

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN  
MAY 4, 2021**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by virtual meeting with the County Administrator appearing from the County Board Room of the Government Center, Red Wing, MN with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Drotos, Greseth and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

C/Anderson asked if there were any disclosures of interest. There were none.

<sup>1</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the April 20, 2021, County Board Minutes.

<sup>2</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the May 4, 2021 County Board Agenda.

<sup>3</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

C/Drotos complimented the AIS Committee for the work that they do for the area.

1. Approve the Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo for Dawnbreakers Kiwanis, Red Wing, for August 10-14, 2021 and August 6-7, 2021.
2. Approve the appointment of Brian Flom to the vacant seat on the County Extension Committee.
3. Approve 2021 AIS Contracts.
4. Approve Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Duluth Economic Development Authority.
5. Approve the Probation Caseload/Workload Reduction Grant Agreement.
6. Approve Wine and Strong Beer License and 3.2% Malt Liquor Applications.
7. Approve the Sentence to Serve (STS) Contract between Goodhue County and the State of MN for 7/1/21-6/30/23.

**LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Text Amendment to Article 20 Section 7 (Table of Uses) and Article 21 (Agriculture Protection District).** The request, submitted by Trisha Studer (Applicant), to consider proposed text amendment to the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance to allow "Retreat Centers" as a Conditional/Interim Use in the A-1 (Agriculture Protection) District.

The Planning Commission recommended the board deny the original application permit.

<sup>4</sup> Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to open the public hearing.

<sup>5</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Greseth, and carried to approve to close the public hearing.

<sup>6</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Gresseth, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to Adopt the staff report into the record; accept the testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and DENY the Applicant's text amendment request for Retreat Centers to be included in the A1, Agriculture Protection District, as a Conditional/Interim Use in order to preserve the A1 District for intensive agriculture operations and direct Retreat Centers to A2 or A3 Districts and to direct staff and the Planning Commission study farm retreats and retreat centers and bring back any recommendations on modifications.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment Request for Feedlot Expansion and Construction of an Animal Waste Processing Facility (Voth).** The request, submitted by Bradley Voth (Owner/Operator), for an estimated 219 Animal Unit expansion of an existing 770 Animal Unit dairy Feedlot and construction of an animal waste processing facility for manure separation. Parcel 33.023.0500. 22695 County 9 BLVD Goodhue, MN 55027. The S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 23 TWP 111 Range 15 in Goodhue Township. A-1 Zoned District.

Planning Commission addressed the issue at their April meeting and recommended approval with conditions.

<sup>7</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to Adopt the staff report into the record; accept the testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request for CUP amendment, submitted by Bradley Voth (Owner/Operator), to expand an existing dairy Feedlot to an aggregate 989 Animal Units and allow the construction of a manure processing facility. Subject to the following conditions:

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1. The Feedlot shall be constructed according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this CUP;
2. Applicant shall obtain Building Permit approvals from the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department prior to establishing the use;
3. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 21 (Agriculture Protection District) and Article 13 (Confined Feedlot Regulations);
4. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Request for a Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (SES).** The request submitted by Scott Tempel (Novel Energy, Applicant) and Frederick Stumpf (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 15.9 acres. Parcel 34.008.0500. TBD Stumpf Lane, Red Wing, MN 55066. The E ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 08 TWP 112 Range 14 in Hay Creek Township. A-2 Zoned District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval at their March meeting.

<sup>8</sup> Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to Adopt the staff report into the record; accept the testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the CUP request, submitted by Scott Tempel (Novel Energy, Applicant) and Frederick Stumpf (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 15.9 acres Subject to the following conditions:

1. Activities shall be conducted according to submitted plans, specifications, and narrative unless modified by a condition of this CUP;
2. The project shall be decommissioned according to Article 19 Section 6 of the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance and submitted plans;
3. A decommissioning agreement between the landowner and Novel Energy Solutions shall be maintained to ensure reclamation of the area;
4. LUM staff shall be notified by the landowner or solar company 30 days prior to ownership transfer or operator changes;
5. A stormwater management and erosion control plan shall be submitted for administrative review as part of the Building Permit Application for the project;
6. Applicant shall work with the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District to determine an appropriate seed mix for disturbed areas of the site and should submit “seed tags” to the Land Use Management Department prior to final inspection;
7. Applicant shall obtain Building Permit approvals from the Goodhue County Land Use Management Department prior to establishing the use;
8. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 19 Solar Energy Systems (SES) and Article 22 (General Agriculture District). The Applicant shall request a final inspection of the project for compliance with applicable zoning requirements upon completion of the project;
9. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
10. This CUP shall expire 30 years from the date of approval unless terminated prior to that date.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2021 Financial Report.** Finance Director, Brian Anderson reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report with the board. This item was for information only.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

C/Drotos	•
C/Greseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	•

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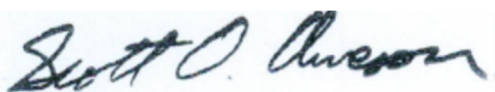
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**Review and Approve the County Claims**

- <sup>9</sup> Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$220,407.88, 03-Public Works \$46,672.83, 11- Human Service Fund \$13,282.06, 12-GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$500.00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$272,697.86, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$6,844.88, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$245,097.92, 81-Settlement \$1,006.40, in the total amount of \$806,509.83.

**Adjourn**

- <sup>10</sup> Moved by C/Greseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the May 4, 2021, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the April 20, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the May 4, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved to open the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved to close the public hearing. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to deny the request for a text amendment request to Article 20 Section 7 and Article 21. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved a conditional use permit for Bradley Voth, Goodhue Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved a conditional use permit for Scott Tempel, Hay Creek Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved to adjourn the April 20, 2021 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)