employment;
 - d) Charging recruited employees a placement or recruitment fee; or
 - e) Providing or arranging housing that fails to meet the host country's housing and safety standards.
 - b. The FAA, may unilaterally terminate this Grant, or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 U.S.C 7104b(c), without penalty, if any private entity under this Grant;
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant;
 - ii. Has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant through conduct that is either:
 - a) Associated with performance under this Grant; or
 - b) Imputed to the recipient or subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR

Part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by the FAA at 2 CFR Part 1200.

3. *Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.*
 - a. The FAA may unilaterally terminate this award or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 U.S.C 7104b(c), without penalty, if subrecipient than is a private entity under this award;
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant or
 - ii. Has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant through conduct that is either:
 - a) Associated with performance under this Grant; or
 - b) Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR Part 180, “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),” as implemented by our agency at 2 CFR Part 1200.
4. *Provisions applicable to any recipient.*
 - a. The recipient must inform the FAA and the DOT Inspector General, immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant.
 - b. The FAA’s right to unilaterally terminate this Grant as described in paragraph (2)(b) or (3)(a) of this Grant, implements the requirements of 22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and is addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to the FAA under this Grant:
 - c. The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) of this Grant award term in any subaward it makes to a private entity.
 - d. If applicable, the recipient must also comply with the compliance plan and certification requirements in 2 CFR 175.105(b).
5. *Definitions.* For purposes of this Grant award, term:
 - a. “Employee” means either:
 - i. An individual employed by the recipient or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this Grant; or
 - ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this Grant and not compensated by the recipient including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or requirements.
 - b. “Private entity” means:
 - i. Any entity, including for profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and hospitals. The term does not include foreign public entities, Indian Tribes, local governments, or states as defined in 2 CFR 200.1.
 - ii. The terms “severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” “sex trafficking,” “Abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process,” “coercion,” “debt

bondage,” and “involuntary servitude” have the meaning given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

23. **IJA Funded Work Included in a PFC Application.** Within 120 days of acceptance of this Grant Agreement, the Sponsor must submit to the FAA an amendment to any approved Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application that contains an approved PFC project also covered under this Grant Agreement as described in the project application. The airport sponsor may not make any expenditure under this Grant Agreement until project work addressed under this Grant Agreement is removed from an approved PFC application by amendment.
24. **Exhibit “A” Property Map.** The Exhibit “A” Property Map dated August 04, 2014, is incorporated herein by reference or is submitted with the project application and made part of this Grant Agreement.
25. **Employee Protection from Reprisal.** In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.217 and 41 U.S.C. § 4701, an employee of a grantee, subgrantee contractor, recipient or subrecipient must not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (a)(2) of 41 U.S.C. 4712 information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. The grantee, subgrantee, contractor, recipient, or subrecipient must inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. § 4712. See statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at 10 U.S.C. § 4701, 41 U.S.C. § 4712, 41 U.S.C. § 4304, and 10 U.S.C. § 4310.
26. **Co-Sponsor.** The Co-Sponsors understand and agree that they jointly and severally adopt and ratify the representations and assurances contained therein and that the word "Sponsor" as used in the application and other assurances is deemed to include all Co-Sponsors.
27. **Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.** The Sponsor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to use and procurement of certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Act [P.L. 115-232 § 889(f)] and 2 CFR § 200.216.
28. **Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.** The Sponsor acknowledges that it has considered and addressed physical and cybersecurity and resilience in its project planning, design, and oversight, as determined by the DOT and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For airports that do not have specific DOT or DHS cybersecurity requirements, the FAA encourages the voluntary adoption of the cybersecurity requirements from the Transportation Security Administration and Federal Security Director identified for security risk Category X airports.
29. **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.** As a condition of a grant award, the Sponsor shall demonstrate that it complies with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq) and implementing regulations (49 CFR part 21), the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. § 47123), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.), U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Assurances, and other relevant civil rights statutes, regulations, or authorities, including any amendments or updates thereto. This may include, as applicable, providing a current Title VI Program Plan to the FAA for approval, in the format and according to the timeline required by the

FAA, and other information about the communities that will be benefited and impacted by the project. A completed FAA Title VI Pre-Grant Award Checklist is required for every grant application, unless excused by the FAA. The Sponsor shall affirmatively ensure that when carrying out any project supported by this grant that it complies with all federal nondiscrimination and civil rights laws based on race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, disability, genetic information, in consideration for federal financial assistance. The Department's and FAA's Office of Civil Rights may provide resources and technical assistance to recipients to ensure full and sustainable compliance with Federal civil rights requirements. Failure to comply with civil rights requirements will be considered a violation of the agreement or contract and be subject to any enforcement action as authorized by law.

30. **FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.** This grant agreement is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein including the terms known as the Grant Assurances as they were published in the Federal Register April 2025. On May 16, 2024, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 made certain amendments to 49 U.S.C. chapter 471. The Reauthorization Act will require the FAA to make certain amendments to the assurances in order to best achieve consistency with the statute. Federal law requires that the FAA publish any amendments to the assurances in the Federal Register along with an opportunity to comment. In order not to delay the offer of this grant, the existing assurances are attached herein; however, the FAA shall interpret and apply these assurances consistent with the Reauthorization Act. To the extent there is a conflict between the assurances and Federal statutes, the statutes shall apply. The full text of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 is at

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3935/text>

31. **Applicable Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws.** Pursuant to Section (3)(b)(iv), Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity, the sponsor:

- a. Agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 U.S.C. 3729(b)(4); and
- b. certifies that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

32. **Federal Law and Public Policy Requirements.** The Sponsor shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the United States Constitution, Federal law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination; and the Sponsor will cooperate with Federal officials in the enforcement of Federal law, including cooperating with and not impeding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other Federal offices and components of the Department of Homeland Security in and the enforcement of Federal immigration law.

33. **National Airspace System Requirements**

- a. The Sponsor shall cooperate with FAA activities installing, maintaining, replacing, improving, or operating equipment and facilities in or supporting the National Airspace System, including waiving permitting requirements and other restrictions affecting those activities to the maximum extent possible, and assisting the FAA in securing waivers of permitting or other restrictions from other authorities. The Sponsor shall not take actions that frustrate or prevent

the FAA from installing, maintaining, replacing, improving, or operating equipment and facilities in or supporting the National Airspace System.

- b. If the FAA determines that the Sponsor has violated subsection (a), the FAA may impose a remedy, including:
 - (1) additional conditions on the award;
 - (2) consistent with 49 U.S.C chapter 471, any remedy permitted under 2 C.F.R. 200.339–200.340, including withholding of payments; disallowance of previously reimbursed costs, requiring refunds from the Recipient to the USDOT; suspension or termination of the award; or suspension and debarment under 2 CFR part 180; or
 - (3) any other remedy legally available.
- c. In imposing a remedy under this condition, the FAA may elect to consider the interests of only the FAA.
- d. The Sponsor acknowledges that amounts that the FAA requires the Sponsor to refund to the FAA due to a remedy under this condition constitute a debt to the Federal Government that the FAA may collect under 2 CFR 200.346 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards (31 CFR parts 900–904).

34. **Signage Costs for Construction Projects.** The airport grant recipient hereby agrees that it will require the prime contractor of a Federally- assisted airport improvement project to post signs consistent with a DOT/FAA-prescribed format, as may be requested by the DOT/FAA, and further agrees to remove any signs posted in response to requests received prior to February 1, 2025.

35. **Title 8 - U.S.C., Chapter 12, Subchapter II - Immigration.** The sponsor will follow applicable federal laws pertaining to Subchapter 12, and be subject to the penalties set forth in 8 U.S.C. § 1324, Bringing in and harboring certain aliens, and 8 U.S.C. § 1327, Aiding or assisting certain aliens to enter.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

36. **Environmental**. The environmental approval for this project was issued on 11/27/2024. This project includes the following mitigation measures:

Simple Written Record

The Sponsor understands and agrees to complete the above-listed mitigation measures to standards satisfactory to the FAA. It is further mutually agreed that the reasonable cost of completing these mitigation measures is an allowable cost within the scope of this project.

37. **Plans and Specifications Approval Based Upon Certification**. The FAA and the Sponsor agree that the FAA's approval of the Sponsor's Plans and Specification is based primarily upon the Sponsor's certification to carry out the project in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the FAA. The Sponsor understands that:
- a. The Sponsor's certification does not relieve the Sponsor of the requirement to obtain prior FAA approval for modifications to published FAA airport development grant standards or to notify the FAA of any limitations to competition within the project;
 - b. The FAA's acceptance of a Sponsor's certification does not limit the FAA from reviewing appropriate project documentation for the purpose of validating the certification statements; and
 - c. If the FAA determines that the Sponsor has not complied with their certification statements, the FAA will review the associated project costs to determine whether such costs are allowable under this Grant and associated grants.
38. **Buy American Executive Orders**. The Sponsor agrees to abide by applicable Executive Orders in effect at the time this Grant Agreement is executed, including Executive Order 14005, Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers.
39. **Duffy Plaintiff Special Term**. Pursuant to the court's preliminary injunction order in *State of California v. Duffy*, 1:25-cv-00208-JJM-PAS (D.R.I.) (June 19, 2025), DOT will not impose or enforce the challenged immigration enforcement condition* or any materially similar terms and conditions, to any grant funds awarded, directly or indirectly, to Plaintiff States or local government entities within those States (collectively referred to as "Plaintiff State Entities"), or otherwise rescind, withhold, terminate, or take other adverse action, absent specific statutory authority, based on the challenged immigration enforcement condition while DOT is subject to an injunction. DOT will not require Plaintiff State Entities to make any certification or other representation related to compliance with the challenged immigration enforcement condition nor will DOT construe acceptance of funding from DOT as certification as to the challenged immigration enforcement condition.

*The challenged immigration enforcement condition:

"[T]he Recipient will cooperate with Federal officials in the enforcement of Federal law, including cooperating with and not impeding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other Federal offices and components of the Department of Homeland Security in the enforcement of Federal immigration law."

The Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer and ratification and adoption of the Project Application incorporated herein shall be evidenced by execution of this instrument by the Sponsor, as hereinafter provided, and this Offer and Acceptance shall comprise a Grant Agreement, constituting the contractual obligations and rights of the United States and the Sponsor with respect to the accomplishment of the Project and compliance with the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions as provided herein. Such Grant Agreement shall become effective upon the Sponsor's acceptance of this Offer.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.¹

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

(Signature)

(Typed Name)

(Title of FAA Official)

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Part II - Acceptance

The Sponsor does hereby ratify and adopt all assurances, statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in the Project Application and incorporated materials referred to in the foregoing Offer, and does hereby accept this Offer and by such acceptance agrees to comply with all of the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions in this Offer and in the Project Application.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.²

Dated _____

County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids

(Name of Sponsor)

(Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

By: _____

(Typed Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

Title: _____

(Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

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CERTIFICATE OF SPONSOR'S ATTORNEY

I, _____, acting as Attorney for the Sponsor do hereby certify:

That in my opinion the Sponsor is empowered to enter into the foregoing Grant Agreement under the laws of the State of Minnesota. Further, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and the actions taken by said Sponsor and Sponsor's official representative, who has been duly authorized to execute this Grant Agreement, which is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the said State; the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58) of 2021; FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-63); and the representations contained in the Project Application. In addition, for grants involving projects to be carried out on property not owned by the Sponsor, there are no legal impediments that will prevent full performance by the Sponsor. Further, it is my opinion that the said Grant Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the Sponsor in accordance with the terms thereof.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.³

Dated at _____

By: _____

(Signature of Sponsor's Attorney)

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.⁴

Dated _____

[Please Enter Co-Sponsor Name]

(Name of Sponsor)

(Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

By: _____

(Typed Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

Title: _____

(Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official)

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I, _____, acting as Attorney for the Sponsor do hereby certify:

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Dated at _____

By: _____

(Signature of Sponsor's Attorney)

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ASSURANCES

AIRPORT SPONSORS

A. General.

1. These assurances shall be complied with in the performance of grant agreements for airport development, airport planning, and noise compatibility program grants for airport sponsors.
2. These assurances are required to be submitted as part of the project application by sponsors requesting funds under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C., subtitle VII, as amended. As used herein, the term "public agency sponsor" means a public agency with control of a public-use airport; the term "private sponsor" means a private owner of a public-use airport; and the term "sponsor" includes both public agency sponsors and private sponsors.
3. Upon acceptance of this grant offer by the sponsor, these assurances are incorporated in and become part of this Grant Agreement.

B. Duration and Applicability.

1. **Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Program Projects Undertaken by a Public Agency Sponsor.**

The terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired for an airport development or noise compatibility program project, or throughout the useful life of the project items installed within a facility under a noise compatibility program project, but in any event not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of acceptance of a grant offer of Federal funds for the project. However, there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport. There shall be no limit on the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances with respect to real property acquired with federal funds. Furthermore, the duration of the Civil Rights assurance shall be specified in the assurances.

2. **Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Projects Undertaken by a Private Sponsor.**

The preceding paragraph (1) also applies to a private sponsor except that the useful life of project items installed within a facility or the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired under an airport development or noise compatibility program project shall be no less than ten (10) years from the date of acceptance of Federal aid for the project.

3. **Airport Planning Undertaken by a Sponsor.**

Unless otherwise specified in this Grant Agreement, only Assurances 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 18, 23, 25, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, and 40 in Section C apply to planning projects. The terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the project; there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport.

C. Sponsor Certification.

The sponsor hereby assures and certifies, with respect to this grant that:

1. General Federal Requirements

The Sponsor will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of Federal funds for this Grant. Performance under this agreement shall be governed by and in compliance with the following requirements, as applicable, to the type of organization of the Sponsor and any applicable sub-recipients. The applicable provisions to this agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- a. 49 U.S.C. subtitle VII, as amended.
- b. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended — 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147, et seq.¹
- c. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act – 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.
- d. Hatch Act – 5 U.S.C. § 1501, et seq.²
- e. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4601, et seq.^{1, 2}
- f. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 – Section 106 – 54 U.S.C. § 306108.¹
- g. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 – 54 U.S.C. § 312501, et seq.¹
- h. Native Americans Grave Repatriation Act – 25 U.S.C. § 3001, et seq.
- i. Clean Air Act, P.L. 90-148, as amended – 42 U.S.C. § 7401, et seq.
- j. Coastal Zone Management Act, P.L. 92-583, as amended – 16 U.S.C. § 1451, et seq.
- k. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 – Section 102(a) - 42 U.S.C. § 4012a.¹
- l. 49 U.S.C. § 303, (formerly known as Section 4(f)).
- m. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – 29 U.S.C. § 794.
- n. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin).
- o. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).
- p. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 – 42 U.S.C. § 6101, et seq.
- q. American Indian Religious Freedom Act, P.L. 95-341, as amended.
- r. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended – 42 U.S.C. § 4151, et seq.¹
- s. Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 – Section 403 – 42 U.S.C. § 8373.¹
- t. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act – 40 U.S.C. § 3701, et seq.¹
- u. Copeland Anti-kickback Act – 18 U.S.C. § 874.¹
- v. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 – 42 U.S.C. § 4321, et seq.¹

- w. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, as amended – 16 U.S.C. § 1271, et seq.
- x. Single Audit Act of 1984 – 31 U.S.C. § 7501, et seq.²
- y. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 – 41 U.S.C. §§ 8101 through 8105.
- z. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as amended (P.L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of P.L. 110-252).
- aa. Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, P.L. 100-259.
- bb. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, Title VIII.
- cc. Build America, Buy America Act, P.L. 117-58, Title IX.
- dd. Endangered Species Act – 16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.
- ee. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended – 20 U.S.C. 1681–1683 and 1685–1687.
- ff. Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended – 21 U.S.C. 1101, et seq.
- gg. Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, P.L. 91-616, as amended – 42 U.S.C. § 4541, et seq.
- hh. Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions – 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- a. Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands
- b. Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management
- c. Executive Order 12372 – Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs
- d. Executive Order 12699 – Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally Assisted New Building Construction¹
- e. Executive Order 14005 – Ensuring the Future is Made in all of America by All of America's Workers
- f. Executive Order 14149 – Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship
- g. Executive Order 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- h. Executive Order 14154 – Unleashing American Energy
- i. Executive Order 14168 – Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- j. Executive Order 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- a. 2 CFR Part 180 – OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).
- b. 2 CFR Part 200 and 1201 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.^{3, 4, 5}
- c. 2 CFR Part 1200 – Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment.

- d. 14 CFR Part 13 – Investigative and Enforcement Procedures.
- e. 14 CFR Part 16 – Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Enforcement Proceedings.
- f. 14 CFR Part 150 – Airport Noise Compatibility Planning.
- g. 28 CFR Part 35 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.
- h. 28 CFR § 50.3 – U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for the Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- i. 29 CFR Part 1 – Procedures for Predetermination of Wage Rates.¹
- j. 29 CFR Part 3 – Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States.¹
- k. 29 CFR Part 5 – Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (Also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act).¹
- l. 41 CFR Part 60 – Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor (Federal and Federally-assisted contracting requirements).¹
- m. 49 CFR Part 20 – New Restrictions on Lobbying.
- n. 49 CFR Part 21 – Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- o. 49 CFR Part 23 – Participation by Disadvantage Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions.
- p. 49 CFR Part 24 – Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally-Assisted Programs.^{1, 2}
- q. 49 CFR Part 26 – Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.
- r. 49 CFR Part 27 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.¹
- s. 49 CFR Part 28 – Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Department of Transportation.
- t. 49 CFR Part 30 – Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries That Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.
- u. 49 CFR Part 32 – Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).
- v. 49 CFR Part 37 – Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA).
- w. 49 CFR Part 38 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles.
- x. 49 CFR Part 41 – Seismic Safety.

FOOTNOTES TO ASSURANCE (C)(1)

¹ These laws do not apply to airport planning sponsors.

² These laws do not apply to private sponsors.

- ³ 2 CFR Part 200 contains requirements for State and Local Governments receiving Federal assistance. Any requirement levied upon State and Local Governments by this regulation shall apply where applicable to private sponsors receiving Federal assistance under Title 49, United States Code.
- ⁴ Cost principles established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart E must be used as guidelines for determining the eligibility of specific types of expenses.
- ⁵ Audit requirements established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart F are the guidelines for audits.

SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

Specific assurances required to be included in grant agreements by any of the above laws, regulations or circulars are incorporated by reference in this Grant Agreement.

1. Responsibility and Authority of the Sponsor.

a. Public Agency Sponsor:

It has legal authority to apply for this Grant, and to finance and carry out the proposed project; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

b. Private Sponsor:

It has legal authority to apply for this Grant and to finance and carry out the proposed project and comply with all terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement. It shall designate an official representative and shall in writing direct and authorize that person to file this application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; to act in connection with this application; and to provide such additional information as may be required.

2. Sponsor Fund Availability.

It has sufficient funds available for that portion of the project costs which are not to be paid by the United States. It has sufficient funds available to assure operation and maintenance of items funded under this Grant Agreement which it will own or control.

3. Good Title.

- a. It, a public agency or the Federal government, holds good title, satisfactory to the Secretary, to the landing area of the airport or site thereof, or will give assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that good title will be acquired.
- b. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on the property of the sponsor, it holds good title satisfactory to the Secretary to that portion of the property upon which Federal funds will be expended or will give assurance to the Secretary that good title will be obtained.

4. Preserving Rights and Powers.

- a. It will not take or permit any action which would operate to deprive it of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this Grant Agreement without the written approval of the Secretary, and will act promptly to acquire, extinguish or modify any outstanding rights or claims of right of others which would interfere

with such performance by the sponsor. This shall be done in a manner acceptable to the Secretary.

- b. Subject to 49 U.S.C. 47107(a)(16) and (x), it will not sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any part of its title or other interests in the property shown on Exhibit A to this application or, for a noise compatibility program project, that portion of the property upon which Federal funds have been expended, for the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this Grant Agreement without approval by the Secretary. If the transferee is found by the Secretary to be eligible under Title 49, United States Code, to assume the obligations of this Grant Agreement and to have the power, authority, and financial resources to carry out all such obligations, the sponsor shall insert in the contract or document transferring or disposing of the sponsor's interest, and make binding upon the transferee all of the terms, conditions, and assurances contained in this Grant Agreement.
- c. For all noise compatibility program projects which are to be carried out by another unit of local government or are on property owned by a unit of local government other than the sponsor, it will enter into an agreement with that government. Except as otherwise specified by the Secretary, that agreement shall obligate that government to the same terms, conditions, and assurances that would be applicable to it if it applied directly to the FAA for a grant to undertake the noise compatibility program project. That agreement and changes thereto must be satisfactory to the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the local government if there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- d. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on privately owned property, it will enter into an agreement with the owner of that property which includes provisions specified by the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the property owner whenever there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- e. If the sponsor is a private sponsor, it will take steps satisfactory to the Secretary to ensure that the airport will continue to function as a public-use airport in accordance with these assurances for the duration of these assurances.
- f. If an arrangement is made for management and operation of the airport by any agency or person other than the sponsor or an employee of the sponsor, the sponsor will reserve sufficient rights and authority to ensure that the airport will be operated and maintained in accordance with Title 49, United States Code, the regulations and the terms, conditions and assurances in this Grant Agreement and shall ensure that such arrangement also requires compliance therewith.
- g. Sponsors of commercial service airports will not permit or enter into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner or tenant of a property used as a residence, or zoned for residential use, to taxi an aircraft between that property and any location on airport. Sponsors of general aviation airports entering into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner of residential real property adjacent to or near the airport must comply with the requirements of Sec. 136 of Public Law 112-95 and the sponsor assurances.

