

Appendix A

Agency Coordination & Correspondence

Appendix A-1

Agency List and Outreach Letters

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Local											
Keith Iverson	Chair	Hayward Township			18896 820th Avenue		Hayward	MN	56043	Township-Officers---Terms-2020 (freeborn.mn.us)	Note his term ends in 2020.
Mike Hansen	Mayor	City of Hayward			20532 810th Avenue		Hayward	MN	56043	cityofhayward@gofast.am and mikehan247@gmail.com	
Dr. Mike Funk	Superintendent	Albert Lea Area Schools			211 W Richway Drive		Albert Lea	MN	56007	mike.funk@alschools.org	
Andy Henschel	Administrator	Shell Rock River Watershed District			214 West Main Street		Albert Lea	MN	56007	Andy.henschel@co.freeborn.mn.us	
Tribes											
Cheyenne St. John	THPO	Lower Sioux Indian Community	Tribal Historic Preservation Office		39527 Highway 1		Morton	MN	56270	Cheyenne.stjohn@lowersioux.com	
Samantha Odegard	THPO Assistant	Upper Sioux Community	Tribal Historic Preservation Office		PO Box 147		Granite Falls	MN	56241	samanthao@uppersiouxcommunity-nsn.gov	
Noah White	THPO	Prairie Island Indian Community	Tribal Historic Preservation Office		5636 Sturgeon Lake Road		Welch	MN	55089	noah.white@piic.org	
Leonard Wabasha	Director of Cultural Resources	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community			2330 Sioux Trail NW		Prior Lake	MN	55372	culturalresources@shakopeedakota.org leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org	
Bill Latady	THPO	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Tribal Historic Preservation Office		5344 Lake Shore Drive	PO Box 16	Nett Lake	MN	55772	blatady@boisforte-nsn.gov	

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December 16, 2020 (SAMPLE)

Representative
Agency
Address

RE: Request for Comments on Hayward Solar Energy Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota

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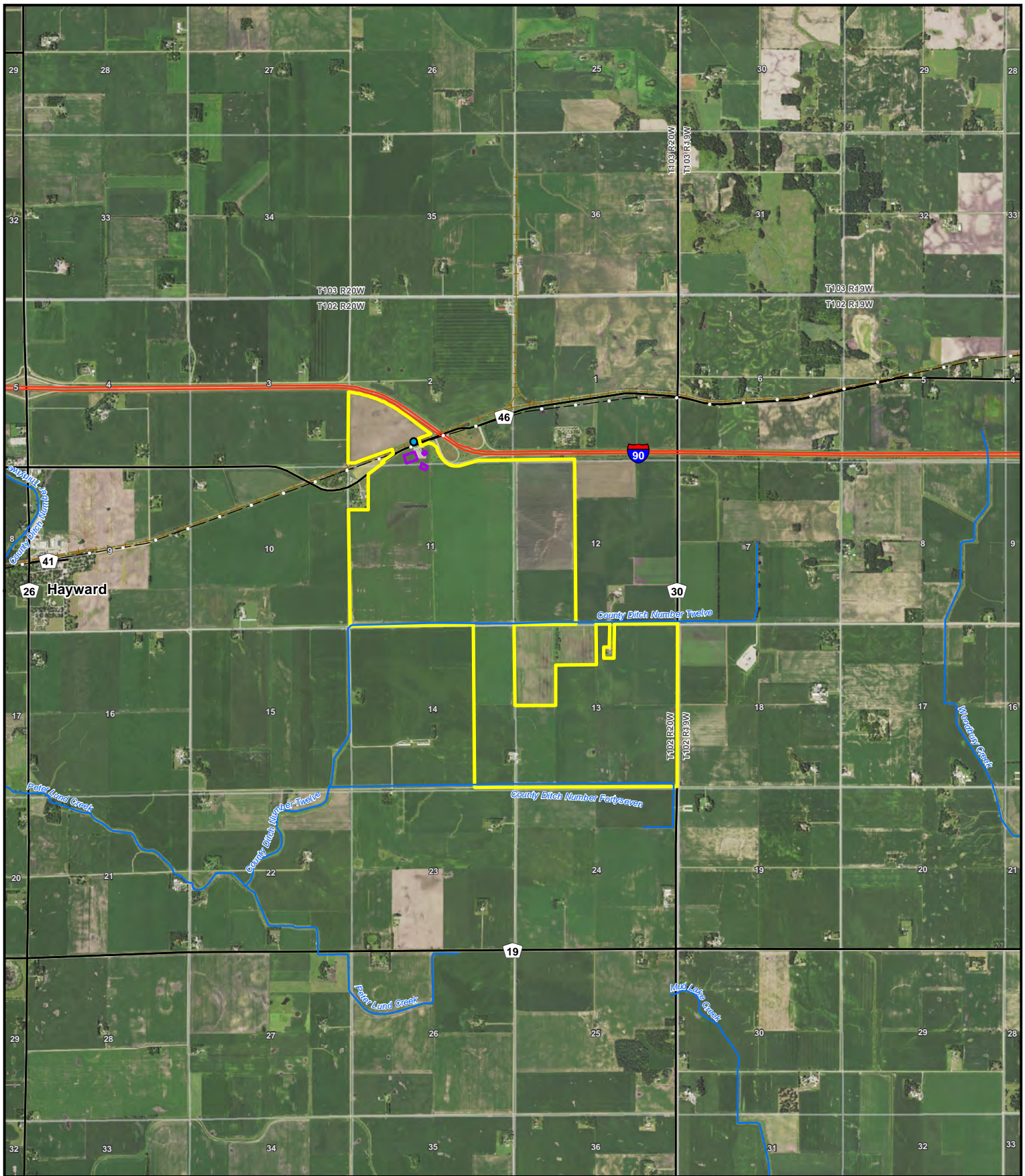
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Sincerely,



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Project Manager
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2001 Killebrew Drive, Suite 141
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Enclosure: Figure 1 - Hayward Solar Project Location



Source: Map adapted from 2019 NAIP; USGS NHD, MNDOT Highways, and Project data by Hayward Solar LLC. Scale: 1:50,000. Date: 12/8/2020



Project Features

- Project Area
- Approximate Proposed O&M Building, Substation, and Switchyard Locations
- Hayward POI

Infrastructure

- Interstate Highway
- County Highway
- Transmission Line
- Railroad

Water Feature

- Major Waterway
- #### Public Land Survey
- Township
 - Section

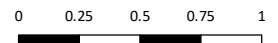


Figure 1
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Hayward Township
Freeborn County, Minnesota

Bellrichard, Kathy

From: Holven, Adam
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 5:10 PM
To: trevor.bordelon@co.freeborn.mn.us
Cc: Bellrichard, Kathy
Subject: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments
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January 4, 2021

Raelene Hegge, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
St. Paul District - Regulatory
180 5th Street East
Suite 700
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Request for Comments on Hayward Solar Energy Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota
Regulatory File Number: MVP-2020-01963-RMH

Dear Raelene Hegge:

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A short (approximately 200-foot) 161 kV overhead electrical transmission (gen-tie) line will be installed between the Project substation and the switching station.

Hayward Solar will seek a Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit (SP) from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the Project. The proposed transmission line for the Project will not require a Route Permit from the PUC because it does not exceed applicable rules that require PUC approval. However, transmission facilities will be included and described in the applications for the CON and SP. Hayward Solar plans to submit the CON and SP applications to the PUC in Spring 2021. Construction of the Project is anticipated to begin after issuance of the CON and SP, which would likely be during Summer 2022. Hayward Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2023.

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If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 612-643-2237 or at adam.holven@tetrattech.com.

Sincerely,



Adam Holven
Project Manager
Tetra Tech Inc.
2001 Killebrew Drive, Suite 141
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425

Enclosure: Figure 1 - Hayward Solar Project Location



January 18, 2021

Trevor Bordelon, Zoning Administrator
Freeborn County
411 Broadway S
PO Box 1147
Albert Lea, MN 56007

RE: Request for Comments on Hayward Solar Energy Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota

Dear Trevor Bordelon:

Tetra Tech Inc., on behalf of Hayward Solar LLC (Hayward Solar), is gathering information and requesting agency comments for the proposed Hayward Solar Energy Project (Project) in Freeborn County, Minnesota (**Figure 1**). The purpose of this letter is to inform your organization of the proposed Project, seek your input regarding any permits or approvals that may be required, and identify interests your organization may have in the Project Area (herein described) or surrounding vicinity.

The Project has a proposed nameplate energy generation capacity of up to 150 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC). An area of about 1,642 acres is being evaluated for siting the Project (Project Area). The Project Area is located in portions of Sections 2 and 11 through 14 in Township 102 North, Range 20 West (Hayward Township) in Freeborn County, MN. A map of the Project Area location and boundary is enclosed for your reference (**Figure 1**).

Land use within the Project Area is currently row-crop agriculture.

The Project's facilities will include:

- Solar modules, inverters, and racking;
- Fencing;
- Access roads;
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) building;
- Project substation;
- Power transformer;
- Overhead transmission line;
- On-site electrical collection lines; and
- Ancillary equipment or buildings as necessary.

The proposed Project solar array layout and other facilities' locations have not been finalized at this time. Foundations for the solar arrays will be driven steel piles. Fencing will consist of an appropriately sized fence and material. Gates will be secured with lock boxes. Access will be controlled by the Project owner with access provided to local emergency response officials as needed. Access roads will be installed as necessary to allow access to Project facilities for O&M of the Project. Road design includes stripping the surface vegetation root zone for the width of the road and placing compacted aggregate over the stabilized subgrade. Mechanical stabilization, such as geotextile reinforcement, may also be employed on top of compacted subgrade before

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Appendix A-2

Agency Responses



Cover Table of Appendix A-2

DATE	Communication	CONTACTS	NOTES
December 16, 2020	Project Introduction Letter and map	Federal and state agencies, Minnesota Tribal Nations, local cities and townships	List of Contacts and Letter are located in Appendix A-1
December 18, 2020	Response to Introduction Letter	MNDNR	MDNR's Cynthia Warzecha advised Hayward Solar that Joanne Boettcher would be the primary contact until the SPA is submitted and afterwards, Cynthia would be the contact. Joanne requested a shapefile of the Project Area, to which Hayward complied. Correspondence attached.
December 21, 2020	Response to Introduction Letter	MnDOT	MNDOT's John Keranen called to discuss the introduction letter and requested a more detailed map of the proposed driveways and indicated that no driveways could be located off I-90 or ramps.
December 22, 2020	Response to Introduction Letter	USFWS	USFWS advised Hayward Solar in an email that any feedback would best come from their IPaC system. Response attached.
December 22, 2020	Response to Introduction Letter	FAA	The FAA's Kent Wheeler called to discuss the Request for Comment letter and suggested filing with the FAA even though the project did not exceed the notice criteria.
December 22, 2020	Communication about NHIS review	MNDNR	Reminder from Joanne Boettcher to submit the NHIS review request and discussion about shapefile submissions. Correspondence attached.
January 7, 2021	Response to Introduction Letter	MnDOT	A more detailed map was requested on January 7, 2021, along with information about where driveways can be located. Correspondence attached.
January 19, 2021	Response to Introduction Letter	MDA	Steve Roos from MDA called to verify that the introduction letter was for the same project as discussed during the December 10, 2020 meeting detailed in Appendix A-3. Steve also indicated that he can provide guidance on the AIMP and VMP, but cannot comment on the Project as a whole until he has those. Correspondence attached. Comments from MDA on AIMP received on March 22, 2021. Comments from MDA on VMP received on April 7, 2021. Correspondence attached.

January 27, 2021	Coordination comments on the proposed Project	MNDNR	Recommendations included referencing DNR's Commercial Solar Siting Guidance; using GIS data layers; establish native, pollinator friendly vegetation; submitting an updated NHIS review request for any change in Project footprint; and wildlife friendly erosion control and invasive species prevention best management practices. Thorough field investigations, minimizing impacts to wetland or mucky soils, avoidance of the native prairie remnants, and stringent erosion control efforts were also recommended. Correspondence attached.
February 23, 2021	Email regarding concerns	MNDOT	The MNDOT sent an email regarding the Project notes that they have no further concerns after confirming being on the same page about keeping any access off MNDOT right-of-way.
March 26, 2021	Letter of Support from Shell Rock River Watershed District	Shell Rock River Watershed District Chairman	Letter of Support from the SRRWD describing support of the vegetation and habitat management plans and plans to continue discussions with the Project team. Letter attached.

Bellrichard, Kathy

From: Warzecha, Cynthia (DNR) <cynthia.warzecha@state.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Bellrichard, Kathy
Cc: Boettcher, Joanne (MPCA); Holven, Adam
Subject: RE: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Best regards,

Cynthia

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Bellrichard, Kathy

From: Boettcher, Joanne (DNR) <Joanne.Boettcher@state.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Bellrichard, Kathy
Cc: Holven, Adam
Subject: RE: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Hi Kathy,

Thanks for sending this in. Do you have a shapefile of the project footprint you can send? Also, have your requested/received the [NHIS review](#) yet? Ideally, that review is completed (with any requirements or recommendations) prior to my review.

Thanks,

Joanne Boettcher
Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist
MNDNR – Mankato
(507) 389-8813



From: Bellrichard, Kathy <kathy.bellrichard@tetrattech.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Boettcher, Joanne (DNR) <Joanne.Boettcher@state.mn.us>
Cc: Holven, Adam <adam.holven@tetrattech.com>
Subject: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Subject: Hayward Solar - MNDOT Additional Data Request

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Adam Holven	Tetra Tech	612-643-2237
John Keranen	MNDOT (Region 6)	507-456-5347

John called to discuss the Request for Comment letter Tetra Tech sent to MNDOT. This letter was sent to Stacy Kotch Egstad and forwarded to John by Stacy. John requested a more detailed map of the proposed driveways so that he could better understand these locations relative to possible MNDOT easements along Old Highway 16/CR 46. He also indicated that no driveways could be located off I-90 or ramps.

I indicated that I would check with team on the availability on this map and provide it when available.

Bellrichard, Kathy

From: Marsh, Dawn S <dawn_marsh@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Bellrichard, Kathy
Cc: Holven, Adam
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Good morning,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received your request for technical assistance with an environmental review, specifically concerning threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). We provide technical assistance through our [Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\)](#) system. You can access the information you're looking for regarding federally listed species that could occur in your project area through IPaC by entering the geographic and activity details for your project. The system will generate an Official Species List, a list of federally listed species and designated critical habitat that may be impacted by your project. The species list also will include any species proposed for listing and any areas proposed as critical habitat that overlap with the project area. You then can refer to our [Section 7 website](#) for guidance and [technical assistance](#), including [step-by-step instructions](#) for making effects determinations for each species that might be present. If there is no suitable habitat for the species that IPaC indicates, then the appropriate determination is No Effect. You do not need to consult further with us for No Effect determinations, please simply document the logic and conclusion for your files.

To complete consultation specifically for northern long-eared bat (NLEB), please use our online assisted determination key ("d-key"). This tool streamlines consultation under the 2016 rangewide programmatic BO for the 4(d) rule. The d-key helps to determine if prohibited take might occur and, if not, will generate an automated verification letter. No further review by us is necessary. You'll find the information you need at the links below.

[NLEB Section 7 consultation](#)
[Key to the NLEB 4\(d\) rule for federal actions that may affect](#)
[Instructions for the NLEB 4\(d\) assisted d-key](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Dawn

Dawn Marsh (she/her/hers) | Fish and Wildlife Biologist
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | Minnesota-Wisconsin Field Office
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Tel: (952) 252-0092 x 202*
*Teleworking - please email to schedule a call

From: Bellrichard, Kathy <kathy.bellrichard@tetrattech.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Marsh, Dawn S <dawn_marsh@fws.gov>

Cc: Holven, Adam <adam.holven@tetrattech.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Dear Dawn Marsh,

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Subject: Hayward Solar - FAA Response

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Adam Holven	Tetra Tech	612-643-2237
Kent Wheeler	FAA	907-982-1748


Kent called to discuss the Request for Comment letter Tetra Tech sent to FAA. Kent indicated that we can file with the FAA even though the project did not exceed the notice criteria. He indicated that we should put in the notes that we completed the Notice of Criteria tool and that the project did not exceed. This would help the reviewers know that there are no issues, which may result in a faster review.

The FAA letter (when issued) is good for 18 month and can file for another 18 month extension if needed.

He anticipated a review would take around 45 days, but indicated they are busy.

Bellrichard, Kathy

From: Boettcher, Joanne (DNR) <Joanne.Boettcher@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Holven, Adam; Warzecha, Cynthia (DNR); Bellrichard, Kathy
Subject: RE: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Thank you. I think you're planning to do so already, but make sure you submit the NHIS review request to email on the form. Those reviews are taking 2 months, so I will complete an early coordination review (with any regional staff feedback) and get you those results in mid-January. Thanks again, Joanne

From: Holven, Adam <adam.holven@tetrattech.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Warzecha, Cynthia (DNR) <cynthia.warzecha@state.mn.us>; Bellrichard, Kathy <kathy.bellrichard@tetrattech.com>
Cc: Boettcher, Joanne (DNR) <Joanne.Boettcher@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Hayward Solar Energy Project Request for Comments

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Thanks and let me know if you need any additional information. We will get the updated request in for NHIS and can follow-up when those results are received.

