



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

**EMERGENCY MEETING
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
GOODHUE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
2140 PIONEER ROAD, RED WING**

**JULY 10, 2019
8:00 A.M.**

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR JUNE 28 AND 29, 2019.

Documents:

[State of Emergency Resolution.pdf](#)



GOODHUE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

430 WEST SIXTH STREET
RED WING, MN 55066

July 9, 2019

To: Goodhue County Board

Re: Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency
Severe weather event and flooding in the city of Pine Island

On June 28th the southern part of Goodhue County received experienced a severe thunderstorm bringing 3 – 4" of rain primarily targeting the Pine Island area. Dodge and Olmsted Counties received approximately 7" of rain. The rain from Dodge and Olmsted County overflowed the banks of the Zumbro river that flows through the city of Pine Island. State HWY 52 was shut down for almost a day due to the flood. Other roads around Pine Island were also closed due to flooding. Some said that Pine Island had truly become an island for a short time.

Early in the morning on June 29th, the city Emergency Manager requested that Goodhue County STS help with sandbagging efforts. They sandbagged around approximately 60 homes that are mostly on the Olmsted County side of the city. Olmsted Co. sent a crew as well. Fortunately the homes were spared, only a couple basements had gotten wet according to the city Emergency Manager (EM).

The river waters flooded the school district's new ball fields and did a whole lot of damage. City parks were flooded so debris needs to be removed, there is a lot of trail damage and also damage to some of the roads. This damage is on the Goodhue County side of the city.

The Public Works Director for the city is also the EM. We had spoken during the sandbagging process, he didn't need any other help from me. A couple days later after the water receded, he contacted me to let me know about the damages and cleanup that was due to the flooding. The city and school district are both working towards getting their estimates and costs lined up. Later we talked about the amount of damage that was sustained and he said that it is well over the county's threshold for the State Disaster Program which is \$87,285.87. I sent emails to the neighboring townships to see if they had any issues from the flooding. They did not.

I am requesting that the County Board approve the Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency so we can move forward with having this event eligible for the State Disaster Fund program. The State will come in and review the damages for the city and school district to determine eligibility and review any flood insurance policies that they have in place. If eligible, State would reimburse them 75% and the city would be responsible for 25%.

Thank you for your help with this. Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Richter Biwer".

Diane Richter Biwer, MnCEM | Director

Goodhue County Sheriff's Office | Office of Emergency Management

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS the severe rain and flooding event on June 28 & 29, 2019 impacted the population of Goodhue County and its cities; and townships; and

WHEREAS the severe rain and flooding event event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Goodhue County Office of Emergency Management requests the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners to declare Goodhue County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the June 28 & 29th event of 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners declares Goodhue County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the severe rain event and flood event of June 28 & 29, 2019.

Adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

I, Scott Arneson, County Administrator, hereby attest that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

County Administrator

Chairman, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners