

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN BOARDROOM: Commissioners Pavleck, Sjoblom, Murray, Adee, Skoe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Betsy Zaren, Janelle Peterson, Nathan Heibel, Kim Berns-Melhus, Emilee Nelson, Trent Nicholson, Kent Koerbitz, Matt Gouin

2021/04-01 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-02 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck to approve the March summarized payment listing, approve the March payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,154,177.82, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$93,149.15 and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$32,567.94. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-04 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve the employment separation of Deputy John Kalstad effective June 7, 2021 and authorize filling the vacant position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-05 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the promotion of Carrie Geiss to E911/Jail Administrator with a starting salary of 95% of the wage scale effective April 20, 2021 and authorize filling the vacant Correction Officer/E911 Dispatcher position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Notice of hire of Ian Klemetsen as Heavy Equipment Operator with a starting hourly wage at 85% of the wage scale effective April 12, 2021.

000 Notice of pay equity compliance officially reviewed by Minnesota Management and Budget for successfully meeting the requirements of the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

2021/04-06 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve and authorize the Board Chair's signature to the International Union of Operating Engineer Local 49 collective bargaining agreement for a period of one year starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 as recommended by the County Negotiation Committee. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-07 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to authorize to temporarily fill the full time Accounting Technician II in Environmental Services for the tentative dates of May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-08 Motion by Skoe seconded by Murray to ratify the approval of the Board's attendance on April 6, 2021 at the Roundtable Discussion on the US-Canada Border opening as a Board activity. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-09 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to authorize the Carpool Committee to seek bids for the budgeted replacement of the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado assigned to the Assessor's Office. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Representatives from the Conservation Fund provided the Board with information regarding their November 2020 purchase of 72,280 acres from Potlach called the MN Heritage Forest Project of which 21,950 acres are within Koochiching County. The project goals include support of working forests, support of local economies, support of timber related jobs, to conserve forestlands for clean air and water, maintaining climate resilient habitat for wildlife, recreation opportunities and climate change mitigation. The Conservation Fund will manage these acres as working forests, maintain SFI Certification, continue to log the property and feed mills and work with counties and local government on land adjustments through direct acquisition by public and tribal entities, land exchanges and conservation easements. The Board thanked representatives for the information.

2021/04-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the Board Chair's signature on the General Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds publication. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 ICS Representative provided the Board with the Facility Study Summary report.

2021/04-11 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to authorize a public hearing on May 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on the request by Steve Lindberg of Rainy Lake One Stop to vacate a strip of land between Highway 11 East and the northern edge of their property legally described as that part of 4th Street, Rainy Lake Addition to Ranier, according to the recorded plat thereof, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of Minnesota State Highway No. 11 as established in 1968, and lying easterly of the northerly prolongation of the west line of Lot 1, Block 21 said plat, and westerly of the northerly prolongation of the east line of Lot 6, Block 22, said plat. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-12 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve a combined parcel rezoning (#REZ 2102) and conditional use permit on the KGM Contractors, Inc. request to rezone parcel ID#05-044-43000 from O-1 (Open Space District) to AF-1 (ag/forestry) and approve KGM Contractors, Inc. request for a Conditional Use Permit (#CUP 2102) to operate a new maximum 28 - acre in size rock quarry and crushing operation. The subject parcel is described as the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 4, Township 68 North, Range 22 West subject to the following conditions:

1. Maximum depth of quarry 30 ft.

2. Reclamation plan must be submitted to ESD within 60-days of approval of the CUP and reclamation must be conducted ongoing rather than all at once upon completion of mining.
3. Applicant shall conduct a pre-blast survey of all structures and wells within 1/2-mile of the parcel having the quarry.
4. Applicant shall notify all property owners within 1/2-mile of blasting at least one week or more (changed from less to more 8/8/19 PZC mtg) prior to any blasting.
5. Dust shall be controlled at all times.
6. Run-off shall be retained onsite directed into settling ponds or other devices and not allowed to be directed directly to any nearby streams and rivers.
7. The applicant shall repair any damages done to County Roads as identified by the County Highway Department.
8. All noise levels at the quarry property line shall be subject to OSHA Industry Standards.
9. Applicant shall minimize noise from trucks hauling material to job sites assuring good quality mufflers and reasonable speeds.
10. Hours of operation shall be 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Monday – Saturday only. No blasting, crushing or hauling shall occur during the Minnesota Firearms Deer Season in November.
11. As per Sec. 4.52 (subp. 5) of the 1975 Koochiching County Zoning Ordinance initial approval shall be effective for no more than 5-years from date of CUP approval by the County Board. Authorization may be extended for additional years administratively (not requiring a new CUP application) subject to no valid complaints received.
12. Require water testing of any wells within a half mile of the subject parcel and to also include water testing of any wells located on PID 05-045-41100, PID 05-045-41000 and PID 05-044-32000. Owner shall provide seismograph data to the County upon request.

Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-13 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve a two year contract from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 for Sentencing to Services (STS) in the amount of \$152,702.43. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/04-14 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A RAPID RIVER AND LOWER RAINY RIVER
WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and,

WHEREAS, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rapid River and Lower Rainy River watersheds (#50) as modified in the following One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map (green outline), have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Koochiching County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rapid River and Lower Rainy River watersheds for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and expects to participate on a limited basis with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rapid River and Lower Rainy River watersheds, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A RAINY RIVER-RAINY LAKE AND LOWER RAINY RIVER WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and,

WHEREAS, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy River-Rainy Lake and Lower Rainy River watersheds (#48 and #50) as modified in the following One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map (red outline), have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Koochiching County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy River-Rainy Lake and Lower Rainy River watersheds for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy River-Rainy Lake and Lower Rainy River watersheds, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A RAINY HEADWATERS AND VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and,

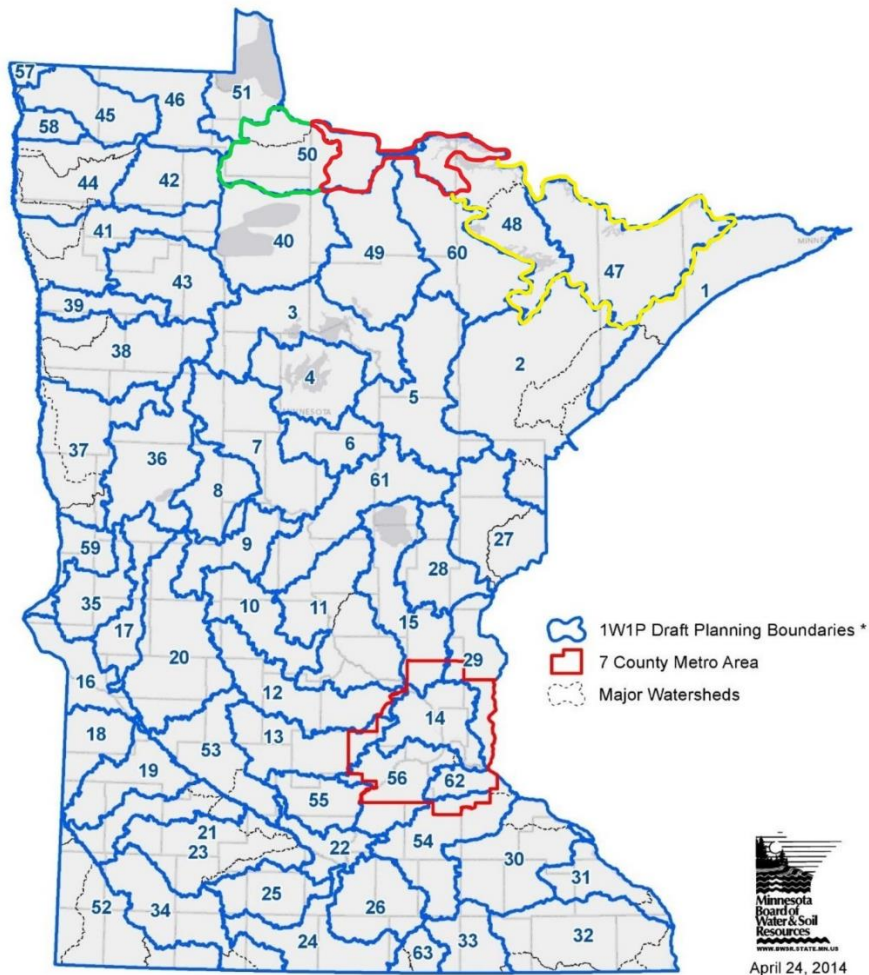
WHEREAS, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy Headwaters and Vermilion River watersheds (#47 and #48) as modified in the following One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map (yellow outline), have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Koochiching County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy Headwaters and Vermilion River watersheds for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and expects to participate on a limited basis with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Rainy Headwaters and Vermilion River watersheds, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

One Watershed, One Plan *Suggested Boundary Map*



*Not legal boundaries; intended for planning purposes through One Watershed, One Plan only.

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2021/04-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve the purchase of six budgeted MSW dumpster/containers and lid/material in the amount up to \$21,000 from WasteQuip. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and there was none.

2021/04-16 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.