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*June*

SRDC  
BOARD  
MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025  
3:30 p.m. ~ SRDC Board Room  
Slayton, MN





Southwest Regional Development Commission

**Commissioner**

Rick Anderson  
 JoEllen Benson  
 Bob Byrnes  
 Miron Carney  
 Donna Gravley  
 Mark Haberman  
 Eric Hartman  
 Chris Hollingsworth  
 Paul Langseth  
 Mic VanDeVere  
 Bob Van Hee  
 Rick VonHoldt  
 Dennis Welgraven

**Representing**

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

**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.



Thursday, June 12, 2025  
3:30 pm

SRDC Conference Room  
2401 Broadway Ave, Slayton, MN

### AGENDA

#	Time		Page
1	3:30	<b>Call to Order &amp; Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
2	3:31	<b>Introductions</b>	
3	3:35	<b>Additions to and Approval of Agenda</b> <b>Action Needed: Approve Agenda</b>	
4	3:43	<b>Consent Agenda Items</b> • April Receipts & Expenditures Report <b>Action Needed: Approval of Consent Agenda Items</b>	3-7
5	3:45	<b>Commissioner Recognition</b> • Justine Wettschreck, Economic Development – 2 years	
6	3:50	<b>Contract</b> — <i>Community Development Director Walker</i> <b>Action Needed: Approval of Marshall Parks Contract</b>	Handout
7	3:55	<b>Finance Reports</b> — <i>Treasurer Anderson &amp; Executive Director Trusty</i> • Treasurer’s Report, including bank accounts & investments <b>Action Needed: Approval of Treasurer’s Report</b> • Administrative Report through April 2025 <b>Action Needed: Approval of Administrative Report</b>	8 9
8	4:00	<b>Budget &amp; Personnel Committee Report</b> — <i>Committee Chair Anderson &amp; Executive Director Trusty</i> • Cyber Security Insurance <b>Action Needed: Approval of Cyber Security Insurance</b>	10-17
9	4:05	<b>Legislative Report</b> – <i>Chair Miron Carney</i>	
10	4:10	<b>Deep Dive: Trails</b> — <i>Community Development Director Walker, Planners Webb and Bucklin, and Communication Specialist Crowley</i>	
11	4:30	<b>Executive Director Report</b> — <i>Executive Director Trusty</i>	
12	4:45	<b>Chairman’s Report</b> — <i>Chairman Langseth</i>	
13	4:50	<b>Unfinished Business</b>	

14	4:50	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Speaker</li> <li>• Project of the Year</li> </ul>	
15	4:55	<b>Other Business</b>	
16	4:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcements</b></li> <li>• SRDC will be closed Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth</li> <li>• SRDC will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day</li> <li>• SRDC Annual Meeting – Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Hiawatha Lodge, Pipestone, MN  <b>(Remember to RSVP by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also PLEASE consider being a part of the bus tour which leaves Pipestone at 1 p.m)</b></li> <li>• No August Meeting – September full commission will be in Redwood County – Location TBD</li> <li>• Commissioner vacancies: Murray County Townships, Pipestone County Townships, School Board Rep, Lower Sioux, and Cultural Diversity.</li> </ul>	
17	4:55	<b>Adjourn</b>  <i>***Written Planner Reports are located on pages 18 through 27 of the meeting packet. For questions or additional information regarding report information, please contact staff.***</i>	