Adam



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Attachments: Hayward NHIS Request Form.pdf; Hayward Solar NHIS Response_2020-05-20.pdf; Hayward_ProjectAreaBoundary_201029.zip

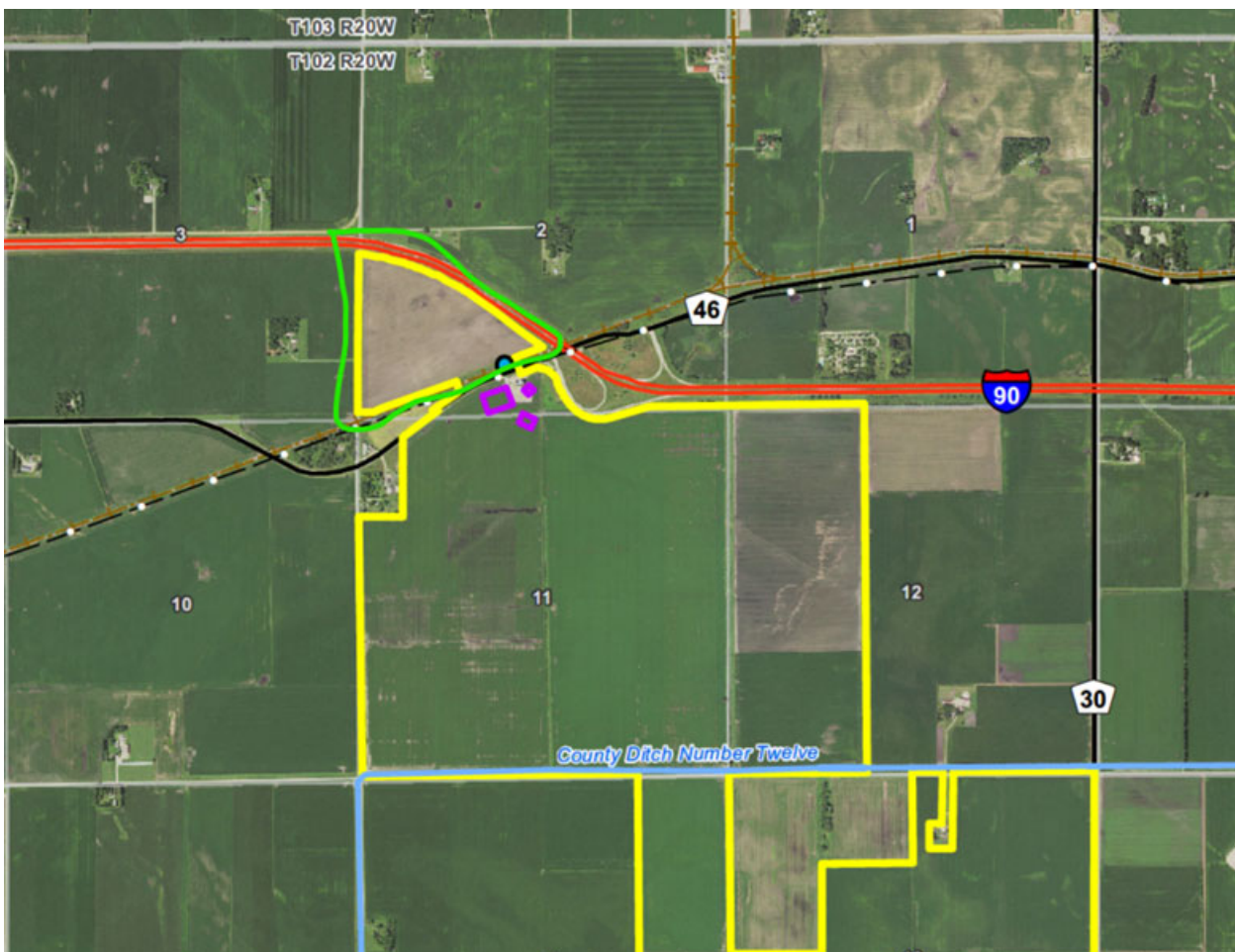
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Date/Time: 1/7/2021
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Subject: Hayward Solar - MNDOT Additional Data Request

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Adam Holven	Tetra Tech	612-643-2237
John Keranen	MNDOT (Region 6)	507-456-5347

John called to follow-up on the December 21, 2020 conversation and request for a more detailed map of the proposed Project driveways. Adam indicated these were in the works and would pass along when ready. John indicated his boss Stacy was asking about the Project and if he has been able to reply.

John and Adam also discussed the location of the MNDOT easement, or more precisely, where the easement ends. The images below show the location of the MNDOT easement in the northern portion of the Project Area. The second image shows the actual location (where the pavement changes). John indicated that any driveways would need to be to the west of that location.







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Date/Time: 1/19/2021 9:45 am

Recorded By: Adam Holven

Subject: Hayward Solar – Department of Agriculture Additional Data Needs

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Adam Holven	Tetra Tech	612-643-2237
Steve Roos	Dept. of Agriculture	651-201-6631

Adam returned Steve's call to verify that the Hayward Solar project in the initial outreach letter was the same project that was discussed during the December 10, 2020 meeting. Steve also said that he can provide guidance on the ag impact plan and the vegetation impact plan for the Project, but he can't really comment on the Project until he has those reports.

From: MacAlister, Jamie (COMM) <jamie.macalister@state.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Joe Sedarski <Joe.Sedarski@westwoodps.com>; Boettcher, Joanne (DNR) <Joanne.Boettcher@state.mn.us>; Roos, Stephan (MDA) <stephan.roos@state.mn.us>; Warzecha, Cynthia (DNR) <cynthia.warzecha@state.mn.us>
Cc: Miltich, Louise (COMM) <louise.miltich@state.mn.us>; Roth, Michael <MRoth@tenaska.com>; Duehr, Jeremy <jduehr@fredlaw.com>; Colleen Hollinger <colleen@naturalresourceservice.com>; Garima Kalra <gkalra@arevonenergy.com>; Kirsch, Raymond (COMM) <raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Hayward Solar Project - Draft Vegetation Management Plan

Joe,

Attached are the combined agency comments on the Draft VEMP. The comments are detailed and should help your team make the necessary adjustments. Additionally, a few high level comments below:

- The introduction is good and sets the stage for discussing management objectives.
- It's critical to maintain perennial vegetation cover throughout the life of the site. The success of seedling establishment is closely tied to soil types and seed types, which the team notes seems to be mismatched. That is, many of the seed mixes are suited for dry soils, but Hayward notes heavy, wet soils on site.
- Equally important is the protection of the soil resource from erosion and stormwater run-off during and after construction, so similar to the previous bullet point, making sure soils and seed selection are compatible is critical to the success of vegetation establishment.
- Now that the VEMP Guidance is complete, please make sure that the VEMP is consistent with the guidance. For example, the map section of the draft does not include civil site plans or inform the discussion of existing and new topography on site. So, a quick review of the guidance and the mapping section is recommended (<https://mn.gov/eera/web/project-file/11702/>).
- If there is overlap from the AIMP that is relevant to the VEMP, please include for consistency.

Overall, the VEMP is headed in the right direction and we (the inter-agency work group) appreciate your willingness to work with the draft guidance knowing there would be changes. Please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification on our comments.

JM

Jamie MacAlister

Environmental Review Manager

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Hi Joanne and all,

We are nearly complete in finalizing the Draft Site Permit Application (SPA) for the Hayward Solar Project and submittal to Ray at the DOC for his review. If you have comments on the Draft VMP we can review and revise that document, which will be included in the SPA.

Thanks for your time in reviewing and providing comments on the draft VMP. We appreciate the consultation and coordination.

Best,
Joe

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Thanks for the update Joanne.

Regards,
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Hi Joe,

Yes, we are working on compiling our comments and will send them over next week, ideally.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon all – as we are nearing completion of the Draft Site Permit Application (SPA) to be submitted soon to the DOC for review, I'm checking to see if there are any agency comments on the Draft Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the Hayward Solar Project we can review.

We've received and appreciate comments from Steve on the draft AIMP and believe we have addressed those at this time.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Joe

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Subject: Hayward Solar Project - Draft Vegetation Management Plan

Good morning Steve, Cynthia, Joanne and all,

On behalf of Hayward Solar LLC and as a follow up to the earlier meeting we had with you in December 2020 regarding the Hayward Solar Project, please find attached the Draft Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the Project for your review and comment. Attached is a Word doc version of the plan text and a pdf compiled version that includes attachments. The Draft VMP was prepared in consultation with the *Draft: Vegetation Management Plan Template and Guidance* (provided to us Dec. 31, 2020), *Commercial Solar Siting Guidance* (May 2016), and other solar projects currently undergoing permitting in MN.

Note that this draft VMP will be updated to reflect changes to the Project Area and Preliminary Development Area as additional land is being added to the Project (~300 acres in the SW corner of what is now shown). We wanted to get this draft to you now for review and comment so we can include changes as needed prior to including this in the Site Permit Application (SPA). While additional land will be added, the text and approach in the draft VMP now will not likely change (we will update exhibits/figures, tables, and references to acreages and other related numbers, etc.).

We appreciate your review on this Draft VMP and look forward to your comments. Our schedule to file the SPA is in early April.

Best Regards,
Joe

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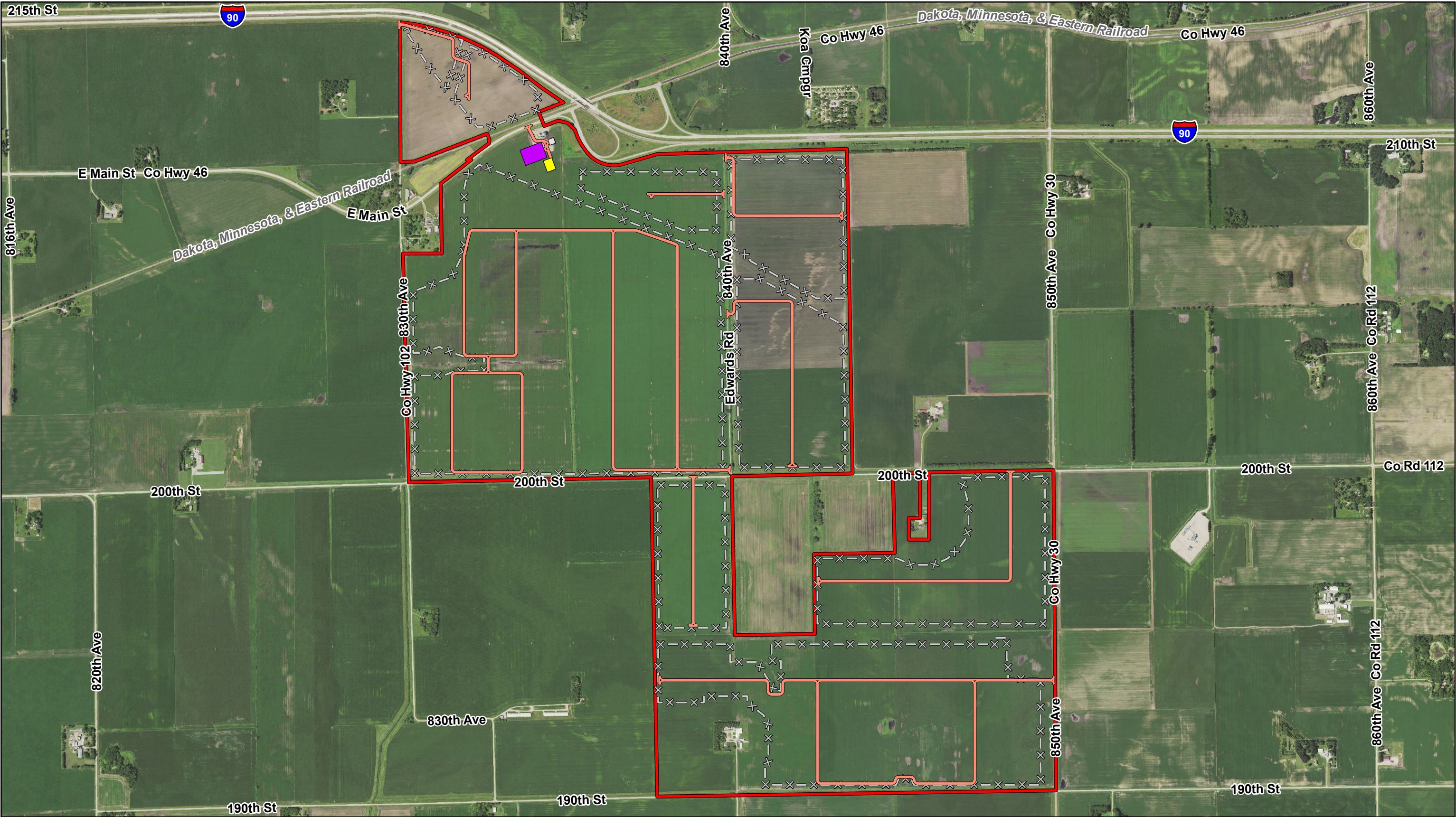
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Legend

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|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | Project Area |  | Proposed O&M Building |
|  | Proposed Access Road |  | Proposed Substation |
|  | Proposed Fence Boundary |  | Proposed Switchyard |



Hayward Solar Project



Freeborn County, Minnesota

MNDOT Map

January 11, 2021

Bellrichard, Kathy

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Subject: Hayward Solar - DNR Early Coordination Comments
Attachments: Erosion_InvasiveSpecies_StandardGuidance_20200707.pdf

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Good afternoon Adam and Kathy,

This email includes DNR early coordination comments on the proposed Hayward Solar Energy Project.

Site Notes:

- Location is six miles east of Albert Lea and 3 miles east of Myre-Big Island state park and the Albert Lea State Game Refuge, within a headwater region of the Shell Rock River.
- Site is adjacent Interstate 90.
- Most of the site area is a drained lake bed with “very poorly” to “poorly” drained soils. A network of surface drainage is apparent on aerial imagery throughout the project footprint.
- Drains to a public water on the SW side of the project, outside the project boundary, which drains to Peter Lund Creek and then to Albert Lea Lake.
- Portions of the project are in a sensitive groundwater area.
- WCA TEP has been consulted (Jeanine Vorland is the DNR representative).

General Recommendations:

- Refer to the DNR [Commercial Solar Siting Guidance](#) for general project recommendations.
- For planning purposes, natural resource GIS data layers are available for download on the [Minnesota Geospatial Commons](#).
- We encourage all solar project to establish native, pollinator-friendly vegetation using the [Prairie Establishment & Maintenance Technical Guidance for Solar Projects](#).
- BWSR provides sample native [seed mixes](#); these or custom mixes can be supplied by native seed companies. Seed mixes should be designed by experienced restoration specialists and carefully selected to meet site conditions, particularly the soil moisture conditions.
- An updated [NHIS review](#) request needs to be submitted, as the project footprint has changed. For your planning purposes, those reviews are taking about two months to process and the results are valid for one year.
- We recommend wildlife friendly erosion control and invasive species prevention best management practices (see attachment).

Site Specific Recommendations:

- The project proposers should conduct thorough field investigations including soil and hydrologic conditions to assess the site’s suitability for development and any special development needs and appropriate operation and maintenance (O&M) plans if development is pursued. We do not recommend developing sites with hydric soils or water within six inches of the surface, as this has led to extensive issues with construction and O&M. Drainage networks often degrade after a change in land use and maintenance. Therefore, we caution the project to plan accordingly.

- Avoid/minimize impacts to wetland or mucky soils by preventing compaction and maintaining soil structure. Avoid excavation and do not use these areas to stage equipment. If soil disturbance will be done, ensure top soils are replaced.
- Project construction and temporary impacts should ensure avoidance of the native prairie remnants adjacent Interstate 90.
- If construction dewatering is necessary and exceeds the threshold of 10,000 gallons/day or a million gallons per year, a temporary [water use permit](#) is required.
- Albert Lea Lake has undergone [recent restoration work](#). We particularly encourage stringent erosion control efforts to support this work (refer to the standard erosion control attachment).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Standard Erosion Control and Invasive Species Prevention Best Practices

Take precautions when working near waterbodies to prevent sedimentation and erosion:

- Erodeable surfaces should not be left exposed for greater than one day. For example, work should not commence late in the week if it will be left unfinished over a weekend.
- Work should not commence if rain is predicted.
- All wheeled or tracked construction equipment should be restricted to work areas above the stream bank.
- Fill material should not be stockpiled in the floodplain.
- Backfill placed below Ordinary High Water (OHW) should consist of clean granular material free of fines, silts, soils, and mud.
- Use [Best Practices for DNR General Public Waters Work Permit GP 2004-0001: Species Protection](#). Refer to pages: 3, 11, 14, 16, 25, 33, and 34 as relevant to a particular project.
- Vegetative “grout” should be incorporated with any installed rip rap (see page 33 of above link).
- [Native species planting/seeding](#) should be used.
- DNR Public Waters Work Permit may be required. Permit requirements must be followed.

Use wildlife friendly erosion control:

- Biodegradable netting should be used, preferably natural materials with short degradation periods.
- Erosion control blankets should be limited to bio-netting or natural netting types due to the risk of entanglement and death of small animals. [2018 MnDOT Standards Specifications for Construction](#) identify acceptable materials in Category 3N or 4N mulches.
- Do not use products that require UV-light to degrade (also called “photodegradable”), as they do not degrade properly when covered/shaded.
- Do not use products containing plastic mesh netting or other plastic components.
- Do not use mulch products that contain synthetic (plastic) fiber additives near waterbodies.
- See [Wildlife Friendly Erosion Control](#) for more information.

Take active steps to prevent invasive species introduction and spread:

- Clean all equipment (including but not limited to: vehicles, clothing, and gear) at a site prior to moving to another site. All soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation, seeds, animals, etc. need to be removed using a hand tool, brush, compressed air, pressure washer, or otherwise.
- If equipment is not cleaned before arriving to a work site, then clean the equipment in the parking or staging area, ensuring no material is deposited at the new site. Material cleaned from equipment should be disposed of legally.
- All equipment (including but not limited to: waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps) used for work in an “infested water” must be adequately decontaminated. See [Watercraft Decontamination Manual](#) for more information.
- See [Come Clean, Leave Clean](#) for more detailed guidance. This guidance is required for those working on DNR lands as part of grant or contract or are working under a permit, your grant, contract, or permit.

Referenced Links

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/pwpermits/gp_2004_0001_chapter1.pdf

<https://bwsr.state.mn.us/seed-mixes>

<https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame/wildlife-friendly-erosion-control.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre-letting/spec/2018/2018-spec-book-final.pdf>



<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/dnrlands.html>

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https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/mndnr_ais_decontamination_handbook.pdf

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I have talked with Adam and shown him the attached r/w map with the Access control and r/w highlighted and believe we are all on the same page (as he notes below) in regards to keeping any access off MnDot r/w. Don't have any other concerns at this point.

Jon

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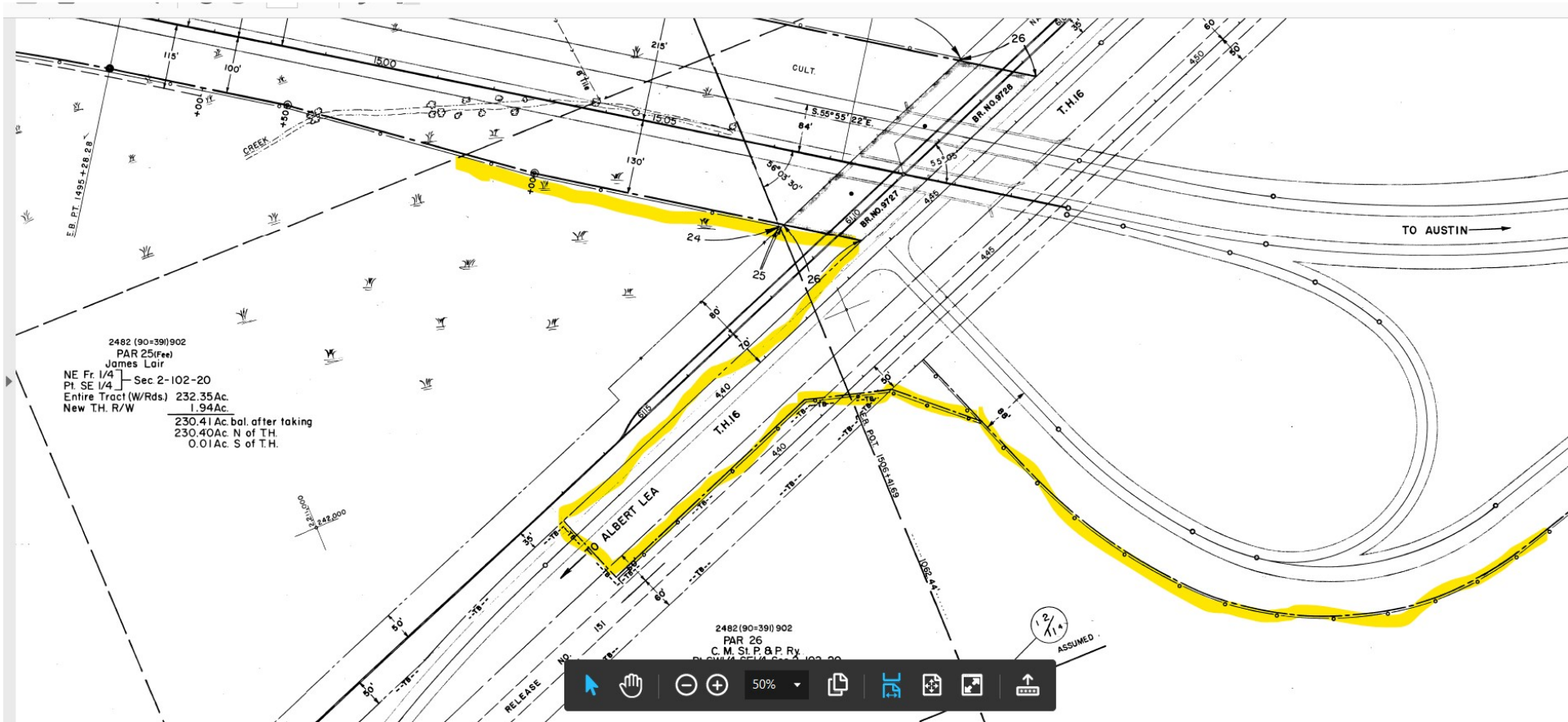
Please find attached a map of the Hayward Solar Project that shows proposed driveways and access roads. Please let me know if this is enough detail for you to complete your assessment of MNDOT easements in the vicinity of the Project. There are no proposed driveways within the MNDOT Hwy 46 easement, or off US I-90 or the interstate entrances/exits.

Thanks,
Adam

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Re: Hayward Solar Project

Dear Chairperson Katie Sieben,

The Shell Rock River Watershed District, located wholly in Freeborn County, was formed in 2003 out of necessity for improvement to impaired waters. We are in the process of our completing our One Watershed, One Plan, water management plan to restore and repair upstream areas and waterways that flow into the Shell Rock River. Habitat and native vegetation are critical factors in the success of a Watershed District's Water Management Plan.

We are writing to you today in support of the vegetation and habitat management plans that are included in the Hayward Solar Project's Public Utilities Commission application. Tenaska and Arevon brought us into their plan early on by presenting their strategies to improve groundcover with native vegetation within their project boundary in Hayward Township. This area is part of the tributary system that feeds into the Shell Rock River. With native grasses and plantings in place year-round, this will reduce some of the issues we are seeing near the project location with erosion, stream sedimentation and increased phosphorous. A project of this nature and over its lifespan can be restorative to soil nutrient levels while providing stabilization to topsoil that can be lost when agricultural lands are tilled.

We plan to continue our discussions and dialog with the Tenaska and Arevon development team to mitigate any potential run-off or drainage risks that may be present during their 12-14 month construction phase. The Shell Rock River Watershed Board supports the permitting of the Hayward Solar Project based on the principles and plans included in the application.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Delger
Chairman- Shell Rock River Watershed District

Appendix A-3

Meeting Notes

DATE	Communication	ATTENDEES/CONTACTS	NOTES
August 19, 2020	Hayward Solar Freeborn County Pre-Application Meeting Agenda	Rachel Wehner – Freeborn County, Mike Roth and Joe Finocchiaro – Tenaska, and Kathy Bellrichard and Adam Holben – Tetra Tech	An introductory meeting was held with Freeborn County to discuss the project, wetlands and waters survey, and application status. Meeting Agenda Attached.
November 18, 2020	ALEDA/Greater Jobs Incorporated Board Special Meeting	Phillip Johnson - Director, Noelle Hagen - Assistant Administrator, Board members; Tricia Dahl, Mark Heinemann, Bryan Skogheim, Sarah Nelson, Nate Jansen, Richard Murray GSC - Mariah Lynne, Laura Cunningham, Tracy Skaar Tenaska - Mike Roth, Timberly Ross	An introductory meeting was made to Greater Jobs Incorporated over Zoom.us. Meeting Agenda Attached.
December 10, 2020	MDA Introductory Meeting	Stephan Roos and Jordyn Bucholtz – MDA, Michael Roth – Tenaska, Sean Sosa- Arevon, Jeremy Duehr – Fredrikson, and Joe Sedarski – Westwood	An introductory meeting was held with the MDA on December 10, 2020 where a PowerPoint presentation was given to provide an overview of the Project. The AIMP, VMP, and timing were also discussed. It was indicated that most feedback would be given after reviewing the AIMP and VMP. Questions and action items have since been addressed. Meeting Notes and Slides Attached.
December 14, 2020	DOC Introductory Meeting	Louise Mitch, David Birkholz, and Andrew Levi – DOC; Michael Roth – Tenaska; Sean Sosa- Arevon, Jeremy Duehr – Fredrikson; and Joe Sedarski – Westwood	An introductory meeting was held with the MDA on December 14, 2020 where a PowerPoint presentation was given to provide an overview of the Project. The AIMP, VMP, and timing were also discussed. It was indicated that most feedback would be given after reviewing the AIMP and VMP. Questions and action items have since been addressed. Meeting Notes Attached. See Slides Attached to December 10 Meeting Notes with the MDA.
December 14, 2020	Hayward Solar Project Presentation	Phillip Johnson, Tom Jensen- Freeborn County Administrator, Candace Pesch- Freeborn County, Laura Cunningham-	PowerPoint Presentation of Project breakdown. See Slides Attached to December 10 Meeting Notes with the MDA.

		GSC, Mariah Lynne- GSC, Tracy Skaar- Community Representative	
December 18, 2020	Holiday postcard mailing	Project Landowners and community stakeholders	Mailing List Attached.
December 22, 2020	USFWS and MNDNR Introductory Meeting	Cynthia Warzecha and Joanne Boettcher – MNDNR, Dawn Marsh- USFWS, Michael Roth – Tenaska, Farima Kalra – Arevon; Jeremy Duehr – Fredrikson, Adam Holven and Kathy Bellirichard – Tetra Tech, and Joe Sedarski and Lucas Wandrie – Westwood	An introductory meeting was held with the MDA on December 22, 2020 where a PowerPoint presentation was given to provide an overview of the Project. The AIMP, VMP, and timing were also discussed. It was indicated that most feedback would be given after reviewing the AIMP and VMP. Questions and action items have since been addressed. Meeting Notes Attached. See Slides Attached to December 10 Meeting Notes with the MDA.
January 6, 2021	Hayward Township Board Meeting	Hayward Township Board members: Loren Lair (chairperson), Keith Iverson, Mic Skaar, Brad Haugen, Sue Runden, Cindy Haugen, Tracy Skaar- Hayward Solar Project Community Representative, Laura Cunningham- GSC, Mike Roth-Tenaska (via Phone), Garima Kalra- Arevon/Capital Dynaimcs (via phone) and Charlie Kermes- Hayward Township outgoing board member	An introductory meeting was held with Hayward Township Board of Supervisors where the Project was very well received. Many questions were asked and answered. Meeting Notes Attached.
January 8, 2021	Call with Freeborn County Commissioner	Dan Belshan- Freeborn County Commissioner and Adam Holven- Tetra Tech	Dan indicated that solar is less controversial than wind in the area and that the project site was a good location for the farm. He also asked a few questions, to which Adam answered. Communication Attached.
January 11, 2021	Hayward Solar Project Presentation	Tetra Tech, Tenaska, Capital Dynamics/Arevon, Westwood, Freeborn County leaders, and Good Steward Consulting.	Introductory meeting with Freeborn County Administrators where the PowerPoint Presentation was given and questions and comments were received. Meeting Notes Attached. See Slides

			Attached to December 10 Meeting Notes with the MDA.
January 19, 2021	Freeborn County Commissioners Meeting	Freeborn County Board Members, Freeborn County Administrator, Freeborn County Auditor Treasurer, Freeborn County Attorney, Tracy Skaar-Community Representative, Laura Cunningham- GSC	Introductory meeting to introduce the Project and hear initial concerns and answer questions. Meeting Notes Attached. *Team members attended to listen to budget information
January 27, 2021	Hayward Solar Projects Promotional Items		250 hats, pens, and T-Shirts to handout as GSC team members and the Community Representative explain and educate the community about the project. These items promote awareness of the project and create a positive community image. Mock-ups Attached.
January 29, 2021	Shell Rock River Watershed Staff Virtual Presentation of Hayward Solar Project	Andy Henschel, District Administrator, Courtney Phillips, District Project Manager, Mike Roth-Tenaska, Garima Kalra- Arevon, Laura Cunningham- GSC Project Relationship Manager, Shane Glinski- GSC Assistant Project Manager	An introduction of the Project was provided, along with details about the economic benefits. The main focus centered around the amount of land the Project would take up and concerns about drainage and soil. A letter of support was also requested. Meeting Notes Attached. See Slides Attached to December 10 Meeting Notes with the MDA.
February 2, 2021	Hayward Township Board Meeting	Hayward Board Members, Tracy Skaar-Community Representative	Meeting Notes and Agenda/Notice Attached.
February 8, 2021	Hayward City Council Meeting	Tracy Skaar- Community Representative to attend Hayward City Council to address the council and introduce the Hayward Solar Project	Introduced the Project during a city Council Meeting. The Project was received well and concerns were addressed. Meeting Notes and Fact Sheet Attached.
February 9, 2021	Riceland Township Chair Meeting	Tracy Skaar- Community Representative and Riceland Township Chair- Wes Tennis	Riceland is just north of the project site so Tracy introduced the project and his role to Wes. The project was well received. Tracy Skaar shared a fact sheet with Wes Dennis and provided him with an introduction of the project. Meeting Notes Attached.
February 16, 2021	Freeborn County Commissioners Meeting Presentation	Freeborn County Commissioners, Freeborn County Administrator, Freeborn County Attorney, Tenaska, Arevon- Capital Dynamics, Good	The Project was well received by attendees. Concerns revolved around having a power purchaser, snow, rain runoff, and vegetation. All

		Steward Consulting, Westwood, Tetra Tech, Fredrickson Byron	concerns were addressed. Meeting Notes and Presentation Attached.
February 16, 2021	Albert Lea Tribune Article	David Mayberry- author	The article discusses Project details such as taxes to be paid in the area, size of the Project, construction timeline, etc. Article Attached.
February 18, 2021	Meeting Follow Up Email	City of Hayward	Email sent to City of Hayward regarding a question asked during the February 8 th meeting about health risks from solar farms. Answers and resources were provided. (https://www.epa.gov/radtown/sources-electric-and-magnetic-radiation & https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy07osti/41998.pdf) Correspondence Attached.
February 19, 2021	Call with a State Senator	State Senator Gene Dornink and Laura Cunningham – Good Steward Consulting	The Senator mainly wanted to know that the local community and neighbors were on board and that their concerns were being addressed. He also requested additional information and the fact sheet was subsequently shared. Call notes and fact sheet attached.
February 25, 2021	Virtual Friends of Hayward Solar Meeting	Call hosted by Mike Roth- Tenaska Developer Attendees- Laura Cunningham- GSC Portfolio Manager, Tracy Skaar- Community Representative Participating Landowners- Steve Ladlie, Doug Thompson, Don and Mary Ann Petran, Elaine Flusek, Jon Larson, Brad Edwards Farmer and supporter- Kevin Learn	A virtual meeting was held to present the Project, status of the Project, and future of the Project with lease holders and other people close to the Project. This served as a way for interested parties to have an open forum/safe place to ask questions. Meeting Notes and Invitation Attached.
March 5, 2021	Thank you note	Tracy Skaar- Community Representative	Thank you notes were mailed to each of the recent call participants. Included were contact details and local office hours for Tracy Skaar- Community Representative. Note Attached.
March 9, 2021	Shell Rock River Watershed District Meeting	Tenaska – Mike Roth and Shell Rock River Water District	The Watershed Board heard from Tenaska Developer Mike Roth and unanimously approved a letter of support for the Hayward Solar Project. Letter Included in Appendix A-2. Agenda Attached.

March 10, 2021	ABC 6 News	Brett Bachtle - Author	Article Attached.
March 10, 2021	KIMT 3 News	Mike Bunge- Author	Article Attached.
March 12, 2021	Email with State Senator	State Senator Gene Dornink and Laura Cunningham – Good Steward Consulting	Laura and Gene expressed thanks to each other and Gene indicated plans to stop by the project office next time he was in town. Correspondence Attached.
March 16, 2021	Phone Call with EDA	Phillip Johnson – Economic Development Administration and Laura Cunningham – Good Steward Consulting	Phillip expressed support for the Project and would like to provide a support quote but needs more information on the use of agricultural land for his board. Call Notes Attached.
March 16 & 23, 2021	Freeborn County Shopper	Community Representative Advertisements	Ad Attached.
March 17 & 20, 2021	Albert Lea Tribune	Community Representative Advertisements	Ad Attached.
April 7, 2021	Rotary Discussion	Mariah Lynne, CEO – Good Steward Consulting	Good Steward Consulting CEO Mariah Lynne presented Fact Sheets to the Rotary Group at the Albert Lea American Legion Hall. See Fact Sheet Attached to February 8 Meeting Notes with the Hayward City Council.

