



**CARLTON COUNTY**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**  
**Carlton County Transportation Building, County Board Room**  
May 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda. **Motion by Brenner, seconded by Proulx. Approved.**
3. Approve the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes. **Motion by Proulx, second by Peterson. Approved.**
4. COVID-19 Incident Command update (Public Health - virtual). Jenny Barta provides an update, including info on current rate increases. Boosters are now available. PH is working with schools as well. Ms. Barta answers questions from the Board regarding vaccines and updates.
5. Cervid Farm Presentation – Capt. Robert Gorecki (MN DNR CWD Deer Farm Enforcement Coordinator), Craig Engwall (MN Deer Hunters Association). Greg Bernu introduces Captain Gorecki, Craig Engwall, and FDL. Gorecki presents an overview of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Started most recently in Beltrami County, and has spread to other farms. Has not spread to humans but it is possible that can. DNR has authority over Minnesota deer farms from the MN Legislature. There are approximately 140 white tail deer farms in Minnesota at this time, with about half being hobby farms and the rest commercial operations. Learned of a farm with CWD in Wisconsin, that subsequently shipped approximately 370 deer across the Nation, including in Minnesota. DNR visited all deer farms in Minnesota and observed several violations on many farms. 70% were ideal farms; however, 40% were in contact with wild deer. Discussion was had on the restrictions that have been put in place to limit the number of cases. Craig Engwall presents information from the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. Echo what the DNR reported. Mike Shrag, FDL Conservation Officer. Band has submitted testimony in support of the proposed moratorium. Tony Scheda asks about whether the moratorium will eliminate CWD? Answer is no, but it will control it. Scheda requests that the response be balanced. Mr. Engwall uses the emerald ash borer as an example of a situation where efforts were made to limit movement to prevent the spread of a disease. Mr. Bernu notes that if this moves down the path towards approval, he will make sure that a representative from the deer farmers will have an opportunity to present to the Board. Owner of the one farm in Carlton County presents testimony regarding his elk farm. Mr. Bernu indicates that the new ordinance would be to limit any new farms. A copy Mr. Bernu’s letter is attached. Mr. Bernu calls the question of moving the moratorium forward to the Board. **Motion by Bernu, second by Bodie. Approved.**
6. MnDOT/ARDC Presentation. Andy Hubley and Paige Melius present information to the COW regarding transportation related projects, including Transportation Alternatives and the Transportation Planning Work plan. They review the information contained in the agenda packet. Review and discussion of the ATIP and its process. Notes that MNDOT targets for funding have been reduced. Questions asked about the LRIP program, and funding and budgets was discussed. Kristin Foster, State Aid Engineer for the Carlton County area. Discusses the various projects that MNDOT has been working on with the County. Notes that Carlton County has a great deal to be proud of with all the funds that have been brought in for various projects. Holly G. from the MN DPS presents data on traffic crashes and deaths. Speed, impairment, and unbuckled stats have all gone up. 47 people died due to traffic accidents in the Northeast region. Noted how quick to respond and helpful the County Transportation Department has been. Most typical crash in Northern Minnesota is a single vehicle that goes off the road due to impairment or speed.
  - A. Blackhoof Township Olson Road Agreement. JinYeene Neumann presents. Blackhoof Township wants to do work on Olson road and wants borrow funds in the sum of \$50K from the county for the project. The paving would cover about 2/3 of the road (appx. 4000 feet). The loan would be paid back over 5 years increments of \$10K per year.  
**Motion by Bodie, second by Brenner. Approved.**

- B. Spring Fever Days Rodeo. Heather Wright, president of the Carlton County Fair Board, presents on a Spring Fever Day's Rodeo. Has been working with the City of Barnum to improve the Spring Fever Days festival. Car races will be on Friday night. Discussed various activities for Saturday, including a full rodeo on Saturday night.
7. New Business
    - A. COORDINATOR/HR/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
      1. Building Committee update (PM budget). Dennis Genereau provides an update per the attached document.
      2. Discuss Public Hearing Rules and Decorum possible updates, with guidance for Kyle regarding his hearings. New public hearing rules of decorum are reviewed. **Motion by Mr. Genereau, second by Heather Cunningham. Approved.** Kyle Holmes presents a request to schedule the Board of Appeals to 10 minute increments. Discussion had regarding 15 minutes being an optimal amount of time. **Motion by Peterson, second by Bodie to set the appeal hearings in 15 minute increments. Approved.**
      3. Discuss significant initiatives and issues that may impact the budget policy statement and budget direction. Note that increased costs are due to legislative mandates, pandemic repercussions, increased costs of doing business.
      4. ACT Team Supervisor. Mr. Genereau and Dave Lee present the recommendation to move the ACT team leader to a supervisor position. **Motion by Proulx, second by Brenner. Approved.**
    - B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
      1. Community Get-Together Grants revenue increase and approval of applicants. Mary Finnegan and Donna Lekander approve. The request is to use any residual from the CARES Act or to use ARPA funds to support the Community Get-Together initiative. Commissioner Brenner indicates that he would be willing to move \$28K to be used to support the applications that have been presented to date. Bodie requests to know who reviewed the applications and asks that they be given a chance to review the applications. Bodie and Peterson request to review them.
    - C. TRANSPORTATION
      1. Transportation update. Ms. Neumann provides a full update.
    - D. ZONING
      1. Shoreland Management Ordinance. Ms. Cunningham presents information regarding the request from the City of Carlton to enforce the Shoreland Overlay District effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. **Motion by Cunningham, second by Bodie. Approved.**
      2. Temporary Ordinance banning Cervid Farms (Zoning/Land). **Moved for consideration to #5.**
  8. Other Business
    - A. Department Updates. Ms. Ketola provides an update regarding the state of their office with the trial backlog and the upcoming Thompson jury trial.
    - B. The next regular meeting date is scheduled for June 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. located at the Carlton County Transportation Building in the Board Room.
  9. Adjournment. **Motion Peterson, second by Brenner. Approved.**