5. Consistency with Local Plans.

The project is reasonably consistent with plans (existing at the time of submission of this application) of public agencies that are authorized by the State in which the project is located to plan for the development of the area surrounding the airport.

6. Consideration of Local Interest.

It has given fair consideration to the interest of communities in or near where the project may be located.

7. Consultation with Users.

In making a decision to undertake any airport development project under Title 49, United States Code, it has undertaken reasonable consultations with affected parties using the airport at which project is proposed.

8. Public Hearings.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension, it has afforded the opportunity for public hearings for the purpose of considering the economic, social, and environmental effects of the airport or runway location and its consistency with goals and objectives of such planning as has been carried out by the community and it shall, when requested by the Secretary, submit a copy of the transcript of such hearings to the Secretary. Further, for such projects, it has on its management board either voting representation from the communities where the project is located or has advised the communities that they have the right to petition the Secretary concerning a proposed project.

9. Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension at a medium or large hub airport, the sponsor has made available to and has provided upon request to the metropolitan planning organization in the area in which the airport is located, if any, a copy of the proposed amendment to the airport layout plan to depict the project and a copy of any airport master plan in which the project is described or depicted.

10. Pavement Preventive Maintenance-Management.

With respect to a project approved after January 1, 1995, for the replacement or reconstruction of pavement at the airport, it assures or certifies that it has implemented an effective airport pavement maintenance-management program, and it assures that it will use such program for the useful life of any pavement constructed, reconstructed, or repaired with Federal financial assistance at the airport. It will provide such reports on pavement condition and pavement management programs as the Secretary determines may be useful.

11. Terminal Development Prerequisites.

For projects which include terminal development at a public use airport, as defined in Title 49, it has, on the date of submittal of the project grant application, all the safety equipment required for certification of such airport under 49 U.S.C. 44706, and all the security equipment required by rule or regulation, and has provided for access to the passenger enplaning and deplaning area of such airport to passengers enplaning and deplaning from aircraft other than air carrier aircraft.

12. Accounting System, Audit, and Record Keeping Requirements.

- a. It shall keep all project accounts and records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of this Grant, the total cost of the project in connection with which this Grant is given or used, and the amount or nature of that portion of the cost of the project supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the project. The accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

- b. It shall make available to the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that are pertinent to this Grant. The Secretary may require that an appropriate audit be conducted by a recipient. In any case in which an independent audit is made of the accounts of a sponsor relating to the disposition of the proceeds of a grant or relating to the project in connection with which this Grant was given or used, it shall file a certified copy of such audit with the Comptroller General of the United States not later than six (6) months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made.

13. Minimum Wage Rates.

It shall include, in all contracts in excess of \$2,000 for work on any projects funded under this Grant Agreement which involve labor, provisions establishing minimum rates of wages, to be predetermined by the Secretary of Labor under 40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147, Public Building, Property, and Works), which contractors shall pay to skilled and unskilled labor, and such minimum rates shall be stated in the invitation for bids and shall be included in proposals or bids for the work.

14. Veteran's Preference.

It shall include in all contracts for work on any project funded under this Grant Agreement which involve labor, such provisions as are necessary to insure that, in the employment of labor (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), preference shall be given to Vietnam era veterans, Persian Gulf veterans, Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans, disabled veterans, and small business concerns owned and controlled by disabled veterans as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47112. However, this preference shall apply only where the individuals are available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates.

15. Conformity to Plans and Specifications.

It will execute the project subject to plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary. Such plans, specifications, and schedules shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to commencement of site preparation, construction, or other performance under this Grant Agreement, and, upon approval of the Secretary, shall be incorporated into this Grant Agreement. Any modification to the approved plans, specifications, and schedules shall also be subject to approval of the Secretary and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.

16. Construction Inspection and Approval.

It will provide and maintain competent technical supervision at the construction site throughout the project to assure that the work conforms to the plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary for the project. It shall subject the construction work on any project contained in an approved project application to inspection and approval by the Secretary and such work shall be in accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by the Secretary. Such regulations and procedures shall require such cost and progress reporting by the sponsor or sponsors of such project as the Secretary shall deem necessary.

17. Planning Projects.

In carrying out planning projects:

- a. It will execute the project in accordance with the approved program narrative contained in the project application or with the modifications similarly approved.

- b. It will furnish the Secretary with such periodic reports as required pertaining to the planning project and planning work activities.
- c. It will include in all published material prepared in connection with the planning project a notice that the material was prepared under a grant provided by the United States.
- d. It will make such material available for examination by the public and agrees that no material prepared with funds under this project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country.
- e. It will give the Secretary unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use any of the material prepared in connection with this grant.
- f. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the sponsor's employment of specific consultants and their subcontractors to do all or any part of this project as well as the right to disapprove the proposed scope and cost of professional services.
- g. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the use of the sponsor's employees to do all or any part of the project.
- h. It understands and agrees that the Secretary's approval of this project grant or the Secretary's approval of any planning material developed as part of this grant does not constitute or imply any assurance or commitment on the part of the Secretary to approve any pending or future application for a Federal airport grant.

18. Operation and Maintenance.

- a. The airport and all facilities which are necessary to serve the aeronautical users of the airport, other than facilities owned or controlled by the United States, shall be operated at all times in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state, and local agencies for maintenance and operation. It will not cause or permit any activity or action thereon which would interfere with its use for airport purposes. It will suitably operate and maintain the airport and all facilities thereon or connected therewith, with due regard to climatic and flood conditions. Any proposal to temporarily close the airport for non-aeronautical purposes must first be approved by the Secretary. In furtherance of this assurance, the sponsor will have in effect arrangements for:
 - 1. Operating the airport's aeronautical facilities whenever required;
 - 2. Promptly marking and lighting hazards resulting from airport conditions, including temporary conditions; and
 - 3. Promptly notifying pilots of any condition affecting aeronautical use of the airport. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require that the airport be operated for aeronautical use during temporary periods when snow, flood, or other climatic conditions interfere with such operation and maintenance. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the maintenance, repair, restoration, or replacement of any structure or facility which is substantially damaged or destroyed due to an act of God or other condition or circumstance beyond the control of the sponsor.
- b. It will suitably operate and maintain noise compatibility program items that it owns or controls upon which Federal funds have been expended.

19. Hazard Removal and Mitigation.

It will take appropriate action to assure that such terminal airspace as is required to protect instrument and visual operations to the airport (including established minimum flight altitudes) will be adequately cleared and protected by removing, lowering, relocating, marking, or lighting or otherwise mitigating existing airport hazards and by preventing the establishment or creation of future airport hazards.

20. Compatible Land Use.

It will take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, including the adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft. In addition, if the project is for noise compatibility program implementation, it will not cause or permit any change in land use, within its jurisdiction, that will reduce its compatibility, with respect to the airport, of the noise compatibility program measures upon which Federal funds have been expended.

21. Economic Nondiscrimination.

- a. It will make the airport available as an airport for public use on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination to all types, kinds and classes of aeronautical activities, including commercial aeronautical activities offering services to the public at the airport.
- b. In any agreement, contract, lease, or other arrangement under which a right or privilege at the airport is granted to any person, firm, or corporation to conduct or to engage in any aeronautical activity for furnishing services to the public at the airport, the sponsor will insert and enforce provisions requiring the contractor to:
 1. Furnish said services on a reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, basis to all users thereof, and
 2. Charge reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, prices for each unit or service, provided that the contractor may be allowed to make reasonable and nondiscriminatory discounts, rebates, or other similar types of price reductions to volume purchasers.
- c. Each fixed-based operator at the airport shall be subject to the same rates, fees, rentals, and other charges as are uniformly applicable to all other fixed-based operators making the same or similar uses of such airport and utilizing the same or similar facilities.
- d. Each air carrier using such airport shall have the right to service itself or to use any fixed-based operator that is authorized or permitted by the airport to serve any air carrier at such airport.
- e. Each air carrier using such airport (whether as a tenant, non-tenant, or subtenant of another air carrier tenant) shall be subject to such nondiscriminatory and substantially comparable rules, regulations, conditions, rates, fees, rentals, and other charges with respect to facilities directly and substantially related to providing air transportation as are applicable to all such air carriers which make similar use of such airport and utilize similar facilities, subject to reasonable classifications such as tenants or non-tenants and signatory carriers and non-signatory carriers. Classification or status as tenant or signatory shall not be unreasonably withheld by any airport provided an air carrier assumes obligations substantially similar to those already imposed on air carriers in such classification or status.

- f. It will not exercise or grant any right or privilege which operates to prevent any person, firm, or corporation operating aircraft on the airport from performing any services on its own aircraft with its own employees (including, but not limited to maintenance, repair, and fueling) that it may choose to perform.
- g. In the event the sponsor itself exercises any of the rights and privileges referred to in this assurance, the services involved will be provided on the same conditions as would apply to the furnishing of such services by commercial aeronautical service providers authorized by the sponsor under these provisions.
- h. The sponsor may establish such reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, conditions to be met by all users of the airport as may be necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the airport.
- i. The sponsor may prohibit or limit any given type, kind or class of aeronautical use of the airport if such action is necessary for the safe operation of the airport or necessary to serve the civil aviation needs of the public.

22. Exclusive Rights.

It will permit no exclusive right for the use of the airport by any person providing, or intending to provide, aeronautical services to the public. For purposes of this paragraph, the providing of the services at an airport by a single fixed-based operator shall not be construed as an exclusive right if both of the following apply:

- a. It would be unreasonably costly, burdensome, or impractical for more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services, and
- b. If allowing more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services would require the reduction of space leased pursuant to an existing agreement between such single fixed-based operator and such airport. It further agrees that it will not, either directly or indirectly, grant or permit any person, firm, or corporation, the exclusive right at the airport to conduct any aeronautical activities, including, but not limited to charter flights, pilot training, aircraft rental and sightseeing, aerial photography, crop dusting, aerial advertising and surveying, air carrier operations, aircraft sales and services, sale of aviation petroleum products whether or not conducted in conjunction with other aeronautical activity, repair and maintenance of aircraft, sale of aircraft parts, and any other activities which because of their direct relationship to the operation of aircraft can be regarded as an aeronautical activity, and that it will terminate any exclusive right to conduct an aeronautical activity now existing at such an airport before the grant of any assistance under Title 49, United States Code.

23. Fee and Rental Structure.

It will maintain a fee and rental structure for the facilities and services at the airport which will make the airport as self-sustaining as possible under the circumstances existing at the particular airport, taking into account such factors as the volume of traffic and economy of collection. No part of the Federal share of an airport development, airport planning or noise compatibility project for which a Grant is made under Title 49, United States Code, the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, the Federal Airport Act or the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 shall be included in the rate basis in establishing fees, rates, and charges for users of that airport.

