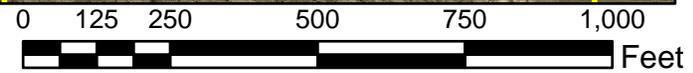


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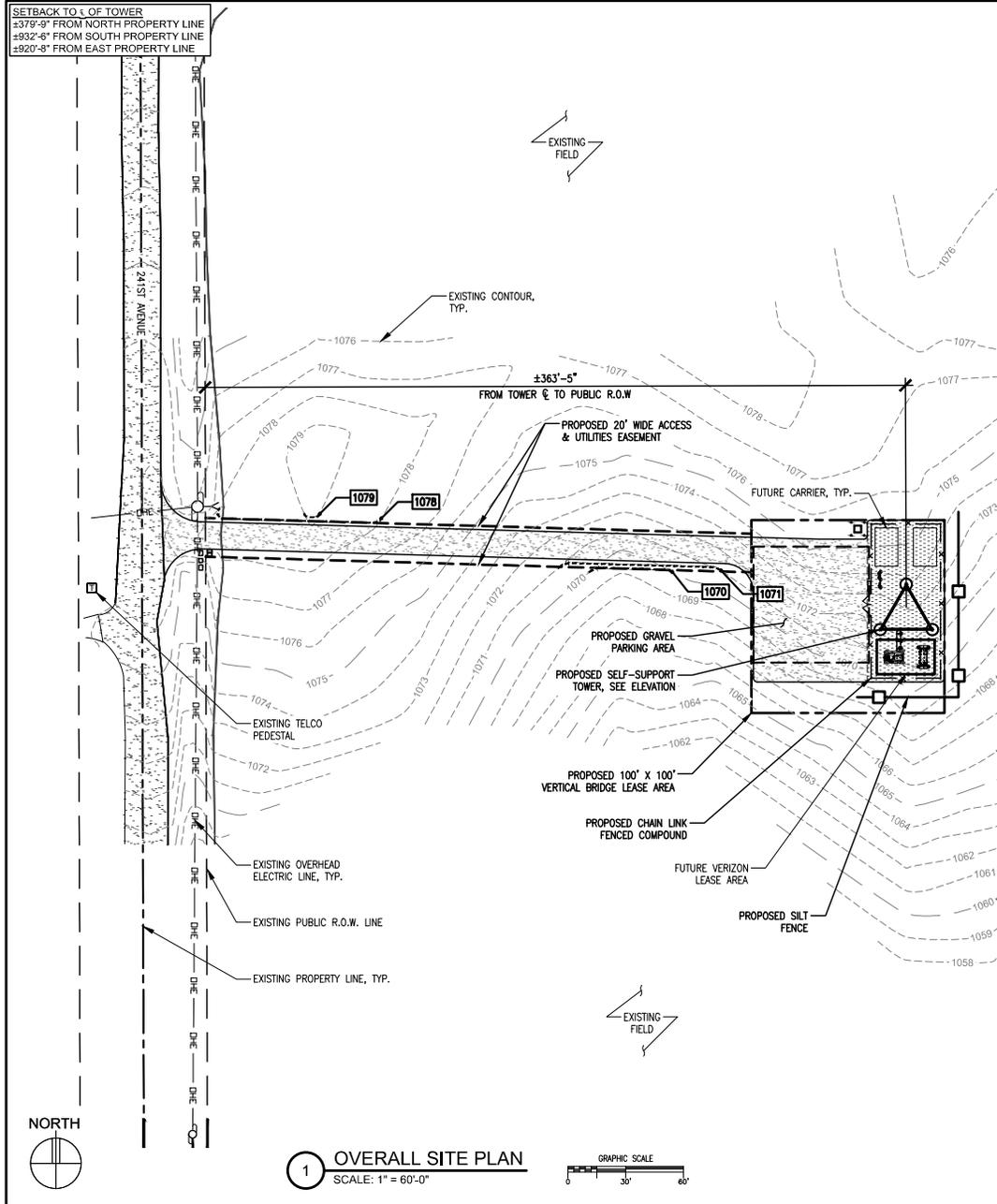
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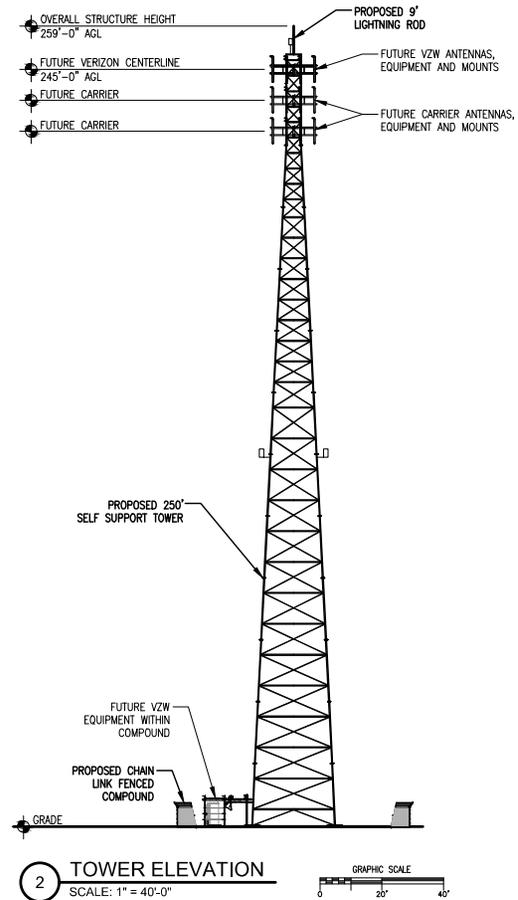
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PREPARED FOR:

vertical bridge

THE TOWERS, LLC
 22 WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE, SUITE 310
 DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

DESIGN 1

8973 VALLEY VIEW RD.
 EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344
 (952) 902-9299
 WWW.DESIGN1EP.COM

PROJECT
 US-MN-5482
 FUZE ID: 2587713

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 LAKE
 JEFFERSON

47851 241ST AVE
 ELYSIAN, MN 56028

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 OVERALL SITE PLAN
 TOWER ELEVATION

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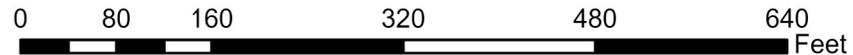


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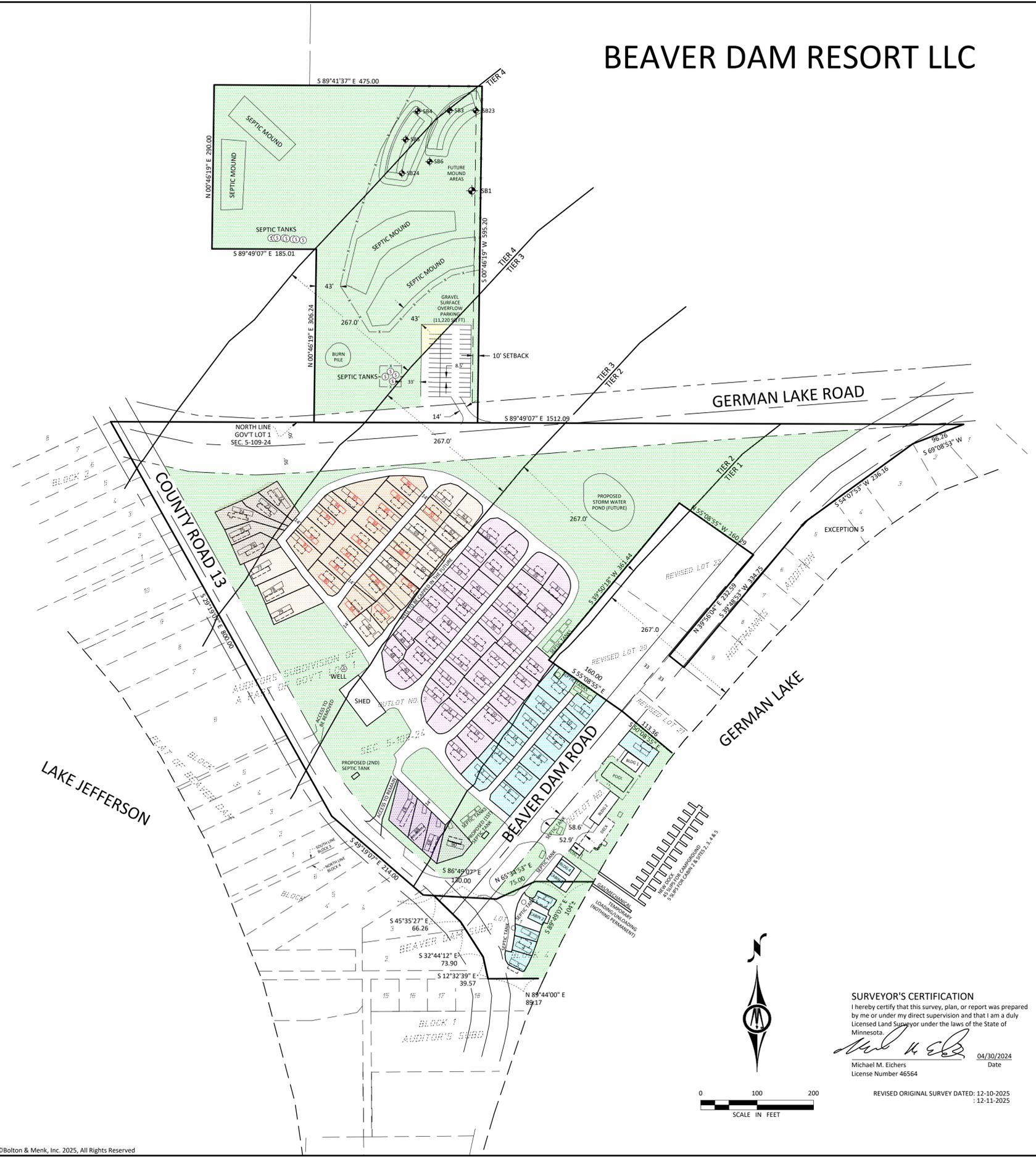
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BEAVER DAM RESORT LLC



Tier 1 Area	Camper Site	Gravel Road	Tier 1 Area Total	162978
1	2047		BLDG 1 (SHOWER HOUSE)	701
2	804		POOL	1495
3	822		BLDG 2 (STORE/BAR)	1221
4	1012		BLDG 3 (FISH CLEANING HOUSE)	283
5	1168		BLDG 4 (CABIN 2)	449
6	2105		CABIN 1	372
7	2044		DECK	1889
8	2032		GRAVEL SURFACE 6-11 & 12-17	4301
9	2038		GRAVEL SURFACE IN FRONT OF DECK	8643
10	2054			19354
11	2070			
12	2015			
13	2099			
14	2004			
15	2002			
16	2008			
17	2206			
18	2621			
19	33151			

Tier 2 Area	Camper Site	Gravel Road	Tier 2 Area Total	239974
18	2052		SHED	2933
19	2140		GRAVEL SURFACE	28337
20	2207			31270
21	2065			
22	2007			
23	2032			
24	2473			
25	2087			
26	2024			
27	2004			
28	2012			
29	2055			
30	2094			
31	2051			
32	2052			
33	2000			
34	2001			
35	2006			
36	2013			
37	2024			
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51	*1460			
52	2005			
53	2005			
54	2005			
55	2001			
56	2915			
57	2142			
58	2083			
59	76829			

Tier 3 Sites	Camper Site	Gravel Road	Tier 3 Area	159951 W/ ROW	134447 W/O ROW
56	2000		Overflow Parking	9766	
57	2025		Shed	513	
59	2052		Gravel Surfaces between camp sites	15558	
60	2001			25837	
61	2005				
62	2002				
63	2194				
64	2193				
66	2020				
67	2006				
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91	2059				
92	2005				
93	2010				
94	2019				
95	2825				
96	2115				
	65430	15876			

Tier 4 Sites	Camper Site	Gravel Road	Tier 4 Area	180747 W/ ROW	137354 W/O ROW
72	2079		Overflow Parking	1453	
73	2038		Gravel Access Road	0	
74	2956			1453	
75	2251				
76	2680				
	12004				

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE CALCULATIONS

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Total	% IMPERVIOUS
162978	239974	159951	180747	674753	44.00%
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59610	3446	11220	195	76829	
2453	76829	45869	79278	19354	
440	28337	59610	13998	100242	
701	108612	137354	310412	863327	51% OPEN SPACE
1495	108612	137354	310412	863327	51% OPEN SPACE
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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION
 I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
 Michael M. Eichers
 License Number 46564
 Date: 04/30/2024



REVISED ORIGINAL SURVEY DATED: 12-10-2025
 12-11-2025

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
 ELYSIAN TOWNSHIP, LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA

BOLTON & MENK
 1960 PREMIER DRIVE
 MANKATO, MN 56001
 (507) 625-4171

FOR: BEAVER DAM RESORT

Concerns

From [REDACTED]
Date Mon 1/5/2026 5:36 PM
To Environmental Services <EnvServices@lesueurcounty.gov>

Good afternoon,

I'm writing about the Public hearing notification that was sent out last week about zoning. I noticed that Beaver Dam wants to add more public special events, year round lodge operations and upgrade to the liquor license.

I have some concerns one being parking where are they going to park? Last year there were cars on both sides of the street and it was very congested and hard to see when pulling out of our driveway. There is also a lot of foot traffic on that road to begin with during the summer season.. When they have music outdoors we can hear it when were in the house and it goes after 10. Also they're quit a few golf carts that drive around the triangle which one side is 55 mph to me I didn't think that was legal? (I could be wrong)

Thanks for addressing my concerns.

[REDACTED]

LE SUEUR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 15, 2026

TO: LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: LE SUEUR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACTION

The Planning Commission recommends your action on the following items:

ITEM #1: BUELL CONSULTING, INC, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN (APPLICANT); RANDALL L. ROEMHILDT, ELYSIAN, MN (OWNER):

Requests the County grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow the applicant to establish a Wireless Telecommunication Tower in the Agriculture "A" District. The subject property is located in part of the SW 1/4 of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Elysian Township.

Based on the information submitted by the applicant, as required by the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission developed the attached findings for this request:

Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the application as presented during the meeting.

ACTION: ITEM #1: _____

ITEM #2: BEAVER DAM RESORT, MANKATO, MN (APPLICANT); ANDY & BRENT BUISSE, CLEVELAND, MN (OWNER):

Requests that the County amend Conditional Use Permits #15023 and #2021108 to add 19 campsites, permit a series of public Special Events, allow year-round lodge operations, and upgrade the liquor license for on- and off-sale 5.0% beer and alcohol at the Beaver Dam Campground in a Recreational Commercial zoning district. The Campground is Lot 1, Block 4, of the Beaver Dam Subdivision, and Part of Outlots 2 and 3 of the Auditor's Subdivision of Government Lot 1 of Section 5, Elysian Township, and part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Cordova Township.

Based on the information submitted by the applicant, as required by the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission developed the attached findings for this request:

Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL of the application as presented during the meeting.

ACTION: ITEM #2: _____

DATE: _____

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE: _____

ITEM # 1 FINDINGS OF FACT

BUELL CONSULTING, INC, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN (APPLICANT); RANDALL L. ROEMHILDT, ELYSIAN, MN (OWNER):

Requests the County grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow the applicant to establish a Wireless Telecommunication Tower in the Agriculture "A" District. The subject property is located in part of the SW 1/4 of the SW ¼ of Section 8, Elysian Township.

WHEREAS, the Le Sueur County Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 15, 2026, in order to hear public testimony from the applicants as well as interested parties pertaining to and as provided by the Zoning Ordinance of Le Sueur County.

WHEREAS, the Le Sueur County Planning Commission, acting as an advisory board to the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners recommends **APPROVAL** of the request due to the following findings:

1. *The Conditional Use would not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminishes and impairs property values within the immediate vicinity. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
2. *The establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
3. *Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other facilities have been or are being provided. (4-0 in support)*
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4. *Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to service the proposed use. (4-0 in support)*
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6. *The Conditional Use is consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
7. *The Conditional Use is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2026, at their regularly scheduled meeting, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners **APPROVED/DENIED** the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the applicant to establish a Wireless Telecommunication Tower in the Agriculture "A" District as requested by **Buell Consulting, Inc. and Randall Roemhildt**.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the following Findings of Fact were adopted at the February 3, 2026, Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners meeting in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Le Sueur County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners that based on the above Findings of Fact, **Conditional Use Permit # PCCUP-001045-2025**, a request to allow the applicant to establish a Wireless Telecommunication Tower in the Agriculture "A" District, is **APPROVED / DENIED**.

If approved, the following conditions shall be attached to the request:

1. The Project Description and Site Maps (submitted December 16, 2025) would become part of the permit. Any deviation from this request would trigger a review from the Environmental Services Department for determination of whether the Conditional Use Permit needs to be amended.
2. The Conditional Use Permit shall remain valid provided all requirements of the Ordinance and approved conditions are being met.
3. The County's Environmental Services Department shall conduct an annual inspection of the facility to ensure compliance with the standards of the Conditional Use Permit.
4. An extension must be requested in writing and filed with the Department at least 30-days prior to the expiration of the Conditional Use Permit.
5. A Zoning Permit shall be issued prior to starting construction or any construction related activities.
6. The applicant shall be required to control all invasive plants and noxious weeds within the approved operational area of the Conditional Use Permit.
7. The applicant shall submit Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA) approval and/or provide documentation that FAA approval is not needed, prior to issuance of a zoning permit.
8. The applicant shall submit Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensure and approval as required for various communications applications.
9. Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit, the applicant shall submit a comprehensive Decommissioning Plan featuring an itemized cost estimate for all closure steps and a matching financial surety (e.g., letter of credit, escrow, or performance bond) in a form acceptable to the County.
10. The applicant shall submit evidence that the tower and its antennas have been designed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, and following completion of construction were inspected by a licensed professional engineer at the applicant's and/or landowner's expense to conform to applicable state structural building standards and all other applicable reviewing agencies and to conform with accepted electrical engineering methods and practices as specified in applicable provisions of the State Electrical Code.

11. The tower shall be protected by unauthorized access using a chain link fence (minimum of 6 feet in height) with a minimum of three (3) strands of razor wire on top and a locked gate.

12. All obsolete or unused towers and accompanying accessory facilities including concrete base shall be removed within six (6) months of the cessation of operations at the site. After the facilities are removed, the site shall be restored to its original or an improved state. Electronic equipment shall not be removed in advance of removal of obsolete or unused towers.

ATTEST:

Daniel O'Keefe, Chairman, Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners

Joseph Martin, County Administrator

DATE: _____

ITEM # 2 FINDINGS OF FACT

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WHEREAS, the Le Sueur County Planning Commission, acting as an advisory board to the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners recommends **APPROVAL** of the request due to the following findings:

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7. *The Conditional Use is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners that based on the above Findings of Fact, **Conditional Use Permit # PCCUP-001049-2025**, a request to allow amendments to Conditional Use Permits #15023 and #2021108 to add 19 campsites, permit a series of public Special Events, allow year-round lodge operations, and upgrade the liquor license for on- and off-sale 5.0% beer and alcohol at the Beaver Dam Campground in a Recreational Commercial zoning district, is **APPROVED / DENIED**.

If approved, the following conditions shall be attached to the request:

1. The Project Description and Site Maps (submitted December 17, 2025) would become part of the permit. Any deviation from this request would trigger a review from the Environmental Services Department for determination of whether the Conditional Use Permit needs to be amended.
2. The Conditional Use Permit shall remain valid provided all requirements of the Ordinance and approved conditions are being met.
3. The County's Environmental Services Department shall conduct biannual inspections of the facility to ensure maintenance of the stormwater pond and compliance with the standards of the Conditional Use Permit.
4. An extension must be requested in writing and filed with the Department at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the Conditional Use Permit.
5. A Zoning Permit shall be issued prior to installation of the septic system servicing the lodge.
6. Beaver Dam Campground shall contact the Le Sueur County Environmental Services Department no less than ten (10) days prior to the start of any scheduled Special Event and provide staff with any requested information related to the Special Event as listed in the Zoning Ordinance.
7. The lodge shall be disconnected from System #1 and the new septic system servicing the lodge shall be installed and operational prior to April 1, 2026.

8. The owners of the Beaver Dam Campground shall monitor the pedestrian crossing from their auxiliary parking area to the main campground across CSAH 12 to determine if any pedestrian safety measures should be incorporated.
9. All parking shall occur within the individual campsites, the auxiliary parking lot to the north, or within the designated parking spaces as shown in the plan. Parking within any public road right-of-way shall be prohibited.

ATTEST:

Daniel O'Keefe, Chairman, Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners

Joseph Martin, County Administrator

DATE: _____

LE SUEUR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
88 SOUTH PARK AVENUE
LE CENTER, MINNESOTA 56057
January 15, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Roche, Shirley Katzenmeyer, Tina King, Al Gehrke and Commissioner John King

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pam Tietz, Doug Krenik, and Jeanne Doheny

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chairperson Shirley Katzenmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Agenda:** Additions/Corrections: NONE.
Motion to approve the agenda was made by **AL GEHRKE**.
Second by **TINA KING**.
MOTION APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Minutes:** **October 16, 2025**, Meeting, Additions/Corrections: NONE
Motion to approve the minutes was made by **TINA KING**.
Second by **MIKE ROCHE**.
MOTION APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Applications:**

ITEM #1: BUELL CONSULTING, INC, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN (APPLICANT); RANDALL L. ROEMHILDT, ELYSIAN, MN (OWNER):

Requests the County grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow the applicant to establish a Wireless Telecommunication Tower in the Agriculture "A" District. The subject property is located in part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, Elysian Township.

Justin Gartner was present for the applicants.

Brad O'Malley presented the PowerPoint presentation.

INITIAL COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT:

Mr. Gartner stated he had no additional comments and was able to answer any questions the Planning Commission or members of the public may have.

INITIAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Member Gehrke asked the applicant if they had read through the conditions and whether they understood what was being proposed. Mr. Gartner stated he had read the proposed conditions and fully understood them.

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Dan Prehal expressed his concern with noxious weeds and asked how the County ensures the applicant or owner maintains the property. Mr. Stubbs explained that Zoning staff complete a series of inspections throughout the development process and once the tower is fully constructed, it is placed on an annual inspection list.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Member King asked whether Buell consulting continues to maintain the project area or if someone else is responsible. Mr. Gartner stated Buell contracts with a company who is responsible for vegetation maintenance and weed management.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION: NONE

FINDINGS:

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 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
2. *The establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
3. *Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other facilities have been or are being provided. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
4. *Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to service the proposed use. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
5. *Adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent and control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
6. *The Conditional Use is consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*

7. *The Conditional Use is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. (4-0 in support)*
- *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*

Motion made by AL GEHRKE to recommend Approval of the application with the conditions as presented during the meeting.

Second by TINA KING.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM #2: BEAVER DAM RESORT, MANKATO, MN (APPLICANT); ANDY & BRENT BUYSSE, CLEVELAND, MN (OWNER):

Requests that the County amend Conditional Use Permits #15023 and #2021108 to add 19 campsites, permit a series of public Special Events, allow year-round lodge operations, and upgrade the liquor license for on- and off-sale 5.0% beer and alcohol at the Beaver Dam Campground in a Recreational Commercial zoning district. The Campground is Lot 1, Block 4, of the Beaver Dam Subdivision, and Part of Outlots 2 and 3 of the Auditor's Subdivision of Government Lot 1 of Section 5, Elysian Township, and part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Cordova Township.

Andy Buysse was present for the applicants.

Aaron Stubbs presented the PowerPoint presentation.

INITIAL COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT:

Mr. Buysse stated he had nothing more to add and was available for any questions the Planning Commission or members of the public may have.

INITIAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Stubbs read an email into the record from an anonymous landowner who stated they owned residential property near the campground. In the email they expressed concerns with parking during Special Events and the use of amplified sound after 10:00 pm.

Mr. Stubbs stated he had spoken with this landowner and explained to them that the campground installed a new parking lot in November of 2025. In addition, staff have worked with the owners to identify 21 additional parking stalls in front of the lodge and near the storage shed. Mr. Stubbs stated the landowner was pleased to hear the parking would be handled better moving forward.

In a subsequent conversation, the landowner asked if the owners of the campground could place No Parking signs along the right-of-way in front of neighboring homes. Mr. Stubbs explained a sign, which is less than 32 square feet, does not require a permit and could be placed by either the owners of the campground or by the homeowners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Ryann Geldner (attending virtually) expressed concerns with increased traffic and congestion during Special Events. Ms. Geldner stated more enforcement was needed from the Sheriff's office or from the owners of the campground. Ms. Geldner also expressed concerns with the amount of additional garbage being left at the nearby public landing and the potential impacts the fireworks show has on the German Lake wildlife.

Mr. Stubbs explained the purpose behind the proposed condition that would require the campground to reach out to Zoning staff at least 10 days in advance of any Special Event is so staff is able to alert the Sheriff's office and make them aware that additional patrols through the area may be needed.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Member Gehrke asked the applicant if they had considered reducing their hours from 7:00 am to 1:00 am to something less to address the concerns of noise in the area. Mr. Buysse stated this is the first he has heard there was an issue with noise in the past. He also explained it is not their intention to be open from 7:00 am to 1:00 am every day but rather have the flexibility to be open during those hours as needed to accommodate their customers and events.

Mr. Stubbs explained that due to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency septic sizing standards, the lodge can never be open 16 or more hours per day.

Member King asked whether the campground has quiet hours and other noise rules for the campers. Mr. Buysse stated the campground does in fact have policies for noise and quiet hours.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION: NONE

FINDINGS:

1. *The Conditional Use would not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminishes and impairs property values within the immediate vicinity. (4-0 in support)*
 - ***Provided they control the noise and traffic congestion.***
 - ***All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.***
2. *The establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. (4-0 in support)*
 - ***All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.***
3. *Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other facilities have been or are being provided. (4-0 in support)*
 - ***All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.***
4. *Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to service the proposed use. (4-0 in support)*
 - ***All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.***
5. *Adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent and control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. (4-0 in support)*
 - ***All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.***

6. *The Conditional Use is consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*
7. *The Conditional Use is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. (4-0 in support)*
 - *All members agreed with the proposed finding in the staff report.*

Motion made by AL GEHRKE to recommend Approval of the application with the conditions as presented during the meeting.

Second by MIKE ROCHE.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM #3: LE SUEUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Le Sueur County Environmental Services Department hereby provides notice that a proposed Comprehensive Plan has been prepared and is available for public review. The Department invites public comment either in advance of the meeting or during the Planning Commission meeting where the plan will be considered for preliminary approval.

Mojra Howenstein (Bolton & Menk) presented the PowerPoint presentation.

Aaron Stubbs represented the County for this proposal.

INITIAL COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT:

Ms. Howenstein thanked the members of the public, the members of the Planning Commission, the County Commissioners and all County staff who participated in the process.

INITIAL QUESTIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: NONE

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Ryan Geldner (attending virtually) asked whether additional research was done to determine which demographic was most likely to move into Le Sueur County. Ms. Geldner also asked if we had run any negative scenarios where the County loses population over the next 25 years.

Ms. Howenstein stated no negative scenarios had been considered but that could be done. She also stated the scenarios in the plan focused on the potential number of people who could move into the County, not their demographic.

Marie Meyer expressed concerns with the statistic and how they are being represented. Ms. Meyer explained the Plan shows 22% of those who commute outside of the County for work stated they would work in the County if possible. Ms. Meyer believes this is a misrepresentation because only 22% of those who took the survey feel this way and not 22% of all the commuters. Ms. Meyer questioned why the County would want more homes around its lakes if the waters are already deemed impaired and she also questioned why the County wants to grow its tax base.

Tamara Herbes requested the area south of Sabre Lake be shown as agriculture on the Future Land Use Map. She and her family were surprised to learn it had been zoned residential for over 50 years when they attended the October Open House. She thanked Commissioner Preisler for continuing to keep the Township informed of the progress on the Plan and also thanked Ms. Michelle Mettler for the amount of staff time spent with her and her family explaining the process and giving options for how the zoning could be changed.

Gary Buszman spoke about the continued need to preserve farmland and thanked the Planning Commission for recommending denial on a Re-Zoning request for a neighboring property. He expressed frustration that the Board of Commissioners approved the request and expressed concern with not being able to see incoming weather if that land were ever developed.

Jerry Beckle stated he was in favor of zoning and the goal of preserving agricultural land. He believes the plan was well thought out. Mr. Beckle did express some concerns with the potential changes to the residential density standards listed in the plan. He stated if more homes are to be added in the rural area, they should be located in areas of less productive ground. He stated he understood the plan is a vision for the County and not the actual rules. He hopes the Zoning Ordinance updates address the locating of future homes and commercial structures.

Marie Meyer explained that “protecting farmland” can mean many things. She referenced the Natural Resources Goals / Strategies in the draft plan and claimed it shows heavy restrictions on farmers, especially if endangered species were discovered in their area. She also expressed concern over the surveys not being sent to all landowners throughout the County and believes the process was purposely hidden from the public. She informed the Planning Commission that grants are not free money and believes regional NGO’s played a role in the development of the draft Plan. Ms. Meyer also stated the citizens do not need someone creating fear about climate change or population growth. She commented that the Plan appears to be looking for underprivileged people to serve and the County does not have a responsibility to “house these people”. Ms. Meyer suggested Goal # 7.5.1 (Expand parks and trails; foster community engagement in environmental planning) be removed from the Plan.

Mr. Stubbs asked Ms. Meyer for some clarification on her last comment and asked for the specific page number where those statements could be located. Ms. Meyer was unable to provide that page but said she would look for it and forward it to staff.

Annette Pruitt-Rogers stated she is not in favor of the Plan. She also stated she does not want to see her community grow.

Ryann Geldner (attending virtually) stated she believes climate change is real and eco-tourism is a way to bring tourist revenue into the County without changing land use. Ms. Geldner stated the County should consider flooding a problem and should be looking into preserving its park system.

Greg Frederickson stated no one comes to Le Sueur County to walk the trails and all parks are empty. He also stated he believes it costs \$1 Million per mile to construct a trail.

Tony Kubes asked for clarification on whether the proposed Plan would eliminate any existing Building Eligibilities. He stated in his capacity as Township Supervisor, he has been approached by residents who are concerned they will lose the Eligibilities they are holding on to for future family residential development.

Mr. Stubbs explained the proposed plan would not eliminate any existing Building Eligibilities, nor was the goal of the Plan to take anything away from the residents of the County. The Plan is more about the potential to provide more flexibility and potential options for landowners who may be interested in taking advantage of that flexibility.

Vice Chairperson Katzenmeyer asked Mr. Stubbs about the density around cities and what the Growth Boundaries mean for landowners in these areas.

Mr. Stubbs explained during the cities focus group, the cities shared their Future Land Use Maps. There was a discussion about how the County can work in conjunction with each individual city to ensure land use conflicts are kept to a minimum. After that meeting there was a misunderstanding about how to achieve this goal. Initially, the County mirrored the Future Land Use Maps of these cities. After some additional discussions it was determined the County development pattern is so drastically different than that of a city. If the County mirrored a city’s plan the result could be increased cost when the city eventually annexed and needed to install utilities, curb and gutter, etc. Mr. Stubbs explained the County decided to keep the future expansion areas of each city as agricultural land to help reduce the potential for land use conflict.

Ryann Geldner (attending virtually) provided some clarification related to a previous statement. Ms. Geldner stated she believes the trail system brings revenue dollars into the County. She also believes recreational activities like ice fishing also bring in outside revenue.

Jerry Beckle asked the County to continue to preserve agricultural land and continue locking into preserving the areas around the cities to preserve the highest quality farmland.

Member King stated she believes the State Demographers projection for the future population of the County is realistic and the County should at a minimum plan for that level of growth.

Tamara Herbes asked staff when the Official Zoning Map for the County would be updated.

Mr. Stubbs explained the Official Zoning Map for the County should not be updated until after the Comprehensive Plan process is complete. Regardless of whether the Plan is approved or not, the County needs to update its Official Zoning Map but waiting for the Plan to be complete helps ensure we do not need to update the Map twice. Mr. Stubbs speculated the Official Zoning Map would be updated near the end of 2026.

Commissioner John King provided an overview of the upcoming meeting dates to continue the Comprehensive Plan process.

Marie Meyer expressed concerns with maintaining drainage during development and expressed concerns about three new homes that were built in Washington Township where after the Township approved the access points to their Township Road, the owner of the last home to be constructed began experiencing flooding on the driveway. Ms. Meyer expressed frustration that the Township is responsible for the costs to improve drainage along their Township Road. She would like the Townships to be better informed about approved projects.

Motion made by AL GEHRKE to recommend Tabling the Plan so the questions from the public can be researched and answered.

Second by MIKE ROCHE.

MOTION SPLIT (2-2). MOTION FAILED.

Motion made by TINA KING to recommend Approval of the Plan with the understanding that staff will continue to follow-up on the questions presented from the public.

THIS MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND.

MOTION FAILED.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

After being unable to pass either of the first two motions presented to the Planning Commission, Vice Chairperson Shirley Katzenmeyer asked Mr. Stubbs what other options the Planning Commission has available to them. Mr. Stubbs explained they could attempt a motion to make No Recommendation or a motion to Recommend Denial of the Plan.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Beckle asked whether a majority or super majority was needed to bring an item back off the Table. Mr. Stubbs stated the Planning Commission loosely follows Robert's Rules of Order, so a majority is needed to bring an item back off the table.

Annete asked for clarification on the motion process and whether an item can move from the Planning Commission to the County Board without first being approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Stubbs explained the Planning Commission is an advisory board to the County's Board of Commissioners, so they send Recommendations to the Commissioners who then make a final decision. If the Planning Commission decides to make No Recommendation, the matter will still move to the County Board.

Commissioner Dave Preisler further explained the process and the things the County Board will be reviewing over the next few weeks. He also said, there is no certainty the Board will be ready to make a decision on February 17th. They are still considering all comments and all options to help ensure this Plan is the best fit for the County and its residents.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION: NONE

Motion made by TINA KING to forward No Recommendation to the County Board.

Second by MIKE ROCHE.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). MOTION CARRIED.

5. P.C. Discussion Items:

1. October 2025 Planning Commission Items
 - a. Bluff Stabilization request was approved with conditions as recommended by the P.C.
 - b. Ordinance amendments were approved as recommended by the P.C.
2. Reminder about Alternate Meeting Dates used in the event of inclement weather for upcoming P.C. Meetings.
 - a. Alternate date is the Monday after the scheduled meeting:
 1. Nov. 24th
 2. Dec. 22nd
 3. Jan. 19th
 4. Feb. 23rd
 5. Mar. 23rd
3. Ordinance Revisions
 - a. Zoning and Land Division Ordinances will be amended in 2026
 - b. As each Section is ready for review, staff and Planning Commission will hold Work Sessions before the monthly Planning Commission meetings
 - c. Staff are meeting next week to create a schedule for when each Section is to be reviewed
4. February 19th P.C. Meeting
 - a. Deadline is January 20, 2026 – No applications at this time

6. Warrants/Claim-signatures:

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting by **AL GEHRKE**.

Second by **TINA KING**.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Shirley Katzenmeyer at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Stubbs