

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS, GOODHUE COUNTY, MN
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 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, Nesseth, Drotos and Flanders all present and appearing by virtual meeting.

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

¹ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the August 18, 2020, County Board Minutes.

² Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the September 1, 2020, County Board Agenda.

C/Flanders requested to remove item #7. Approve the donations for the baby investigations from the consent agenda for discussion.

³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Majerus, and carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

1. Approve the resolution declaring a State of Emergency for severe weather event on August 8, 2020.
2. Approve Request to Sell Forfeited Property at a Private Sale
3. Approve Final of CR 23 Cement Stabilization Contract CP 025-023-002.
4. Approve Final of 2019 Box Culvert Contract.
5. Approve Final of 2020 Aggregate Surfacing Contract.
6. Approve Final of 2020 Seal Coat Contract.

Approve the donations for the baby investigations. C/Flanders commented that she appreciated the donations. Sheriff Kelly updated the board on the current situation with the increase in technology over the last 21 years.

⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the donations for the baby investigation.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

County Ditch 1 Resolutions. This issue was discussed at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting. Staff recommend that the County Board approve the resolution to order the redetermination of benefits for County Ditch1; approve the contract with HEI to prepare the Engineer's Report; approve the resolution to initiate the repair of County Ditch 1; and approve the televising of the lateral tiles contract, if available at the time of the September 1, 2020 County Board meeting. If the contract is not available in time for the Board meeting, it was recommended that the Land Use Management Director be given the authority to execute the tile contract.

⁵ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the proposed resolution to order the redetermination of benefits for the County Ditch1.

⁶ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the contract with HEI to prepare the Engineer's Report.

⁷ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve the proposed resolution to initiate the repair of County Ditch 1.

⁸ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Nesseth, and carried to approve the televising of the lateral tiles contract contingent upon approval from consultant, Rinke Noonan.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Conditional Use Permit Amendment- Sjoquist Hay & Straw Inc. Request submitted by Clinton Sjoquist (owner/operator) to amend CUP 14-CU01 to allow an existing Hay and Straw sales business to construct two additional commodity storage buildings and expand shop space. Parcel 37.001.0401. 11780 CTY 1 BLVD, Goodhue, MN 55027. Part of the West ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 01 TWP 111 Range 17 in Leon Township. A1 Zoned District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

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⁹ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Majerus, 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 submitted by Clinton Sjoquist (owner/operator) to amend CUP 14-CU01 to allow an existing Hay and Straw sales business to construct two 80-foot x 200-foot x 20-foot commodity storage buildings and expand shop space. This amendment shall revoke and replace CUP 14-CU01. Subject to the following conditions:

1. The expansion 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 constructing the new buildings;
3. Compliance with Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, Article 21 (Agriculture Protection District);
4. Compliance with all necessary State and Federal registrations, permits, licensing, and regulations.

Conditional Use Permit Request for a Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (SES) - Novel Energy. Request for CUP submitted by Novel Energy Solutions (Applicant) and Andrew and Kim Huneke (Owners) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 8.6 acres. Parcel 39.007.0301. TBD 180th Avenue, Zumbrota, MN 55992. NW ¼ of Section 07 TWP 109 Range 15 of Pine Island Township. A1 Zoned District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval.

¹⁰ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Nesseth, 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 Novel Energy Solutions (Applicant) and Andrew and Kim Huneke (Owners), for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System occupying approximately 8.6 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. Applicants 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. Applicants 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 21 (Agricultural Protection 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.

Conditional Use Permit Request for a Utility-Scale Solar Energy System (SES) - Lomen Properties LLC. Request for CUP submitted by Sunrise Energy (Applicant) and Lomen Properties LLC (Owners) for a Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Ground 1-Megawatt Solar Energy System (SES) occupying approximately 8.0 acres. Parcel

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38.026.0700. TBD CTY 168 BLVD, Zumbrota, MN 55992. Part of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 26 TWP 110 Range 16 in Minneola Township. A3 Zoned District.

¹¹ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Drotos, and carried to approve the Planning Advisory Commission recommendation to 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 Sunrise Energy (applicant) and Lomen Properties LLC (owners) 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 Sunrise Energy 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. Applicants shall work with the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District to determine an appropriate seed mix to establish on disturbed areas of the site and should submit "seed tags" to the Land Use Management Department prior to final inspection;
7. Applicants 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 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; "To effectively promote the safety, health, and well-being of our residents"
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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.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Request to hire: Survey/GIS/EH Administrative Assistant. Staff recommended the board replace the vacant Administrative Assistant position in the Survey/GIS/EH offices. The previous employee, has been transferred to the vacant Senior Recorder position in the Recorder's Office.

¹² Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to hire to replace the vacant Survey/GIS/EH Administrative Assistant position.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

City of Zumbrota to Modify the Development Program and Establish TIF District No. 1-19. Staff recommended the board approves waiving the 30-day notification requirement for the city of Zumbrota to Modify the development program and establish TIF District No. 1-19.

¹³ Moved by C/Anderson, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve waiving the 30-day notice for review of fiscal impacts for the establishment of the TIF District No. 1-19 in the city of Zumbrota.

Approve the Reappointment of County Assessor Four-Year Term. Staff recommended the reappointment of Ms. Lavon Vieths-Augustine as the Goodhue County Assessor.

¹⁴ Moved by C/Flanders, seconded by C/Anderson, and carried to approve the reappointment of County Assessor, Lavon Vieths-Augustine for a four-year term.

CARES Act update. Brian Anderson updated the board of the status of the county's CARES Act Funding program.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

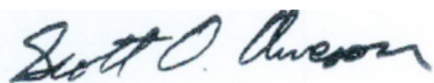
C/Drotos	• Veteran's Service Office staffing update. 3 Rivers Community Action Update.
C/Nesseth	•
C/Anderson	•
C/Majerus	•
C/Flanders	• Broadband update.
Administrator Arneson	•

Review and Approve the County Claims

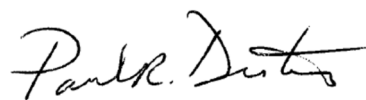
- ¹⁵ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to pay the County claims in the amount of 01-General Revenue \$648,298.16, 03-Public Works \$156,165.89, 11- Human Service Fund \$60,687.44, 21-ISTS \$00, 25- EDA \$00, 30-Capital Improvement \$00, 31-Capital Equipment \$00, 34-Capital Equipment \$82,571.94, 35-Debt Services \$00, 40-County Ditch \$00, 61-Waste Management \$20,772.55, 62-Recycling Center \$00, 63-HHW \$00, 72-Other Agency Funds \$222,680.61, 81-Settlement \$910.30, in the total amount of \$1,191,086.89.

Adjourn

- ¹⁶ Moved by C/Nesseth, seconded by C/Flanders, and carried to approve to adjourn the September 1, 2020, County Board Meeting.



SCOTT O. ARNESON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



PAUL DROTOS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTE

1. Approved the August 18, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes. (Motion carried 5-0)
2. Approve the September 1, 2020 County Board Meeting Agenda. (Motion carried 5-0)
3. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended. (Motion carried 5-0)
4. Approved the donation for the baby investigations. (Motion carried 5-0)
5. Approved a resolution to order the redetermination on benefits for Goodhue County Ditch 1. (Motion carried 5-0)
6. Approved the contract with HEI to prepare the Engineer's Report. (Motion carried 5-0)
7. Approved the resolution to initiate the repair of County Ditch 1. (Motion carried 5-0)
8. Approved the televising of the lateral tiles contract. (Motion carried 5-0)
9. Approved a CUP Amendment for Sjoquist Hay & Straw Inc., Leon Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
10. Approved a CUP for Novel Energy, Pine Island Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
11. Approved a CUP for Lomen Properties LLC, Minneola Township. (Motion carried 5-0)
12. Approved to hire a Survey/GIS/EH/Administrative Assistant. (Motion carried 5-0)
13. Approved to waive a 30 day notice for Zumbrota TIF District No. 1-19. (Motion carried 5-0)
14. Approved to appoint the county assessor for a four-year term. (Motion carried 5-0)
15. Approved the county claims. (Motion carried 5-0)
16. Approved to adjourn the September 1, 2020 County Board Meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)