24. Airport Revenues.

- a. All revenues generated by the airport and any local taxes on aviation fuel established after December 30, 1987, will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the airport; the local airport system; or other local facilities which are owned or operated by the owner or operator of the airport and which are directly and substantially related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property; or for noise mitigation purposes on or off the airport. The following exceptions apply to this paragraph:
 1. If covenants or assurances in debt obligations issued before September 3, 1982, by the owner or operator of the airport, or provisions enacted before September 3, 1982, in governing statutes controlling the owner or operator's financing, provide for the use of the revenues from any of the airport owner or operator's facilities, including the airport, to support not only the airport but also the airport owner or operator's general debt obligations or other facilities, then this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the airport (and, in the case of a public airport, local taxes on aviation fuel) shall not apply.
 2. If the Secretary approves the sale of a privately owned airport to a public sponsor and provides funding for any portion of the public sponsor's acquisition of land, this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the sale shall not apply to certain proceeds from the sale. This is conditioned on repayment to the Secretary by the private owner of an amount equal to the remaining unamortized portion (amortized over a 20-year period) of any airport improvement grant made to the private owner for any purpose other than land acquisition on or after October 1, 1996, plus an amount equal to the federal share of the current fair market value of any land acquired with an airport improvement grant made to that airport on or after October 1, 1996.
 3. Certain revenue derived from or generated by mineral extraction, production, lease, or other means at a general aviation airport (as defined at 49 U.S.C. 47102), if the FAA determines the airport sponsor meets the requirements set forth in Section 813 of Public Law 112-95.
- b. As part of the annual audit required under the Single Audit Act of 1984, the sponsor will direct that the audit will review, and the resulting audit report will provide an opinion concerning, the use of airport revenue and taxes in paragraph (a), and indicating whether funds paid or transferred to the owner or operator are paid or transferred in a manner consistent with Title 49, United States Code and any other applicable provision of law, including any regulation promulgated by the Secretary or Administrator.
- c. Any civil penalties or other sanctions will be imposed for violation of this assurance in accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107.

25. Reports and Inspections.

It will:

- a. submit to the Secretary such annual or special financial and operations reports as the Secretary may reasonably request and make such reports available to the public; make available to the public at reasonable times and places a report of the airport budget in a format prescribed by the Secretary;
- b. for airport development projects, make the airport and all airport records and documents affecting the airport, including deeds, leases, operation and use agreements, regulations and

other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request;

- c. for noise compatibility program projects, make records and documents relating to the project and continued compliance with the terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement including deeds, leases, agreements, regulations, and other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request; and
- d. in a format and time prescribed by the Secretary, provide to the Secretary and make available to the public following each of its fiscal years, an annual report listing in detail:
 - 1. all amounts paid by the airport to any other unit of government and the purposes for which each such payment was made; and
 - 2. all services and property provided by the airport to other units of government and the amount of compensation received for provision of each such service and property.

26. Use by Government Aircraft.

It will make available all of the facilities of the airport developed with Federal financial assistance and all those usable for landing and takeoff of aircraft to the United States for use by Government aircraft in common with other aircraft at all times without charge, except, if the use by Government aircraft is substantial, charge may be made for a reasonable share, proportional to such use, for the cost of operating and maintaining the facilities used. Unless otherwise determined by the Secretary, or otherwise agreed to by the sponsor and the using agency, substantial use of an airport by Government aircraft will be considered to exist when operations of such aircraft are in excess of those which, in the opinion of the Secretary, would unduly interfere with use of the landing areas by other authorized aircraft, or during any calendar month that:

- a. Five (5) or more Government aircraft are regularly based at the airport or on land adjacent thereto; or
- b. The total number of movements (counting each landing as a movement) of Government aircraft is 300 or more, or the gross accumulative weight of Government aircraft using the airport (the total movement of Government aircraft multiplied by gross weights of such aircraft) is in excess of five million pounds.

27. Land for Federal Facilities.

It will furnish without cost to the Federal Government for use in connection with any air traffic control or air navigation activities, or weather-reporting and communication activities related to air traffic control, any areas of land or water, or estate therein as the Secretary considers necessary or desirable for construction, operation, and maintenance at Federal expense of space or facilities for such purposes. Such areas or any portion thereof will be made available as provided herein within four months after receipt of a written request from the Secretary.

28. Airport Layout Plan.

- a. The airport owner or operator will maintain a current airport layout plan of the airport showing:
 - 1. boundaries of the airport and all proposed additions thereto, together with the boundaries of all offsite areas owned or controlled by the sponsor for airport purposes and proposed additions thereto;

2. the location and nature of all existing and proposed airport facilities and structures (such as runways, taxiways, aprons, terminal buildings, hangars and roads), including all proposed extensions and reductions of existing airport facilities;
 3. the location of all existing and proposed non-aviation areas and of all existing improvements thereon; and
 4. all proposed and existing access points used to taxi aircraft across the airport's property boundary.
- b. Subject to subsection 49 U.S.C. 47107(x), the Secretary will review and approve or disapprove the plan and any revision or modification of the plan before the plan, revision, or modification takes effect.
 - c. The owner or operator will not make or allow any alteration in the airport or any of its facilities unless the alteration—
 1. is outside the scope of the Secretary's review and approval authority as set forth in subsection (x); or
 2. complies with the portions of the plan approved by the Secretary.
 - d. When the airport owner or operator makes a change or alteration in the airport or the facilities which the Secretary determines adversely affects the safety, utility, or efficiency of any federally owned, leased, or funded property on or off the airport and which is not in conformity with the airport layout plan as approved by the Secretary, the owner or operator will, if requested, by the Secretary:
 1. eliminate such adverse effect in a manner approved by the Secretary; or
 2. bear all costs of relocating such property or its replacement to a site acceptable to the Secretary and of restoring the property or its replacement to the level of safety, utility, efficiency, and cost of operation that existed before the alteration was made, except in the case of a relocation or replacement of an existing airport facility due to a change in the Secretary's design standards beyond the control of the airport sponsor.

29. Civil Rights.

It will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, and national origin (including limited English proficiency) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4); creed and sex per 49 U.S.C. 47123 and related requirements; age per the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and related requirements; or disability per the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and related requirements, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program and activity conducted with, or benefiting from, funds received from this Grant.

- a. Using the definitions of activity, facility, and program as found and defined in 49 CFR 21.23(b) and 21.23(e), the sponsor will facilitate all programs, operate all facilities, or conduct all programs in compliance with all non-discrimination requirements imposed by or pursuant to these assurances.
- b. Applicability

1. Programs and Activities. If the sponsor has received a grant (or other federal assistance) for any of the sponsor's program or activities, these requirements extend to all of the sponsor's programs and activities.
2. Facilities. Where it receives a grant or other federal financial assistance to construct, expand, renovate, remodel, alter, or acquire a facility, or part of a facility, the assurance extends to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
3. Real Property. Where the sponsor receives a grant or other Federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.

c. Duration.

The sponsor agrees that it is obligated to this assurance for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates the sponsor, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

1. So long as the airport is used as an airport, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
2. So long as the sponsor retains ownership or possession of the property.

d. Required Solicitation Language. It will include the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material under this Grant Agreement and in all proposals for agreements, including airport concessions, regardless of funding source:

"The (**County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids**), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all businesses will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex, age, or disability in consideration for an award."

e. Required Contract Provisions.

1. It will insert the non-discrimination contract clauses requiring compliance with the acts and regulations relative to non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT), and incorporating the acts and regulations into the contracts by reference in every contract or agreement subject to the non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the DOT acts and regulations.
2. It will include a list of the pertinent non-discrimination authorities in every contract that is subject to the non-discrimination acts and regulations.
3. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a sponsor.
4. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex, age, or

disability as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, license, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the sponsor with other parties:

- a. For the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
- b. For the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- f. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.
- g. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.

30. Disposal of Land.

- a. For land purchased under a grant for airport noise compatibility purposes, including land serving as a noise buffer, it will dispose of the land, when the land is no longer needed for such purposes, at fair market value, at the earliest practicable time. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of acquisition of such land will be, at the discretion of the Secretary, (1) reinvested in another project at the airport, or (2) transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order:
 - 1. Reinvestment in an approved noise compatibility project;
 - 2. Reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 U.S.C. 47117(e);
 - 3. Reinvestment in an approved airport development project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 U.S.C. 47114, 47115, or 47117;
 - 4. Transfer to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport; or
 - 5. Payment to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

If land acquired under a grant for noise compatibility purposes is leased at fair market value and consistent with noise buffering purposes, the lease will not be considered a disposal of the land. Revenues derived from such a lease may be used for an approved airport development project that would otherwise be eligible for grant funding or any permitted use of airport revenue.

- b. For land purchased under a grant for airport development purposes (other than noise compatibility), it will, when the land is no longer needed for airport purposes, dispose of such land at fair market value or make available to the Secretary an amount equal to the United States' proportionate share of the fair market value of the land. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of the cost of acquisition of such land will, upon application to the Secretary, be reinvested or transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order:

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 2. Reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 U.S.C. 47117(e);
 3. Reinvestment in an approved airport development project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 U.S.C. 47114, 47115, or 47117;
 4. Transfer to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport; or
 5. Payment to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.
- c. Land shall be considered to be needed for airport purposes under this assurance if (1) it may be needed for aeronautical purposes (including runway protection zones) or serve as noise buffer land, and (2) the revenue from interim uses of such land contributes to the financial self-sufficiency of the airport. Further, land purchased with a grant received by an airport operator or owner before December 31, 1987, will be considered to be needed for airport purposes if the Secretary or Federal agency making such grant before December 31, 1987, was notified by the operator or owner of the uses of such land, did not object to such use, and the land continues to be used for that purpose, such use having commenced no later than December 15, 1989.
- d. Disposition of such land under (a), (b), or (c) will be subject to the retention or reservation of any interest or right therein necessary to ensure that such land will only be used for purposes which are compatible with noise levels associated with operation of the airport.

31. Engineering and Design Services.

If any phase of such project has received Federal funds under Chapter 471 subchapter 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., it will award each contract, or sub-contract for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping or related services in the same manner as a contract for architectural and engineering services is negotiated under Chapter 11 of Title 40 U.S.C., or an equivalent qualifications-based requirement prescribed for or by the sponsor of the airport.

32. Foreign Market Restrictions.

It will not allow funds provided under this Grant to be used to fund any project which uses any product or service of a foreign country during the period in which such foreign country is listed by the United States Trade Representative as denying fair and equitable market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in procurement and construction.

33. Policies, Standards, and Specifications.

It will carry out any project funded under an Airport Improvement Program Grant in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary including, but not limited to, current FAA Advisory Circulars (https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/aip-pfc-checklist_0.pdf) for AIP projects as of August 06, 2025.

34. Relocation and Real Property Acquisition.

- a. It will be guided in acquiring real property, to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the land acquisition policies in Subpart B of 49 CFR Part 24 and will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Subpart B.

- b. It will provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in Subpart C of 49 CFR Part 24 and fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in Subpart D and E of 49 CFR Part 24.
- c. It will make available within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings to displaced persons in accordance with Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 24.

35. Access By Intercity Buses.

The airport owner or operator will permit, to the maximum extent practicable, intercity buses or other modes of transportation to have access to the airport; however, it has no obligation to fund special facilities for intercity buses or for other modes of transportation.

36. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

The sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex, in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26, or in the award and performance of any concession activity contract covered by 49 CFR Part 23. In addition, the sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs or the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26. The sponsor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts, and/or concession contracts. The sponsor's DBE and ACDBE programs, as required by 49 CFR Parts 26 and 23, and as approved by DOT, are incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of these programs is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the sponsor of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under Parts 26 and 23 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. §§ 3801-3809, 3812).

37. Hangar Construction.

If the airport owner or operator and a person who owns an aircraft agree that a hangar is to be constructed at the airport for the aircraft at the aircraft owner's expense, the airport owner or operator will grant to the aircraft owner for the hangar a long term lease that is subject to such terms and conditions on the hangar as the airport owner or operator may impose.

38. Competitive Access.

- a. If the airport owner or operator of a medium or large hub airport (as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 47102) has been unable to accommodate one or more requests by an air carrier for access to gates or other facilities at that airport in order to allow the air carrier to provide service to the airport or to expand service at the airport, the airport owner or operator shall transmit a report to the Secretary that:
 - 1. Describes the requests;
 - 2. Provides an explanation as to why the requests could not be accommodated; and
 - 3. Provides a time frame within which, if any, the airport will be able to accommodate the requests.

- b. Such report shall be due on either February 1 or August 1 of each year if the airport has been unable to accommodate the request(s) in the six-month period prior to the applicable due date.

39. Access to Leaded Aviation Gasoline

- a. If 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline (100LL) was made available at an airport, at any time during calendar year 2022, an airport owner or operator may not restrict or prohibit the sale of, or self-fueling with 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline.
- b. This requirement remains until the earlier of December 31, 2030, or the date on which the airport or any retail fuel seller at the airport makes available an unleaded aviation gasoline that has been authorized for use by the FAA as a replacement for 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline for use in nearly all piston-engine aircraft and engine models; and meets either an industry consensus standard or other standard that facilitates the safe use, production, and distribution of such unleaded aviation gasoline, as determined appropriate by the FAA.
- c. An airport owner or operator understands and agrees, that any violation of this grant assurance is subject to civil penalties as provided for in 49 U.S.C. § 46301(a)(8).

Certification and Disclosure Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids

Airport: Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0037-031-2025

Description of Work: Reconstruct Perimeter Fencing (Vehicle Gates)

Application

Title 2 CFR § 200.112 and § 1201.112 address Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements for conflict of interest. As a condition of eligibility under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), sponsors must comply with FAA policy on conflict of interest. Such a conflict would arise when any of the following have a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award:

- a) The employee, officer or agent,
- b) Any member of his immediate family,
- c) His or her partner, or
- d) An organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above.

Selecting "Yes" represents sponsor or sub-recipient acknowledgement and confirmation of the certification statement. Selecting "No" represents sponsor or sub-recipient disclosure that it cannot fully comply with the certification statement. If "No" is selected, provide support information explaining the negative response as an attachment to this form. This includes whether the sponsor has established standards for financial interest that are not substantial or unsolicited gifts are of nominal value (2 CFR § 200.318(c)). The term "will" means Sponsor action taken at appropriate time based on the certification statement focus area, but no later than the end of the project period of performance.

Certification Statements

1. The sponsor or sub-recipient maintains a written standards of conduct governing conflict of interest and the performance of their employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts (2 CFR § 200.318(c)). To the extent permitted by state or local law or regulations, such standards of conduct provide for penalties, sanctions, or other disciplinary actions for violations of such standards by the sponsor's and sub-recipient's officers, employees, or agents, or by contractors or their agents.

Yes No N/A

2. The sponsor's or sub-recipient's officers, employees or agents have not and will not solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements (2 CFR § 200.318(c)).

Yes No N/A

3. The sponsor or sub-recipient certifies that it has disclosed and will disclose to the FAA any known potential conflict of interest (2 CFR § 1200.112).

Yes No N/A

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with "no" response.

Sponsor's Certification

I certify, for the project identified herein, responses to the forgoing items are accurate as marked and additional documentation for any item marked "no" is correct and complete.

Name of Sponsor:

Name of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Title of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

Signature of Sponsor's Authorized Official:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that knowingly and willfully providing false information to the federal government is a violation of 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements) and could subject me to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Drug-Free Workplace Airport Improvement Program Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids

Airport: Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0037-031-2025

Description of Work: Reconstruct Perimeter Fencing (Vehicle Gates)

Application

49 USC § 47105(d) authorizes the Secretary to require certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). General requirements on the drug-free workplace within federal grant programs are described in 2 CFR part 182. Sponsors are required to certify they will be, or will continue to provide, a drug-free workplace in accordance with the regulation. The AIP project grant agreement contains specific assurances on the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

Certification Statements

Except for certification statements below marked as not applicable (N/A), this list includes major requirements of the construction project. Selecting "Yes" represents sponsor acknowledgement and confirmation of the certification statement. The term "will" means Sponsor action taken at appropriate time based on the certification statement focus area, but no later than the end of the project period of performance. This list is not comprehensive and does not relieve the sponsor from fully complying with all applicable statutory and administrative standards. The source of the requirement is referenced within parenthesis.

1. A statement has been or will be published prior to commencement of project notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the sponsor's workplace, and specifying the actions to be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition (2 CFR § 182.205).

Yes No N/A

2. An ongoing drug-free awareness program (2 CFR § 182.215) has been or will be established prior to commencement of project to inform employees about:
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The sponsor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.

Yes No N/A

3. Each employee to be engaged in the performance of the work has been or will be given a copy of the statement required within item 1 above prior to commencement of project (2 CFR § 182.210).

Yes No N/A

4. Employees have been or will be notified in the statement required by item 1 above that, as a condition employment under the grant (2 CFR § 182.205(c)), the employee will:

- a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

Yes No N/A

5. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be notified in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under item 4b above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction (2 CFR § 182.225). Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of the employee, to the FAA (2 CFR § 182.300).

Yes No N/A

6. One of the following actions (2 CFR § 182.225(b)) will be taken within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice under item 4b above with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

- a. Take appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and
- b. Require such employee to participate satisfactorily in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

Yes No N/A

7. A good faith effort will be made, on a continuous basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of items 1 through 6 above (2 CFR § 182.200).

Yes No N/A

Site(s) of performance of work (2 CFR § 182.230):

Location 1

Name of Location:

Address:

Location 2 (if applicable)

Name of Location:

Address:

Location 3 (if applicable)

Name of Location:

Address:

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Equipment and Construction Contracts Airport Improvement Sponsor Certification

Sponsor: County of Itasca and City of Grand Rapids

Airport: Grand Rapids/Itasca County-Gordon Newstrom Field Airport

Project Number: 3-27-0037-031-2025

Description of Work: Reconstruct Perimeter Fencing (Vehicle Gates)

Application

49 USC § 47105(d) authorizes the Secretary to require certification from the sponsor that it will comply with the statutory and administrative requirements in carrying out a project under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). General procurement standards for equipment and construction contracts within Federal grant programs are described in 2 CFR §§ 200.317-200.326. Labor and Civil Rights Standards applicable to the AIP are established by the Department of Labor (www.dol.gov) AIP Grant Assurance C.1—General Federal Requirements identifies all applicable Federal Laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines and requirements for assistance under the AIP. Sponsors may use state and local procedures provided the procurement conforms to these federal standards.

This certification applies to all equipment and construction projects. Equipment projects may or may not employ laborers and mechanics that qualify the project as a “covered contract” under requirements established by the Department of Labor requirements. Sponsor shall provide appropriate responses to the certification statements that reflect the character of the project regardless of whether the contract is for a construction project or an equipment project.

Certification Statements

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1. A written code or standard of conduct is or will be in effect prior to commencement of the project that governs the performance of the sponsor’s officers, employees, or agents in soliciting, awarding and administering procurement contracts (2 CFR § 200.318).

Yes No N/A

2. For all contracts, qualified and competent personnel are or will be engaged to perform contract administration, engineering supervision, construction inspection, and testing (Grant Assurance C.17).

Yes No N/A

3. Sponsors that are required to have a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) program on file with the FAA have included or will include clauses required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and 49 CFR Part 26 for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all contracts and subcontracts.

Yes No N/A

4. Sponsors required to have a DBE program on file with the FAA have implemented or will implement monitoring and enforcement measures that:

- a. Ensure work committed to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises at contract award is actually performed by the named DBEs (49 CFR § 26.37(b));
- b. Include written certification that the sponsor has reviewed contract records and has monitored work sites for performance by DBE firms (49 CFR § 26.37(b)); and
- c. Provides for a running tally of payments made to DBE firms and a means for comparing actual attainments (i.e. payments) to original commitments (49 CFR § 26.37(c)).

Yes No N/A

5. Sponsor procurement actions using the competitive sealed bid method (2 CFR § 200.320(c)). was or will be:

- a. Publicly advertised, allowing a sufficient response time to solicit an adequate number of interested contractors or vendors;
- b. Prepared to include a complete, adequate and realistic specification that defines the items or services in sufficient detail to allow prospective bidders to respond;
- c. Publicly opened at a time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids; and
- d. Prepared in a manner that result in a firm fixed price contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Yes No N/A

6. For projects the Sponsor proposes to use the competitive proposal procurement method (2 CFR § 200.320(d)), Sponsor has requested or will request FAA approval prior to proceeding with a competitive proposal procurement by submitting to the FAA the following:

- a. Written justification that supports use of competitive proposal method in lieu of the preferred sealed bid procurement method;
- b. Plan for publicizing and soliciting an adequate number of qualified sources; and
- c. Listing of evaluation factors along with relative importance of the factors.

Yes No N/A

7. For construction and equipment installation projects, the bid solicitation includes or will include the current federal wage rate schedule(s) for the appropriate type of work classifications (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II).

Yes No N/A

8. Concurrence was or will be obtained from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) prior to contract award under any of the following circumstances (Order 5100.38D):

- a. Only one qualified person/firm submits a responsive bid;
- b. Award is to be made to other than the lowest responsible bidder; and
- c. Life cycle costing is a factor in selecting the lowest responsive bidder.

Yes No N/A

9. All construction and equipment installation contracts contain or will contain provisions for:

- a. Access to Records (§ 200.336)
- b. Buy American Preferences (Title 49 U.S.C. § 50101)
- c. Civil Rights - General Provisions and Title VI Assurances(41 CFR part60)
- d. Federal Fair Labor Standards (29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq)
- e. Occupational Safety and Health Act requirements (20 CFR part1920)
- f. Seismic Safety – building construction (49 CFR part41)
- g. State Energy Conservation Requirements - as applicable(2 CFR part 200, Appendix II)
- h. U.S. Trade Restriction (49 CFR part 30)
- i. Veterans Preference (49 USC § 47112(c))

Yes No N/A

10. All construction and equipment installation contracts exceeding \$2,000 contain or will contain the provisions established by:

- a. Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (29 CFR part5)
- b. Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (29 CFR parts 3 and 5)

Yes No N/A

11. All construction and equipment installation contracts exceeding \$3,000 contain or will contain a contract provision that discourages distracted driving (E.O. 13513).

