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To: Board of Commissioners

From: Scott Arneson

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Re: Applicants for District 5 Vacancy

On August 11th, the Board of Commissioners approved to move forward with an appointment process of an Interim County Commissioner for District Five. With this approval, County Administration published a Public Notice for Public Hearing to be held on September 6th, 2022 and subsequently began to accept letters of interest from prospective appointees. Letters of interest were accepted until the set deadline of Wednesday, August 21st, 2022 at 4 PM. The following candidates have submitted letters of interest and a proof of residency within the district:

- Dr. Susan Betcher
- Edward Mortiz

The candidate's application is attached to this memo as well as letters of support that County Administration has received. All letters of support came with a request for the Board to acknowledge them as public testimony. These letters are also attached following the candidate's applications. During the public hearing, Commissioners can hear from persons resident in District Five, where the vacancy exists, regarding the candidates.

It is the recommendation of staff for the Board to hold a public hearing, consider all verbal and written testimony, and decide on an interim County Commissioner. This appointee shall serve until a special election, to be held in 2023, determines who will complete the term.

GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LINDA FLANDERS
1st District
1121 W 4th St.
Red Wing, MN 55066

BRAD ANDERSON
2nd District
10679 375TH St. Way
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

TODD GRESETH
3rd District
46804 Hwy 57 Blvd
Wanamingo, MN 55992

JASON MAJERUS
4th District
39111 Co. 2 Blvd
Goodhue, MN 55027

VACANT
5th District

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RESOLUTION
September 6, 2022, Special Meeting

WHEREAS, Goodhue County has established five individual Commissioner Districts;
and,

WHEREAS, Paul Drotos was elected to the office of Goodhue County Commissioner from the Fifth District for a term that expires on December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Drotos passed away on August 4, 2022, creating a vacancy in the Fifth District seat; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 375.101, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 375.101, Subd. 4, the Goodhue County Board wishes to appoint a person to fill the vacancy until a successor qualifies pursuant to the special election; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing relating to the qualifications of prospective appointees was conducted and notice provided pursuant to Minnesota Statute 375.101, Subd. 5, and

WHEREAS, two persons who are residents of District Five and otherwise qualified to hold office, submitted their names for consideration.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy in Goodhue County Commissioner District Five seat. Said appointment shall continue until a special election is held and a successor qualified.



August 12th, 2022

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Public Hearing Notice

[Red Wing, MN] – The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM to consider prospective appointees to temporarily fill the District 5 vacancy on the County Board of Commissioners. This hearing will be held in the County Board Room, 509 West 5th Street, Red Wing, MN 55066.

Commissioners will hear public testimony from persons residing in District 5 of Goodhue County. Provided public testimony must be relating to the qualifications of prospective appointees to fill the current vacancy of the District 5 Commissioner seat. The prospective appointee will serve until a special election can be conducted.

Any qualified individual who would like to be considered for said appointment should submit in writing the following information: name, address, contact information, qualifications, and statement of interest to the address provided below. All prospective appointees must turn in the aforementioned information by August 31st, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Prospective appointees must meet all qualifications required to hold office, including the following: must be an eligible voter; is 21 years of age or more; and must be a resident of District 5.

509 W. 5th Street, Red Wing, MN 55066.
Goodhue County Government Center
County Administrator's Office, Room 309

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Goodhue County Administrator

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US Senate	Amy Klobuchar	Washington, DC 20510
US Senate	Tina Smith	Washington, DC 20510
US House #2	Angie Craig	Burnsville, MN 55337
MN Senate 21	Mike Goggin	St. Paul, MN 55155
MN Senate 21A	Barb Haley	St. Paul, MN 55155
City of Red Wing Mayor	Mike Wilson	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W1&2	Dean Hove	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W2	Donald Kliewer	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W3	Bekcy Norton	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W4	Erin Buss	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing W3 & W4	Evan Brown	Red Wing, MN 55066
City of Red Wing At Large	Laural Stinson	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Anna Ostendorf	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Arlen Diercks	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Jim Bryant	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Jennifer Tift	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Pam Roe	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Holly Tauer	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 256	Nicky Buck	Red Wing, MN 55066
SD 813	Heath Oeltjen	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Dawn Balow	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Mike Ohlhaber	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Becca Weist	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Michelle Larson	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Kevin Pavelka	Lake City, MN 55041
SD 813	Patrick Dwelle	Lake City, MN 55041
Wacouta Township	John Plehal	Red Wing, MN 55066
Wacouta Township	George Thoma	Red Wing, MN 55066
Wacouta Township	Daryl Franklin	Red Wing, MN 55066
Wacouta Township	Laan Dommer	Red Wing, MN 55066