**Southwest Regional Development Commission**  
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Session ID	Check ...	Document...	Vendor Name	Transaction Description	Check Amount	Effective Date
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Nadya N. Bucklin	Employee: BucklinN; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	2,247.69	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	2,576.94	4/3/2025
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PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Sheila F. Crowley	Employee: CrowleyS; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	1,508.78	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Sheila F. Crowley	Employee: CrowleyS; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	144.69	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Jodi L. Klein	Employee: KleinJ; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	1,385.08	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Jodi L. Klein	Employee: KleinJ; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	26.90	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Jodi L. Klein	Employee: KleinJ; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	22.41	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	2,113.50	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	26.74	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Kimberly Murphy	Employee: MurphyK; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	1,728.70	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	1,893.11	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	55.26	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	27.62	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Jayne I. Trusty	Employee: TrustyJ; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	3,321.55	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Jason L. Walker	Employee: WalkerJ; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	2,507.44	4/3/2025
PRS040325	04032...	4/3/2025	Christopher S. Webb	Employee: WebbC; Pay Date: 4/3/2025	2,154.34	4/3/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Nadya N. Bucklin	Employee: BucklinN; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,961.95	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	2,091.50	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Robin R. Weis	Employee: WeisR; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	458.53	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Sheila F. Crowley	Employee: CrowleyS; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,488.12	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Sheila F. Crowley	Employee: CrowleyS; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	253.54	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Jodi L. Klein	Employee: KleinJ; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,389.56	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Jodi L. Klein	Employee: KleinJ; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	44.83	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Melissa Nelson	Employee: MansonM; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	2,140.24	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Kimberly Murphy	Employee: MurphyK; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,737.10	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,517.11	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	192.90	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	57.35	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Kathleen M. Schreiber	Employee: SchreiberK; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	10.43	4/17/2025
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PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Jason L. Walker	Employee: WalkerJ; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	2,464.04	4/17/2025
PRS041725	04172...	4/17/2025	Christopher S. Webb	Employee: WebbC; Pay Date: 4/17/2025	1,958.34	4/17/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Jenny L. Quade	Jenny Quade 1/9/25 & 3/13/25 Meetings	100.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	JoEllen M. Benson	JoEllen Benson 4/4 + 4/10/25 Meetings	100.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	JoEllen M. Benson	JoEllen Benson 4/4 + 4/10/25 Meetings	159.60	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Mark A Haberman	Mark Haberman 4/10/25	50.00	4/28/2025

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APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Mark A Haberman	Mark Haberman 4/10/25	45.50	4/28/2025
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APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Paul Langseth	Paul Langseth 4/4 + 4/10/25 Meetings	100.80	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Richard Anderson	Rick Anderson 4/10/25 Meeting	50.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Richard Anderson	Rick Anderson 4/10/25 Meeting	32.20	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Rick Von Holdt	Rick VonHoldt 2/13 - 4/10/25 Meetings	150.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Rick Von Holdt	Rick VonHoldt 2/13 - 4/10/25 Meetings	130.20	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Robert J. Byrnes	Robert Byrnes 4/11/25 + 4/15/25 Meetings	50.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Robert J. Byrnes	Robert Byrnes 4/11/25 + 4/15/25 Meetings	96.60	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Robert J. Byrnes	Robert Byrnes 4/11/25 + 4/15/25 Meetings	50.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Robert H. Van Hee	Bob VanHee 4/10/25 Meeting	50.00	4/28/2025
APS042425 ...	04282...	4/28/2025	Robert H. Van Hee	Bob VanHee 4/10/25 Meeting	101.50	4/28/2025
CD040925 M...	1	4/9/2025		Sales Tax Q1 2025	319.00	4/9/2025
CD042525 W...	3	4/25/2025		March 2025 Wex Fees	25.75	4/25/2025
APS040325	61049	4/3/2025	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 3/24/25 to 4/23/25	59.99	4/3/2025
APS040325	61049	4/3/2025	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 3/24/25 to 4/23/25	61.46	4/3/2025
APS040325	61050	4/3/2025	City of Slayton	City of Slayton 2/21/25 to 3/24/25	24.41	4/3/2025
APS040325	61050	4/3/2025	City of Slayton	City of Slayton 2/21/25 to 3/24/25	26.45	4/3/2025
APS040325	61051	4/3/2025	Culligan Water Conditioning	5 bottles water, 1 bag salt, cooler rental	60.30	4/3/2025
APS040325	61051	4/3/2025	Culligan Water Conditioning	5 bottles water, 1 bag salt, cooler rental	6.60	4/3/2025
APS040325	61052	4/3/2025	Falcon Development	Refund HL Mini Mart legal fees; apply to princ on FDC loan	123.00	4/3/2025
APS040325	61053	4/3/2025	Grants Management Systems ...	Monthly license, warranty, service+support, annual EDA maint	133.00	4/3/2025
APS040325	61053	4/3/2025	Grants Management Systems ...	Monthly license, warranty, service+support, annual EDA maint	40.00	4/3/2025
APS040325	61054	4/3/2025	Northwest Gas	NW Gas 2/25/25 to 3/20/25	115.50	4/3/2025
APS040325	61054	4/3/2025	Northwest Gas	NW Gas 2/25/25 to 3/20/25	173.24	4/3/2025
APS040325	61055	4/3/2025	One Office Solution	Meter reading, copy paper	413.46	4/3/2025
APS040325	61056	4/3/2025	Slayton EDA	EDA Lease April 2025	4,848.63	4/3/2025
APS040325	61057	4/3/2025	SRDC	Explore SW March 2025	21.25	4/3/2025
APS040325	61058	4/3/2025	The Computer Man, Inc.	Veeam backup, license, replication, annual	600.00	4/3/2025
APS040325	61058	4/3/2025	The Computer Man, Inc.	Veeam backup, license, replication, annual	600.00	4/3/2025
APS041025	61059	4/10/2025	Darren Veldhuisen	Snow removal 3/5 and 3/16	140.00	4/10/2025
APS041025	61059	4/10/2025	Darren Veldhuisen	Snow removal 3/5 and 3/16	210.00	4/10/2025
APS041025	61060	4/10/2025	Schaap Sanitation	Schaap 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	30.51	4/10/2025
APS041025	61060	4/10/2025	Schaap Sanitation	Schaap 4/1/25 - 4/30/25	45.76	4/10/2025