Yes No N/A

12. All contracts exceeding \$10,000 contain or will contain the following provisions as applicable:

- a. Construction and equipment installation projects - Applicable clauses from 41 CFR Part 60 for compliance with Executive Orders 11246 and 11375 on Equal Employment Opportunity;
- b. Construction and equipment installation - Contract Clause prohibiting segregated facilities in accordance with 41 CFR part 60-1.8;
- c. Requirement to maximize use of products containing recovered materials in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.322 and 40 CFR part 247; and
- d. Provisions that address termination for cause and termination for convenience (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II).

Yes No N/A

13. All contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$25,000: Measures are in place or will be in place (e.g. checking the System for Award Management) that ensure contracts and subcontracts are not awarded to individuals or firms suspended, debarred, or excluded from participating in federally assisted projects (2 CFR parts 180 and 1200).

Yes No N/A

14. Contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$150,000) include or will include provisions, as applicable, that address the following:

- a. Construction and equipment installation contracts - a bid guarantee of 5%, a performance bond of 100%, and a payment bond of 100% (2 CFR §200.325);
- b. Construction and equipment installation contracts - requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 3701-3708, Sections 103 and 107);
- c. Restrictions on Lobbying and Influencing (2 CFR part 200, Appendix II);
- d. Conditions specifying administrative, contractual and legal remedies for instances where contractor or vendor violate or breach the terms and conditions of the contract (2 CFR §200, Appendix II); and
- e. All Contracts - Applicable standards and requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251-1387, and Executive Order 11738.

Yes No N/A

Attach documentation clarifying any above item marked with "No" response

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**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-529

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Rachel Metelak

AGENDA ITEM:

Bid Award - Contract 65407 CSAH 54 Construction Project

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Award Contract 65407 CSAH 54 Construction Projects SP 031-654-007, SP 031-654-009 & SAP 031- 654-010, to the lowest responsible bidder, Casper Construction, Inc. contingent upon the approval of the Office of Civil Rights and authorize the required signatures on the contract documents.

BACKGROUND:

Bids were opened August 5, 2025 @ 10:00 am.

Engineer's Estimate: \$457,586.00

Casper Construction Inc \$577,700.00

KGM Contractors, Inc \$677,113.80

Ulland Brothers, Inc \$673,275.00

TNT Construction Group \$599,530.65

George Bougalis & Sons Company \$579,213.40

This project includes approximately \$292,000.00 in federal funding.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

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**

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-157

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

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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, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-86

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 August 20, 2025, in the amount of \$3,847,839.83.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

RESULT:	APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Commissioner Terry Snyder
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-123

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Sarah Anderson

AGENDA ITEM:

County Based Purchasing (IMCare) Division Update/Presentation

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. MACHP - CARMA and Leg Update to Itasca County Board 8-19-25
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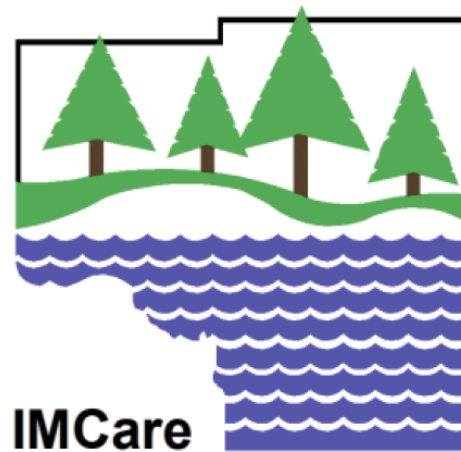
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CARMA and Legislative Update

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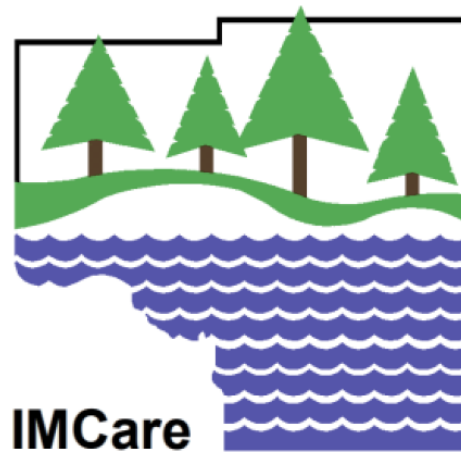
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-531

DEPARTMENT: Probation

TIME REQUESTED: 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Kevin Glass

AGENDA ITEM:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - AEOA Youth Services and County Probation

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - between AEOA Youth Services and Itasca County Probation.

BACKGROUND:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Letter of Request
2. Memorandum of Understanding

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



Dear Itasca County Probation,

Over the past two years, AEOA Youth Services has developed a strong and collaborative relationship with Itasca County Probation. Together, we have supported system-involved youth through meaningful, pro-social programming designed to promote personal growth, accountability, and positive community engagement. This partnership has been instrumental in creating opportunities for youth to build resilience and reduce risk factors associated with system involvement.

As we look to expand our services, we are seeking to implement focused crime prevention and intervention efforts that align with the needs of our community. We remain committed to continuing and strengthening our partnership with Itasca County Probation to better support youth, reduce recidivism, and promote long-term success.

We are applying for a Community Crime Intervention and Prevention (CCIP) grant through the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs (OJP), under the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. This grant opportunity is outlined in Minnesota Statute §299A.296 and is intended to support community-based and school-based programs that provide direct, culturally competent services aimed at preventing and intervening in crime and violence. Programs are expected to identify measurable outcomes to track their impact on community safety and youth development.

Please see the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for specific details regarding our proposed partnership under this initiative. We appreciate your continued collaboration and support in serving the youth of Itasca County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Maras", is written over a horizontal line.

Tawnya Maras
Youth Services Program Manager
AEOA Youth Services

702 Third Ave South, Virginia, Minnesota 55792-2797
(218) 749-2912 · (800) 662-5711 · FAX: (218) 749-2944

Equal Opportunity Employer and Affirmative Action Agency

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between AEOA Youth Services and Itasca County Probation

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between AEOA Youth Services, a program of the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), and Itasca County Probation, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties,” for the purpose of establishing a collaborative partnership that allows youth involved with Probation to complete community service hours through the AEOA Youth Services program and facilitates appropriate referrals to Youth Services.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize an agreement between AEOA Youth Services and Itasca County Probation to:

- Provide an opportunity for eligible youth to complete court-ordered or probation-related community service hours through AEOA Youth Services.
- Increase youth engagement in positive, skill-building service activities that contribute to their rehabilitation and community involvement.
- Establish a referral system from Itasca County Probation to AEOA Youth Services for eligible youth participants.

II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AEOA Youth Services agrees to:

- Provide supervised community service opportunities that are safe, constructive, and developmentally appropriate for referred youth.
- Track and document the number of community service hours completed by each participant and provide verification to Itasca County Probation upon request.
- Offer information and application support to referred youth interested in enrolling in the AEOA Youth Services program.
- Maintain communication with Probation staff regarding youth progress, attendance, and any issues that arise during participation.

Itasca County Probation agrees to:

- Identify and refer eligible youth who are required to complete community service hours and/or who may benefit from the AEOA Youth Services program.

- Provide necessary background and behavioral information (as appropriate and allowable by law) to support AEOA Youth Services in preparing for the youth's participation.
- Maintain regular communication with AEOA Youth Services staff regarding participant progress and any concerns or updates related to court or probation requirements.

III. TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOU will be effective upon signature by both Parties and will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year. The MOU may be renewed annually with written agreement from both Parties. Either party may terminate this MOU with 30 days' written notice to the other party.

IV. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both Parties agree to comply with all federal, state, and local confidentiality laws and regulations applicable to the protection of youth records and personal information.

V. NON-BINDING AGREEMENT

This MOU is not intended to create and does not create any binding legal obligations between the Parties. It is intended solely to facilitate a cooperative working relationship.

VI. SIGNATURES

For AEOA Youth Services:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Itasca County Probation:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-533

DEPARTMENT: Probation

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Kevin Glass

AGENDA ITEM:

Update on the 2025 budget for the Administrative Coordinator Position

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive update on the 2025 Budget for the Administrative Corrdinator Position.

BACKGROUND:

The Board requested I provide an update when it was known how much this position would impact the 2025 Probation Budget. At the time of the request it was not known because the contract with Union (320) was not signed.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

08/19/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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**ITASCA COUNTY
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Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-528

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: < 5 Minutes

PRESENTER: Matt Gutzmann

AGENDA ITEM:

Updated Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - Big Fork River Watershed Comprehensive Water Management Plan

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve an updated Planning Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which was initially approved on March 25, 2025 to begin the development of a Comprehensive Water Management Plan (CWMP) for the Big Fork River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) that includes Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as a Policy Committee member and some updated language to edit state statute language that isn't applicable to all parties.

BACKGROUND:

The Big Fork Watershed is one of the final watersheds in Itasca County to begin the CWMP process. It's the largest watershed in Itasca County, making this planning effort important to the County's overall water resource stewardship. These watershed plans are collaborative efforts among local governments within the watershed to guide voluntary conservation practices over the next 10 years. Once the CWMP is developed, it will provide access to reliable, non-competitive grant funding to help implement identified projects.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes and/or Pending

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. BFR 1W1P Planning MOA Updated
2. 2025 Big Fork River 1W1P Planning MOA_SIGNED

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement or MOA) memorializes the agreement made and entered into by and among:

The City of Big Falls, by and through their City Council, the Counties of Itasca and Koochiching, by and through their respective County Board of Commissioners, the Itasca and Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation Districts, by and through their respective Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, by and through their Reservation Tribal Council, are collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually each is a “Party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Counties of this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, with authority to carry out environmental programs and land use controls, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 and as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) of this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, with statutory authority to carry out erosion control and other soil and water conservation programs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103C and as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a federally recognized Tribal Government, with authority to carry out environmental programs, land use controls, erosion control, and other soil and water conservation programs (on lands where the State of Minnesota lacks authority based on the principles of Federal Indian law), pursuant to inherent sovereignty that has never been diminished, divested, or extinguished by the actions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have a common interest and statutory authority to prepare, adopt, and assure implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan in the Big Fork River Watershed to conserve soil and water resources through the implementation of practices, programs, and regulatory controls that effectively control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation and related pollution in order to protect natural resources, ensure continued soil productivity, protect water quality, reduce damages caused by floods, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, and protect public lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, with matters that relate to coordination of water management authorities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D with public drainage systems pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E, this Agreement does not change the rights or obligations of the public drainage system authorities; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement and the developed Big Fork River Watershed Management Plan does not replace or supplant local land use, planning/zoning authority of the respective Parties and the Parties intend that this Agreement shall not be construed in that manner; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have formed this Agreement for the specific goal of developing a plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning, also known as *One Watershed, One Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The Parties to this Agreement recognize the importance of partnerships to plan and implement protection and restoration efforts for the purpose of maintaining and improving water quality in the Big Fork River Watershed depicted on Attachment A. The purpose of this Agreement is to collectively develop and adopt, as local government units, a coordinated watershed management plan for implementation per the provisions of the Plan. Parties signing this Agreement will be collectively referred to as the “Big Fork River Watershed Collaboration.”
2. **Recitals:** All recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
3. **Term:** This Agreement is effective upon signature of all Parties in consideration of the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Operating Procedures for One Watershed, One Plan; and will remain in effect until adoption of the plan by all Parties unless canceled according to the provisions of this Agreement or earlier terminated by law.
4. **Adding Additional Parties:** A qualifying Party desiring to become a member of this Agreement shall indicate its intent by adoption of a board resolution prior to a date that is six months from the BWSR One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grant Agreement execution. The Party agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; including but not limited to the bylaws, policies and procedures adopted by the Policy Committee.
5. **Withdrawal of Parties:** A Party desiring to leave the membership of this Agreement shall indicate its intent in writing to the Policy Committee in the form of an official board resolution. Notice must be made at least 30 days in advance of leaving the Agreement.
6. **General Provisions:**
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Ch. 13 MN Statutes

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- e. **Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement:** This MOA may be amended by recommendation of the Steering Committee and approval of the amendment(s) by the Policy Committee with final Approval by the City of Big Falls City Council, Itasca and Koochiching County Boards of Commissioners, the Itasca and Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Tribal Council.