Hayward Solar
Freeborn County Pre-Application Meeting Agenda

8/19/2020

10:00 AM

Attendees: Freeborn County – Rachel Wehner
Midwest Solar/Tenaska – Mike Roth, Joe Finocchiaro
Tetra Tech – Kathy Bellrichard, Adam Holven

1) Project Introduction (Mike/Joe)

- a) 1,611-acre Project Area
- b) Site plans in development
- c) 150 MW

2) Wetlands and Waters Survey (Kathy)

- a) Field surveys conducted April 27-30, 2020
- b) 17 wetlands, 6 intermittent streams, and 2 perennial streams identified in the Project Area

3) Application Status

- a) Boundary and type application anticipated early September 2020
- b) TEP field review?

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AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Special Meeting

Virtual Meeting through Zoom.us

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTATION OF ROLL
2. INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT – Good Stewart Consulting
3. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY AND PROPOSALS
4. DIRECTOR ITEMS
5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Notes

Tenaska/Arevon Energy-Capital Dynamics

Hayward Solar Project – Teleconference Meeting with Minnesota Department of Agriculture

December 10, 2020 (3-4 pm CST)

Westwood Project No. R0026599.00

An introductory meeting was held to discuss the proposed Hayward Solar Project (Project) located in Freeborn County, MN with staff from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). The purpose of the meeting was to initiate early agency consultation and coordination, inform MDA staff of the planned Project, review Project plans and location, discuss permit application timelines, review agriculture impact assessment and review comments on the Project. The following topics were discussed and a list of action items were created during the meeting (included below).

Attendees:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Stephan Roos and Jordyn Bucholtz, Ag Marketing & Development

Tenaska, Inc. - Michael Roth, Director, Strategic Development & Acquisition

Arevon Asset Management – Sean Sosa, Project Engineer

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. - Jeremy Duehr, Esq.

Westwood Professional Services, Inc. - Joe Sedarski, Senior Project Manager

Agenda:

- Introductions
- PowerPoint Introduction to the Project, Developer and Project Team
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Site Permit and Certificate of Need Applications Timing
- Agriculture Impact Mitigation Plan (AIMP) and Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) Development
- Questions and Comments

Discussion Topics:

1. Introductions to Project Team – Mike introduced the Project team in the meeting to Stephan and Jordyn with the MDA energy planning group/energy and environment. Arevon (an affiliate of Capital Dynamics) is overseeing the development, energy marketing, financial and operational management of the Project and Tenaska is providing development support services for the Project. Fredrikson is providing legal and permitting support and Westwood is providing permitting support. Project team members on the call are involved with preparing the Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit (SP) applications for the Project.
2. Project PowerPoint Review – Mike went through a short presentation of the planned Project. He reviewed the development team structure and relationships between Capital Dynamics, Midwest Solar DevCo, Hayward Solar LLC and Tenaska. Capital Dynamics and Tenaska are partnering and developing 8,000 megawatts (MW) of solar projects across the U.S. Tenaska completing construction of the Nobles 2 Wind Farm in Nobles Co, MN and has had a good experience with that project.

Hayward Solar LLC (Hayward Solar), is a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CD Clean Energy and Infrastructure VII JV, LLC (CD Fund VII). Hayward Solar is

proposing a solar energy generating system located in Freeborn County, Minnesota (the Project). The planned output for the Project is up to 150 MW alternating current (AC) of nameplate solar-energy capacity located on approximately 1,641 acres of land (under lease) with an ~\$128 million investment. Hayward Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2023. The Project is planned to have a 35-year operational life.

Mike reviewed the need for and high demand for solar energy generation in Minnesota. He discussed the economic, tax revenue, jobs, local investment and lease payment benefits of the Project, and indicated that an economic development study is being prepared for the Project. He noted strong landowner interest in the Project. Mike reviewed the Project will be low impact to landowners and other stakeholders (no noise, low visual impacts, minimal water use, little or no demand on local services, and ag lands rest while Project operates and is then returned to landowners at completion). He reviewed proposed plan of the solar arrays, Project layout and interconnection to the grid (within the Project Area). No EPC has been selected yet.

The Project timeline was presented (land leases with local landowners late 2020-early 2021, MISO interconnection review in process, power purchase discussions underway, stakeholder meetings, Project agreements and site design considerations are all underway). Tenaska/Arevon working with Fredrikson & Byron, Tetra Tech, Westwood, Good Steward Consulting (local outreach and PR), and others for the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

3. PUC CON and SP Applications Timing – Mike indicated that the CON and SP applications have been initiated for the Project. At the end of first quarter 2021, the CON and SP applications are expected to be submitted to the PUC. Final approvals expected mid-2022 and construction commencing after that. COD is expected in 2023.
4. AIMP and VMP Development – As part of the SP application, an AIMP and VMP are being prepared and will be included in the appendices. The AIMP will follow the format of two other solar projects (Elk Creek and Regal) that are currently under PUC review and which have been vetted with the MDA. Steve indicated following those examples would be good for this Project. Joe indicated that a draft of the AIMP will be provided to MDA in early February 2021 for review and comment, and the revised AIMP (including MDA comments) then prepared for inclusion in the SPA.

Jeremy indicated a VMP is also being prepared and asked whether the MDA knew of any upcoming guidance or standards that the State will issue. Steve said there is a working group focusing on that now with a few state agency contacts and recommended we contact Jaime MacAlister at the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC). He said that guidelines and standards for preparing VMPs for solar projects will be issued but did not know the timeline for that. Jeremy indicated he would follow up on this matter to help instruct preparing the VMP for the Project.

5. Questions and Comments – After the above discussion, the following topics were discussed:
 - Steve asked about land leases for the Project. Typically they see purchase of land and leasing would be a new model for solar projects. He thinks this may assist in addressing agriculture issues/concerns. Mike confirmed land for the Project will be leased and returned to landowners upon completion of the term of the Project (about 35 years). Steve said MDA is attentive to things that occur and impact agriculture in MN and there are conflicts between PUC and MDA goals/policies. However, MDA recognizes value of all

renewable energy projects and some issues have shown up as large solar projects get into permitting. Steve thinks opportunities may exist to maintain some ag preserve on the site. Mike said they offered to buy Project Area land and answer was flat out no. The team was happy to lease and worked this out to set up a lease agreement. Steve is interested to see how this plays out and opportunities that may come.

- Steve asked about timeline. Hayward Solar will provide a draft AIMP to MDA in early February 2021 and request comments to include in SPA (to be completed in early March 2021). MDA will work through draft AIMP and other things will come up (e.g., prime farmland) and there will be time to discuss potential that exists under lease v. purchase model. MDA can provide comments within a couple of weeks so early February is good for draft.
- Jeremy asked if MDA has any input or guidance on preparing the VMP, or others at the state. Steve said there has been some consternation between some state staff on VMPs and that guideline/template is being prepared by a state working group at this time. As indicated above, Jeremy will contact Jaime at DOC for draft guidelines or other input for VMP preparation. Steve said very good to have VMP prepared and get a very good handle on for the SPA. Jeremy agreed and indicated we will include text from recent Site Permits issued for solar projects regarding VMP requirements in our SPA and layer in any new guidance from Jaime and others. The VMP for this Project may be a work in progress and will include current guidance and Site Permit text language.
- Steve asked about prime farmland assessment. Jeremy indicated the team is working on a thorough analysis that address this rule and takes into account current guidance, agency and SP review comments in the assessment. This will be included in the SPA.
- Steve asked what the intent of Arevon/Cap Dyn in the Project (who will be ultimate owner and who will operate the Project). Sean said he was not sure and he could get this answer. Steve said this may affect agriculture issues concerning responsibilities, etc. to purchase and then operate. He said if there ends up being a new owner/operator, they will need to be re-educated on requirements and will want to make sure they understand these. He said some large energy companies in MN who acquire, own and operate are aware of these requirements and know what to do.

Action Items:

Based upon the meeting discussion, the following action items were identified:

1. Jeremy will follow up with Jaime MacAlister at the DOC regarding pending VMP guideline/template that a state working group is focused on at this time. Plan will be to use that current guideline to prepare the Project VMP.
2. The Project team will prepare and submit a draft AIMP to MDA for review and comment in early February 2021.
3. Sean will review question on owner/operator to see if there is information available at this time.

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Tenaska/Arevon Energy-Capital Dynamics

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December 14, 2020 (11-12 am CST)

Westwood Project No. R0026599.00

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Attendees:

Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) – Louise Miltich, David Birkholz, and Andrew Levi, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)

Tenaska, Inc. - Michael Roth, Director, Strategic Development & Acquisition

Arevon Asset Management – Sean Sosa, Project Engineer

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. - Jeremy Duehr, Esq.

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- PowerPoint Introduction to the Project, Developer and Project Team
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit (SP) Applications Timing
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- Questions and Comments

Discussion Topics:

1. Introductions to Project Team – Jeremy initiated introductions of those in the meeting and ran down the agenda to be covered today. He also indicated the completed Project Size Determination form has been submitted to the DOC recently, which Louise acknowledged.

Mike introduced the Project team in the meeting to Louise, David and Andrew with the DOC EERA who process solar project applications in Minnesota. Before this meeting, Mike attended a meeting with Freeborn County administrators to introduce the Project and discuss Project plans. Mike indicated the Project is at the early development stage and nearing kick-off of permitting.

He said Arevon (an affiliate of Capital Dynamics) is overseeing the development, energy marketing, financial and operational management of the Project and Tenaska is providing development support services for the Project. Fredrikson is providing legal and permitting support and Westwood is providing permitting support. Project team members on the call are involved with preparing the Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit (SP) applications for the Project.

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Initial layout of the Project is underway and in review within the lease/development areas for the Project, which is shown on the figure included in the PowerPoint. Environmental and engineering work has been completed and continues as the Project advances and in preparation for the CON and SP applications. Over 2,000 acres of land for the Project is under lease and of that about 1,600 acres will be used for Project facilities. Hayward Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2023. The Project is planned to have a 35-year operational life.

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5. Questions and Comments – After the above discussion, the following topics were discussed:

- Jeremy indicated that Good Steward Consulting (a local/Freeborn Co PR firm who also worked on Freeborn Wind Project) has been engaged and is completing local outreach regarding the Project and requesting comments/concerns. So far, no issues have been expressed. He indicated that agency and tribal request for comment letters will go out later this week from Tetra Tech (who is conducting environmental and cultural resource work for the Project). Louise said to contact Mary Otto at the DOC (she is state liaison to tribes) if we need a resource to complete follow up or have questions on tribal outreach. Joe added there is a plan to follow up with tribes after letters get to them.
- Jeremy said the team met with MDA (Steve Roos) and confirmed we will use the AIMP format used in the Elk Creek and Regal Solar projects. A draft AIMP will be sent to MDA in early February 2021. We will plan to send draft AIMP to DOC at that time as well for an early review/comment session.
- Jeremy indicated the team is working on draft VMP and we understand that Jaime MacAlister (DOC) is working on guidance/template with a state working group for this. Louise said the guidance is due out first quarter 2021 and the working group includes staff from DOC, BWSR, MnDNR, and MDA; the VMP guidance is applicable to any site (it is not tied to prime farmland or other specific issues). We will try to get an early version of that draft guidance and Louise indicated we should use guidance/template to check the box on each part of requested info/data. She said Commissioner Tuma wants to also include input from applicable SWCDs and Louise recommended coordinating this early with our SCWD for the Project to solicit their input as well. Louise said we should include recent SP language from the permit issued for Elk Creek. Sean is working with a consultant now for the VMP and wonder if a meeting with Jaime to discuss more details now would be good; Louise agreed this should be doable and helpful.
- Jeremy said team is preparing a full blown prime farmland analysis and will include looking at other option sites (as that is available and was done for this Project). Louise said she knows the “alternative review” process may have issues with how to evaluate prime farmland matters, but this assessment would be for “alternatives considered and rejected” portion of the statute and should present as such and indicate reasons why option sites considered were rejected to meet the requirements. Jeremy agreed and we will provide this analysis. Andrew said we can always have two bites of the apple if the draft SPA submittal schedule works. Discussed submitting the draft VMP, draft AIMP and draft Decommissioning Plan to DOC staff early (before the draft SPA document is to be submitted in early March) for initial DOC review and comment.
- Jeremy asked if DOC had any questions on the Project Size Determination form information and Louise asked how many landowners are involved with the ~1,642 acre Project Area. Mike replied 6 or so, and one of the landowners has about 900 acres of the total. Louise and David mentioned that this amount of acreage is high compared to other solar projects, and Mike pointed out there are some areas we cannot develop (wetlands, pipeline easement areas, etc.) of the development area under consideration. Louise and David will return comments on the Size Determination form soon.
- Louise asked if Samantha Bump from MnDNR NHIS Review has responded yet and Joe indicated that was possible and that we recently gained access to Tetra Tech files and will review.
- David asked if Project will connect to the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) crossing through this area and Mike answered yes (within Project Area). The Project will avoid impacting existing pipelines, drain tiles and other existing infrastructure, etc.

- We discussed the MISO process and status of studies; Mike said the Project is in the April 2018 cycle with a DPP1 completed Dec 1, 2020, and DPP2 expected in mid-February 2021 (though this may become delayed due to an SPP study backup and we may have to wait; MISO has been moving forward and others are causing a delay). A GIA is expected at end of 2021.
- Andrew requested that we include more specificity in the SPA and associated attachments; if we have a more complete and final design, that will help move permit process forward and keep process efficient and less costly; it will also help streamline the environmental review process later in the permitting process.
- Jeremy asked if there are any other changes coming for solar projects and SPA for such. Louise said Suzanne Steinhauer (DOC) will review the Project Decommissioning Plan and we should plan to submit that for review early as well (see above). Jeremy indicated we will use the Tenaska Nobles 2 revised Decommissioning Plan as a guide for this Project. David has not completed a review of the Nobles 2 Decommissioning Plan but thinks this should be a good example of what to use for the Project. Louise said Suzanne is doing her best to review decommissioning plans (e.g., Docket 17-123) in light of pending Commission guidance that is expected. Jeremy suggested to Mike that he discuss Nobles 2 Decommissioning Plan with Tenaska Justin Vala and review for use on this Project.
- Louise mentioned that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will likely comment on recycling solar facility equipment and materials and they have been coming up with ideas for such in various working groups (they meet quarterly). She said since the way solar panels are being made now allow for less and less recoverable metals, the MPCA views this as an unsolved problem and we should address management of end of life of panels in the SPA. Jeremy said more information is being added on recycling in recent solar project dockets and he may reach out to Clean Grid Alliance for further information and guidance. Louis suggested contacting John Gilkeson and Amanda Cotton at the MPCA to discuss this topic; she also suggested getting ahead of recycling matters with MPCA and get input early from them.
- Jeremy asked if this team should contact any other PUC staff to let them know about the Hayward Solar Project. Louise suggested contacting Bret Eknes, Supervisor, PUC Energy Facilities Permitting and she would also mention this meeting to him. Jeremy said he would call him as well.

Action Items:

Based upon the meeting discussion, the following action items were identified:

1. Louise and David will provide comments on the Project Size Determination Form that was recently submitted for the Project.
2. As needed, the Project team can contact Mary Otto at DOC regarding tribal liaison matters.
3. The Project team will prepare and submit a draft AIMP to MDA and DOC for review and comment in early February 2021.
4. Jeremy will follow up with Jaime MacAlister at the DOC regarding pending VMP guideline/template that a state working group is focused on at this time. Plan will be to use that current guideline to prepare the Project VMP. The Project team will prepare a draft VMP and submit to MnDNR, DOC, BWSR and SWCD for review and comment in early February 2021.
5. The Project team will prepare and submit a draft Decommissioning Plan to DOC for review and comment in early February 2021.

6. The Project team will prepare and submit a draft SPA to DOC in early March 2021.
7. Jeremy will contact Clean Grid Alliance and MPCA contacts regarding solar project facility recycling matters and input.
8. Jeremy will contact Bret Eknes at the PUC to inform him of the Project and timeline for submitting a CON and SPA.

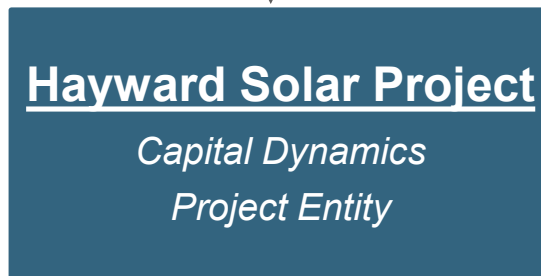
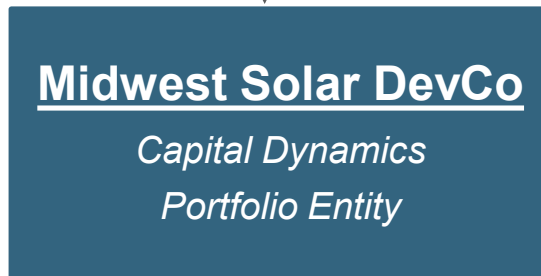
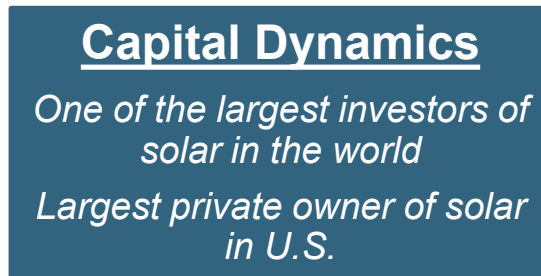


FREEBORN COUNTY – NOVEMBER 18, 2020

HAYWARD SOLAR PROJECT



ABOUT US



Capital Dynamics & Tenaska
developing 8,000 MW of solar projects across the United States

ABOUT THE PROJECT

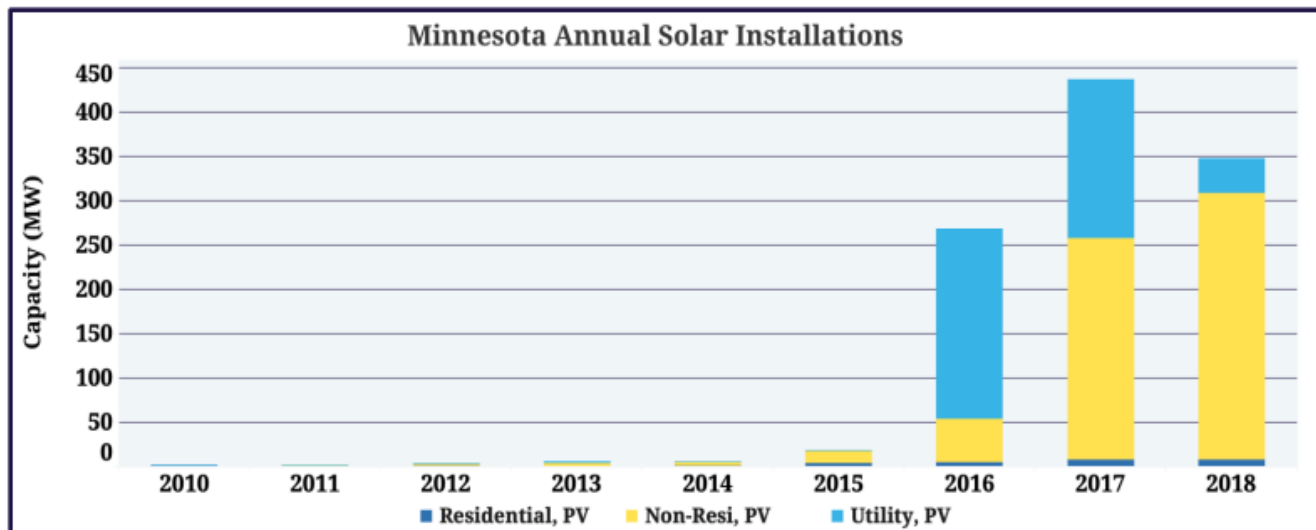
- 150 megawatts (MWac)
- \$128 million investment
- 1,600 acres under lease
- 35-year operational life



WHY SOLAR?

In high demand, as a way to:

- Diversify electricity sources
- Address environmental concerns
- Meet anticipated growth in electrification (vehicles, heating)
- Address policy goals
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard and proposals like Governor Walz's "One Minnesota Path to Clean Energy" to require 100% carbon-free energy by 2050



Source: Solar Energy Industries Association, Solar Spotlight: Minnesota

HOW DOES FREEBORN COUNTY BENEFIT?

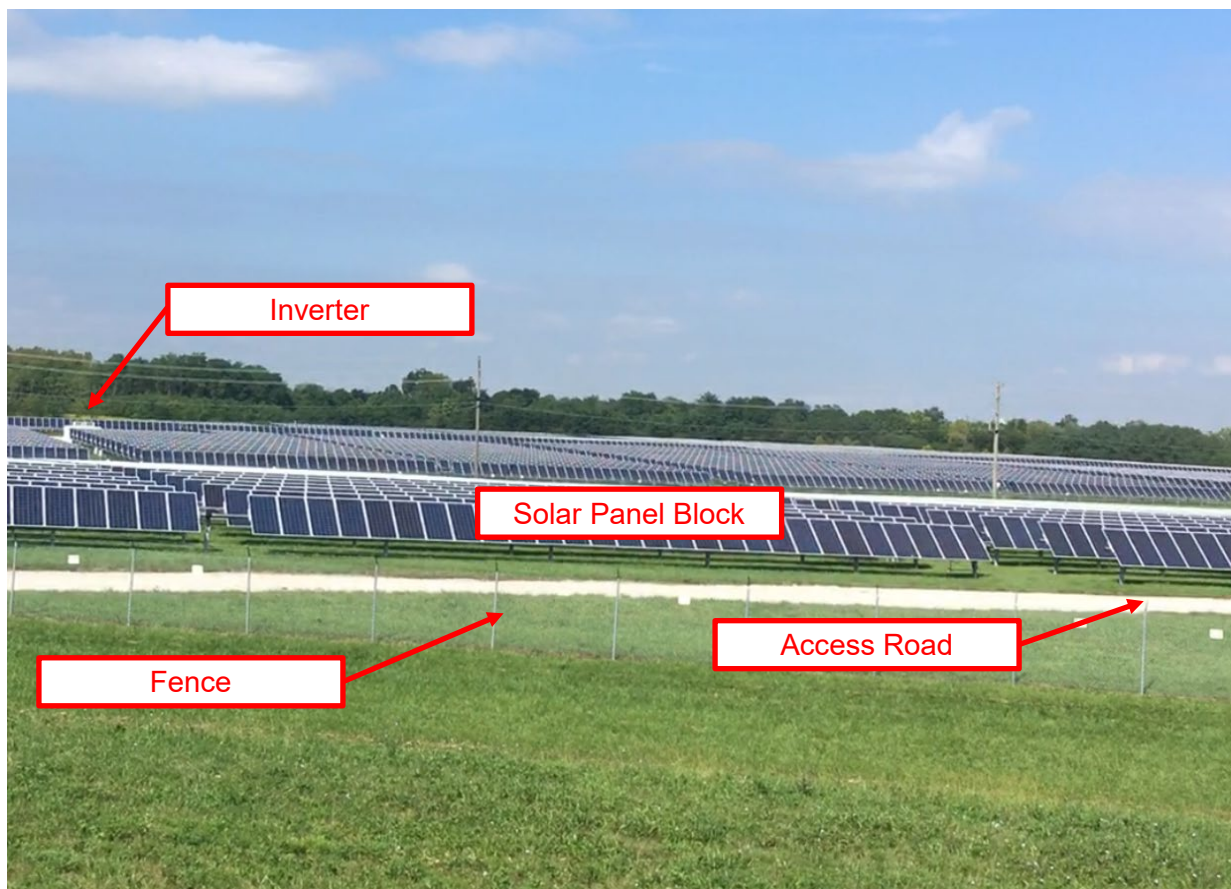
- ⚙ Estimated economic investment of \$128 million
- ⚙ Tax revenue, per year for 35-year life of project estimated at:
 - \$305,161 to County
 - \$76,290 to Township
- ⚙ Jobs, projected
 - 200 jobs during construction
 - 4 jobs during 35-year operational life
- ⚙ Contributes to local GDP through land lease payments and direct and indirect purchases of goods and services
- ⚙ Lease payments to local landowners

Economic Development Study Planned

HOW DOES FREEBORN COUNTY BENEFIT?

- ⚙ Solar fields are low impact
 - Rests agricultural land that is returned to landowners at project completion
 - No noise
 - Solar panels anticipated to stand no more than 12 feet from the ground
 - Minimal water use
 - Little or no demand on local services (schools, police)

TYPICAL SOLAR SITE



PROJECT TIMELINE

- Leased land from local landowners
- MISO Interconnection review
- Power Purchase discussions



Late 2020 – Early 2021
Local Agreements

Mid 2021
Final Approvals

2022
Begin Construction

2023
Operational

- Meeting with stakeholders
- Negotiating project agreements
- Reviewing site design considerations





QUESTIONS

Meeting Notes

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December 22, 2020 (3-4 pm CST)

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Dawn Marsh, Biologist, Endangered Species (MN-WI ES Field Office, Bloomington, MN)

Tenaska, Inc. - Michael Roth, Director, Strategic Development & Acquisition

Arevon Asset Management – Garima Kalra, Arevon Energy Project Management

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. - Jeremy Duehr, Esq.

Tetra Tech, Inc. – Adam Holven, Senior Archaeologist/Project Manager, Kathy Bellirichard, Wetland Specialist

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Agenda:

- Introductions and role in the Project permit process
- PowerPoint Introduction to the Project, Developer and Project Team
- Field study review/completed work and site conditions
- Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) Development
- Questions and Comments

Discussion Topics:

1. Introductions to Project Team – Joe initiated introductions of those in the meeting and ran down the agenda to be covered today. Given environmental file review and field studies were initiated for the Project over the past year or so, the MnDNR and USFWS have been aware of the Project through that initial work. Each attendee introduced themselves and noted role in the Project and permitting.
2. Project PowerPoint Review – Mike went through a short presentation of the planned Project. He reviewed the development team structure and relationships between Capital Dynamics (Arevon), Midwest Solar DevCo, Hayward Solar LLC and Tenaska. Capital Dynamics and Tenaska are partnering and developing 8,000 megawatts (MW) of solar projects across the U.S. Mike mentioned

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Initial layout of the Project is underway and in review within the lease/development areas for the Project, which is shown on the figure included in the PowerPoint. The Project is located east of the City of Hayward (and east of Albert Lea) and is adjacent to interstate highway I-90. Environmental and initial engineering work has been completed and continues as the Project advances and in preparation for the CON and SP applications. Project design has been developed to work around wetlands, residences, existing infrastructure (roads, buried pipelines, electric transmission and distribution lines, and other sensitive areas. Over 2,000 acres of land for the Project is under lease (with 5 landowners) and of that about 1,600 acres will be used for Project facilities. The Project site has been in large agricultural production for a number of years. Hayward Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2023. The Project is planned to have a 35-year operational life.

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The Project timeline was presented (land leases with local landowners late 2020-early 2021, MISO interconnection review in process, power purchase discussions underway, stakeholder meetings, Project agreements and site design considerations are all underway). The Project is in the 2018 MISO queue for interconnection to the grid; the Project is planned to connect to an existing 161 kV transmission line that crosses through the Project Area. Tenaska/Arevon working with Fredrikson & Byron, Tetra Tech, Westwood, Good Steward Consulting (local outreach and PR), and Natural Resource Services (NRS) for the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

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4. Field Study Review and VMP Development – Adam and Kathy with Tetra Tech gave a summary of environmental and cultural resource work completed for the Project to date and plan for remaining work for getting through applicable permitting processes moving forward. Adam discussed the Project Area land consisted of a shallow marshy area which is now drained and contains ditched to allow for farming since the 1800s. The surrounding area and community includes predominately small family farms, agriculture related businesses, some service and rural residences.

Hayward Solar initiated desktop and field studies for the Project in 2019 which continued into 2020. An IPaC file review and MnDNR NHIS data request were completed earlier in 2020. Field surveys were mainly completed in Spring 2020 for T&E species/habitat, wetland/waterbody and cultural resource features. One species (Northern long-eared bat) was identified in the T&E review; no critical habitat was identified. The NHIS response indicated the proposed Project would not negatively affect any known occurrences of rare features.

Some wetlands are located within the Project Area, although not many and involve mostly drainage ditches; field delineations were completed earlier in 2020. There is some vegetation which are mostly planted tree lines along farm fields and vegetation along ditches. Kathy said a wetland/waterbody delineation report was prepared and submitted to the MnDNR and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); a Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) was subsequently convened and concurrence of the delineation was provided by the USACE. No public waters courses are in the Project Area; there are county ditches and we will design around and buffers as applicable. Kathy said there are public water ditches about a ½ mile from the Project Area.

Kathy indicated the vast amount of Project Area is used for row crop agriculture and existing buffer strips exist along ditches and near roadway rights-of-way/off-ramps. Uncultivated vegetated areas are located mainly along I-90 and mostly contain weedy species and no high quality habitat. She said field review for native prairie (NP) was completed and none found with the Project Area; she suspects there may be some NP along the rail line that crosses through the Project Area and north of I-90 (this has not been field verified as access rights have not been granted for these areas).

Adam said that since this work was done earlier in 2020, the Project Area has change a little by addition of some land at the northwest corner of the Project. Because that area was not included in earlier review of IPaC and NHIS, a new request and review of IPaC and NHIS will be done to include this area and information updated to the agencies.

As part of the SP application, an AIMP and VMP are being prepared and will be included in the appendices of the SPA. The AIMP will follow the format of two other solar projects (Elk Creek and Regal) that are currently under PUC review (which have been vetted with the MDA). This is additionally discussed below in Questions/Comments.

5. Questions and Comments – After the above discussion, the following topics were discussed:

- Cynthia asked if the MnDNR could obtain GIS shapefiles of the Project Area so they can use that to do further review of the Project. Joe said those can be provided.
- Jeremy indicated that we are working on a VMP for the Project with input from current Site Permit language on other solar projects and pending guidance/template information being prepared by an agency stakeholder group (which MnDNR is a part of and Cynthia attended a meeting on this morning) led by Jaime MacAlister of the DOC. Jeremy is reaching out to Megan (MnDNR) for information on seed mix to help prepare the VMP. Hayward Solar plans to submit a draft VMP to the MnDNR for review before the SPA is completed. Cynthia said the state group is still drafting the guidance/template and there are still some kinks. She said she thought the group would be willing to share a draft of the guidance now and we should follow up with Jaime.
- Cynthia asked if the Project is considering use of pollinator habitat once the Project is constructed as part of revegetation and if we will be meeting the Minnesota BWSR standards for this. Jeremy said this has not been nailed down and this detail not determined yet. He added that he discusses this with developers who are generally open to it until they understand the costs to implement. Cynthia said it supports diversity and good to just have vegetation supportive of the site. There was further discussion of soil types and understanding what they are at the Project site (especially since it was a marshy area in the past) and will need to understand if existing drainage in place now will be kept and maintained. She said in these types of soil/water conditions it is hard to get a good seed mix. Jeremy said this will all be looked at in detail (soil, hydrology, water, etc.) with NRS as the VMP is developed and reviewed with agency staff.

Action Items:

Based upon the meeting discussion, the following action items were identified:

1. Joe will compile and send GIS shapefiles to MnDNR (Cynthia and Joanne). Dawn (USFWS) indicated she did not need these as the IPaC request should have mapping information for the Project.
2. Jeremy will follow up with Jaime MacAlister at the DOC regarding pending VMP guideline/template that a state working group is focused on at this time. Plan will be to use that current guideline to prepare the Project VMP. The Project team will prepare a draft VMP and submit to MnDNR, DOC, BWSR and SWCD for review and comment in early February 2021.
3. The Project team will prepare and submit a draft SPA to DOC in early March 2021.

HAYWARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 1-6-2021

In attendance:

Tracy Skaar, Laura Cunningham(GSC)

Charlie Kermes (outgoing board member)

Board: Mic Skaar, Keith Iverson, Sue Runden(treasurer), Brad Haugen, Loren Lair(chair), Cindy(clerk)

Telephone attendees: Garima Kalra and Mike Roth

The meeting was held in a responsible and safe manner allowing for 6+ feet between all attendees in adherence with state mandates to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone wore masks as well.

The meeting commenced with the swearing in and certifying of new members. A treasurers report was read and their current funds stand at \$217, 535.74

Hayward Solar Project Introduction:

Mike Roth and Garima Kalra

- Introduction of Tenaska and Capital Dynamics
- Presentation of Project size and specifics- 150 MW, 1600 acres, 35 year project life, \$120M investment
- Project Timeline- beginning of permitting/ public phase 2021, 2022 construction, 2023 operation
- 200 construction jobs over 12-14 months and 3-4 long-term jobs
- \$300K to County and \$75K to township annually

Questions/Discussion from Township Board Members:

1. What happens to the land at the end of the lease?
2. Are there other local Tenaska/Cap Dyn Projects that are located in close proximity?
3. Who owns or operates the facility long term?
4. Will you use existing transmission lines?
5. What effect will there be on property taxes or property valuation?
6. Will existing ag land be zoned as commercial during the lease term?
7. Is there potential of hazardous or toxic material contamination?
8. There is a long portion of 840th Ave in the middle of the project, will there be any issue with fencing or access considering the road is surrounded by leased parcels?
9. Power generated goes back onto the grid for use.

The project was very well received and they are looking forward to additional information and follow up from the development and communications team. Thank you for your participation. This was highly successful!



RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

☐ Meeting ☒ Telephone Conversation
☐ Incoming
☒ Outgoing

Date/Time: 1/8/2021 12:00 pm

Recorded By: Adam Holven

Subject: Hayward Solar Project Comments

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Adam Holven	Tetra Tech	612-643-2237
Dan Belshan	Freeborn County Commissioner	651-201-6631

Adam returned Dan's call to discuss the proposed Hayward Solar project. Dan's comments and questions are summarized below.

- Dan indicated that solar should be less controversial than wind.
- Dan indicated the location is a perfect spot if we can build in a peat bog. Also said it was good because no one lived in the area.
- Dan wanted to know if there was an offtaker – Adam indicated that he did not know that.
- Dan wanted to know when the project would be built and Adam indicated possible start in 2022.
- Dan wanted to know if more land was needed – Adam forwarded this question/request to Good Steward (Laura and Tracy).
- Adam mentioned the call scheduled for January 11 and Dan said he was going to try to attend – Adam asked that Good Steward follow-up with Dan if he was not able to attend the meeting.

Meeting Notes

Tenaska/Arevon Energy-Capital Dynamics

Hayward Solar Project – Teleconference Meeting with Freeborn County Administrators

January 11, 2021 (11 am-12 pm CST)

Westwood Project No. R0026599.00

An introductory meeting was held to discuss the proposed Hayward Solar Project (Project) located in Freeborn County, MN with staff from the Freeborn County. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate early agency consultation and coordination, inform agency staff of the planned Project, review Project plans and location, solicit feedback from administration staff. The following topics were discussed and a list of action items were created during the meeting (included below).

Attendees:

Freeborn County – Tom Jensen (County Administrator), Candance Perch (Human Resources Director), Rachel Wehner (Environmental Health Coordinator), Phil Wacholz (Public Works), Trevor Bordelon (Zoning Administrator)

Tenaska, Inc. - Michael Roth, Director, Strategic Development & Acquisition, Tracy Skaar (Local Project Liaison)

Arevon Asset Management – Garima Kalra, Arevon Energy Project Management

Tetra Tech, Inc. – Adam Holven, Senior Archaeologist/Project Manager

Westwood Professional Services, Inc. - Joe Sedarski, Senior Project Manager

Good Steward Consulting - Laura Cunningham (Project Relationship Manager), Mariah Lynne (President/Owner), Abby Flatness, Shane Glinski,

Agenda:

- Introductions and role in the Project permit process
- PowerPoint Introduction to the Project, Developer and Project Team
- Questions and Comments

Discussion Topics:

1. Introductions to Project Team – Laura initiated introductions of those in the meeting and ran down the agenda to be covered today. Each attendee introduced themselves and noted role in the Project and permitting.
2. Project PowerPoint Review – Mike went through a short presentation of the planned Project. He reviewed the development team structure and relationships between Capital Dynamics (Arevon), Midwest Solar DevCo, Hayward Solar LLC and Tenaska. Capital Dynamics and Tenaska are partnering and developing 8,000 megawatts (MW) of solar projects across the U.S. Mike mentioned that Tenaska has renewable energy development experience in MN through the Nobles 2 Wind Project which is currently completing construction and nearing start of operation. Tenaska has had a good experience with that project and noted that MnDNR and USFWS were involved in that project as well.

He said Arevon (an affiliate of Capital Dynamics) is overseeing the development, energy marketing, financial and operational management of the Project and Tenaska is providing development support services for the Project. Fredrikson is providing legal and permitting support, Tetra Tech is

providing environmental/cultural resource study services, and Westwood is providing permitting support. Project team members on the call are involved with preparing the Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit (SP) applications for the Project. Mike indicated the Project is at the early development stage and nearing kick-off of permitting.

Hayward Solar LLC (Hayward Solar), is a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of CD Clean Energy and Infrastructure VII JV, LLC (CD Fund VII). Hayward Solar is proposing a solar energy generating system located in Freeborn County, Minnesota (the Project). The planned output for the Project is up to 150 MW alternating current (AC) of nameplate solar-energy capacity located on approximately 1,641 acres of land with an ~\$128 million investment.

Initial layout of the Project is underway and in review within the lease/development areas for the Project, which is shown on the figure included in the PowerPoint. The Project is located east of the City of Hayward (and east of Albert Lea) and is adjacent to interstate highway I-90. Environmental and initial engineering work has been completed and continues as the Project advances and in preparation for the CON and SP applications. Project design has been developed to work around wetlands, residences, existing infrastructure (roads, buried pipelines, electric transmission and distribution lines, and other sensitive areas. Over 2,000 acres of land for the Project is under lease (with 5 landowners) and of that about 1,600 acres will be used for Project facilities. The Project site has been in large agricultural production for a number of years. Hayward Solar plans to construct the Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date in 2023. The Project is planned to have a 35-year operational life.

Mike reviewed outreach and meetings taking place to introduce the Project and discuss questions/comments with Freeborn County, Albert Lea, township and other local representatives. He then discussed the economic, tax revenue, jobs (~200 construction and ~4 operation), local investment and lease payment benefits of the Project, and indicated that an economic development study is being prepared for the Project. He noted strong landowner interest in the Project. Mike reviewed the proposed plan of the solar arrays, Project layout and interconnection to the grid (within the Project Area). No EPC has been selected yet.

The Project timeline was presented (land leases with local landowners late 2020-early 2021, MISO interconnection review in process, power purchase discussions underway, stakeholder meetings, Project agreements and site design considerations are all underway). The Project is in the 2018 MISO queue for interconnection to the grid; the Project is planned to connect to an existing 161 kV transmission line that crosses through the Project Area. Tenaska/Arevon working with Fredrikson & Byron, Tetra Tech, Westwood, Good Steward Consulting (local outreach and PR), and Natural Resource Services (NRS) for the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

3. Tim Jensen Comments and Questions – Tim indicated this is the first big solar project proposed for the county, there are smaller projects present. Tim mentioned that new grain bins are located in the Project area. Tim requested information on easement payments and how they compared to wind. Mike indicated that wind payments are typically higher than solar. Tim requested information on where the nearest large solar site is located. Mariah indicated that it was the Aurora Project in Chisago County. Tim and Mariah discussed how the Project would get to the grid and some examples of how could buy the electricity from the Project. Tim also wanted to know when the Project will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. The team indicated likely in February 2021.

4. Phil Wacholz comments and questions – Phil requested information on what the groundcover will look like. Mike indicated that it will be pollinator friendly, with a score of 70% on pollinator index. There will be some roads, but the majority will be pollinator friendly. Mariah indicated they are not going to plant strictly native species, but that are economical and provide environmental benefit. She also indicated the Project will be located near the I-35 monarch corridor. Phil also requested information on process for construction and if there would be oversized loads, and if this would require local road permits. Garima indicated that information would be presented to county when ready and they would discuss road use expectations. Mike indicated that there would not be concrete trucks, like those used in wind. Garima indicated the heaviest item would be the transformer. Phil requested information on screening along the project. Joe indicated that a Glare Analysis may be needed to understand impacts to I-90 and ramps.
5. Rachel Wehner comments and questions – Rachel mentioned WACA and the site plan review schedule, and if any USACE-jurisdictional features would be impacted. Adam indicated this is still in review.
6. Trevor Bordelon comments and questions – Trevor asked if there would be a HVTL and if it would be exempt from PUC permitting. Joe responded and indicated that the proposed line would not exceed the threshold for permitting due low voltage and short length. Trevor requested clarity on if panels would be considered an impervious area. Joe indicated this is a gray area and that a hydrological study is underway.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
January 19, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday January 19, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Edwin and Herman in person, with Commissioners Shoff, Belshan, and Forman via Zoom.

Commissioner Forman offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented with the addition of two items under the County Administrator.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-018

**Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the January 5, 2021 Freeborn County Board meeting minutes.
- 2) Approval of Drainage Repairs.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners Herman, Edwin and Forman had no updates regarding Board Committees. Commissioners Belshan and Shoff provided Board Committee updates.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-019

**Approving 2021 Renewal of Legal Services Agreement with Rinke Noonan
to Provide Legal Counsel to the Freeborn County Drainage Authority**

WHEREAS, Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law provide legal counsel to Freeborn County (Drainage Authority) in its capacity as the public drainage authority under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E;

WHEREAS, Rinke Noonan has been engaged to represent the Drainage Authority on a monthly retainer and hourly services basis for the purpose of advising it on matters related to its duties, authorities and responsibilities as the public drainage authority for Freeborn County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes , chapter 103E;

WHEREAS, Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law has provided terms of their public drainage authority representation for Freeborn County in the 2021 year;

BE IT RESOLVED, Freeborn County will continue its monthly retain and hourly services agreement set forth and described in the agreement dated January 4, 2021 presented to Freeborn County by Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 20-020
Approving Freeborn County Crop Damage Rate for 2021 – Not Planted
Freeborn County Drainage Ditches

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Freeborn County to set a rate of pay for crop damages that may occur due to repair, improvement, or construction projects involving county drainage ditches;

WHEREAS, in anticipation of an upcoming project the County may occasionally ask a landowner not to plant the area to be worked on. This gives the contractor more time to complete projects and may also result in better quotes;

BE IT RESOLVED, the rate of pay for not planted acres is \$400.00 per acre. This rate is based off from an average annual rental rate of approximately \$225;

- The first year the unplanted acres would have no yield
- The second year yield reduction would be approximately 50% because the soil has been disturbed
- The third year yield reduction would be approximately 25% because the soil has been disturbed
- The fourth year the yield should be back to normal

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 20-021
Freeborn County Crop Damage Rate for 2021 – Standing Crop
Freeborn County Drainage Ditches

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Freeborn County to set a rate of pay for crop damages that may occur due to repair, improvement, or construction projects involving county drainage ditches;

WHEREAS, the yield is determined by using a three year average yield for Freeborn County from data received from the USDA (National Agricultural Statistics Services);

WHEREAS, the sale price is determined by using an average sale price for “new crop” corn and beans from three local elevators on January 6, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED, the following rates will be in place for 2021;

Corn Damage Rate	190.9 bushels @ \$3.96 = \$756 per acre
Bean Damage Rate	52.6 bushels @ \$10.84 = \$570 per acre

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 20-022
Approving Three Oak Vineyards & Winery, Bancroft Township Liquor License

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County grants liquor licenses to the following applicant:

Three Oak Vineyards & Winery Bancroft Township - On Sale – Wine License.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-023
Accepting a Donation to the Freeborn County CVCC from Anita Kes

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center serves those who have been victims of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center plans events and campaigns bringing community awareness to the issues of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Anita Kes has offered a donation to the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for services provided by the CVCC; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center accepts the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Anita Kes to be used in 2021 for services provided by the CVCC.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-024
Approving the Purchase of Service Agreement between
Freeborn County Human Services and Brian Vold

WHEREAS, psychiatric services in rural Minnesota are becoming increasingly difficult to access; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Human Services is part of the 10-county South Central Community-Based Initiative (SCCBI) to provide services to persons with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the SCCBI purchases mental health services including psychiatric services from the Freeborn County Mental Health Center for residents of counties comprising the SCCBI; and

WHEREAS, Brian Vold has provided quality psychiatric services for the Freeborn County Mental Health Center, increasing accessibility for local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Mental Health Center and Brian Vold are credentialed to bill insurance for psychiatric services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021 Purchase of Service Agreement between Freeborn County Human Services and Brian Vold for provision of the psychiatric services to residents of Freeborn County and of counties comprising the SCCBI.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

At approximately 8:53 a.m. the Board Chair called for the opening of the Final Hearing for County Ditch #15. See agenda below:

BEFORE THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR FREEBORN
COUNTY DITCH #15

AGENDA
Final Hearing
January 19, 2021, 8:45 a.m.
Commissioners' Room, Freeborn County Government Center

- I. Opening of Public Hearing – *Board Chairperson*
- II. Purpose of Hearing – *Kurt Deter*
- III. Record of Notice Requirements – *Pat Martinson, Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer*
- IV. Engineer's Final Report – *Steve Penkava*
- V. DNR Advisory Report, if any
- VI. Public Comment and Questions Regarding Engineer's Report
- VII. Viewers' Report - *Viewers*
- VIII. Public Comment and Questions Regarding Viewers' Report
- IX. Attorney Comments
- X. Possible Action by Drainage Authority:
 - 1) Continue hearing if additional information is required.
 - 2) Establishment of Improvement if:
 - a. The Final Engineer's Report and Viewers' Report have been made and other proceedings have been completed under Minnesota Statutes 103E.
 - b. The reports made or amended are complete and correct.
 - c. The damages and benefits have been properly determined.
 - d. The estimated benefits are greater than the total estimated cost, including damages.
 - e. The proposed drainage project will be of public utility and benefit and will promote the public health.
 - f. The proposed drainage project is practicable.
 - g. That the repair portion allocated by the engineer as repairs is assessed against all property benefitted by the entire drainage system and the balance of the cost of the Improvement is assessed against the property benefitted by the Improvement.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

Resolution 21-025
Approving the Redetermination of Benefits
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103E.351

**BEFORE THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15**

**Findings of Fact and Order Approving the
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Freeborn County Ditch #15, ordered the Redetermination of Benefits of Freeborn County Ditch #15; and

WHEREAS, viewers were appointed to prepare a Redetermination of Benefits Report; and

WHEREAS, a Viewer's Report was filed with the Freeborn County Auditor-Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2021, in the Freeborn County Commissioner's Room and also virtually; and

WHEREAS, Mark Behrends, one of the duly appointed viewers, gave the Viewer's Report for the Redetermination of Benefits for Freeborn County Ditch #15; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was open for public comment and there was no public comment concerning the Redetermination of Benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all the evidence presented, the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Freeborn County Ditch #15, makes the following Findings of Fact and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Viewer's Report has been made and other proceedings have been completed under Minnesota Statutes 103E.
2. The Viewers' Report, attached as **Exhibit A**, is complete and correct.
3. The damages and benefits have been properly determined.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Redetermination of Benefits' Report, attached as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and this Redetermination of Benefits' Report shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages in all subsequent proceedings related to Freeborn County Ditch #15.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021. FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15 By: Christopher Shoff, Its Chairperson

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

**Resolution No. 21-026
Continuing Public Hearing**

**BEFORE THE FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15**

**Order Continuing Final Hearing on the
Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15**

WHEREAS, a Final Hearing was held on January 19, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., to consider the proposed Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15; and

WHEREAS, landowners, represented by Attorney Matt Benda, requested a short continuance in order to look at some possible options to address some concerns raised at the hearing.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Final Hearing on the proposed Improvement to Freeborn County Ditch #15 is continued until February 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., in the Freeborn County Commissioner's Room and virtually in order for the engineer, viewers, and affected landowners to discuss possible amendments to the Engineer's Report. That the viewers are directed to work with the engineer, such that if any changes are proposed and they impact the Viewers' Report, that the Viewers' Report be amended to reflect those impacts.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021. FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR FREEBORN COUNTY DITCH #15 By: Christopher Shoff, Its Chairman

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

At approximately 10:15 a.m. the Board Chair declared that the Final Hearing on CD 15 be continued.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any other public items to be addressed and there was none.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

**RESOLUTION No. 21-027
Board Appointments to Various Committees and Organizations**

WHEREAS, each year the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners must decide which of its members represents them on its various committees and to those organizations which require or desire their participation, and;

WHEREAS, the Rules of Procedure of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners establishes several standing committees as well as the process for the establishment of temporary committee assignments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following members of the Board of Commissioners are, hereby, assigned to the described committee until such assignment is changed by a subsequent action of this Board of Commissioners; to the:

Courthouse and Other County Property Committee
Commissioners Forman & Shoff

Freeborn County Special Board of Equalization
Commissioners Belshan and Herman

Wage & Benefit Committee

Chairman and Vice Chair

Extension Advisory Committee
Commissioners Belshan

Freeborn/Mower Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority
Commissioner Herman & Forman

One Watershed One Plan – Cedar River Watershed
Commissioner Belshan

One Watershed One Plan – Le Sueur Watershed
Commissioner Herman

Investment Committee
Commissioner Shoff

Freeborn Co. Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Commissioners Herman & Forman

Freeborn County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
All County Commissioners

Minnesota Community Health Services Advisory Board
Commissioner Edwin, Public Health Director -alternate

Freeborn County Planning Advisory Commission
Commissioner Forman, Commissioner Herman -alternate

Southern Minnesota EMS Joint Powers Board
Commissioners Belshan & Edwin

Workforce Development, Inc Joint Powers Board
Commissioners Belshan & Herman

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance Joint Powers Board
Commissioner Edwin

Save Our Hospital (SOH)
Commissioner Herman and Edwin

MCIT Delegate
Commissioner Edwin, Commissioner Belshan – alternate

Shell Rock River Watershed 1WIP
Commissioner Herman, Commissioner Edwin- alternate

Albert Lea/Freeborn County Joint Emergency Planning Advisory Committee
Commissioners Edwin & Herman

Greater Jobs Inc./ ALEDA
Commissioner Herman

SEMREX JPA
Commissioners Herman & Forman

Multi County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Commissioners Herman & Forman

CVCC/DIATP
Commissioners Belshan

Mental Health Advisory Committee
Commissioners Shoff

SEMCAC
Commissioner Edwin

Highway Department Advisory Committee
Commissioners Shoff and Edwin with Belshan-alternate

Shell Rock River Watershed Common Cause Committee
Commissioners Forman & Herman-alternate

Albert Lea Housing and Redevelopment Authority Ex Officio Member
Vice Chairman Freeborn County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Shoff-alternate

Resource Sharing Committee with City of Albert Lea
Commissioners Belshan & Herman

Economic Development Committee
Commissioner Belshan & Shoff

South East Minnesota Emergency Communications Board
Commissioner Herman, Commissioner Edwin- alternate

Rural Minnesota Energy Board
Commissioner Edwin, Shoff – alternate

State Line Lake Advisory Committee
District #1 Commissioner, Herman – alternate

Freeborn County Fair Board
Commissioner Belshan

AMC Policy Committees
Transportation – Shoff
Health & Human Services – Forman
Environment & Natural Resources – Belshan
General Government – Edwin
Public Safety - Herman

Judicial Ditch #2 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #5 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #6 – Commissioner Edwin

Judicial Ditch #8 – Commissioner Edwin

Judicial Ditch #12 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #14 – Commissioner Edwin

Judicial Ditch #17 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #23 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #26 – Commissioner Belshan

Judicial Ditch #301 – Commissioner Edwin

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-028
Minnesota Housing – Minnesota City Participation Program
Joint Powers Agreement

The Albert Lea Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) enters into this Joint Powers Agreement with Freeborn County to administer the Minnesota Housing Minnesota City Participation Program (MCP) for Freeborn County for the 2021 MCP year.

The Albert Lea Housing & Redevelopment Authority agrees to coordinate program requests for 2021 under the Minnesota Cities Participation Program for 2021 under the Minnesota Cities Participation Program for Freeborn County.

In order for loans to meet the program requirements, the following criteria must be met:

- The borrower is a first-time homebuyer loan using the Start Up program.
- The borrower's income is below 80% of the area median income.
- The property is located in Freeborn County.

The Albert Lea Housing & Redevelopment Authority will forward program reports on loan activity to the county administrator.

The Albert Lea Housing & Redevelopment Authority will promote the program throughout the community using marketing information provided by Minnesota Housing.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the appointment of Commissioner John Forman to serve as the designated Freeborn County Board member on the Freeborn County COVID/Cares Act round 2 funding decision making committee which includes a member from the City Council and a member from the Economic Development Board.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken with Commissioners Edwin, Forman, Herman and Belshan voting yea and Commissioner Shoff abstaining. The Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving to set a Workshop on February 9th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room and via Zoom as permitted.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following

RESOLUTION No. 21-029
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before January 22, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 565,773.51
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 148,698.79

05	Human Services	\$ 112,906.20
06	Public Health	\$ 111,677.87
31	Capital Improvement	\$ 42,129.66
40	County Ditch	\$ 28,118.71
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 144,393.71
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 7,086.29
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ 138.00
77	Recorder's Clearing	\$ 1,465.00
80	Tax Collection Fund	\$ 550.00
85	Septic Loan Fund	\$ <u>46.00</u>
	FUND TOTALS	\$1,162,983.74

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 72

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$8,005.38

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021.

By: _____
Christopher N. Shoff
Chair

Attest: _____
Thomas Jensen
Clerk/Administrator

T-SHIRTS - COLOR OPTIONS #1

HAYWARD SOLAR



PURPLE

CHARCOAL

NAVY



T-SHIRTS - COLOR OPTIONS #2

HAYWARD SOLAR



PURPLE

CHARCOAL

NAVY



T-SHIRTS - COLOR OPTIONS #3

HAYWARD SOLAR



PURPLE

CHARCOAL

NAVY





Hayward Solar Project Presentation

Friday, January 29, 2021

9:27 AM

On the Call:

- Andy Henschel
- Tracy Skaar
- Mike Roth
- Laura Cunningham
- Courtney Phillips
- Garima Kalra

Notes:

- Mike is leading the project presentation.
- Tenaska will do the development of the project, and Capital Dynamics will be the eventual owner of the project. CapDYN is one of the largest investors of solar in the world.
- Tenaska and CapDYN are working together on over 40 projects of both solar and storage.
- Tenaska just got done permitting a wind project in Minnesota
- The panels sit on racks and will move with the sun.
- Have been working with permitting plans to get vegetative management, wetlands, and other permits to move us forward. Things are currently looking good.
- Freeborn County Benefit:
 - \$305,161 to the county per year
 - \$76,290 to Hayward Township per year

- 200 jobs during construction and 4 full-time jobs during the operational lifespan of the project.
- An Economic Development Study is underway and is expected to be completed by February.
- We are currently in the development stage of the project. Doing several studies on the land that we are leasing. We are also talking with local officials and community members to help them be aware of where the project is, and where it is going.
- Looking to have the application to the PUC here in the first quarter. It then takes about a year to receive approval.
- Looking to be operational by 2023

Q & A:

- **Courtney:** you have 1,600 acres leased. What is your estimated acreage that will be in solar panels themselves?
 - Of the 1,600 acres under leased option right now. When you take back roads, setbacks; there will be about 1,200 acres of solar.
 - Working with large utilities to discuss potential off-take of the power
 - The solar panels in Waseca County, Excel sometimes partners in those; however, this project is one of the largest ones in the area.
- **Courtney:** what will the local benefit be? Will there be a cut to peoples energy bills?
 - Once the power goes up on the grid, the electrons go where they go. The real benefit to the local community is the job, taxes, in-direct and direct expenses, and then the greening of the power grid as coal plants are being taken offline.
- **Andy:** Does this site include storage? Or are we just looking at solar panels?
 - **Mike:** currently, it is only specifically solar. The ability to bring in storage at a later time is easy to do. There is always an option to do that. We think that storage is an up and comer, and will be a significant factor to these projects in the upcoming years.
 - **Andy:** Can you fill us in to what the storage aspect would look like if it were added in a future date? Does it take up many acres?
 - **Mike:** From a development perspective on a storage aspect, there will be a bunch of containers stacked two high on a gravel place. The storage will

hold the electrons and send them to the grid later on when needed. Miso believes you will need 5 acres for every 1 MW. For storage, you need 0.5 acres for every 1 MW of storage. Storage is about the size of a shipping container filled with batteries.

- **Courtney:** Have you started the permit process? There is a cell tower and a pipeline running through the property. Any hurdles there?
 - **Mike:** cant put panels where the pipeline is. With the interstate near by, we have a glint and glare study going. Currently, we are taking the reports that are being finalized and putting them together for our PUC application.
- **Andy:** What type of wetland impacts will there be?
 - **Mike:** We have done a wetland delineation which is part of the layout of where the solar panels will go. If there is a wetland, than there won't be any solar panels there.
- **Andy:** Is there a decommissioning plan for the land?
 - We are required to have a remediation plan that tells the PUC that we will return the ground back to what it was before a solar facility was ever placed on it. Some landowners we lease land too have gone a step further and have talked about top soil replacement. Another concern with landowners is tile. We will make sure that the tile is working.
- **Laura:** With the row-crop farming that is going on out there, we had noticed that the ditches are just black. It appears that there is quite a bit of top soil loss in that area.
 - Throughout the property, there will be deep rooted vegetation that is pollinator friendly and will help restore the top soil.
 - **Mike:** We are working on a veg. management as we speak.
- **Andy:** there will be a benefit to having year-round vegetation.
- **Andy:** You will be mowing correct?
 - Yes
- **Mike:** we are working with a firm that will allow us to have a seed mix that is pollinator friendly.
- **Courtney:** Sees that there is some county tile on the property, and we don't want the deep roots impacting the county tile.
- **Courtney:** anything you are asking of us?

- **Mike:** we just want to notify you of the project so you aren't surprised with anything.
 - **Laura:** From a community outreach standpoint, we do like to include documents of outreach and letters of support that go along with the project. So, if a letter of support would be possible, that is something we do with our permitting appendix. So, if the board is interested in that, we would love to include that.
 - We also want to make sure that all of the drainage questions are well defined.
- **Courtney:** How does the taxing work on the leased property? Does the landowner cover that?
 - **Mike:** Since it is only leased, the landowner will pay the taxes on the ground itself, but any improvements will be paid by the developer. Once the project is up and running, we go to talk with the county assessor and have the tax bracket broken into two. One for the landowner and one for the developer.
- **Andy:** Should get you guys the district rules on construction. As far as the letter of support, Andy will run by the chair to see what his thoughts are on letters of support.
 - Laura will email them and give all the contact information that is needed.

FREEBORN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

February 2 , 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Freeborn will meet in session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom at the Freeborn County Government Center. This meeting will take place via video conferencing as provided by Minnesota Statute 13D.015 and live streamed at www.co.freeborn.mn.us

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda.
2. Consider resolution approving the Consent agenda (the following items will be acted upon without discussion unless an item is asked to be removed and placed on the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting.
3. Reports of the Board Committees.
4. New Business.
5. Consideration of issues presented by persons of the general public and/or other general items.
Persons wishing to address the Board concerning matters pertaining to this agenda as well as any other matters of County concern should ask to be recognized by the Chair at this time. All presenting items of consideration shall address the Board of Commissioners as a whole, and shall not direct comments to individual Commissioners, attempt to engage Commissioners in conversation, or solicit a Commissioner to respond to the speaker's comments. All speakers are limited to 5 minutes each.
6. Reports of Various Departments.
 - A. Report of Auditor-Treasurer
 - Consider resolution to ratify MnCCC Amendment for extension to maintenance and support agreement for property tax with Avenue fka Conduent.
 - B. Report of Personnel
 - Consider resolution to fill a Mental Health Office Support Specialist position at DHS.
 - C. Report of Human Services
 - Consider resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Jennifer Vogt-Erickson and Jeshua Erickson for CVCC.
 - D. Report of County Administrator
 - Consider resolution approving PACE special assessments on Freeborn County Parcel 341630030 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
 - Consider resolution to Participate in the 2021 State of MN Performance Measurement Program.
7. Other items as necessary but unknown at this time.
8. County Commissioner's item.
9. Approval of Claims.
10. Adjournment.

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ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
February 2, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday February 2, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Edwin and Herman in person, with Commissioners Shoff, Belshan, and Forman via Zoom.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented with the removal of the item under 6b, Report of Personnel.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-030
Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the January 19, 2021 Freeborn County Board meeting minutes.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

The Commissioners Edwin, Herman and Belshan provided Board Committee updates. Commissioners Shoff and Forman had no updates regarding Board Committees.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-031
Ratifying MnCCC Amendment for Extension to Maintenance and Support
Agreement for Property Tax With Avenue f/k/a Conduent

RESOLVED, ratifying the Property Tax System Maintenance and Support Agreement Amendment between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) and Avenu (f/k/a Conduent) providing an extension for support for Property Tax System (PTS) January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-032
Accepting a Donation to the Freeborn County CVCC
from Jennifer Vogt-Erickson and Jeshua Erickson

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center serves those who have been victims of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center plans events and campaigns bringing community awareness to the issues of crime, domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Vogt-Erickson and Jeshua Erickson have offered a donation to the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for services provided by the CVCC; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Department of Human Services - Crime Victims Crisis Center accepts the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Jennifer Vogt-Erickson and Jeshua Erickson to be used in 2021 for services provided by the CVCC.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-033
Placing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) special assessment
on Freeborn County Parcel 314630030 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00

WHEREAS Freeborn County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS the County of Freeborn, Minnesota has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the St. Paul Port Authority to administer and implement the PACE program in Freeborn County, and

WHEREAS, As the administrator of PACE for Freeborn County, the Port Authority has reviewed this assessment and it has determined that the project property located at:

Owner: Northwest Development Group LLC- David Schooff
Parcel ID: 341630030
Address: 1619 W Main St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
Amount assessed: \$1,000,000.00 (One Million dollars)
Interest rate: 6.44%
Term: 20 years

conforms with the Minnesota PACE statutes. Interest, at a rate of 6.44%, will start to accrue on January 1, 2022. The assessment will amortize over a 20-year term, beginning in 2022. An amortization schedule as well as the PACE application requesting this assessment from the property owner is attached to this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeborn County Board Freeborn approves the placing of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) special assessment on the above listed parcel as requested by the

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-034
To Participate in the 2021 State of MN Performance Measurement Program

WHEREAS, Benefits to Freeborn County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Local Results and Innovation developed a Performance Measurement Program that is voluntary for counties and cities to participate in; and

WHEREAS, Any county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, The County Board adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The 10 performance measures are identified as : Part I and II Crime rates, Tobacco and Alcohol use, Maltreatment of Children, Collection of Hazardous household waste and electronics, Workforce Participation rates, Veterans Benefits, Bond rating, Level of assessment ratio, Accuracy of Post-election Audit, and Pavement condition rating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Freeborn County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through posting on the county's website.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Freeborn County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the county.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-029
Approval of Claims

RESOLVED, that the following claims be allowed and paid on or before February 5, 2021.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	\$ 919,054.10
03	County Road & Bridge	\$ 61,819.84
05	Human Services	\$ 159,187.33
06	Public Health	\$ 55,260.28
40	County Ditch	\$ 3,565.06
70	Trust & Agency	\$ 435.44
73	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$ 38,224.22
74	Turtle Creek Watershed	\$ <u>13,104.16</u>
	FUND TOTALS	\$1,250,650.43

Number of Claims not exceeding \$300 – 34

Dollar amount of claims not exceeding \$300 – \$2,846.28

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Chair, Commissioner Shoff adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.

By: _____
Christopher N. Shoff
Chair

Attest: _____
Thomas Jensen
Clerk/Administrator

Hayward City Council Meeting
2-8-21 7:00pm
Hayward City Hall

Mayor Anthony Cox
Clerk Kathy Aase
Councilors:
Gene Flaskerud
Darwin Dolph
Travis RechI- City Maintenance

Attendees:
Tracy Skaar and Laura Cunningham with Hayward Solar Project

The meeting began with housekeeping items and transitioned into approval of Firefighter/ Fire Association roster. The second item on the agenda was the public forum at which time Tracy and I explained the fact sheet for Hayward Solar Project. We discussed the size and general location of the array. We discussed that this project would produce 150 mw of power to go onto the grid. We also discussed the existence of the power lines in the project area. The questions we received from council members and staff were about the timeline, health effects of solar production and equipment, benefit to the city, and general acceptance of the project. The council remained pretty positive and requested additional information on the health and safety aspects of solar equipment as it relates to medical devices. Laura agreed to send additional information on that request. At that point we thanked them for their time, and they closed the public forum.

The following answer was located in our Tenaska portfolio. Does anyone want to add additional detail before I contact Kathy Aase with the response?

"There are no proven health risks from solar fields. In fact, solar fields are known for having a positive benefit on air quality. Solar fields generate clean, renewable power with zero air emissions and often replace older and less-efficient fossil fuel-based sources of power with significant air emissions. A study from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory shows that this corresponds to a lower risk of respiratory issues and heart attacks. Solar fields are generally not associated with health risk from electromagnetic fields (EMFs). Humans are exposed to EMFs in their daily life, such as from a refrigerator. Similarly, EMFs generated within the solar fields are at a low level and not enough to harm humans. Additionally, any exposure to EMFs at a solar field would be within the perimeter fence and even then, the level is not high enough to cause harm. We will have operations employees at the solar farm, and their safety is a priority. You can read more about EMFs on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website:"

Articles:

<https://www.epa.gov/radtown/sources-electric-and-magnetic-radiation>

<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy07osti/41998.pdf>



HAYWARD SOLAR PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION:

Freeborn County, Minnesota

PROPOSED SIZE:

150 megawatts (MW)

ESTIMATED LAND (ACRES):

1,600 acres

TRANSMISSION LOCATION:

Hayward-Murphy Creek 161kV Line (SMPA)

LOCAL ESTIMATED INVESTMENT:

\$128 million

LIFE CYCLE:

35 years from date of commercial operation

Arevon, an independent global private asset management firm with a strong renewables portfolio, is advancing a large-scale solar project in Freeborn County. Arevon is working with on-the-ground developer Tenaska to bring this project to fruition. Arevon and Tenaska are pleased to bring this solar project that we believe is right for the times and for Freeborn County.

Local landowners have agreed to lease land sufficient to host 150 megawatts worth of solar photovoltaic panels. The Hayward Solar Project offers landowners a way to diversify their land's revenue base and preserve its ability to return to agricultural uses at the conclusion of the project. Hayward Solar will also bring benefits to the local community. Its estimated \$128 million investment will translate into jobs, as well as direct and indirect economic opportunities for local businesses and services. The project will also provide predictable property tax revenue with little to no burden on school, sanitation or public safety services.

The success of the Hayward Solar Project relies on developing a project that can successfully balance economic, technical, regulatory and community goals. We look forward to working together to achieve this balance and building a solar project Freeborn County will be proud to host.

EXPERIENCED DEVELOPERS:

Arevon and Tenaska have worked together on many projects, including large solar projects in California.

AREVON

Arevon – a global provider and North America's leading renewable energy company; Arevon operates over 3.5 GWdc of commercially operating utility-scale, commercial/industrial, distributed generation, and battery storage assets, with an additional 3.0 GWdc of solar assets currently under construction.

TENASKA

Tenaska – Omaha, Nebraska-based energy company with extensive experience developing energy projects in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.



Early 2021

Local Agreements

Mid 2021

Engineering and
Permitting

2022

Final Approvals

2022

Begin Construction

2023

Operational

HAYWARD SOLAR PROJECT

AREVON IS COMMITTED TO BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

To illustrate this commitment, The Hayward Solar Project is working closely with Freeborn County to:

- Bring local jobs and investment to the area.
- Establish reasonable setbacks, height, and parameter designs.
- Provide a decommissioning plan and ensure the money will be there to carry it out.
- This project will also be subject to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's process to obtain a Site Permit and Certificate of Need.

*Solar fields are quiet neighbors
that have no emissions.
Studies show no significant health
nor property value impacts
associated with living near solar fields.[†]*

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF SOLAR:

The Hayward Solar Project will help Freeborn County and Minnesota:

- Directly create employment opportunities for over 200 people during construction and four people during its 35-year life of operations.
- Diversify its electricity sources – renewable energy is expected to grow from 8% to 30% in the Midwest by 2030.
- Contribute millions in tax revenue with very little burden on local services like schools and public safety.
- Address environmental concerns and policy goals related to clean air and climate change.
- An economic impact study to quantify these results is underway.



MORE INFORMATION:

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137 N Broadway Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007

[†] NC Clean Energy Technology Center, Health and Safety Impacts of Solar Photovoltaics, 2017; CohnReznick LLP, Property Value Impact Study Proposed Solar Farm McLean County, IL, 2018.

February 9, 2021 Meeting Summary

I met with Wes Tennis, in person, from Riceland Township Board. He was at my place for another reason. I told him about the project and gave him a fact sheet. Riceland township borders Hayward township to the north and even though the project will not be in Riceland township it's within about two miles of where the solar panels will be. Being I was talking to him anyway I filled him in, telling him to feel free to let the rest of their board know and contact me if there were any questions I could answer. It might be of significance that the Edwards family (one of the landowners) actually live in Riceland township.

Tracy Skaar | Community Representative

137 N Broadway Ave
Albert Lea, MN 56007
507.320.3142



Freeborn County Commissioners Meeting via Zoom

2-16-21

Meeting Start Time: 8:30 am

Attendees:

Commissioners: Chris Shoff-chair, Ted Herman, John Forman, Brad Edwin, Dan Belshan

Administrator- Tom Jensen, Auditor/Treasurer- Pat Martinson, Sheriff- Kurt Freitag, County Attorney- David Walker, Public Health- Sue Yost, Environmental Health Coordinator- Rachel Wehner, County Engineer- Phil Wacholz

Mike Roth- Tenaska, Joe Sedarski- Westwood, Laura Cunningham- GSC, Shane Glinski- GSC, Tracy Skaar- Hayward Solar Project Community Representative

Details:

After other business matters were discussed amongst Freeborn County Commissioners, staff and other County personnel, the Hayward Solar Project (Project) team provided a brief Project description and responded to questions.

Laura Cunningham gave introductions of the Hayward Solar Project team members and roles. Mike Roth gave a presentation detailing the preliminary plans of the Project development. The Project was well received by meeting attendees. The County Administrator allowed for Commissioner comments and questions which are detailed below.

Questions from the Presentation:

- Gave thanks about investing in the County.
- **Dan Belshan:** Monarchs are endangered species and seeing this more in Freeborn County; is there any talk with the solar Project team about milkweed or anything to do with mitigation (e.g., plant milkweed, etc.)? **Joe:** We do have a plan that requires a seed mix and mowing of the property. We are working with Minnesota Department of Ag. And other parties on a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the Project. We are preparing a VMP at this time that will be specific to soil on site. Part of the commitment to the area is to include pollinator friendly vegetation. The vegetation will then be maintained throughout the operation period. In addition to all of this, we are preparing an Agriculture Impact Mitigation Plan (AIMP). This gives us the opportunity to allow the land to move from solar energy production back to agriculture use/production at the end of the solar Project operation time frame. The VMP and AIMP will both be included in the Site Permit Application (SPA) that will be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in April 2021. **Laura:** Within the Project Area, Hayward Solar is exploring the possibility of and options for potential grazing as part of VMP and AIMP plans. This is another agricultural practice that we are looking to include in the Project and will be evaluated as an option. **Mike:** We have more than 1,600 acres of land leased. The big picture is that at the end of the 30-35-40 year operational life, we remove everything from the Project Area and return it back to agricultural practices. Those discussions have been had with all the landowners. At this time, some questions have been asked about drain tile and we will continue to make things work with landowners. **Joe:** There is a Decommissioning Plan also being prepared for the Project which will be included in the SPA.
- **Dan:** When there is snow on the glass, do we melt it, or does it melt naturally? **Mike:** These panels do a single-axis rotation, so if a snowstorm is coming, we can go to a rest

mode. It mainly melts off naturally; the panels are black and made of glass, so the snow melts quickly or slides off and allows us to continue to make electricity.

- **How do we keep the brush down?** **Mike:** As part of the VMP ongoing scheduled maintenance, mowing and related operational activities will be conducted that will address brush issues, if any. There will be permanent staff working for the Project that will monitor and maintain Project facilities, including brush.
- **Do you have a power purchaser yet?** **Mike:** Not currently. We are in conversations with several power offtaker utilities that are looking into large renewable projects such as this one.
- **For those that do live in the area, is there any concern from them?** **Mike:** We are beginning our neighbor outreach next month, which means we will go out and talk with everyone within a mile radius of the Project Area. We do like this location because of the lack of homesteads. You may also notice that we have left a large setback/buffer from where the houses are to where the panels begin. **Laura:** We have had outreach going on with the township, and so forth. We will eventually be reaching out to all the neighbors in that area, which we have already had some of those conversations in play. Good Steward Consulting (GSC) is located right here in Freeborn County, and our approach to this Project is be involved early and to get information out there as it comes in so there are no surprises. Tracy is also very approachable in the area, and he will be holding office hours in the GSC office located in Albert Lea.
- **Tom Jensen: Had a question about the owners of some of the parcels (~120 acres).** **Mike:** We have reached out to the landowners of the 120 acres. He was interested but decided to not lease to us. He still supports the Project. Laura has also reached out to other landowners.
- **You have all these panels and if there is a downpour, do you have something in plan to diminish runoff?** **Mike:** Yes, we do have a storm water management plan. We will have storm water retainage as well.
- **Mike:** We will have a drainage and road agreement as we have had with the wind project. Since this is a heavily drained area, we will make sure all the pieces are in place for the agreement. The agreement will come before this Board as well.
- **Dan: As solar technology improves, is there a standard for swapping out the panels easily as technology is becoming more efficient and it pays to swap them out?** **Mike:** If we start construction in mid-2022 with a 2022 series panels, can we go and swap out panels in ten years with better technology? Yes, we could do that. We would do an economic study to see what the pricing would be to take them out, recycle them, and put in new panels; however, additional permitting would have to be done if that were so. **Joe:** If this occurs, we would look to the Site Permit (SP) that will be issued from the PUC to determine permit process for such changes to the Project during the SP term.
- **Commissioner Herman: Mike, what if any, is the biggest hurdle for this Project right now?** **Mike:** There are three. One is the preparation of the Site Permit Application to be submitted to the PUC and the SPA process. You need to have as much done and complete as possible before that is submitted. We have other consultants working on this. Secondly, is the power purchase agreement. Working with utilities to get all the details squared away on the economics for their game plan. Thirdly, we have an interconnection request with MISO. They go through several studies to see how the grid is impacted with 150 MW coming into play. Currently, the first of three main studies have been completed and we expect the 2nd study to be issued soon. MISO makes sure what we are building matches with the current infrastructure and grid capacity, etc.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
February 16, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County met in the Freeborn County Boardroom at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday February 16, 2021. Members present: Commissioners Edwin, Forman and Herman in person, with Commissioners Shoff and Belshan via Zoom.

Commissioner Herman offered the following motion;

MOVED, approving the agenda as presented with the addition of the item under 6f, Report of Sheriff.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-036

**Approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners Consent Agenda as provided
in the Freeborn County Board Rule of Procedure 9(A)**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the governing body of Freeborn County, and;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board has implemented a Consent agenda to perform the duties of the board in a more effective and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, the following items have been placed for approval of the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners on the current Board meeting Consent Agenda as provided by the Board rules of procedure, being routine and of a regular action;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place the following are hereby approved for appropriate action:

- 1) Approval of the January 12, 2021 Workshop minutes; and
- 2) Approval of the February 2, 2021 Freeborn County Board meeting minutes.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioners Edwin, Forman and Herman provided Board Committee updates. Commissioners Shoff and Belshan had no updates regarding Board Committees.

Commissioner Shoff asked if there was any public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-037

Accepting the Resignation of Richard Walther

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services has the responsibility for providing a quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees;

WHEREAS; Richard Walther has been employed as a Child Support Officer since April 18th, 1988 and is resigning his position effective February 25th, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Richard Walther as a Child Support Officer effective on or about February 25th, 2021.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-038
Permission to fill the Freeborn County Child Support Officer Position

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Richard Walther, Freeborn County Child Support Officer has resigned his position effective February 25th, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board approves the filling of the vacant Freeborn County Assessor position.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-039
**Placing Joseph Hunter, Social Worker CPS, on Regular Full Time
Employment Status with Freeborn County**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEAREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Joseph Hunter has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to his department and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place Joseph Hunter, Freeborn County Social Worker CPS, on regular full time status.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-040
**Placing Jacob Stockwell, Truancy Officer, on Regular Full Time
Employment Status with Freeborn County**

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County employees have the responsibility for providing quality service with integrity and accountability to the citizens of Freeborn County;

WHEAREAS, the Freeborn County Board is the appointing authority for all county employees, and;

WHEREAS, Jacob Stockwell has successfully completed his required probationary employment period with Freeborn County and does provide the necessary services to his department and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to place Jacob Stockwell, Freeborn County Truancy Officer, on regular full time status

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken with Commissioners and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-041
Approving an Agreement with University of Minnesota
to begin the Process of Completing a County Geologic Atlas

RESOLVED, approving entering into an agreement with the University of Minnesota for creating a geologic atlas of Freeborn County.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion Commissioner Belshan moved to table Resolution.

Commissioner Belshan moved to table the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-042
Approving an Agreement with University of Minnesota
to begin the Process of Completing a County Geologic Atlas

RESOLVED, approving entering into an agreement with the University of Minnesota for creating a geologic atlas of Freeborn County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken with Commissioners Belshan and Edwin voting yay and Commissioners Forman, Herman and Shoff voting nay, the Chair declared the resolution failed.

Since Resolution 21-042 to table Resolution 21-041 failed, the Board returned to vote on Resolution 21-041. A vote was taken with Commissioners Forman, Herman and Shoff voting yay and Commissioners Edwin and Belshan nay and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. the Board Chair opened up a public presentation regarding the Hayward Solar Project. Present via zoom were Laura Cunningham, Portfolio Manager with Good Steward Consulting, Mike Roth, Project Developer with Tenaska, Joe Sedarski of Westwood, Shane Glinski, Assistant Project Manager with Good Steward Consulting and Tracy Skaar, Hayward resident assisting with the project.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-043
Approving the Contract Amendment with UCare

Whereas, Freeborn County Community Health Board approve the contract amendment with UCare for increased fee for service for Family Home Visiting services.

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 145A states that a Community Health Board will promote healthy communities and healthy behavior through activities that improve health in a population, such as investing in healthy families; and address issues of health equity, health disparities, and the social determinants to health;

Whereas, Freeborn County Public Health will foster healthy beginnings, improve pregnancy outcomes, promote school readiness, prevent child abuse and neglect, reduce juvenile delinquency, promote positive parenting and resiliency in children, and promote family health and economic self-sufficiency for children and families through the Family Home Visiting program;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners/Freeborn County Community Health Board does hereby approve the contract amendment with UCare for the Family Home Visiting services payment.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-044
Approving Authorizing Loans from the General Fund
to Ditches with Shortages for 2020

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorize loans to the following ditches:

County Ditch No.8 IMP		\$	23,800.00	Project Currently in Progress
	11	\$	44,100.00	
	15 IMP	\$	42,700.00	Project Currently in Progress
	17	\$	7,300.00	
	28	\$	18,000.00	
	31 IMP	\$	90,900.00	Project Currently in Progress
	32 IMP	\$	80,600.00	Project Currently in Progress
	34	\$	10,000.00	
	54	\$	26,700.00	
	68 IMP	\$	16,800.00	Project Currently in Progress
	71	\$	41,500.00	
	79	\$	35,000.00	
		\$	437,400.00	
Judicial Ditch No.	J5	\$	6,200.00	
	J12 IMP	\$	44,500.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J18	\$	2,300.00	
	J20	\$	3,200.00	
	J21 IMP	\$	100,200.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J21 IMP BR. A	\$	63,700.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J27 IMP	\$	59,300.00	Project Currently in Progress
	J30	\$	1,900.00	
		\$	281,300.00	
		\$	718,700.00	

from the General Fund at an annual interest rate of 3% to cover cash shortages for 2020; and

FURHTER BE IT RESOLVED, that loans will be repaid through the application of 2021 assessments.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-045
Granting Tobacco Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County grants tobacco licenses to the following applicants:

Hollandale Three in One Bar & Restaurant, Hollandale
Han's Off-Sale, Hollandale
Staples Enterprises, Inc, Alden
Vet's Oil Company, Inc, Manchester Township
Noajax, Inc, Clarks Grove
Geneva Bar & Grill, Geneva
Freeborn County Co-op Oil, Alden

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Edwin offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-046
Approving Federal Project Advance

WHEREAS, the County of Freeborn is planning to construct SP 024-070-031 in the year 2022, which has been programmed by the ATP in the STIP or work plan for the year 2023 and,

WHEREAS, Freeborn County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Highway Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Construction Account and,

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made from Federal fund no later than the year in which the ATP has programmed the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing SP 024-070-031 of the County of Freeborn in an amount up to \$232,965 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9, and to authorize repayments from their state aid account or from local funds within a requested and approved repayment schedule should said project fail to receive Federal funds for any reason.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-047
Authorizing Sponsorship and Agreement with Bath Township

WHEREAS, Bath Township would like to improve 780th Avenue between CSAH 31 and CSAH 35 in Freeborn County, and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has made grants available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) specifically to townships for work like what is needed on 780th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the LRIP grant program requires a County Sponsor when townships apply in order to qualify for the funding; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County wishes to support the efforts of townships to improve and maintain their roads and bridges;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County supports the submittal of the LRIP application for this improvement project; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Freeborn County will be the project sponsor and fiscal agent for all grant funds awarded to Bath Township; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Freeborn County will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bath Township that will define the responsibilities of the Township and the County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Belshan offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-048
Authorizing Sponsorship and Agreement with London Township

WHEREAS, London Township would like to improve 890th Avenue between CSAH 34 and CSAH 1 as well as other segments of London Township Roads outlined in their application for state funding in Freeborn County, and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has made grants available through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) specifically to townships for work like what is being proposed by London Township; and

WHEREAS, the LRIP grant program requires a County Sponsor when townships apply in order to qualify for the funding; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn County wishes to support the efforts of townships to improve and maintain their roads and bridges;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Freeborn County supports the submittal of the LRIP application for these improvement projects; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Freeborn County will be the project sponsor and fiscal agent for all grant funds awarded to London Township; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Freeborn County will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with London Township that will define the responsibilities of the Township and the County.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-049
Accepting \$150.00 in Donations to Sheriff's Department

RESOLVED accepting \$150.00 in donations from Freeborn County citizens. The donated funds will be put towards the sheriff's office equipment fund (01-201-6601).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves the deposit of \$150.00 of donated funds into the 01-201-6601 line item.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-50
Accepting a \$200 Donation to Sheriff's Department

RESOLVED, accepting a \$200.00 donation from Freeborn County citizens. The donated funds will be put towards the sheriff's office equipment fund (01-201-6601).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves the deposit of \$200.00 of donated funds into the 01-201-6601 line item.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Herman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman moved to table the following resolution until the March 16, 2021 regular board meeting:

RESOLUTION No. 21-051
TABLED: Allowing Deputies to Assist with Mutual Aid for Enbridge Line 3 Route Security Detail

Resolved to allow the Freeborn County Sheriff to send deputies outside of the county's 200 mile travel distance in support of the Enbridge Line 3 security detail. The resolution would take effect once the 18 Minnesota sheriffs of the Northern Lights Task Force requests mutual aid from Minnesota Law Enforcement agencies, and the resolution will end when the task force ends the mutual aid request.

WHEREAS, Enbridge Line 3 pipeline construction route will pass through 18 Minnesota counties, consisting of 337 miles of pipeline.

WHEREAS, The 18 Minnesota county sheriffs who comprise the Northern Lights Task Force, may request mutual aid sometime in the future from many Minnesota law enforcement agencies.

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office has trained approximately 75% of the patrol and transport deputies to date in Mobile Field Force response and they are in the process of equipping all trained deputies with personal protective equipment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Freeborn County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, approves a resolution to allow the Freeborn County Sheriff to deploy Freeborn County deputies to the Enbridge Line 3 construction sites from the time the mutual aid request is received until the time the aid is rescinded.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Belshan.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-052
Appointing Kristen Wasmoen to Freeborn County Extension Services Advisory Board

RESOLVED, that Kristen Wasmoen is appointed to a three year term on the Freeborn County Extension Services Advisory board beginning January 5, 2021 through January 1, 2024.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION No. 21-053
Certifying the Acquisition of Land by the US Fish and Wildlife Services

In accordance with a Procedural Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, dated May 23, 1962, and subsequently amended, certification by the County Board of Commissioners for acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requested.

Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service met with the Board of Commissioners of Freeborn County, State of Minnesota, on February 2, 2021, and informed the Commissioners that an Agreement for the Purchase of Lands has been secured from Kim A. Meyer and Julie K. Meyer on the following described lands:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the southeast Quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4), Section 18, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section 17, the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 SE1/4) of Section 18, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4), Section 17, all in Township 101 North of Range 21 West of the 5th P.M. (To be determined by survey).

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Edwin.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Herman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-054
Setting Workshops Dates

RESOLVED, setting workshops to occur the second Tuesday of each month until December 14, 2021.

Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Forman.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the Chair declared the resolution approved.

Commissioner Forman offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-055