



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Laurie Halverson
Commissioner William Droste
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Halverson who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Halverson noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
The following people came forward with comments:

Katrina DeVore (MN Nurses Association and DC Public Health Program Coordinator); Nurses Week

Tim Milner (Mendota Heights); Improved communications on Parks/Greenway Projects

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 26-189
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

- 5.1** Resolution No: 26-190
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on April 21, 2026

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

6. Central Operations

- 6.1** Resolution No: 26-191
Authorization To Participate In The Discover Financial Services Merchant Class
Action Settlement And Submit Claims For Any Amounts Owed

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Discover Financial Services has reached a settlement to resolve allegations of misclassifying credit cards resulting in excessive merchant fees; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County accepted Discover transactions during the class period (2007-2023) and is eligible for a portion of the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for claim submission is May 18, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes participation in the Discover Card Merchant Class Action Settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Deputy County Manager is authorized to execute and submit all necessary claim documents prior to the deadline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any proceeds received be deposited into the appropriate County funds as determined by the Deputy County Manager .

Ayes: 7

7. County Board/County Administration

- 7.1** Resolution No: 26-192
Authorization To Amend 2026 County Board Meeting Schedule

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2026 County Board meeting schedule due to a Boardroom construction project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the June 9, 2026 County Board meeting is held at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the June 23, 2026 County Board meeting is held at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN.

Ayes: 7

8. Community Services

8.1 Resolution No: 26-193

Authorization To Accept Department Of Housing And Urban Development Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, And Amend 2026 Social Services Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing (CoC RRH) program provides rental assistance and case management to re-house people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received grant funds from HUD to provide this service for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, HUD issues CoC funds through a competitive grant process called a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 26-059 (February 3, 2026), Dakota County Social Services received approval from the Board of Commissioners to apply for CoC RRH funds June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, applications were due to HUD by February 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County applies for HUD CoC funds through the Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC), which includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, HUD awarded Dakota County Social Services \$846,061 in CoC RRH funds for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, these funds provide rental assistance to 48 families (at any given time) experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is required to provide a 25 percent match as part of this award; and

WHEREAS, the match is provided by Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funds which pays for staff time to provide housing search and case management services to families on this grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program is to assist families moving from homelessness to independent living by securing safe, stable housing through temporary housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Supportive Housing Unit (SHU) staff assist clients to build independent living skills and increase income; and

WHEREAS, staff work closely with the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) to ensure that clients are on the appropriate waiting lists for permanent housing subsidies, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the program, families may transition to other rental subsidies or to self- payment of rent without moving to a different unit; and

WHEREAS, the grant allows for administrative costs, which will be 10% of the award; and

WHEREAS, this grant allows for indirect administrative costs at a rate of 15% of qualifying expenses (limited to wages, benefits and purchased services); and

WHEREAS, staff recommends accepting Department of HUD CoC grant funds for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 in an amount of \$846,061, executing the grant agreement, and amending the 2026 Social Services budget to reflect revenue and expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing grant funds in an amount of \$846,061 for the grant period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, execute the grant agreement subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Social Services budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Housing Services	<u>\$14,210</u>
Total Expense	\$14,210

Revenue

HUD Revenue	<u>\$14,210</u>
Total Revenue	\$14,210

Ayes: 7

8.2 Resolution No: 26-194

Annual Appropriation To Dakota County Veterans Service Organizations In Support Of 2026 Memorial Day Events Or Activities, Or To Purchase Items To Support Memorial Day

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375.35, the County Board has authority to appropriate annual funds to each post of a recognized military service persons' organizations or society, holding charter from Congress or incorporated in MN, organized and existing in Dakota County, to defray Memorial Day expenses; and

WHEREAS, as in past years, staff recommends that each Veterans Service Organization within Dakota County listed below receive \$100, for a total appropriation of \$2,200, for its use in funding Memorial Day activities or to purchase items to support Memorial Day in the organization's community:

- Apple Valley American Legion Post 1776
 - Apple Valley VVA Chapter 363
 - Burnsville American Legion Post 1700, Patrick Kopp Post
 - Burnsville VFW Post 5833, Glen C Turner Post
 - Eagan American Legion Post 594, Daniel R. Olsen Post
 - Farmington American Legion Post 189, Clifford Larson Post
 - Farmington Sypal-Lundgren VFW Post 7662
 - Hastings AMVETS Post 10
 - Hastings Lyle Russell VFW Post 1210
 - Hastings American Legion Post 47, Nelson-Lucking Post
 - Inver Grove Heights Legion Post 424
 - Lakeville American Legion Post 44, John Vessey Post
 - Lakeville VFW Post 210, Oscar & John Soberg Post
 - Mendota AMVETS 1, Raymond T. Furlong-Zigmund Post
 - Mendota VFW Post 6690, Vasatka-Goers Post
 - Minnesota DAV South Metro Chapter 40
 - Rosemount American Legion Post 65
 - Rosemount VFW Post 9433
 - South St. Paul Abner Rude American Legion Post 481
 - South St. Paul Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #5
 - South St. Paul VFW Post 295, Gallagher-Hansen Post
 - West St. Paul Challenger American Legion Post 521
- ; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is observed on Monday, May 25, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$100 to each of the Veterans Service Organizations within Dakota County listed in the above Resolution summary, for a total appropriation of \$2,200, to support Memorial Day events or activities, or to purchase items to support Memorial Day 2026.

Ayes: 7

8.3 Resolution No: 26-195
Proclamation Of May 2026 As Older Americans Month In Dakota County

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, every May, the nation's observance of Older Americans Month, is a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm our commitment to serving older adults; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme is: "Champion Your Health," promoting wellness, prevention, and personal responsibility for healthy aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2026 Older Americans Month as a time to recognize older Americans' contributions, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm our commitment to serving older adults.

Ayes: 7

9. Physical Development

9.1 Resolution No: 26-196
Authorization To Schedule Public Hearing To Receive Comments On And Adopt Proposed Amendments To Dakota County Ordinance No. 113, Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County has enacted Dakota County Ordinance No. 113, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (County SSTS Ordinance 113), which meets and, in some cases, exceeds the minimum state standards for subsurface sewage treatment systems required in Minn. Stat. § 115.55 and Minn. Rules Chapters § 7080-7083; and

WHEREAS, County SSTS Ordinance 113, previously amended in 1996, 1998, 2009, 2016, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were developed with input from County staff and septic program representatives from Dakota County cities, townships, realtors, septic contractors, citizens, and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments establish uniform and consistent standards, guidelines, and regulations for the compliance and enforcement of proper siting, design, construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, inspection, and permanent abandonment of septic systems in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff recommends amendments to this ordinance that will provide additional protection to groundwater and the health and safety of residents and to ensure that best practices toward long-term maintenance of these septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments include several clarifications and updates to align ordinance language with Minnesota regulations; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff recommends amending the ordinance to authorize the Zoning Board of Adjustment to review variances; and

WHEREAS, amendments to County ordinances must be approved by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on June 9, 2026, in Conference Room 3A, Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN, 55033 to receive comments on and adopt the proposed amendments to Dakota County Ordinance No. 113; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Environmental Resources Department is hereby directed to publish the notice of this public hearing in the official County newspaper.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 26-197

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Xcel Energy For Utility Relocations For Minnesota River Greenway, Project P00127

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Minnesota River Greenway (MNRGW) runs along the south side of the Minnesota River in Eagan and Burnsville, extending from I-35W in Burnsville to Lilydale Regional Park in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-516 (October 18, 2011), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the MNRGW Master Plan (Master Plan); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-163 (March 24, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved schematic design for the Project, including the relocation of several power line structures owned by Xcel Energy; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-118 (March 9, 2021), the Dakota County

Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Xcel Energy to replace and relocate a transmission line structure to enable construction of the MNRGW bridge for an amount not to exceed \$471,000; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy has submitted an updated cost of \$619,771 for construction of the new structure, driven by labor and material cost increases over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the costs submitted by Xcel Energy and accepts the revised cost estimate due to labor and material inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract amendment with Xcel Energy for the design and construction of a transmission line structure required for the Minnesota River Greenway Fort Snelling Segment project in an amount not to exceed \$619,771, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 26-198

Authorization For Submission Of Funding Request To Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, in 2008, Minnesota residents approved the Minnesota constitutional amendment to increase the State sales and use tax rate and to dedicate this revenue to protecting, improving, and enhancing natural land and water resources, providing increased hunting and fishing opportunities, improving park and trail opportunities and facilities, and benefiting arts and preserving cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Minnesota Legislature provided direction on the administration and dispersal of the dedicated revenue through various agencies and grant programs, including the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC); and

WHEREAS, the County has previously submitted funding proposals to the LSOHC, and a total of \$19.636 million has been appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature to the County for acquisition and restoration since 2009; and

WHEREAS, protection, restoration, and enhancement of environmentally sensitive and priority natural areas owned by the County, other public entities, and private landowners provide multiple public benefits and are a priority for the Dakota County Board of Commissioners as demonstrated in the approved County Park and Greenway Master Plans, associated Natural Resource Management Plans, and the Land Conservation (LC) Plan for Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the LSOHC has requested funding proposals for the State Fiscal Year 2028 (FY28) for 2027 Minnesota Law (ML27) approval; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the funding criteria and proposes submission of an \$8.0 million FY28/ML27 Outdoor Heritage Fund (OH) funding request that emphasizes: 1) restoration of County owned lands, other publicly owned lands within Regional Greenway corridors and Conservation Focus Areas (CFAs), and existing and new conservation easements (Easements) on private land; and 2) acquisition of Easements and/or fee title within Regional Greenways and CFAs and other significant areas described in the LC Plan that address eligible land protection opportunities during the five-year grant period; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes restoration and enhancement of an estimated 600 acres in County Parks, Park Reserves, Regional Greenways, and County Park Conservation Areas; an estimated 800 acres of non-County public lands located within Regional Greenway corridors and CFAs; and new and previously acquired County Easements; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes acquiring an estimated 200 acres of priority permanent conservation easement or fee title on land adjacent to Regional Parks, Park Reserves, and Regional Greenways; cultivated hydric soil areas for wetland restoration; lake, river and stream shoreline; and other priority lands within and outside CFAs as described in the LC Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would include funding for contracted professional services, materials/ supplies, and other acquisition and restoration-associated expenses; and

WHEREAS, County staff time will be included in the grant proposal as in-kind match, estimated to be \$600,000 for three FTEs over five years; and

WHEREAS, if additional County match is determined prior to the final proposal deadline, it will be included in the future County Board request to accept awarded grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the FY28/ML27 OH funding application deadline for submission to the LSOHC is May 22, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and authorizes the submission of an \$8.0 million State Fiscal Year 2028/Minnesota Law 2027 Outdoor Heritage Fund grant request to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Ayes: 7

- 9.4** Resolution No: 26-199
Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With RES Great Lakes For Vegetation Management At Whitetail Woods Regional Park

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-274 (May 23, 2017), the County Board adopted the Dakota County Natural Resource Management System Plan (NRMSP); and

WHEREAS, the NRMSP identifies the need to maintain restored areas perpetually to protect the initial investment made to restore the area; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2026, the County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Whitetail Woods Regional Park Vegetation Management project; and

WHEREAS, best value contracting was used to evaluate and award this RFP; and

WHEREAS, the proposal evaluation team scored each proposal and selected RES Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the RFP stipulated that the initial contract term would expire May 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the RFP stipulated that the contract could be extended for up to two additional twelve-month terms ending May 31, 2028, and May 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the hourly or per-acre rates will increase by three percent for each contract extension; and

