



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022
3:30 pm



Jay Trusty and Jason Walker at NextEra's Buffalo Ridge Wind Project tour in September 2022.

Center for Regional Development
2401 Broadway Ave, Slayton, MN



Southwest Regional Development Commission

Commissioner

Rick Anderson
Bob Byrnes
Miron Carney
Keith Elbers
Donna Gravley
Eric Hartman
Dennis Klingbile
Myron Koets
Mike Kuhle
Paul Langseth
Richard Peterson
Bob Van Hee
Dennis Welgraven

Representing

Lyon County
City of Marshall
Murray County
Rock County
Cottonwood County
Region 8 School Boards
Lincoln County
Pipestone County, SRDC Chairman
City of Worthington, Immediate Past Chair
Nobles County, SRDC Vice Chair
Jackson County, SRDC Secretary
Redwood County
Murray County, SRDC Treasurer

SRDC Full Commission Membership

- One (1) County member from each of the nine counties.
- One (1) Township member from each of the nine counties.
- One (1) Mayor/Council member from each municipality over 10,000 in population.
- One (1) Mayor/council member for each of the nine counties representing cities under 10,000.
- Two (2) School Board members.
- One (1) Lower Sioux Indian Community member.
- Five (5) Public Interest Groups

SRDC Board of Director Membership

- SRDC Chairman & a regional commissioner from each county elected by the regional commissioners from each county and:
- One (1) Elected commissioner from each city over 10,000 in population.
 - One (1) Elected commissioner from any county with a population of more than 20,000 but without a city over 10,000 in population nominated by the regional commissioners of that county.
 - One (1) School board member selected by the Commission as a whole.



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AGENDA

#	Time		Page
1	3:30pm	Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance	
2	3:32pm	Introductions	
3	3:34pm	Additions to and Approval of Agenda Action Needed: Approve Agenda	
4	3:35pm	Future Deep Dive Topic Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for future topic discussions for Board & Full Commission Meetings 	
4	3:37pm	Consent Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August Receipts & Expenditures Report SW MN Housing Partnership 2023 Contract SW Solid Waste Commission Planning Contract SHIP Active Living 2023 Technical Assistance Contract Action Needed: Approve of Consent Agenda Items	5-8 9-10 11-12 13-14
6	3:40pm	Finance Reports — <i>Treasurer Welgraven & Finance Director Swart</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Report, including bank accounts & investments Action Needed: Approval of Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Report through September 2022 Action Needed: Approval of Administrative Report	Handout Handout
7	3:50pm	Project Reviews — <i>Planning Assistant Schroyer</i> As of the mailing there is one Project Review for consideration Action Needed: Accept Project Review	15-16
8	3:55pm	Deep Dive: RMEB — <i>Executive Director Trusty & Development Planner Walker</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History & Impact Q&A 	
9	4:40pm	Executive Director's Report — <i>Executive Director Trusty</i>	
10	4:50pm	Chairman's Report — <i>Chairman Koets</i>	
11	5:00pm	Unfinished Business	
12		New Business	
13		Other Issues	

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Announcements

SRDC Commissioner vacancies exist from the following representation: Nobles County Municipalities, Pipestone County Townships, Redwood County Municipalities, and Region 8 Cultural Diversity.

- SRDC Office will be closed the afternoon of November 1 and all day November 2-3 for staff to attend the MADDO All-Staff Retreat in Mankato
- SRDC Full Commission Meeting: Thursday, November 10 at 3:30pm at Pizza Ranch in Slayton (large meeting room)
- SRDC Office will be closed November 11 in observation of Veteran's Day
- SRDC Office will be closed November 24-25 in observation of Thanksgiving
- SRDC Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, December 8 at 3:30pm at the SRDC Office

15 5:10pm **Adjourn**

****Written Planner Reports are located on pages 17 through 25 of the meeting packet. For questions or additional information regarding report information, please contact staff.****

Southwest Regional Development Commission

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PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	4.21	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,062.81	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	262.31	8/11/2022
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PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	49.76	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Justin Schroyer	Employee: SchroyerJ; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,112.01	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Brooke J. Swart	Employee: SwartB; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,726.63	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Jayne I. Trusty	Employee: TrustyJ; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	3,064.18	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Jason L. Walker	Employee: WalkerJ; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,872.23	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,961.36	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	223.95	8/11/2022
PRS081122	08112...	8/11/2022	Jessica L. Welu	Employee: WeluJ; Pay Date: 8/11/2022	1,529.72	8/11/2022
APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	Jeffry Moen	July Comm Exp Checks - Jeff Moen	50.00	8/29/2022
APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	Jeffry Moen	July Comm Exp Checks - Jeff Moen	42.50	8/29/2022
APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	JoEllen M. Benson	July Comm Exp Checks - JoEllen Benson	50.00	8/29/2022
APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	JoEllen M. Benson	July Comm Exp Checks - JoEllen Benson	83.75	8/29/2022
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APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	Robert H. Van Hee	July Comm Exp Checks - VanHee	100.00	8/29/2022
APS082522 ...	08292...	8/29/2022	Robert H. Van Hee	July Comm Exp Checks - VanHee	56.25	8/29/2022
APS080522 ...	59694	8/5/2022	Abila	Abila - AR Module and Training	1,180.28	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59694	8/5/2022	Abila	Abila - 7-26-22 to 8-25-22 Clouds	615.21	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59695	8/5/2022	Aflac Inc	Aflac Dental - 8-1-22 to 8-31-22	387.73	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59696	8/5/2022	City of Jackson	City of Jackson - Certs Seed Grant	588.00	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59697	8/5/2022	City of Slayton	Water/Sewer 6-21-22 to 7-20-22	20.80	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59697	8/5/2022	City of Slayton	Water/Sewer 6-21-22 to 7-20-22	31.20	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59698	8/5/2022	David R. Samuelson	Mowing for July 2022	48.00	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59698	8/5/2022	David R. Samuelson	Mowing for July 2022	72.00	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59699	8/5/2022	Frontier Communications	Monthly Maintenance 7-25-22 to 8-24-22	36.39	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59699	8/5/2022	Frontier Communications	Monthly Maintenance 7-25-22 to 8-24-22	67.59	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59700	8/5/2022	GMNP - Greater MN Partnership	GMNP - 2023 Membership	1,000.00	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59701	8/5/2022	Grants Management Systems ...	GMS Monthly License & Warranty - July 2022	105.00	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59701	8/5/2022	Grants Management Systems ...	GMS Monthly License & Warranty - July 2022	35.00	8/5/2022

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APS080522 ...	59704	8/5/2022	Northwest Gas	NW Gas Meter Reading 6-24-22 to 7-22-22	8.36	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59704	8/5/2022	Northwest Gas	NW Gas Meter Reading 6-24-22 to 7-22-22	12.04	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59705	8/5/2022	One Office Solution	One Office - Sharp MX6071 Meter Reading 6-25-...	196.09	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59705	8/5/2022	One Office Solution	One Office - Paper and Erasers	256.75	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59706	8/5/2022	Quill Corporation	Quill - wrist pad and folders	34.35	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59707	8/5/2022	Schaap Sanitation	Schaap 8-1-22 to 8-31-22	32.96	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59707	8/5/2022	Schaap Sanitation	Schaap 8-1-22 to 8-31-22	49.44	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59708	8/5/2022	Slayton EDA	Slayton EDA Lease - Aug 2022 Orig and Add	4,848.63	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59709	8/5/2022	Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, PA	Legal Fees - C&S Auto Body	291.50	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59710	8/5/2022	Windstream Inn LLC	Refund for Windstream Inn LLC	26.99	8/5/2022
APS080522 ...	59710	8/5/2022	Windstream Inn LLC	Refund to Windstream Inn LLC	32.04	8/5/2022
APS081222MM	59711	8/12/2022	AFLAC	Aflac 8-10-22	244.68	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59712	8/12/2022	Chandler Co-Op	Chandler Coop - July 2022 Fuel	102.22	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59713	8/12/2022	Culligan Water Conditioning	Culligan - Salt/Water/Rental July 2022	30.30	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59713	8/12/2022	Culligan Water Conditioning	Culligan - Salt/Water/Rental July 2022	10.65	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59714	8/12/2022	Verizon Wireless	Verizon 8-2-22 to 9-1-22	52.12	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59715	8/12/2022	XCEL Energy	Xcel 7-4-22 to 8-2-22	296.42	8/12/2022
APS081222MM	59715	8/12/2022	XCEL Energy	Xcel 7-4-22 to 8-2-22	444.62	8/12/2022
APS081922 ...	59716	8/19/2022	Association of Minnesota Coun...	AMB Booth for MADO Conference 2022	1,000.00	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59717	8/19/2022	Citizen Publishing Co. (Cotton...	Citizen Publishing Subscription Renewal	54.00	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59718	8/19/2022	Dust Tex Service Inc.	Dustex inv#9117290	0.22	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59718	8/19/2022	Dust Tex Service Inc.	Dustex - inv#9195581	32.25	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59718	8/19/2022	Dust Tex Service Inc.	Dustex - inv#9195581	48.37	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59719	8/19/2022	Eco-Counter Inc.	EcoCounter	10,580.00	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59720	8/19/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier 8-4-22 to 9-3-22	285.95	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59720	8/19/2022	Frontier Communications	Frontier 8-4-22 to 9-3-22	531.05	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59721	8/19/2022	SurveyMonkey Inc.	SurveyMonkey 9-29-22 to 9-28-23	900.00	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59722	8/19/2022	The Computer Man, Inc.	HP Zbook Firefly 15 G8 Laptop, Docking Station	1,997.00	8/19/2022
APS081922 ...	59723	8/19/2022	Western Print Group	Western Print - inv#11429 Annual Reports	1,398.20	8/19/2022
APS0826202...	59724	8/26/2022	AFLAC	Aflac 8-23-22 Inv#587633	244.68	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59725	8/26/2022	Cardmember Services	Credit Card - 7-16-22 to 8-16-22	2,211.08	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59725	8/26/2022	Cardmember Services	Credit Card - 7-16-22 to 8-16-22	97.72	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59725	8/26/2022	Cardmember Services	Credit Card - 7-16-22 to 8-16-22	20.00	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59726	8/26/2022	Jason Nielsen	Jason Nielsen - August 2022	50.00	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59727	8/26/2022	Marilyn Samuelson	Marilyn Samuelson - August 2022	328.00	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59727	8/26/2022	Marilyn Samuelson	Marilyn Samuelson - August 2022	472.00	8/26/2022

