

2023 KOOCHICHING COUNTY COMMITTEE LIST

Approved 2/14/23 Board Motion 2023/02-13

BOARD CHAIR: JASON SJOBLOM

VICE CHAIR: DESTRY HELL

Committee

American Rescue Plan

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Alternate: Ricky Roche – Co Board
Betsy Zaren

A.E.O.A.

Ricky Roche - Co Board
Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director

ASSOCIATION OF MN COUNTIES (AMC):

Destry Hell – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Wayne Skoe – Co Board

AMC ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE:

Destry Hell - Co Board
Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

AMC GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXES POLICY COMMITTEE:

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

AMC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE:

Ricky Roche - Co Board
Alt: Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director

AMC – INDIAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

AMC TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Alt: Dave Reimer - County Engineer

AMC PUBLIC AND SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE:

Vacant Until Filled April, 2023 - Co Board

ARDC Board of Directors:

Destry Hell – Co Board (appointed 2023/01-17)
***Nomination by Board Action due to levy authority*

ARDC Commission – Levy Authority, Board Appointment

Destry Hell – Co Board
Kevin Adee – No Township Representative 2022-2025

Meeting Information

Matt Gouin
Jean Anderson
Kathy LaFrance

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month

Meets 4 times/year

Tom West – Auditor/Treasurer
Dave Reimer - County Engineer
Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services
Director

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

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Conference

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Conference

In transition – no meetings scheduled

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

Alt: Trent Nicholson – Asst County Engineer

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

Meets 3rd Thursday in Duluth

Meets Quarterly

ARDC Regional Transportation Advisory Committee:

Dave Reimer - County Engineer

Alt: Trent Nicholson – Asst County Engineer

Arrowhead Counties Association:

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board 1/1/22-12/31/24

Ricky Roche - Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell - Co Board

Meets 1/per month on 3rd Wed. Jan -
May and Sept – Dec. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Arrowhead Health Alliance:

Ricky Roche - Co Board

Meets every other month

Arrowhead Regional Library – By Statute:

Jason Sjoblom – 1/1/22 – 12/31/24

Lee Lepper - Citizen/Alternate

2nd Thurs. of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board – By Joint Powers:

Destry Hell – Co Board

Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets 3rd Friday every month

ATV Joint Powers Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Destry Hell – Co Board

Meets 3rd Monday at 2:00 in Virginia, 4th Monday
in January and February

Aquatic Invasive Species Plan Committee

Matt Gouin - Environmental Services

Nathan Heibel - Land and Forestry

Wayne Skoe - Co Board

Darrin Kittelson - DNR Enforcement

Kevin Peterson - DNR Fisheries

Meets as needed

Lee Grim, Resident – Biologist

Ryan Maki - VNP Representative

Tom Worth - Sportfishing Club

Sam Soderman - SWCD

Danae Schafer - Land and Forestry

Beaver Removal Committee:

Nathan Heibel - Land Commissioner

Trent Nicholson - Asst County Engineer

Meets as needed

Big Falls Fire District:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board

Meets 1/year

Big Fork River Board:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Shawn Pritchard

Wally Pritchard Alternate

Meets 2/year

Staff:

Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Steve Blair – Planning and Zoning

Birchdale Fire District:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

Meets 1/year

Blackduck Ambulance Service

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

DiAnn Frenzel

Meets 4/year

Board of Adjustment – By Zoning Ordinance and Statute:

Steven Peterson
Mike Lemieux, Chair
Ted Frederickson

Staff:

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Open – Planning and Zoning
*Appointed by Planning Commission

Meets as needed

*Joseph Prettyman
Michael Heibel

Border Issues:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Destry Hell - Co Board

Meets as needed

Buffer Zone Committee (BM 2016/08-05)

Wayne Skoe
Jason Sjoblom
Land Commissioner
County Engineer

Meets as needed

Environmental Services Director
Survey Technician
Soil and Water Representative

Car Pool:

Dean Tveit - Complex Superintendent
Wally Pritchard - Highway Foreman
Tom West - Auditor/Treasurer
Len Peterson - Assessor
Kathy LaFrance - PHHS
Derek Foss - Public Health Supervisor

Meets as needed

Stephanie McBride – PHHS
Derek Lunser - Assessor
Trent Nicholson - Assistant County Engineer
Betsy Zaren - Administration
Ricky Roche - Co Board
Wayne Skoe - Co Board

Con Con Citizens Committee: NO TERMS

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Dennis Monrean
Etta Erickson Williams
Alt: Alvin Hasbargen
Ralph Lewis Chair (Sault)
Linda Lafky (Williams)

Meets 4/per year

Robyn Hasbargen
Alt: Kris Berthume
Dan Zimney Non-Resident Land Owner
Soren Olesen (Sault)
Gary Swenson (Murphy)

Drug Court Steering Committee

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets as needed

East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board:

Don Billig Chair
Duane Sjoblom Commissioner
Jeff Klow Commissioner
Bob Peterson Commissioner
Jason Sjoblom Commissioner
Raoul Lufbery Vice Chair
Dave Austin Secretary/Treasurer
Jay Mitchell Commissioner
Staff: Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Meets 3rd Thursday/Month

2021
2022
2023
2022
2023
2020
2020
2022

Electric Vehicle Charging Coalition Committee

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board

Paul Nevanen - KEDA
Mike Hanson

Emergency Management:

Sheriff Perryn Hedlund- Manager
Willi Kostiuk - EM Coordinator

Meets as needed

Extension Committee:

Jody Reller -2015-2021
Lynn Belanger – 2014-2024
Tim Gerlach – Vice Chair 2016-2023
Monty Sealand – 2005-2021
Doug Franchot – 7/28/2020 to 7/28/2023

Meets quarterly

Phyllis Karsnia – 2004-2021
Tom West – Auditor/Treasurer - 2021
Wayne Skoe – Co Board - 2016
Vacant Until Filled April, 2023 – Co Board – 2021
Terry Aitchinson – 2016-2023

Falls International Airport Commission (By Joint Powers):

Ricky Roche
Destry Hell – Chair
Harley Droba – Vice Chair
Walt Buller
Brian Briggs - At Large - term expires 12/31/2022

Monthly 4th Wednesday

Family Service Collaborative – Joint Powers Board:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Vacant Until Filled April, 2023 – Co Board
Kathy LaFrance – PHHS Director
Derek Foss – Public Health Supervisor

Meets every other month

Fence Viewing – County Board (By Statute):

Destry Hell
Ricky Roche

Meets as needed

Highway 11 West Task Force

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Dave Reimer - County Engineer
Alt: Trent Nicholson – Asst County Engineer

Meets as needed

Highway 53 Four Lane Task Force

Destry Hell – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets as needed

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Koochiching County:

Mary Powell - Executive Director	TERM *	218-897-5242
Karen Lorenzen	3/1/25	218-897-5980
Mary Lukenbill	6/1/22	218-897-5980
Lorraine Nygaard - Chair	3/1/24	218-276-2368
Shelley Williams	1/1/23	
Pam Saunders	3/1/26	

Staff:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Insurance Committee:

Alana Werner - PHHS Union
Lynn Salo - Courthouse Union
Sherri Owen - Non-Union Hourly
Tom West - Elected
Derek Foss - Non-Union Salary
Jeremy Hasbargen - Highway Union
Betsy Zaren - Administration

Janelle Peterson – Administration
Jay Taylor - Correction Officer Union
Shelby Wolden – Alt. Correction Officer Union
Janelle Peterson – Human Resources
Michael Bounds - Deputy Union
Dustin Hell – Alt. Deputy Union

Interagency Early Intervention Committee by Statute 125A.30:

Ricky Roche - Co Board
Derek Foss - Public Health Supervisor

Int’l Falls, Rainy Lake and Ranier Convention and Visitors Bureau:

County Representative: Open Until Filled April, 2023

Meets Monthly

Alt: All County Commissioners

Island View Sewer Committee:

Jay Mitchell, Tom Dougherty, Raoul Lufbery, Dave Austin, Don Billig, Chopper McBride, John Bruggeman, Ted Brokaw, Ricky Roche – Co Board, Destry Hell – Co Board, County Engineer, Asst County Engineer, E.S. Director, Survey Technician, Zoning Technician

New Jail Project Oversight Committee (POC)

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Jeff Naglosky – County Attorney

Meets as needed

Perryn Hedlund – County Sheriff
Dean Tveit – Complex Director

Job Classification and Wage Study Committee

Meets as needed

Joint Powers Natural Resources Board:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Meets Friday’s as needed in Bemidji

Koochiching County Housing Collaborative

Open Until Filled 04/2023 – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board
Alternate – All Commissioners

Meets as needed

Staff:

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Koochiching Community Development Association (KCDA)

City/County Economic Development Partnership under Joint Powers Agreement

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Alt: Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets Quarterly

Koochiching Economic Development Agency (KEDA)

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Alt: Remaining Board Members – BM 2000/09-46

Koochiching Aging Option Board:

Ricky Roche - Co Board

Koochiching Technology Initiative

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Justin O’Bert – IS Director

Kootasca Board of Directors

Open Until Filled 04/2023 - Co Board
Ricky Roche - Co Board

Meets Monthly

Laurentian Rural Conservation and Development

Ricky Roche - Co Board
Alt: Destry Hell

Meets every other month on Mondays

Law Library Board:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets as needed

License Committee:

Jeff Naglosky – Attorney
Perryn Hedlund – Sheriff
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Meets as needed
Ricky Roche – Co Board
Open – E.S. Department
Betsy Zaren – Administrative Assistant

Littlefork Ambulance District:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Wayne Skoe

Meets 2/year

Littlefork/Loman Fire District:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Wayne Skoe BM 2018/01-32

Meets 1/year

Littlefork/Rat Root River Board:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Jim Bigler - Snowmobile Club
Marty Cody - Citizen
Donald Dunbar – Citizen
Steve Earley – Citizen
Jack Lang - Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club
Allen Linder - Citizen

Meets 1-2/year
Gary Saunders- Citizen
Rodney Steele - Citizen
Eldon Voigt - SWCD
Tom Morris - City of Littlefork
Tom Worth - MN Deer Hunters
Terrance Worthman - Citizen
Ex-Officio: SWCD, County, DNR, MPCA, VNP Staff

Staff:

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Open – Planning and Zoning

Management Committee

Destry Hell – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Betsy Zaren - Administration Director

Meets as needed

MCIS Board Representatives:

Primary Director: Lindsay Frank – Recorder BM 2022/02-09
Alt: Justin O’Bert, Information Systems Director and Shelley Johnson, Tax Coordinator BM 2022/02-09

Appointed by County Board

MCIT Representative:

Tom West – Auditor/Treasurer
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

MnDOT Enhancement Committee:

Destry Hell – Co Board

MN Rural Counties Board

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Alt: All Commissioners

Meets Monthly except during summer

Mental Health Crisis Committee

Destry Hell – Co Board
Hold Until Filled 04/2023 – Co Board

Meets Quarterly

Mental Health Advisory Board:

Ricky Roche – Co Board
Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director
Jean Anderson – SS Supervisor
Brad Kokesh

Meets Quarterly at Hardwig House

Etta Olson
Jessica Kokesh
Allison O’Hara

Minnesota North College – Rainy River General Advisory Council

Ricky Roche - Co Board (Temporary Until 04/2023)
Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets as needed

Northland Progressive:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

National Association of Counties (NACo) – Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee

Destry Hell – BM 2017/10-32
Alternate – Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Negotiation Committee: One County Board Member, Administration Director, Human Resource Generalist and designated Negotiator to represent the County Board in Bargaining Unit Contract and non-union employee group negotiations.

JET - Northeast MN Office of Jobs and Training:

Ricky Roche – Co Board
Alt: Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Meets 2nd Thursday/month in Virginia

NE MN Housing Consortium Advisory Committee:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Alt: Ricky Roche - Co Board (Alt doesn’t need to attend unless they want to)
Larry Davison:(320)761-7272
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
One position must be a County Commissioner: other housing advocate for County

Meets in Virginia 3rd Friday April and September

NE MN Emergency Communication Board (NEECB):

Sheriff Perryn Hedlund - BM 2018/01-32
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

NE MN Regional Advisory Committee (RAC):

Undersheriff Jon Froemke - BM 2018/01-32
Alt: Carrie Geiss – Jail Administrator

Northeast Area Transportation Partnership (NEMNATP):

Ricky Roche - Co Board
Destry Hell – Alternate
Dave Reimer - County Engineer

Meets quarterly

NE Waste Administrators Council (NEWAC):

Destry Hell – Co Board
Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Meets 1st Thursday/month

Northland Counseling Committee:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets 2nd Wed/month in Grand Rapids

Northome Fire District Advisory Board:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

Meets 1/year

Papermaker’s Sewer District Citizen Committee:

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board
Harold Scholler
Alyce Mannausau
Sandy Tomczak
Kurt Schuschke

Meets as needed
Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board
Tom Holt
Jack Karsnia
Connie Jensen
Tony Moss

Pay Equity Committee – County Board:

Meets as needed

Personnel Committee:

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Betsy Zaren – Administration Director
Janelle Peterson – Human Resources

Meets as needed

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Perry Eide
Joseph Prettyman
Kelly Meyers
Steve Earley
John Cann
James Hebner
Kirk Aili

Meets as needed-evenings
Ralph Lewis
Jason Sjoblom Co Board
Eldon Voigt
Vacant position
Eric Johnson
Staff:
Matthew Gouin

Public Health Nuisance Committee:

Perryn Hedlund – Sheriff
Derek Foss - Public Health Supervisor
Ricky Roche - Co Board

Meets as needed 6/year
Open Until Filled 04/2023 - Co Board
Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director
County Attorney as Committee’s Legal Advisor

Rainy/Rapid River Board:

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Destry Hell - Co Board
Vacant
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Open – Planning and Zoning

Meets as needed

Red Lake Watershed District Steering Committee:

John Ungerecht
Alt: Wayne Skoe BM 2018/01-32
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Open – Planning and Zoning

Meets as needed

Rural Fire Association

Destry Hell – Co Board/Liaison

Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board/Liaison

Safety Committee:

Open Until Filled 04/2023 - Commissioner
Alt. Jason Sjoblom - Commissioner
Betsy Zaren – Administration
Perryn Hedlund - Sheriff
Trent Nicholson - Assistant County Engineer
Len Peterson - Assessor
Open – Planning and Zoning

Meets 2-3/year
Ranae Whitbeck - PHHS
Kathy LaFrance – PHHS
Dean Tveit – Complex
Matt Gouin Environmental Services
Nathan Heibel - Land & Forest
Tracey Nelson Courthouse

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD):

Wayne Skoe - Co Board
Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Meets 1st Monday/monthly
Informational Attendance – No voting power

Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board
Ricky Roche - Co Board
Paul Nevanen – 2012
Marc Windsness – 1999
Chrystal Clance - 2012
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Wayne Fuller – Environmental Services

Meets as needed
Catherine Crawford - 1994
Allen Linder – 1994
Wade Friend - 2005
Patrick Rein BM 2017/11-39
Kevin Sather BM 2017/12-18

Survey Committee:

Reed Pritchard - Surveyor
Nathan Heibel - Land Commissioner
Dave Reimer - County Engineer
Alt: Trent Nicholson – Asst County Engineer
Lindsay Frank - Recorder

Meets as needed
Betsy Zaren - Administration Director
Destry Hell - Co Board
Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Len Peterson - Assessor

Tri County Public Health Services Board:

Open Until Filled 04/2023 - Co Board
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets 2nd Thurs even months in Grand Rapids

VNP Planning/VNP Government Affairs Committee:

Destry Hell - Co Board
Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets as needed
Staff:
Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Voyageurs Destination Gateway Communities:

Destry Hell – Co Board

Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board

Destry Hell
Jason Sjoblom
Staff:
Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Meets Monthly – 3rd Wednesday
Jay Mitchell
Tom Dougherty

Wetland Technical Advisory Committee:

Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director
Whitney Sims - Soil & Water Technician

Meets as needed
Open - Zoning Technician BWSR Representative
DNR Representative

Army Corp Representative

WCA Technical Evaluation Panel – Mandated/Different from WTAC

Open - Zoning Technician

Whitney Sims - Soil and Water Technician

BWSR Representative

DNR Representative (If Shoreland is involved)

Wetland Credit Bank Committee:

Meets as needed

Nathan Heibel - Land Commissioner

Trent Nicholson - Assistant County Engineer

Whitney Sims - Soil & Water Technician

Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Destry Hell - Co Board

Wayne Skoe - Co Board

Williams Fire District:

Meets 1/ year

Wayne Skoe - Co Board

Koochiching Development Authority Appointments 2023

KDA CHAIR:

Destry Hell

KDA VICE CHAIR:

Ricky Roche

Peat Project:

Wayne Skoe

Alt: Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Cold Weather Testing:

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Northome Assisted Living Project

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

2nd member appointment vacant

Board Motion 2014/02-09

Koochiching Economic Development Authority (KEDA):

Wayne Skoe – Co Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Alt: Remaining Board Members – BM 2000/09-46

2023 KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 4

Jason Sjoblom

Board Chair

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Term Expires: 2026

DISTRICT 1

Destry Hell

Board Vice Chair

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Term Expires: 2026

DISTRICT 2

Ricky Roche

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Term Expires: 2026

DISTRICT 3

Open

Term Expires: 2025

DISTRICT 5

Wayne Skoe

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Term Expires: 2025

KOOCHICHING COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Administration Director - Interim

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