7. Administration:

- a. **Establishment of Committees for Development of the Plan.** The Parties agree to designate one representative, who must be an elected or appointed member of the governing board to a Policy Committee for development of the watershed-based plan and may appoint one or more technical representatives to a Technical Advisory Committee for development of the plan in consideration of the BWSR Operating Procedures for One Watershed, One Plan.
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Memorandum of Agreement to describe the functions and operations of the committee(s).

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 - v. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet monthly or as needed to assist and provide technical support and make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the development and content of the plan.
 - b. **Submittal of the Plan.** The Policy Committee will recommend the plan to the Parties of this Agreement. The Policy Committee will be responsible for initiating a formal review process for the watershed-based plan conforming to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D, including public hearings. Upon completion of local review and comment, and approval of the plan for submittal by each Party, the Policy Committee will submit the watershed-based plan jointly to BWSR for review and approval.
 - c. **Adoption of the Plan.** The Parties agree to adopt and begin implementation of the plan within 120 days of receiving notice of state approval, and provide notice of plan adoption pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D.
8. **Fiscal Agent:** Itasca SWCD will act as the fiscal agent for the purposes of this Agreement and agrees to:
- a. Accept all responsibilities associated with the implementation of the BWSR grant agreement for developing a watershed-based plan.
 - b. Perform financial transactions as part of grant agreement and contract implementation.
 - c. . Annually provide a full and complete financial report.
 - d. Provide the Policy Committee with the records necessary to describe the financial condition of the BWSR grant agreement.
 - e. Retain fiscal records consistent with the agent's records retention schedule until termination of the Agreement (at that time, records will be turned over to the Board of Water Soil Resources).
9. **Grant Administration:** Itasca SWCD will act as the grant administrator for the purposes of this Agreement and agrees to provide the following services:
- a. Grant Administration and Fiscal Agent: Accept all day-to-day responsibilities associated with the implementation of the BWSR grant agreement for developing a watershed-based plan, including being the primary BWSR contact for the *One Watershed, One Plan* Grant Agreement and being responsible for BWSR reporting requirements associated with the grant agreement.
 - b. Committee Coordination: Provide the Policy Committee and Advisory Committee with the

records necessary to describe the planning condition of the BWSR grant agreement.

- c. Outreach Coordination: Provide 1W1P education and training to planning committees, prepare and distribute outreach and education materials, plan and host kickoff meetings(s), develop and maintain 1W1P webpage.
- d. Public Notice Requirements: Send required notices of intent to prepare the plan to required entities as identified by the Steering Committee. After a draft plan is prepared, manage 60-day formal review process of draft 1W1P. Consolidate and organize comments received from notices.

In the event of a vacancy of the above listed roles, the Party responsible for the role will determine if there is adequate capacity within the organization to fulfil the listed role. If it is determined by the partner agency they no longer have capacity and would like to relinquish their duties they must inform the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will then reassign the service to another Party with the capacity to fulfil the grant agreement.

10. **Multiple Counterparts:** The Parties may sign multiple counterparts of this Agreement. Each signed counterpart shall be deemed an original, but all of them together represent the same Agreement.

Authorized Representatives: The following persons will be the primary contacts for all matters concerning this Agreement:

City of Big Falls Veronica Bistodeau (or successor) Clerk-Treasurer bigfalls@paulbunyan.net 218-276-3300	Koochiching County Matthew Gouin (or successor) Environmental Services Director Matt.Gouin@co.koochiching.mn.us 218-283-1157
Itasca County Katie Benes (or successor) Environmental Services Director katie.benes@co.itasca.mn.us 218-327-2857	Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District Pam Tomevi (or successor) District Administrator pam.tomevi@co.koochiching.mn.us 218-283-1174
Itasca Soil and Water Conservation District Andy Arens (or successor) District Manager andy.arens@itascaswcd.org 218-910-7655	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Jakob Sorensen (or successor) Water Program Manager jakob.sorensen@llojibwe.net 218-335-7457

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PARTNER: City of Big Falls

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: City Mayor

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: City Clerk/Administrator

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Itasca County

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Board Chair

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: County Administrator

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: _____
ITS: County Attorney

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Itasca Soil and Water Conservation District

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Board Chair

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: District Manager/Administrator

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Koochiching County

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Board Chair

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: County Administrator

Date: _____

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ITS: County Attorney

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Board Chair

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: District Manager/Administrator

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Chairman

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: Secretary-Treasurer

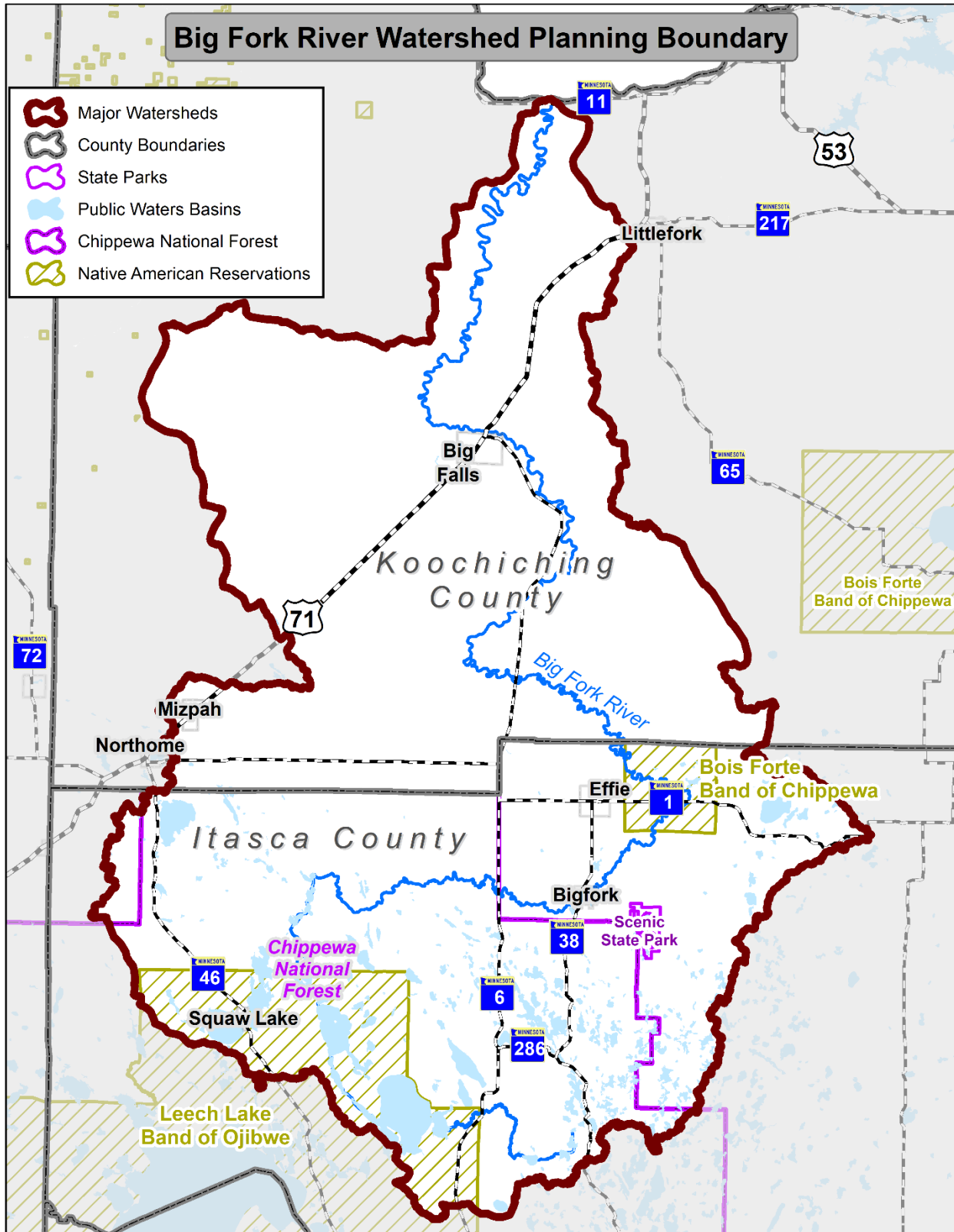
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APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: _____
ITS: General Counsel

Date: _____

Attachment A
Big Fork River Watershed Planning Boundary Hydrologic Unit Code (09030006)



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANNING OF THE BIG FORK RIVER COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (the “agreement” or “MOA”) is made and entered into among:

The Counties of Itasca and Koochiching by and through their respective County Board of Commissioners, and Itasca and Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation Districts, by and through their respective Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, federally recognized American Indian Tribal governments pursuant to Minnesota Statute §471.59, and the City of Big Falls, through their City Council, collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually each is a “Party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Counties of this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, with authority to carry out environmental programs and land use controls, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 and as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) of this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, with statutory authority to carry out erosion control and other soil and water conservation programs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103C and as otherwise provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have a common interest and statutory authority to prepare, adopt, and assure implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan in the Big Fork River Watershed to conserve soil and water resources through the implementation of practices, programs, and regulatory controls that effectively control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation and related pollution in order to protect natural resources, ensure continued soil productivity, protect water quality, reduce damages caused by floods, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, and protect public lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, with matters that relate to coordination of water management authorities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D with public drainage systems pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E, this Agreement does not change the rights or obligations of the public drainage system authorities:

WHEREAS, this Agreement and the developed Big Fork River Watershed Management Plan does not replace or supplant local land use, planning/zoning authority of the respective Parties and the Parties intend that this Agreement shall not be construed in that manner; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have formed this Agreement for the specific goal of developing a plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning, also known as *One Watershed, One Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The Parties to this Agreement recognize the importance of partnerships to plan and

implement protection and restoration efforts for the Big Fork River Watershed (Attachment A). The purpose of this Agreement is to collectively develop and adopt, as local government units, a coordinated watershed management plan for implementation per the provisions of the Plan. Parties signing this Agreement will be collectively referred to as “Big Fork River Watershed Planning Partnership.”