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APS0826202...	59728	8/26/2022	NCPERS Group Life Ins.	NCPERS - Rest of Aug (adjusted) and Sept 2022	64.00	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59729	8/26/2022	Slayton EDA	Sept 2022 Lease Pymt for Orig and Addn	4,848.63	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59730	8/26/2022	Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, PA	Stoneberg - Inv dated 7-31-22	238.50	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59730	8/26/2022	Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, PA	Stoneberg - Inv dated 7-31-22	79.50	8/26/2022
APS0826202...	59731	8/26/2022	Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, PA	Stoneberg - 7-26-21 Services - Rayland	265.00	8/26/2022
Report Total					54,307.07	

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CONTRACT WITH
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
FOR
TECHNICAL SERVICES**

THIS CONTRACT, for technical services is entered into this 1st day of July, 2022, by and between the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC), and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP).

WITNESSED; In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the SRDC and the SWMHP agree to the following terms and conditions:

The term of this contract commences July 1, 2022 and shall continue through June 30, 2023. The following work activities will be provided:

I. Financial Services will be provided to the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership as per the attached work activity list. (Exhibit A)

II. Support Services will be provided to the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership as per the attached work activity list. (Exhibit B)

III. Payment for Services

- A. The SWMHP will make payment to the SRDC. Statements will be billed monthly.
- B. The following rates apply for Fiscal Year 2023 starting 7-1-22 and are based on the position performing the service. In general, the service will be provided by the respective position or positions as shown on Exhibit A and/or B. In the event that a backup is needed, the rate for the backup position will be charged. This, however, is expected to occur infrequently.
 - 1. Administrative Specialist - \$ 52.00
 - 2. Accounting Specialist - \$ 55.00
 - 3. Finance Director - \$ 76.00
- C. Costs such as copies, phone, postage, etc. are charged specifically to SWMHP codes as utilized.

IV. Independent Contractor Status

The SRDC is to be and shall remain an independent contractor with respect to any and all work performed under this Contract. It is agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or as constituting SRDC as the agent, representative or employee of the SWMHP or any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. SRDC acknowledges and agrees that SRDC is not entitled to receive any of the benefits received by SWMHP employees and is not eligible for worker's or unemployment compensation benefits under the SWMHP. SRDC also acknowledges and agrees that no withholding or deduction for state or federal income taxes, FICA, FUTA, or otherwise, will be made from the payment due SRDC and that it is SRDC's sole obligation to comply with the applicable provisions of all federal and state tax laws.

V. Hold Harmless

SRDC shall indemnify, defend and hold SWMHP and its respective representatives, employees, officers, directors and agents harmless against all claims, suit, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, expenses (including attorneys' and other professional fees and expenses) and settlements arising out of or resulting from any breach of this Agreement by SRDC or otherwise arising out of, resulting from or otherwise relating to services under this Agreement. SRDC's indemnification of SWMHP shall not apply to claims, suits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, judgments, expenses (including attorneys' and other professional fees and expenses) and settlements arising out of SWMHP's negligence or otherwise unlawful acts.

VI. Cancellation

This contract may be cancelled by the SWMHP or SRDC at any time, with cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of such a cancellation, SRDC shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro-rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed.

VII. Assignment

SRDC shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this contract without prior written consent of the SWMHP. The SRDC reserves the right to utilize the most appropriate personnel and/or time availability of staff members to perform the stated activities with the other members possibly utilized as backup for time-sensitive activities.

VIII. Amendments

Any amendments to this contract shall be in writing, and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original contract or their successors in office.

IX. Contract Extension

This contract may be extended on an annual basis by mutual agreement of the Chairperson and the Director of both the SRDC and SWMHP with rate changes and duties reevaluated on a fiscal year basis.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chairperson

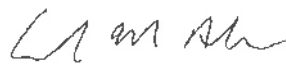
Executive Director

Date _____

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP



Chairperson



CEO

Date 9/12/2022

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND SOUTHWEST REGIONAL SOLID
WASTE COMMISSION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Southwest Regional Development Commission hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", and the Southwest Regional Solid Waste Commission, a Joint Powers Board, herein referred to as the "SWRSWC."

1. Contract Agreement

- a. The work program shall be as outlined in the attached agreement:
 - i. The Commission will provide up to 572 hours of technical assistance in, to be completed 1/2023-12/2024 by the Transportation/Land Use Planner and Communications Specialist.
- b. Work elements specified in this contract shall be completed prior to December 2024, unless the contract period is extended by mutual agreement between the parties of this contract.

2. Financial Participation

- a. The Commission shall make available a planner of competent training and experience to accomplish the assigned tasks and project. Professional services are provided at \$90 an hour. These hourly rates include normal support costs. Other charges directly reimbursable to the Commission by the SWRSWC include meeting expenses, printing, mileage, and applicable technologies/software necessary to complete the contract at the SRDC's established rate of reimbursement.
- b. The total contract cost for the project will not exceed \$53,500, unless modified by mutual agreement. Total project cost includes both technical assistance ($572 * \$90 = \$51,480$) and an estimated flat rate (\$2,020) for expenses as outlined in item 2(a).

3. Payment for Services Performed

- a. Payment of funds to the Commission by the SWRSWC for services performed shall be made following submission by the Commission of a bi-monthly invoice requesting funds for costs incurred.

4. Records and Documentation

- a. Reports: The Commission shall provide regular progress reports to the SWRSWC. Any written, visual, audio, or electronic publications or press releases related to this project shall credit both the Commission and SWRSWC.
- b. Hold Harmless: The SWRSWC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Commission against any legal actions brought by any personal entity whatsoever arising out of or claimed to be arising out of the performance of either party under this agreement for services.

5. Miscellaneous

- a. The SWRSWC shall review all reports for compliance with its guidelines and requirements.
- b. The contract shall be subject to all pertinent state statutes and regulations.
- c. The contract shall be subject to modification at any time provided there is mutual agreement between the Commission and the SWRSWC on the nature of the modification.
- d. Any portion of this contract deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be held severable and shall not affect the remaining portions.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, THE Commission has caused this contract to be duly executed on its behalf and the SWRSWC has caused the same to be duly executed on its behalf.

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
SOLID WASTE COMMISSION**



Authorized Official



Attested By

Date: 9-26-22

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION**



Authorized Official



Attested By

Date: _____

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND
SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Southwest Regional Development Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "SRDC", and the Southwest Health and Human Services, herein referred to as the "SWHHS".

I. Contract Agreement

- A. The work program shall include:
1. The SRDC will provide technical assistance regarding implementation of Active Living Plans and Safe Routes to Schools Plans, including professional communications services.
 - o Technical assistance may be in the form of assistance in prioritization of goals/objectives, providing training, conducting community presentations, or assisting with additional funding opportunities.
 - o Communications assistance could include, but is not limited to, creating social media posts, press releases, document designs, web pages and communications plans. The SRDC will take guidance on the scope, timing and type of communications needed from SWHHS.
 - o The SRDC will be responsible to attend meetings for schools and communities as the need and interest arises. SWHHS will continue to collaborate with the SRDC to determine where technical assistance time is needed with current partners and communicate that need.
 2. The SRDC will collaborate with SWHHS on identifying and providing outreach to schools and communities that may wish to complete Safe Routes to School or Active Living Plans.
 3. The SRDC will coordinate projects with SWHHS and provide such information as is necessary to complete projects in a timely manner.
- B. The work elements specified in this contract shall be completed between November 1, 2022 and October 31, 2023, unless the contract period is extended by mutual agreement between the parties of this contract.
- C. The SRDC will attend by phone, video conference or in person at least 50 percent (approximately 18 hours) of A Healthier Southwest's Community Leadership meetings to provide group TA, education regarding community active living and progress reports.

II. Financial Participation

- A. The SRDC shall make available a planner and a Communications Specialist of competent training and experience to accomplish the assigned tasks and projects. Professional services are provided at \$90 an hour. Hourly rates include normal support costs. Other charges directly reimbursable to the SRDC by the SWHHS include printing and mileage at the SRDC's established rate of reimbursement.
- B. The total contract cost for the project attributed to SWHHS will not exceed \$5,000 including expenses.

III. Payment for Services Performed

Payment of funds to the SRDC by the SWHHS for services performed shall be made following submission by the SRDC of a monthly invoice requesting funds for costs incurred. The invoice shall be submitted to:

Ann Orren
Southwest Health and Human Services
607 West Main, Suite 200
Marshall, MN 56258

IV. Records and Documentation

- A. Accounting. The SRDC shall be responsible for keeping records which disclose the time spent on the project along with travel or printing costs.
- B. Reports. The SRDC shall provide written monthly progress reports to SWHHS according to the schedule established.
- C. Hold Harmless: SWHHS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the SRDC against any legal actions brought by any personal entity whatsoever arising out of or claimed to be arising out of performance of either party under this agreement for services.

V. Miscellaneous

- A. The SWHHS shall review all reports for compliance with its guidelines and requirements.
- B. The contract shall be subject to all pertinent state statutes and regulations.
- C. The contract shall be subject to modification at any time provided there is mutual agreement between the SRDC and the SWHHS on the nature of modification.
- D. Any portion of this contract deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be held severable and shall not affect the remaining portions.

VI. Independent Contractor Status

The SRDC is to be and shall remain an independent contractor with respect to any and all work performed under this Contract. It is agreed that nothing herein contained is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or as constituting the SRDC as the agent, representative or employee of the SWHHS or any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The SRDC acknowledges and agrees that the SRDC is not entitled to receive any of the benefits received by SWHHS employees and is not eligible for worker' or unemployment compensation benefits under the SWHHS. The SRDC also acknowledges and agrees that no withholding or deduction for state or federal income taxes, FICA, FUTA, or otherwise, will be made from the payment due to the SRDC and that it is the SRDC's sole obligation to comply with the applicable provisions of all federal and state tax laws.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, THE SRDC has caused this contract to be duly executed on its behalf and the SWHHS has caused the same to be duly executed on its behalf.

SWHHS

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Authorized Official

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Date: _____

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Southwest Regional Development Commission Project Reviews

October 2022

USDA Rural Development

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tracy Ambulance Service	Purchase of a New Ambulance	\$262,000

Southwest Regional Development Commission Project Review

Agenda Item: 7

Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

Project Name: Tracy Ambulance Service-Replace Ambulance

Project Description

Tracy Ambulance Service has applied to the USDA's Rural Development for funding to replace one of their oldest ambulances. Tracy Ambulance Service is requesting \$262,000 to purchase a new ambulance. The estimated cost of new vehicle is \$262,000.

Staff Comments

The current timeline for ordering and having an ambulance built will take 2 ½ years. Tracy Ambulance Service is securing funding now before a current ambulance is taken out of service due to age or excessive repairs.

Project Review Time: 1 hour

Income to the SRDC as a result of this Review: \$0

Reviewer: Justin Schroyer, Planning Assistant

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

October 2022

CEDS | EDA PLANNING | CARES ACT EDA (C-EDA)

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

Our current CEDS can be found at <http://www.swrdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/CEDS-2022-2027.pdf>. CEDS in MN across the EDA (Economic Development Administration) Economic Development Districts (EDDs) generally follow the format of our MN Association of Development Organizations (MADO) DevelopMN. The latest DevelopMN can be found at <http://www.mnado.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/DevelopMN-1.pdf>. MADO planners are currently in the process of compiling statewide accomplishments as they relate to DevelopMN. The progress report will then be used with potential funders for an update. DevelopMN has not been updated since 2019.

EDA investment priorities can be found at <https://eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/>. Priorities include Equity, Recovery & Resilience, Workforce Development, Manufacturing, Technology-Based Economic Development, Environmentally Sustainable Development, and Exports & Foreign Direct Investment.

Progress Reports for both Traditional EDA and COVID-19 EDA are due by the end of October.

EDA PLANNING

Childcare Technical Assistance: Staff has played an integral role in the submission of the DEED Childcare Economic Development grant proposal, due August 30, for a 3-pod family childcare building in Hills. Staff arranged for an engineer report on the facility based on a walk-through conducted August 17. A follow-up walk-through was made available to Representative Schomacker and Senator Weber. Recently comments have been obtained by county licensing staff.

Staff will be gathering more information about a potential project in Cottonwood on October 3.

Transfer of Wealth (TOW): University of Minnesota staff held an informational session to explore the possibility of Extension conducting the Transfer of Wealth research in Minnesota. These studies have been used nationally but the organization that conducts these studies will no longer be offering that product. The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on, and help Extension determine support/need/value/application for this program in Minnesota.

Career Expo: Staff will be facilitating the “Career is Right” segment of the Career Expo taking place on October 4 at Minnesota West in Worthington and October 5 at SMSU in Marshall. Over 2,000 students, primarily in the 10th and 11th grades, are expected to attend.

Entrepreneurship: Staff have been asked to be members of the SMSU Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship committee which will next meet on October 6. Staff will also be presenting to the new CEO group that starts in Slayton/Marshall this Fall. CEO has also been expanded to Windom, Mountain Lake, and Jackson.

Business Tour Day: Staff assisted SW PIC in identifying businesses to participate in an entrepreneur panel on October 11. The tour plans to connect 270 students with businesses and employers in the Marshall area.

Friends in the Field: Quarterly, economic and community development professionals in Minnesota get together to learn and collaborate. This group will focus on Women in the Economy on October 12.

Workforce Conference: Staff will be attending an “Out of the Box and Into the Movement, Education and

Business: Working Together” Conference on October 19. Workforce is one of our greatest challenges to business succession and expansion.

Southwest Minnesota Community and Economic Developers: Monthly, MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) facilitates an online networking opportunity to connect staff and expand knowledge of available resources. The September meeting focused on DEED Community Financing programs, including BDPI (Business Development Public Infrastructure), IBDPI (Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure), TEDI (Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure), and AIR (Airport Infrastructure Renewal). The October meeting will be all about entrepreneurs, including entrepreneurial ecosystems and growing small business in rural Minnesota.

Southwest Minnesota Youth Committee: The committee meets in February, May, August, and November. This group gathers members that support career and technical education programs and educate students and parents about local career and training opportunities. The committee next meets on November 3.

Cultural Diversity Event Sponsorship: There continues to be a limited amount of funds left to sponsor an event. Contact staff with project ideas.

CARES ACT EDA (C-EDA)

SRDC has requested a 6-month no cost extension. The reason is primarily due to staff changes and vacancies.

SRDC remains available to provide support and technical assistance to businesses and local units of government. Contact staff if you need research completed, maps developed, surveys compiled, grant reviewed, etc.

For a list of state and federal programs (SBA, Unemployment and DEED) for businesses, visit <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/press-releases/?id=425890>.

EDA Funding Opportunities: There are several grant opportunities available through the federal EDA. More information can be found at <https://eda.gov/arpa/>.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND REPORT

October 2022

COVID-19 RLF | TRADITIONAL RLF | CONTRACTED RLF | PACE

RLF COMMITTEE

The committee consists of five members and meets as needed. The committee covers both the COVID-19 RLF and Traditional RLF. The committee last met on August 24.

Staff are currently working with potential loan applicants from Nobles and Lyon counties.

RLF PLANS AND FLEXIBILITIES

EDA flexibilities are no longer available. Our minimum interest rate is 75% of Prime. As of August 26, the Prime Interest Rate was 5.5%. As of September 27, the Prime Interest rate is 6.25%. No longer are SRDC RLF loan funds able to participate in financing without another lender/partner that covers at least 50% of the project cost.

Application and Checklists: The Application (fillable — same application for both RLF programs) and Requirements Checklist for both SRDC RLF and COVID-19 RLF are online and can be found at <http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/revolving-loan-funds/>.

COVID-19 RLF (C-RLF)

Funds Available: Funds on hand are in the approximate amount of \$234,812.95. The latest loan closed was in the amount of \$50,000 to a business in Pipestone County. A business in Redwood County paid in full, as the business was sold, on September 26.

Original funds available to SRDC were \$1.48 million. We have closed on 100% of our original funds with 27 C-RLF loans thus far.

C-RLF Progress Report to EDA is due by the end of October.

Traditional RLF

Funds Available: Funds on hand are in the approximate amount of \$44,793.62. The latest loan closed was in the amount of \$75,000 to a business in Jackson County.

RLF Success Stories

To promote RLF programs, success stories can now be found at <http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/revolving-loan-funds/rlf-business-spotlights/>.

The Edgerton Bakery recently held an open house on September 16-17. They have made improvements to their lobby and have added custom cakes, cupcakes, and cookies to their menu.

Contracted RLFs

Staff continues to assist inquiries made regarding business start-ups, retentions, expansions, and financing. Staff assists with three additional revolving loan fund programs within the region.

1. Jackson County RLF: JCRLF currently has five active loans. The latest loan closed was in the amount of \$100,000 to a Jackson business. There are still funds available for businesses in Jackson County with gap financing needs.
2. Heron Lake RLF: HLRLF focuses on economic development within a 20-mile radius of Heron Lake. These are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. SRDC continues to assist them with GMS entry and amortization schedules as requested. The committee last met on August 30 to consider a \$25,000 loan request for a Heron Lake business.
3. Falcon Development Corporation (FDC): Information on FDC can be found online at <http://www.swrdc.org/economic-development/falcon-development-corporation/>. FDC focuses on economic development improvements within a 30-mile radius of Heron Lake. These funds are de-federalized; therefore, Davis Bacon does not apply to construction projects. There is room on the FDC board for two additional members. Interest rates can now be as low as 75% of prime. The latest loan closed was in the amount of \$25,000 to a Heron Lake business.

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE)

Funds Available: Funds are currently available in the approximate amount of \$80,625.79 (PACE ARRA Funds) and \$262,282.28 (PACE SEP Funds). Thirty-two loans have closed. Please help spread the word about PACE to property owners looking to make improvements that lower their energy usage.

On September 26, a Redwood County business changed ownership. The PACE loan will stay with the project and will continue to be paid via a special tax assessment on the property.

PACE Committee: The committee meets as needed or in conjunction with the RMEB (Rural Minnesota Energy Board). Committee members are Metz, Wildermuth, Wachal, VanDeVere and Paap. The committee meets as needed.

General Information: PACE is available to property owners of small businesses, including agri-businesses and some non-profits based on usage. The interest rate is currently fixed at 3%.

Energy Audits: Energy assessments/audits are informational to property owners and may be the start to cost saving energy improvements. Contractor estimates and the energy assessment/audit are the two first steps to PACE financing. As of late, there has been more interest in getting energy audits scheduled, which is the first step to a financing request. ReTAP (Retiree Environmental Technical Assistance Program) recently received notice that funds have been allocated to them again. Energy assessments/audits are often free and there is no obligation to submit a PACE application for financing.

The PACE application that includes a checklist can be found at <http://rmeb.org/pace.htm>.

If you have groups in your area that would benefit from hearing about PACE, please contact Robin. Staff are scheduled to be in Faribault County on October 18 in conjunction with an educational session facilitated by their EDA. Staff have been asked for information to be included in the EDAM PACE 101 session on October 20.

If you have questions about the RLF, PACE, or about energy audits, please contact Robin Weis, Deputy Director, at 507-836-1638 or via email at robin@swrdc.org.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

October 2022

ENERGY | LAND USE, PLANNING & ZONING | SOLID WASTE & NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY

Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB): The RMEB met on September 26. Members accepted an invitation to speak at an upcoming Public Utilities Commission meeting on December 13. The topic will be about how transmission constraints are affecting the region. Discussion continued about how RMEB's voice is getting heard and how members should seize on the momentum and stay involved in moving transmission projects forward. The next meeting will be on November 28.

Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs):

New AmeriCorps Positions: CERTS was approved for up to seven (7) AmeriCorps members who would have the title, "Sustainability Project Coordinator." One of those members can serve the SW CERTS region with SRDC staff serving as the site supervisor. This person could have an office in Slayton or within a 45-minute radius, so please help us recruit a motivated, passionate person for this position. Applications need to be completed by December 14 to start in January.

Buffalo Ridge Wind Project Tour: On September 28 Jay Trusty and Jason Walker toured NextEra's Buffalo Ridge Wind project near Lake Benton in Lincoln County. The project is installing up to 40 GE wind turbines capable of generating approximately 109 megawatts of clean, renewable energy. NextEra hopes to have this project generating electricity by the end of 2022.

MISO Cities and Communities Coalition: Staff is participating in meetings with this newly formed group to form a stronger relationship with Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to ensure that the grid grows and evolves to meet the needs of the clean power transition.

RDO Climate and Energy Group: Executive Directors and staff from all the Regional Development Organizations (RDOs) are now meeting monthly to share resources and explore opportunities in clean energy and sustainability.

Comfrey Sustainability Plan: Staff are in talks with Region 9 Development Commission (RNDC) about partnering on a sustainability plan for the City of Comfrey. Regional Development Commissions across the state are looking at how they can become more involved in clean energy, and planning is one opportunity to explore.

