

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
JULY 1, 2021**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds, Cannon Falls, MN, with Commissioners Anderson, Majerus, Drotos, Greseth and Flanders all present.

Greg Kurtz welcomed the County Board to the Cannon Valley Fair.

C/Anderson asked for any disclosure of interest. There were none.

¹ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the June 15, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes.

² Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the June 22, 2021 County Board Special Session Meeting Minutes.

³ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the July 1, 2021 County Board Agenda.

⁴ Moved by C/Drotos, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License.
2. Approve Updated Personnel Policy, Family & Medical Leave.
3. Approve Request for Out of State Travel for Treatment Court Training.
4. Approve Request to Order 2022 Tandem.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Conditional Use Permit Request for a Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (SES). The request submitted by ReneSola Power (MN Zumbrota 6-2 LLC, Applicant) and Swenson Family (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 8.0 acres. Parcel 47.019.1000. 43701 County 6 BLVD Zumbrota, MN 55992. Part of the W ½ of the SW ¼ Section 19 TWP 110 Range 15 in Zumbrota Township. A-3 Zoned District.

The Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval.

⁵ 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; adopt the findings of fact; accept the application, testimony, exhibits, and other evidence presented into the record; and APPROVE the request for a CUP, submitted by ReneSola Power (MN Zumbrota 6-2 LLC, Applicant) and Julie Swenson ET AL (Owner) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 8.0 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 MN Zumbrota 6-2 LLC 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. Applicant shall obtain a driveway access permit from Goodhue County Public Works prior to approval of a Goodhue County Building Permit;

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- 9. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 19 Solar Energy Systems (SES) and Article 23 (Urban Fringe District). The Applicant shall request a final inspection of the project for compliance with applicable zoning requirements upon completion of the project;
- 10. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations;
- 11. This CUP shall expire 30 years from the date of approval unless terminated prior to that date.

CANNON VALLEY TRAIL

CVT Mile 14 & 16 Slope Failure Repair Project Grant. Scott Roepke with the Cannon Valley Trail addressed the board on behalf of the Cannon Valley Trail Joint Powers Board to request the board pass a resolution to be the sponsoring unit of government for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Grant Program. The Cannon Valley Trail is applying for grant dollars to repair slope failures at Mile 14 and 16. Total grant funds being requested will be approximately \$490,000. This grant program does not require a local match for the project, but the Cannon Valley Trail plans to match 25% of the total cost of the project which will be approximately \$163,000. This 25% match will come from Cannon Valley Trail funds and will increase the Trail’s chances of receiving grant funds. There will be additional costs not covered by the grant, approximately \$103,000, which will be covered by Cannon Valley Trail funds. The total cost estimate for this project is \$756,000.

⁶ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the following resolution for the Cannon Valley Trail Mile 14 & 16 Slope Failure Repair Project:

BE IT RESOLVED that Goodhue County (APPLICANT) has the legal public authority to sponsor a grant funding request associated with Cannon Valley Trail Mile 14 and 16 Slope Failure Repair Project (PROJECT), which has been previously designated by the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trail Commission (COMMISSION) as a regional park or trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as we are fully aware of the information provided in the funding request, including any non-state match and other long-term commitments (as defined in the funding request), related master plan and any supporting information as submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED that, if selected for funding by the COMMISSION, the Goodhue County shall act as legal sponsor for the PROJECT contained in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Trails Legacy Grant Application (STATE’S GRANT APPLICATION) and that Scott Roepke, as manager of the Cannon Valley Trail, is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of the applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APPLICANT has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the funding request and therefore, also in the STATE’S GRANT APPLICATION.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APPLICANT has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over the land described in the funding request and therefore, also in the STATE’S GRANT APPLICATION for regional parks and has or will acquire fee title, perpetual easement or a minimum of a 20 year lease over the land described in the funding request and therefore, also in the STATE’S GRANT APPLICATION for regional trails.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of its application by the state, the applicant may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project, and that the applicant certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant contract including committing to maintain the trail for a period of no less than 20 years and providing a perpetual easement for recreational trail purposes on all lands acquired for trail use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that GOODHUE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant. I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the county board of Goodhue County on 7/1/2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

C/Drotos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great River Rail Commission Grant.
C/Greseth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
C/Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angie Craig meeting update.
C/Majerus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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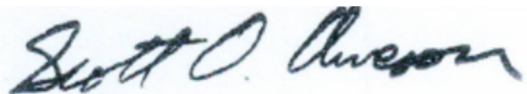
C/Flanders	•
Administrator Arneson	•

Review and Approve the County Claims

- ⁷ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$178,387.58, 03-Public Works \$860,022.23, 11- Human Service Fund \$18,962.09, 12- GC Family Services Collaborative \$00, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$9,073.66, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$16,721.01, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$202,435.32, 81-Settlement \$55,616.59, in the total amount of \$1,341,718.48.

Adjourn

- ⁸ Moved by C/Majerus, seconded by C/Greseth and carried to approve to adjourn the July 1, 2021, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



BRAD ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the June 15, 2021 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approved the June 22, 2021 Special Session County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approve the July 1, 2021 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the Consent Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved a conditional use permit for the Swenson Family, Zumbrota Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved to be the fiscal agent for the Cannon Valley Trail Grant Project. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved to adjourn the July 1, 2021 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)