WHEREAS, the RFP stipulated that the total contract amount would not exceed \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds for the initial contract terms are available within the 2026 Adopted Parks Natural Resources Budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing the contract with RES Great Lakes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to contract with RES Great Lakes for the Whitetail Woods Regional Park Vegetation Management project to manage natural areas of Whitetail Woods Regional Park through May 31, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for up to two twelve-month terms until May 31, 2029, in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.5 Resolution No: 26-200
Authorization To Execute Easement Amendments And Agreements With
Northern States Power Co. For Harry Avenue And Mills Town State Trail
Realignment In Lake Byllesby Regional Park, County Project 2000458

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Harry Avenue and Mills Town State Trail realignment is being constructed to enhance safety for road and trail users; and

WHEREAS, Northern States Power Co. (NSP) owns a parcel on Harry Avenue, and the Mills Town Trail overlaps with it; and

WHEREAS, temporary easements are required to accommodate construction; and

WHEREAS, permanent trail easements are required for the trail facilities being constructed on NSP property:

A 30.00 foot wide perpetual easement for trail purposes over, under and across the following described subject property:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section

13 all in Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 225 feet west from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence east along said north line a distance of 225 feet to said northeast corner; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 89 degrees 20 minutes and on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 391.6 feet; thence westerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 150 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 8 degrees 56 minutes a distance of 36.03 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 13 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds a distance of 91.14 feet; thence northerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 67 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds a distance of 350.95 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 28 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 133.49 feet to the intersection with a line drawn southerly from the point of beginning and parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence northerly on said parallel line a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning.

The centerline of said trail easement is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East assumed bearing along the east line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at

an angle to the left of 90 degrees along the boundary of said subject property a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees along the boundary of said subject property a distance of 187.76 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence northwesterly a distance of 32.90 feet along a non-tangential curve concave to the northeast having a radius of 112.00 feet and a central angle of 16 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds, the chord of said curve bears North 38 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds West; thence North 29 degrees 54 minutes 06 seconds West tangent to said curve a distance of 64.92 feet; thence northwesterly a distance of 53.56 feet along a tangential curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 100.00 feet and a central angle of 30 degrees 41 minutes 06 seconds; thence North 60 degrees 35 minutes 13 seconds West tangent to said curve a distance of 64.79 feet; thence northwesterly a distance of 75.98 feet along a tangential curve concave to the northeast having a radius of 100.00 feet and a central angle of 43 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds; thence North 17 degrees 03 minutes 07 seconds West tangent to said curve a distance of 21.34 feet; thence northwesterly a distance of 175.00 feet along a tangential curve concave to the southwest having a radius of 116.50 feet and a central angle of 86 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds to the west boundary of said subject property and said centerline there terminating.

AND

A 30.00-foot perpetual easement for trail purposes over, under and across the following described property:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13 all in Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 225 feet west from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence east along said north line a distance of 225 feet to said northeast corner; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 89 degrees 20 minutes and on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 391.6 feet; thence westerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 150 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 8 degrees 56 minutes a distance of 36.03 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 13 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds a distance of 91.14 feet; thence northerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 67 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds a distance of 350.95 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 28 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 133.49 feet to the intersection with a line drawn southerly from the point of beginning and parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence northerly on said parallel line a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning.

The centerline of said trail easement is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 39 seconds West, assumed bearing along the north line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 29.37 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence South 69 degrees 35 minutes 07 seconds West a distance of 37.80 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 78.58 feet along a tangential curve concave to the northwest having a radius of 300.00 feet and a central angle of 15 degrees 00 minutes 25 seconds; thence South 84 degrees 35 minutes 31 seconds West tangent to said curve a distance of 83.91 feet to the west line of the above described property and said centerline there terminating.

; and

WHEREAS, a permanent expanded driveway easement is necessary for the relocation of Harry Avenue and the water access driveway when on NSP property:

A 24.00-foot-wide perpetual access easement over, under and across the following described subject property:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13 all in Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 225 feet west from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence east along said north line a distance of 225 feet to said northeast corner; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 89 degrees 20 minutes and on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 391.6 feet; thence westerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 150 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 8 degrees 56 minutes a distance of 36.03 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 13 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds a distance of 91.14 feet; thence northerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 67 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds a distance of 350.95 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 28 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 133.49 feet to the intersection with a line drawn southerly from the point of beginning and parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence northerly on said parallel line a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning.

The centerline of said access easement is described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East, assumed bearing along the east line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees along the boundary of said subject property a distance of 34.51 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described;

thence South 23 degrees 15 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 72.23 feet; thence southeasterly a distance of 68.51 feet along a tangential curve concave to the northeast having a radius of 400.00 feet and a central angle of 09 degrees 48 minutes 46 seconds; thence South 33 degrees 04 minutes 12 seconds East tangent to said curve a distance of 28.94 feet to the east boundary of said subject property and said centerline there terminating.

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff access to the Byllesby dam is through a shared gate on NSP property; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requires a fence to protect dam access, thus requiring a fence and gate easement to accommodate Dakota County's fence on a shared driveway on NSP's parcel:

A 10.00 foot wide strip of land over part of the following described subject property: That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13 all in Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 225 feet west from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence east along said north line a distance of 225 feet to said northeast corner; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 89 degrees 20 minutes and on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 391.6 feet; thence westerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 150 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 8 degrees 56 minutes a distance of 36.03 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 13 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds a distance of 91.14 feet; thence northerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 67 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds a distance of 350.95 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 28 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 133.49 feet to the intersection with a line drawn southerly from the point of beginning and parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence northerly on said parallel line a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning.

Said 10.00 foot wide strip of land lies contiguous and northerly of the following described line: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East, assumed bearing along the east line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees along said subject property a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees along said subject property a distance of 290.13 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 100.00 feet and said line there terminating.

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is conveying an access road easement to NSP on Dakota County property for their substation:

A 25.00-foot-wide perpetual access easement over part of the east 400 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, said easement lies contiguous to and westerly of Line A described as part of the following described parcel:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13 all in Township 112 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 225 feet west from the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence east along said north line a distance of 225 feet to said northeast corner; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 89 degrees 20 minutes and on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 564.62 feet; thence easterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 110 feet; thence southerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 391.6 feet; thence westerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 90 degrees a distance of 150 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 8 degrees 56 minutes a distance of 36.03 feet; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the right of 13 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds a distance of 91.14 feet and the point of beginning of hereinbefore referenced Line A; thence northerly deflecting at an angle to the right of 67 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds a distance of 350.95 feet and the point of termination of said Line A; thence northwesterly deflecting at an angle to the left of 28 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 133.49 feet to the intersection with a line drawn southerly from the point of beginning and parallel with the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Section 14; thence northerly on said parallel line a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning

; and

WHEREAS, all aforementioned easements are being gifted and therefore incur no cost on either party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the donation of the aforementioned easement agreements associated with the Harry Avenue and Mills Town State Trail Realignment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners donates the access road easement to Northern States Power Co.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair to execute the easement agreements and

amendments.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Site Map

Attachment: Amendment to Trail Easement

Attachment: Access Road Easement

Attachment: Second Amendment

Attachment: Fence and Gate Easement

BOARD GOALS

Thriving People A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources

A Successful Place for Business and Jobs Excellence in Public Service

CONTACT

Department Head: Niki Geisler

Author: Michael Honer

Ayes: 7

9.6 Resolution No: 26-201

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Lakeville For North Creek Greenway: East Lake North Segment And Trailhead

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-517 (October 11, 2011), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the North Creek Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville is leading the design, bidding, and project delivery; and

WHEREAS, the project will upgrade approximately 3,000 feet of trail to meet regional greenway standards and construct a new park and trailhead building; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Lakeville based on the current cost-share practice of 85 percent for trail construction, 50 percent for trail amenities and overlooks, and a fixed \$400,000 towards the park and trailhead building; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost to Dakota County is \$1,040,000, including 10 percent contingency; and

WHEREAS, sufficient revenues are available in the Parks Capital Improvement Program Greenway Collaborative Set-aside project; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Maintenance Agreement will be revised to include ongoing maintenance and operations for project extents upon project completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development, or their designee, to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Lakeville to reimburse the City for costs associated with the North Creek Greenway: East Lake North segment and Trailhead for the period of June 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 9.7** Resolution No: 26-202
Approval Of Amendment Of Resolution No. 25-182 To Revise Budget, Tasks, And End Date For Authorized Joint Powers Agreement With City of Eagan And City Of Inver Grove Heights For Design And Construction Of Lebanon Hills Greenway And Signal Work, County Projects 2000513 And 28-72

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-182 (April 8, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a JPA with the city of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights for design and construction of improvements for the Lebanon Hills Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the original Resolution specified that the JPA would terminate by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete the combined City-County project; and

WHEREAS, the County is also participating in signal improvements at the TH 13 and CSAH 28 intersection, which are being constructed as part of this same City-County project; and

WHEREAS, the signal improvements require a 25 percent cost share by the County pursuant to the County's Cost Share Policy; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of efficiency, the County's participation in the signal improvements should be included in the same JPA; and

WHEREAS, based on the City of Eagan leading the construction project and the minimal Greenway area added within the City of Inver Grove Heights as part of this project, staff recommends the County be responsible for 100 percent of the Greenway construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the total current estimated County project costs, including

Greenway and signal improvement costs, is \$330,000, including 10 percent contingency; and

WHEREAS, County Project (CP) 2000513 funding is included in the 2026 Parks Capital Improvement Program in the Greenway Collaborative Set-Aside; and

WHEREAS, CP 28-072 funding is included in the 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program in the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution 25-182 (April 8, 2025) is hereby amended to:

- (1) remove the requirement that the joint powers agreement authorized by that Resolution terminate by December 31, 2026;
- (2) provide that the County will pay for 100 percent of the Greenway construction costs and a proportionate share of the project engineering costs;
- (3) add County Project 28-72 to the joint powers agreement, authorizing reimbursement of costs associated with signal improvements for the TH 13 and CSAH 28 intersection according to the County's cost share policy; and
- (4) increase the budget for the estimated project costs to \$330,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development Division, or designated Department Director, to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan and City of Inver Grove Heights to proceed with County Project 2000513 and County Project 28-072 for construction and reimbursement of the construction and engineering costs of the Lebanon Hills Greenway adjacent to Wescott Road and at the intersection of Argenta Trail and Trunk Highway 149, and signal modifications and intersection improvements at Trunk Highway 13 and CSAH 28, consistent with Resolution No. 25-182 (April 8, 2025), as amended by this Resolution, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.8 Resolution No: 26-203
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission examines plats prior to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the final plats by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the final plat approval by the County Board is subject to the conditions established by the Plat Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the following plats below require approval by their respective City Council prior to the recording of the plats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following final plats:

KWIK TRIP 1952
Burnsville & Eagan
EB FIRST ADDITION
Lakeville
AUTHENIX LAKEVILLE SECOND ADDITION
Lakeville
GLOBUS BUSINESS PARK
Lakeville

Ayes: 7

- 9.9** Resolution No: 26-204
Authorization To Execute Agreement No. 1062534 With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Signal Replacement And Intersection Improvements At County State Aid Highway 14 And Trunk Highway 62 In Inver Grove Heights, County Project 14-034

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County (County) is partnering with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on County Project (CP) 14-034; and