2. **Recitals:** All recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.
3. **Term:** This Agreement is effective upon signature of all Parties in consideration of the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Operating Procedures for One Watershed, One Plan; and will remain in effect until adoption of the plan by all parties or the end date of the BWSR Grant Agreement, unless canceled according to the provisions of this Agreement or earlier terminated by law.
4. **Adding Additional Parties:** A qualifying Party desiring to become a member of this Agreement shall indicate its intent by adoption of a board resolution in writing to the Policy Committee for consideration and approval *only within the first six months following* the BWSR One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grant Agreement execution.
5. The Party agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; including but not limited to the bylaws, policies and procedures adopted by the Policy Committee.
6. **Withdrawal of Parties:** A Party desiring to leave the membership of this Agreement shall indicate its intent in writing to the Policy Committee in the form of an official board resolution. Notice must be made at least 30 days in advance of leaving the Agreement.
7. **General Provisions:**
 - a. **Compliance with Laws/Standards:** The Parties agree to abide by all federal, state, and local laws; statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations now in effect or hereafter adopted pertaining to this Agreement or to the facilities, programs, and staff for which the Agreement is responsible.
 - b. **Indemnification:** Each Party to this Agreement shall be liable for the acts of its officers, employees or agents and the results thereof to the extent authorized or limited by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of any other Party, its officers, employees or agents. The provisions of the Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statute Chapter 466 and other applicable laws govern liability of the Parties. To the full extent permitted by law, actions by the Parties, their respective officers, employees, and agents pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be and shall be construed as a “cooperative activity.” It is the intent of the Parties that they shall be deemed a “single governmental unit” for the purpose of liability, as set forth in Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, subd. 1a(a). For purposes of Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, subd. 1a(a) it is the intent of each Party that this Agreement does not create any liability or exposure of one Party for the acts or omissions of any other Party.
 - c. **Records Retention and Data Practices:** The Parties agree that records created pursuant to

the terms of this Agreement will be retained in a manner that meets their respective entity's records retention schedules that have been reviewed and approved by the State in accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 138.17. The Parties further agree that records prepared or maintained in furtherance of the Agreement shall be subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. At the time this Agreement expires, all copies of pertinent documents will be held by the fiscal agent for retention consistent with their record retention schedule.

- d. **Timeliness:** The Parties agree to perform obligations under this Agreement in a timely manner and keep each other informed about any delays that may occur.
- e. **Extension:** The Parties may extend the termination date of this Agreement upon Agreement by all Parties.
- f. **Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement:** This MOA may be amended by recommendation of the Steering Committee and approval of the amendment(s) by the Policy Committee.

8. Administration:

- a. **Establishment of Committees for Development of the Plan.** The Parties agree to designate one representative, who must be an elected or appointed member of the governing board to a Policy Committee for development of the watershed-based plan and may appoint one or more technical representatives to an Advisory Committee for development of the plan in consideration of the BWSR Operating Procedures for One Watershed, One Plan.
 - i. The Policy Committee will meet as needed to decide on the content of the plan, serve as a liaison to their respective boards, and act on behalf of their Board. Each representative shall have one vote.
 - ii. Each governing board may choose one alternate to serve on the Policy Committee as needed in the absence of the designated member.
 - iii. The Policy Committee will establish bylaws within 90 days of the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement to describe the functions and operations of the committee(s).
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 - d. Provide the Policy Committee with the records necessary to describe the financial condition of the BWSR grant agreement.
 - e. Retain fiscal records consistent with the Itasca SWCD's records retention schedule.
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 - b. Provide the Policy Committee with the records necessary to describe the planning condition of the BWSR grant agreement.
- 11. **Services:** Itasca SWCD agrees to provide the following services set forth in Attachment B to the Parties.
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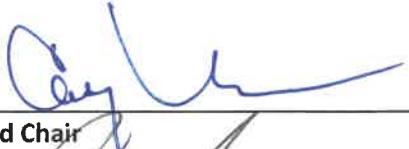
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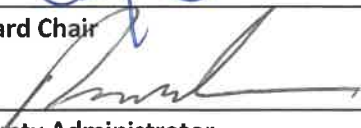
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PARTNER: Itasca County

APPROVED:

BY: 
ITS: Board Chair

Date: 3.25.25

BY: 
ITS: County Administrator

Date: 3.25.25

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: 
ITS: County Attorney

Date: 3/27/25

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PARTNER: Itasca Soil and Water Conservation District

APPROVED:

BY: _____
ITS: Board Chair

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: District Manager/Administrator

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

APPROVED:

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ITS: Title

Date: _____

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PARTNER: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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APPROVED:

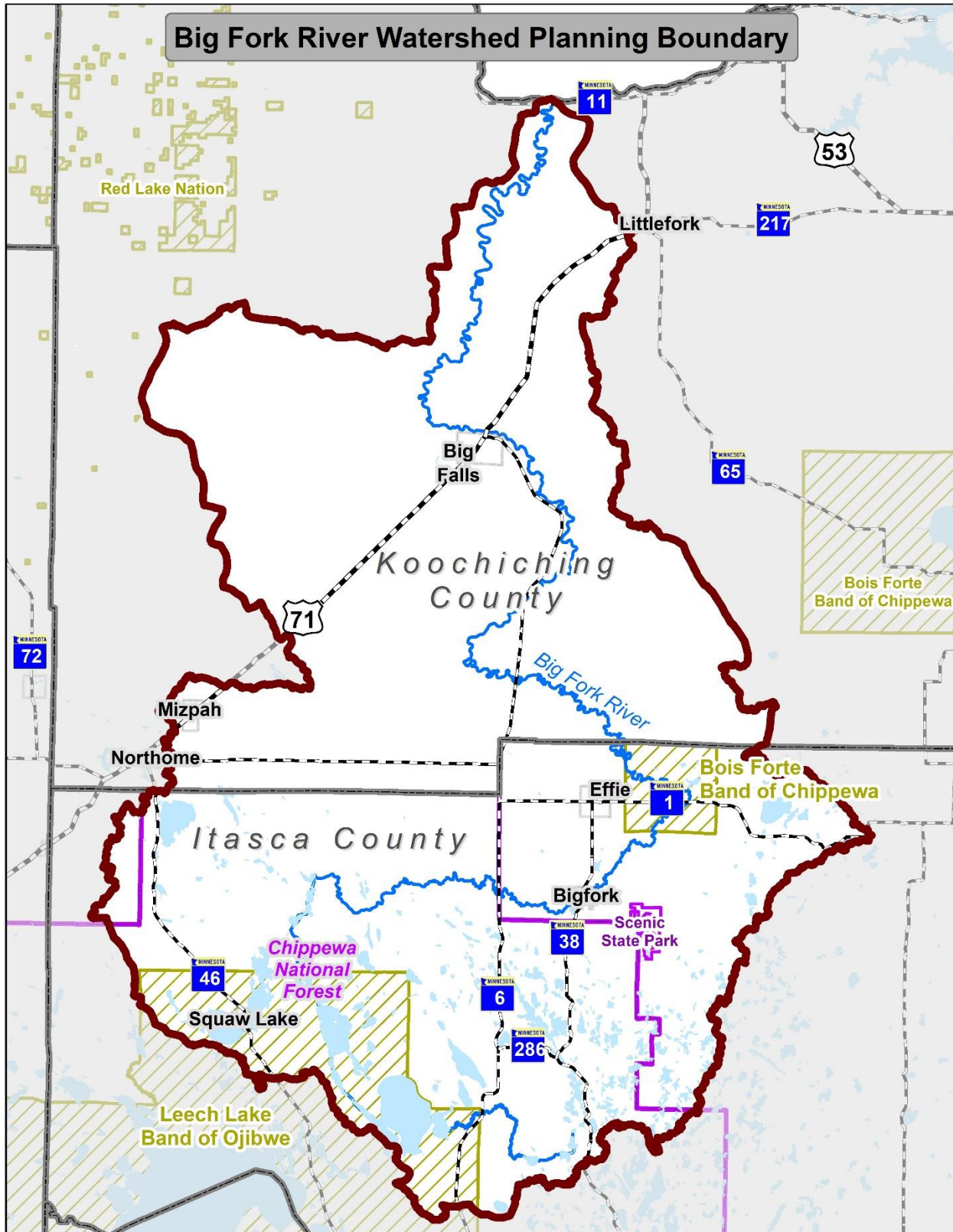
BY: _____
ITS: City Mayor

Date: _____

BY: _____
ITS: City Clerk/Administrator

Date: _____

Attachment A
Big Fork River Watershed Planning Boundary Hydrologic Unit Code (09030006)



Attachment B

Scope of Services Provided by:

Itasca Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

The Itasca SWCD will coordinate the following duties:

1. Assist with data compilation, meeting facilitation, and plan writing.
2. Coordination of Policy Committee meetings, including:
 - a) Provide advance notice of meetings;
 - b) Prepare and distribute the Agenda and related materials;
 - c) Prepare and distribute Policy Committee Minutes;
 - d) Maintain all records and documentation of the Policy Committee;
 - e) Provide public notices to the counties and watershed district for publication; and
 - f) Gather public comments from public hearing and prepare for submittal.
3. Coordination of Advisory Committee meetings including:
 - a) Provide advance notice of meetings;
 - b) Prepare and Distribute the Agenda and related materials;
 - c) Prepare and Distribute Minutes; and
 - d) Maintain all records and documentation of the committees.
4. Administration of the grant with BWSR for the purposes of developing a watershed-based plan, including:
 - a) Submit MOA, work plan, and other documents as required;
 - b) Execute the grant agreement;
 - c) Account for grant funds and prompt payment of bills incurred;
 - d) Complete annual eLINK reporting;
 - e) Present an annual audit of grant funds and their usage; and
 - f) Maintain all financial records and accounting.
5. Contracting for Services with the chosen consultant for plan preparation and writing of the watershed- based plan, including:
 - a) Execute the Contract for Services agreement;
 - b) Oversee expenditures incurred by the consultant;
 - c) Provide prompt payment for services rendered; and
 - d) Serve as primary contact person with the consultant.



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION: RBA-2025-534

DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services

TIME REQUESTED: 30 Minutes

PRESENTER: Chair Venema

AGENDA ITEM:

Closed Session Re: Labor Negotiations

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

BACKGROUND:

13D.03 CLOSED MEETINGS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: No

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

08/19/2025

RESULT:	INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN
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