

MEETING DATE:

March 3, 2026

DEPARTMENT

Administration

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent

SUBMITTED BY:

Nick Lemmer

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution assigning Lucas Dahling as the Representative-Signature-Certifier and Teresa Reisdorfer as the Administrator in the USDA Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs.

NARRATIVE

Background

The USDA ReConnect Program funds broadband expansion in rural areas lacking adequate internet service, supporting education, healthcare, business, and economic development. In 2021, the Board authorized applying for ReConnect funding with Nuvera as the selected provider, and the project was later descope in 2024 due to rising costs. On December 19, the County Administrator was notified that the County's application has been, and subsequently on Jan. 6, the Board authorized the administrator and other to sign necessary documents related to the grant program. However, the USDA program rules require additional board action with respect to assigning roles within their financial reporting systems.

All applicants applying under the Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs are required to submit an Authorized Representative Request (ARR) and a resolution in order to access Telecom's online application systems. Additionally, all Telecommunications Program borrowers and grant recipients required to use the reporting and compliance (R&C) system, are required to submit an ARR and resolution

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution as stated above.

ATTACHMENTS

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RESOLUTION

1. RESOLVED that Lucas Dahling, the Finance Director and Auditor/Treasurer of Goodhue County, has the assigned Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the County, who shall be responsible for providing signatures, authorizing certifications, entering/updating applications, submitting applications for consideration, and assigning access to new users in USDA's Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs. If application(s) are awarded under these Programs, the Representative-Signature-Certifier security role on behalf of the County shall also be responsible for authorizing certifications, entering/updating compliance reports, submitting compliance reports, and assigning access to new users in USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.

2. RESOLVED that Teresa Reisdorfer, has the assigned Administrator security role on behalf of Goodhue County, who shall be responsible for assigning access to new users and entering/updating application(s) in USDA's . . . If applications are awarded under these Programs, the Administrator(s) security role on behalf of the County, shall also be responsible for assigning access to new users and entering/updating compliance reports in USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.

3. RESOLVED that the Representative-Signature-Certifier and Administrator(s) for Goodhue County shall comply fully with all security procedures and policies of the Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs and USDA's Online Financial Reporting and Compliance System.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT each member of the Board of Commissioners of Goodhue County was furnished with notice of said meeting in compliance with the bylaws of Goodhue County and the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Goodhue County this day of , 20 . . Secretary