WHEREAS, CP 14-034 includes the replacement of a MnDOT traffic signal systems at Trunk Highway (TH) 62 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14, including minor geometric and trail updates to incorporate the new signal system, including meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards for the signal and ramps; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT will lead the design and construction of the project from spring to summer of 2027; and

WHEREAS, County Transportation will cost participate per MnDOT cost participation policy that primarily follows the jurisdiction ownership of intersection legs; and

WHEREAS, Agreement No. 1062534 includes a County cost share estimate of \$190,987 for the associated work; however, final shares will be based on actual costs realized during construction; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget does not include dollars for CP 14-034, as they were planned for 2027 in the amount of \$330,000; and

WHEREAS, Agreement No. 1062534 includes language from MnDOT to not bill the County for the share in the project costs until January 2, 2027; and

WHEREAS, CP 14-034 is included in the staff working draft 2027-2031 Transportation CIP for budget in 2027 to be adopted with the budget process; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and the County mutually desire to enter into Agreement No. 1062534 as needed to define the costs and responsibilities associated with the construction, operations, maintenance, and power of the traffic signal at CSAH 14 and TH 62 being replaced as part of MnDOT's State Project No. 1918-122; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing staff to enter into Agreement No. 1062534 with MnDOT for CP 14-034.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development Division to execute Agreement No. 1062534 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for County Project 14-034, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10. Public Services and Revenue

10.1 Resolution No: 26-205

Approval Of Application To Conduct Excluded Bingo For Farmington Lions Club

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, off-site gambling permits are issued by the Minnesota Gambling Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Gambling Control Board requires County approval of an application when the gambling premises are located in a township; and

WHEREAS, an application to conduct excluded bingo during the Dakota County Fair from August 10-16, 2026 at Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township has been submitted by the Farmington Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township reviewed the application on March 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is the local governing body having jurisdiction over the proposed gambling activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application from Farmington Lions Club to conduct excluded bingo activities during the Dakota County Fair from August 10-16, 2026, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township.

Ayes: 7

10.2 Resolution No: 26-206
Approval Of Chair To Special County Board Of Appeal And Equalization

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners appoints the Chair for the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization voted in 2025 to reappoint Christopher Baddeley as Chair for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Christopher Baddeley as Chair of the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization for 2026.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Central Operations

11.1 Annual Update From Dakota 911

Dakota 911 Executive Director Heidi Hieserich briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

Information only; no action requested.

12. Closed Executive Session

12.1 Resolution No: 26-207
Closed Executive Session: County Manager's Mid-Year Review

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Droste, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Closed Executive Session was approved. Prior to recessing the County Board meeting at 9:51 a.m. the County Board completed the rest of the agenda and then went into recess. The County Board held the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole meeting. Following that meeting and pursuant to public notice, the Board convened at 11:46 in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, to discuss the County Manager's Mid-Year Review.

The following were present:
Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1

Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2
Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3
Commissioner William (Bill) Droste, District 4
Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7
Heidi Welsch, County Manager

The Closed Executive Session continued until 12:40 p.m., at which time the Board reconvened the County Board meeting with all members present.

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a resolution by majority vote, the Dakota County Board is authorized, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05 3(a), to hold a closed executive session to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners desires to meet to evaluate the performance of the County Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes the County Board Meeting on May 5, 2026, and recesses to conference room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings, to evaluate the performance of the County Manager, Heidi Welsch.

Ayes: 7

13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

14. County Manager's Report

During the County Manager's Report, Gil Acevedo, Assistant County Manager for Community Services provided an overview on the month of May being Older Americans Month. The 2026 theme, Champion Your Youth, focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. There are several programs and services that support older adults throughout Dakota County:

Alternative Care, Elderly Waiver, and Essential Community Supports programs are designed to support people living in their homes to remain as independent as possible. Communities for a Lifetime also provides key supports for older adults.

15. Information

15.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

16.1 Resolution No: 26-208
Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

Laurie Halverson
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager