

2023 KOOCHICHING COUNTY COMMITTEE LIST

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

Approved 3/28/23 Board Motion 2023/03-29

Approved 5/09/23 Board Motion 2023/05-09

Approved 11/14/23 Board Motion 2023/11-11

BOARD CHAIR: JASON SJOBLOM

VICE CHAIR: DESTRY HELL

Committee

American Rescue Plan

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Alternate: Ricky Roche – Co Board

Adam Coe

A.E.O.A.

Ricky Roche - Co Board

ASSOCIATION OF MN COUNTIES (AMC):

Destry Hell – Co Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Joan Nelson – Auditor/Treasurer

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:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Alt: - Trent Nicholson, County Engineer

AMC PUBLIC AND SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE:

Adam McIntyre - Co Board

ARDC Board of Directors:

Destry Hell – Co Board (appointed 2023/01-17)

***Nomination by Board Action due to levy authority*

Meeting Information

Matt Gouin

Jean Anderson

Kathy LaFrance

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month

Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director

Meets 4 times/year

Trent Nicholson - County Engineer

Kathy LaFrance - PHHS Director

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services
Director

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

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In transition – no meetings scheduled

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

Alt: Open – Asst County Engineer

Meets during Legislative, Fall Policy and Annual
Conference

Meets 3rd Thursday at ARDC in Duluth

ARDC Commission – Levy Authority, Board Appointment

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

Meets 3rd Thursday Jan, April, July, & Oct
Meet in various locations.

ARDC Regional Transportation Advisory Committee:

Trent Nicholson - County Engineer

Alt: Open – 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
Dale Erickson – 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 - County Engineer

Meets as needed

Big Falls Fire District:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Meets 1/year 2nd Monday in August

Big Fork River Board:

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board
Shawn Pritchard – Big Falls Mayor
Wally Pritchard - Alternate
Bryan Boone – Bigfork Mayor
Ted Lovdahl – Itasca County Rep

Meets 2/year
Staff:
Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Whitney Sims – Planning and Zoning

Birchdale Fire District:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Meets 1/year - August

Blackduck Ambulance Service

Dale Erickson – 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
Whitney Sims – Planning and Zoning
*Appointed by Planning Commission

Meets 4th Thursday of the month/as needed

*Joseph Prettyman
Michael Heibel
Desiree Arnold

Border Issues:

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board
Destry Hell - Co Board

Meets as needed

Buffer Zone Committee (BM 2016/08-05)

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Land Commissioner
County Engineer

Meets as needed
Environmental Services Director
Survey Technician
Soil and Water Representative

Cannabis Committee (BM 2023/07-05)

Adam McIntyre – Co Board
Ricky Roche – Co Board

Meets as needed

Car Pool:

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

Meets as needed
Stephanie McBride – PHHS
Derek Lunser - Assessor
Trent Nicholson - County Engineer
Margaret Higham - Administration
Ricky Roche - Co Board
Dale Erickson – Co Board

Con Con Citizens Committee: NO TERMS

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Destry Hell – Co Board
Ralph Lewis (Sault), Chair
Soren Olesen (Sault), Vice Chair
Robyn Hasbargen (Birchdale)

Meets 4/per year
Kris Berthiaume (Williams)
Daniel Zimney (Williams)
Dawn Monrean (Non-Resident Landowner)
Gary Swenson (Murphy)
Alt: Mike Holden
Alt: Carl Hultman

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 4th Wednesday/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

Meets as needed
Willi Kostiuk - EM Coordinator

Extension Committee (CEC):

Jody Reller -2021-2023
Lynn Belanger – 2014-2024
Cori Horton – 2022-2024
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
Joan Nelson – Auditor/Treasurer - 2027
Dale Erickson – Co Board - 2024
Adam McIntyre – Co Board - 2025
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:

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Adam McIntyre - 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

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Trent Nicholson - County Engineer
Alt:– 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 *
Karen Lorenzen	3/1/25
Mary Lukenbill	6/1/22
Lorraine Nygaard - Chair	3/1/24
Shelley Williams	1/1/23
Pam Saunders	3/1/26

218-897-5242
218-897-5980
218-897-5980
218-276-2368

Staff:

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Insurance Committee:

Alana Werner - PHHS Union
Lynn Salo - Courthouse Union
Sherri Owen - Non-Union Hourly
Joan Nelson - Elected
Derek Foss - Non-Union Salary
Jeremy Hasbargen - Highway Union
Adam Coe - Administration

Janelle Peterson – Administration
Jay Taylor - Correction Officer Union
Shelby Wolden – Alt. Correction Officer Union
Mary Mattson – 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: Adam McIntyre

Meets Monthly

Alt: All County Commissioners

Island View Sewer Committee:

Jay Mitchell
Raoul Lufbery
Don Billig
John Bruggeman
Ricky Roche – Co Board
County Engineer
E.S. Director
Zoning Technician

Tom Dougherty
Dave Austin
Chopper McBride
Ted Brokaw
Destry Hell – Co Board
Asst County Engineer
Survey 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 Counties Natural Resources Board:

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Meets 4th Monday every other month in Bemidji
10 a.m. to noon

Koochiching County Housing Collaborative

Adam McIntyre - 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

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Alt: Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets Quarterly

Koochiching Economic Development Agency (KEDA)

Adam McIntyre - 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

Meets as needed

Koochiching Technology Initiative

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Dale Erickson – Co Board
Justin O’Bert – IS Director

Kootasca Board of Directors

Adam McIntyre - Co Board
Ricky Roche - Co Board

Meets Monthly

Laurentian Rural Conservation and Development

Ricky Roche - Co Board

Meets every other month on Mondays

Alt: Destry Hell

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
Matt Gouin/Whitney Sims
Margaret Higham – Administrative Assistant

Littlefork Ambulance District:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Dale Erickson – Co Board

Meets 2/year

Littlefork/Loman Fire District:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Alt: Dale Erickson – Co Board Filled BM 2018/01-32

Meets 1/year

Littlefork/Rat Root River Board:

Destry Hell – Co Board
Dale Erickson – Co Board
Jim Bigler - Snowmobile Club
Marty Cody - Citizen
Donald Dunbar – Citizen
Steve Earley – Citizen
Jack Lang - Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club

Meets 1-2/year

Allen Linder - Citizen
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
Whitney Sims – Planning and Zoning

Management Committee

Destry Hell – Co Board
Jason Sjoblom – Co Board
Adam Coe - 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:

Joan Nelson – Auditor/Treasurer
Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board

MnDOT Enhancement Committee:

Destry Hell – Co Board

MN Rural Counties Board

Adam McIntyre - Co Board
Alt: All Commissioners

Meets Monthly except during summer

Mental Health Crisis Committee

Destry Hell – Co Board

Meets Quarterly

Ricky Roche – Co Board

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

Adam McIntyre - Co Board
Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Meets as needed

Northland Progressive:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Meets 1st Wed Monthly at Noon in Northome

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: (\$50 RMB)

Dale Erickson – 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

Meets quarterly – Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct
Trent Nicholson - County Engineer

NE Waste Administrators Council (NEWAC):

Destry Hell – Co Board
Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Meets monthly

Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUB):

Adam McIntyre – 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:

Dale Erickson – 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
Adam Coe – Administration Director
Mary Mattson – 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
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
Adam McIntyre - Co Board
Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director
County Attorney as Committee’s Legal Advisor

Rainy/Rapid River Board:

Dale Erickson – Co Board
Destry Hell - Co Board
Mike Hanson
Staff:
Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director
Whitney Sims – Planning and Zoning

Meets as needed

Red Lake Watershed District Steering Committee:

John Ungerecht

Alt Dale Erickson – Co Board BM 2018/01-32

Staff:

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Whitney Sims – Planning and Zoning

Rural Fire Association

Destry Hell – Co Board/Liaison

Meets as needed

Alt: Ricky Roche – Co Board/Liaison

Safety Committee:

Adam McIntyre – Co Board

Alt. Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Margaret Higham – Administration

Perryn Hedlund - Sheriff

Trent Nicholson - County Engineer

Len Peterson - Assessor

Ted Pearson - ESD

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):

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Staff:

Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Meets 1st Monday/monthly

Informational Attendance – No voting power

Rainy River/Rainy Lake: One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee

Destry Hell – Co Board

Alternate – Adam McIntyre

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

Wade Friend - 2005

David Burchell BM 2023/03-28

Kevin Sather BM 2017/12-18

Dave Harder BM 2023/03-28

Survey Committee:

Reed Pritchard - Surveyor

Nathan Heibel - Land Commissioner

Trent Nicholson - County Engineer

Alt:– Asst County Engineer

Lindsay Frank - Recorder

Meets as needed

Adam Coe - Administration Director

Destry Hell - Co Board

Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Len Peterson - Assessor

Tri County Public Health Services Board:

Dale Erickson – 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 – Co Board

Jason Sjoblom – Co Board

Staff:

Matt Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Meets Monthly – 3rd Wednesday

Jay Mitchell

Tom Dougherty

Wetland Technical Advisory Committee:

Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Marcie Peeters- Soil & Water Technician

Whitney Sims - Zoning Technician

BWSR Representative

Meets as needed

DNR Representative

Army Corp Representative

WCA Technical Evaluation Panel – Mandated/Different from WTAC

Whitney Sims - Zoning Technician

Marcie Peeters - Soil and Water Technician

BWSR Representative

DNR Representative (If Shoreland is involved)

Meets as needed

Wetland Credit Bank Committee:

Nathan Heibel - Land Commissioner

Trent Nicholson - Assistant County Engineer

Marcie Peeters - Soil & Water Technician

Matt Gouin - Environmental Services Director

Destry Hell - Co Board

Jason Sjoblom - Co Board

Williams Fire District:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Meets 1/ year

Koochiching Development Authority Appointments 2023

KDA CHAIR:

Destry Hell

KDA VICE CHAIR:

Ricky Roche

Peat Project:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Alt: Matthew Gouin – Environmental Services Director

Cold Weather Testing:

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Ricky Roche – Co Board

Alt: Destry Hell – Co Board

Northome Assisted Living Project

Dale Erickson – Co Board

2nd member appointment vacant

Board Motion 2014/02-09

Koochiching Economic Development Authority (KEDA):

Dale Erickson – Co Board

Ricky Roche – 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

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Term Expires: 2026

DISTRICT 2

Ricky Roche

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DISTRICT 3

Adam McIntyre

Term Expires: 2026

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Term Expires: 2025

DISTRICT 5

Dale Erickson

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Term Expires: 2025

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