Solid Waste & Natural Resources

Solid Waste Commission: The Solid Waste Commission met September 26. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 28.

The Commission discussed the upcoming update to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan is an MPCA requirement that allows each of the counties to access their SCORE funds. In order to finance the planning effort, the Commission has voted for dues of \$2,500 from each of the participating counties. These dues are eligible SCORE expenditures. The Commission has not collected dues in the last four years, and the funds collected will finance the regional plan and help access future grants.

Prior to 2014, individual counties would write their own Solid Waste Management Plans. Combining regional efforts not only saved on individual county costs, but also on staff time and resources. Regionalizing solid waste priorities also allowed for many of the inter-county agreements that benefit the region.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

October 2022

LOCAL ASSISTANCE | COMMUNITY PLANNING | COMMUNICATIONS

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail: The Friends last met on August 25 and plans to meet mid-October (date TBD). Staff assisted with placing a column in local newspapers for the Friends in September. The September column, “The Casey Jones State Trail: A Bike’s Eye View” was written by a Friends member who lives in Pennsylvania but is a regular trail user when she returns to the area each year. The columns are being used to build connections and support with community members. The Friends’ Seed Collection event took place on Saturday, September 10 along miles 6-8 of the Pipestone segment.

Explore SW Minnesota: The group last met on September 7. Work continues on the development of the website, with content being provided by counties on a monthly basis. Website development has been slow. We are in need of website content from Pipestone, Cottonwood, Jackson, and Lincoln County in particular. Staff also manages the Explore SW MN Facebook page and collects content from counties on a monthly basis. There are a few counties that have been low in participation, including Pipestone, Cottonwood, and Jackson. If you know someone interested in promoting tourism in your county, please connect them with staff. The next full meeting will be November 9 at 2pm at the SRDC office.

GMRPTC Campground Surveys: SRDC worked throughout the summer to conduct camper satisfaction and expenditure surveys at 7 campgrounds in Southwest Minnesota, including Hole in the Mountain, Garvin, Twin Lakes, Memorial, Plum Creek, Ramsey, and Lake Washington Parks. The surveys received 772 responses in total. Staff have met with campground staff and GMRPTC to collect feedback on the surveys and outreach efforts. Overall feedback has been positive with one comment regarding survey length. Staff are now in the report development phase, with final reports provided to the GMRPTC by the end of October.

COMMUNITY PLANNING & ACTIVITIES

MADO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group: Staff attended Region 5’s Cultivating Communities Summit September 19-20 in Baxter. See Moua-Leske, SRDC’s Diversity Representative was also in attendance. The event was well attended and received strong reviews. There is interest in creating a similar event in Southwest Minnesota. To learn more about the event, visit: <https://www.sowingroom.org/ccsummit>.

RSDP Resilient Communities Workgroup: This group meets quarterly to work on and discuss projects that empower and support communities in developing and enhancing community resilience. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17.

SRDC COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: The latest issue of the newsletter was published in September. If there is information that you would like shared in the SRDC newsletter, please reach out to staff. An archive of SRDC newsletters can be found at: <http://www.swrdc.org/category/newsletter-archive/>.

Website Redesign: Staff has been hard at work on the redesign of the SRDC website. We’re working with RV Tech on the redesign, with launch of the updated website in the fall. Included in the update will be a dedicated “Commissioner Resource” page with useful information for SRDC Commissioners.

If you have questions about the Communications Report, please contact Jessica Welu, Communications Specialist, at 507-836-1644 or via email at jessicaw@swrdc.org.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

October 2022

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE | ATPs | TRANSPORTATION PLANNING | ACTIVE LIVING & SRTS

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The SRDC TAC met July 18. The TAC was presented with statewide and district updates.

Statewide Updates: Due to the state legislature failing to pass a bonding and transportation bill, the state will be missing out on additional federal funding from the IJA. To access these funds at the state level, it would have been required to increase the budget authority to use as a match to access these funds. It is estimated that the state has lost tens of millions of dollars that could have gone to projects. The state was expected to receive \$4.5 billion dollars from the IJA funds over the next four years. Although four billion of these funds were already programmed into the state portion of the federal targets, IJA still led to an overall increase of 30%. If the Governor does not call a Special Session and pass a transportation bill, this year's funding will go untouched.

Discretionary grants were also part of the money to be distributed by the IJA, this included an emphasis on reconnecting neighborhoods that have been disconnected due to MnDOT projects. One of the most common examples of this is the Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul. This issue is not isolated to St. Paul as other communities have had similar issues when trunk highways become community main streets or separate community members from a destination like a school, place of employment, or grocery store.

Corridors for Commerce is set to start solicitation this fall. Adjustments have been made to the scoring criteria/distribution to achieve better regional balance than in previous years.

AREAS TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS (ATP)

ATP 7: Will meet November 4 via Microsoft teams and at the district office in Mankato to kick off their 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) cycle.

Trimont officially withdrew from the allocated TA funds awarded to them for FY 22. The ATP voted on the following allocation:

Assign \$150,000 of \$190,536 to Worthington. This would still leave \$40,536 of FY 2022 funds to be redistributed to the City of Mankato.

The ATP also presented their draft Area Transportation Improvement Plan for FY 2023-2026 and Capitol Highway Improvement Plan for FY 2027-2032.

ATP 8: Met Friday October 7. This meeting was to kick-off the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) cycle. Other topics of discussion included funding updates, and a presentation on the Highway Safety Improvement Plan.

Stay updated on MnDOT road projects, construction progress, and detours at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadwork/>. The South-Central District (District 7) includes Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, and Rock Counties. The Southwest District (District 8) includes Pipestone, Murray, Lincoln, Lyon, and Redwood Counties.

SRDC is available to assist in navigating and disseminating information as needed.

MnDOT offices are opening back up to the public for future meetings this summer. Remember to check with individual district offices and their policies before attending any meeting in-person.

Transportation Alternatives Program: Transportation Alternative grants are federal funds available to local communities for infrastructure projects that promote transportation model shift. Eligible costs are reimbursed as a 80/20 match. Funds are distributed in the next programable ATIP year. For FY 2027 \$1,260,000 is available for counties in the District 8 ATP (Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, Murray, and Pipestone Counties) and \$1,600,000 is available for counties in the District 7 ATP (Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, and Rock counties).

- Monday, Oct. 3, 2022: Announce Transportation Alternatives solicitation. Open letter of intent (LOI) period.
- Friday, Nov. 4, 2022: Deadline for applicants to submit letters of intent.
- Friday, Nov. 18, 2022: Tentative Deadline for LOI review done by RDC Planner
- Friday, Jan. 13, 2023: Deadline for applicants to submit full applications.
- Friday, Apr. 14, 2023: Deadline for ATPs to select TA projects. Grant recipients announced.

LOCAL HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC TRANSIT COORDINATION PLAN (LHSPTCP)

Staff presented the initial strategies for the updated Local Human Services Public Transit Coordination Plan to the Rural Transit Coordination Council RTCC on September 21. Feedback received from the council was used to create action steps that will be incorporated in the implementation grant cycle of the RTCC.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Portable Counter Borrowing Program: MnDOT has portable counters that are freely available to partner agencies such as cities, counties, MPOs, RDCs, and active transportation advocacy groups. These counters help collect important pedestrian traffic data that can be used to plan projects, apply for funding, and much more. Counters are available through each MnDOT District Office and can be reserved online. More information can be found at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/bike-ped-counting/borrow.html>.

Quarterly Transportation Planners Meeting: The MADO Transportation Planners met August 17-18 in Duluth. topics that were covered during this meeting include MnSHIP updates, Updates on project selection for TA and other upcoming funding source, a SRTS Research Proposal and a presentation from the Duluth Port Authority.

ACTIVE LIVING & SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS)

Active Living: *Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Community Leadership Teams (CLT):*

Active Transportation Program Planning Assistance Grants connect applicants with an active transportation planning team to conduct community, neighborhood or corridor planning. Recipients of the Active Transportation Planning grant in our region for the inaugural round of solicitations were the City of Marshall and Jackson County.

Solicitations for Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants timeline:

- Monday, Sept. 12, 2022: Active Transportation Infrastructure program solicitation kick-off. Open letter of intent period.
- Friday, Oct. 14, 2022: Deadline for applicants to submit Letters of Intent.
- Friday, Oct. 28, 2022: Deadline for MnDOT to review of Letters of Intent. Recommendation to proceed forward with full application sent to applicants.
- Monday, Oct. 31, 2022: Opening date for full application submittals.
- Friday, Dec. 30, 2022: Deadline for applicants to submit full applications.
- Friday, March 24, 2023: Project selection finalized, and award letters distributed to selected projects.

City of Lakefield: The City has verified ownership of the railroad parcels that would allow for trail development to connect to the south side of town. They are investigating the different funding sources available to pursue this project and are planning to submit a Letter of Intent.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Staff facilitated the Tracy planning kickoff at their City Hall on September 23. A week later staff conducted hazard observations at the two public schools and then did a walk audit with community stakeholders.

SRTS Planning Grants for next year: Red Rock Central School district has expressed interest in applying. Staff will present to school personnel about this opportunity on October 18. Solicitations open in October and close in December.

SRTS Boost Grants: Grants fund non-infrastructure strategies to help support current SRTS plans or programs. Solicitations open in October and close in December.

SRTS Infrastructure Grants: Not available this year.

The 26th annual National Walk & Roll to School Day was October 12. Upcoming dates will be February 1, 2023 for Winter Walk to School Day and May 3, 2023 for Bike to School Day.

REGIONAL TRAILS PLANNING

On September 29 SRDC kicked off the first steering committee meeting of the project with 44 people in attendance. Staff gave an overview of the project and a timeline of what to expect over the next two years. Then, using Mentimeter, participants helped select the criteria staff would use to prioritize trail corridors.

Mentimeter Results:

1. Community Connection: Trail Experience was the top choice (33%) and Cultural experiences was 2nd (17%)
2. Deliverability: Ease of land acquisition was the top choice (22%), and Maintenance was 2nd (20%)
3. Planning and Support: Connectivity (23%) and Demand (21%)
4. Potential Tourism Impact: Economic potential (22%) and Destination (21%)

These results, along with additional feedback from stakeholders, will be used to create a scoring guide used to prioritize potential trail corridors.

The next meeting will be at the end of January or beginning of February (date TBD). During this meeting, participants will be asked about public engagement opportunities for spring/summer trails outreach.



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