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APS041025	61061	4/10/2025	United States Liability Insuran...	United States Liab Ins: Dir & Officers Liab 5/1/25 - 5/1/26	1,787.00	4/10/2025
APS041025	61062	4/10/2025	Western Print Group	Bus cards - Jay, Kim, Jason, Robin - 100 each	89.65	4/10/2025
APS041025	61063	4/10/2025	XCEL Energy	Xcel Energy 3/6/25 - 4/6/25	171.54	4/10/2025
APS041025	61063	4/10/2025	XCEL Energy	Xcel Energy 3/6/25 - 4/6/25	257.31	4/10/2025
APS041725	61064	4/17/2025	Chandler Co-Op	Chandler Coop March 2025	27.59	4/17/2025
APS041725	61065	4/17/2025	Murray County News	Murray Co News/Fulda Free Press annual subscription	52.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61066	4/17/2025	NCPERS Group Life Ins.	NCPERS May 2025	64.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61067	4/17/2025	Rock County Star Herald	Rock Co Star Herald Annual Subscription	115.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61068	4/17/2025	Solar FX	Opdahl Solar Project: PACE ARRA loan disbursement	37,226.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61069	4/17/2025	TCM Bank NA	TCM Bank Visa 4/1/25 closing date	5,583.21	4/17/2025
APS041725	61069	4/17/2025	TCM Bank NA	TCM Bank Visa 4/1/25 closing date	40.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61069	4/17/2025	TCM Bank NA	TCM Bank Visa 4/1/25 closing date	40.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61069	4/17/2025	TCM Bank NA	TCM Bank Visa 4/1/25 closing date	10.00	4/17/2025
APS041725	61070	4/17/2025	Verizon Wireless	Verizon 3/2/25 to 4/1/25	41.06	4/17/2025
APS042425	61071	4/24/2025	Abila	Abila Multiple Clouds 5/26/25 - 6/25/25	813.76	4/24/2025
APS042425	61072	4/24/2025	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 4/24/25 - 5/23/25	59.99	4/24/2025
APS042425	61072	4/24/2025	Bluepeak	Bluepeak 4/24/25 - 5/23/25	60.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61073	4/24/2025	City of Hardwick	Full Commission Mtg room rental May 2025	50.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61074	4/24/2025	City of Pipestone	Annual Meeting: Hiawatha Lodge damage DEPOSIT	500.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61075	4/24/2025	City of Pipestone	Annual Meeting: Hiawatha Lodge rental fee; 7 hours	210.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61076	4/24/2025	Column Software PBC	Column Software/Globe: Public Notice 4/30/25; 41FE47AF-0003	44.49	4/24/2025
APS042425	61077	4/24/2025	Frontier Communications	Frontier 5078360034 4/10/25 - 5/9/25	482.05	4/24/2025
APS042425	61077	4/24/2025	Frontier Communications	Frontier 5078360034 4/10/25 - 5/9/25	895.22	4/24/2025
APS042425	61078	4/24/2025	Jason Nielsen	Jason Nielsen 3/13/25 & 4/16/25 Meetings	100.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61079	4/24/2025	Ludolph Bus Service, Inc.	Annual Meeting: Ludolph bus rental	900.00	4/24/2025
APS042425	61080	4/24/2025	Wipfil, LLP	Policy+Proc Manual & Cost Alloc Rev, progress bill	3,302.00	4/24/2025
APS043025	61081	4/30/2025	AFLAC	Aflac April 2025	409.44	4/30/2025
APV052025	61081	4/30/2025	AFLAC	Aflac April 2025	(409.44)	4/30/2025
APS043025	61082	4/30/2025	Column Software PBC	Column Software/Rwd Gaz: Pub Notice 5/1/25; AABE63A4-0003	47.50	4/30/2025
APS043025	61083	4/30/2025	Marilyn Samuelson	Janitorial services April 2025	328.00	4/30/2025
APS043025	61083	4/30/2025	Marilyn Samuelson	Janitorial services April 2025	472.00	4/30/2025

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APS043025	61084	4/30/2025	Quill Corporation	Post-its, red pens	50.09	4/30/2025
CD042025 B...	BCBS05	4/20/2025		BCBS May 2025	13,480.51	4/20/2025
Report Total					119,557.48	

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
MONTH END May 31, 2025**

**Bank Account Information**

**INVESTMENTS -General Fund**

Bank	Amount	Due Date	APY Interest Rate
United Prairie Bank - Worthington	\$ 109,839.04	11/30/2025	4.10%
Jackson Federal Savings & Loan-Jackson (X5272)	110,423.23	01/20/26	3.96%
Currie State Bank-Currie	117,821.98	09/02/25	4.33%
Currie State Bank-Currie	100,000.00	09/02/25	4.33%
Jackson Federal Savings & Loan-Jackson (X5331)	105,492.50	12/13/25	4.16%
Jackson Federal Savings & Loan-Jackson (X5332)	105,492.50	12/13/25	4.16%
Magic Fund	100,012.92	11/27/26	4.55%

NOTE: The security deposit for the office building in the amount of \$50,000 is at the Slayton City Clerk's office at an investment rate of .75% . We currently have extra security at Minnwest Bank-Slayton and United Prairie Bank-Worthington to allow deposits above FDIC limits.

<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>749,082.17</b>
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**ACCOUNTS-Dedicated and Undedicated Funds Program Accounts**

		5/31/2025
Minnwest Bank South-Slayton	Checking	\$ 2,904.44
Minnwest Bank South-Slayton	Savings	381,657.72
Minnwest Bank South-Slayton	Savings-F & H	21,254.65
First Independent Bank-Russell	Savings	85,750.00
United Prairie Bank-Worthington	Savings	61,135.65
Jackson Federal S&L-Jackson	Savings	50,603.48
<b>TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>603,305.94</b>

**Approximate Designated Funds-Projects**

Regional Cultural Diversity Coalition	\$	-
MN Rural Broadband Coalition		-
Assigned Funds		(11,296.85)
Committed to: Acquisition of Capital Assets-Equipment		(91,318.26)
Committed to: Acquisition of Capital Assets-Building		(211,134.84)
Committed to: Unemployment Claims		(53,013.00)
Committed to: Employee Retirement Transition		(10,973.00)
Compensated Absences Payable		(56,502.00)
<b>TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(434,237.95)</b>

	5/31/2025	5/31/2024
Total Investments	\$ 749,082.17	\$ 725,823.29
Total Cash Accounts	\$ 603,305.94	\$ 471,382.98
Total Dedicated Funds	\$ (434,237.95)	\$ (466,254.20)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CASHFLOW</b>	<b>\$ 918,150.16</b>	<b>\$ 730,952.07</b>

**SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS-NonAdministrative**

EDA Planning Funds	\$	54
EDA Revolving Loan Funds-(business loans only)		448,362
C-EDA Revolving Loan Funds-(business loans only)		287,932
PACE Funds-EE-RLF		244,097
PACE Funds-ARRA-(loans only)		71,683
PACE Funds-SEP-(loans only)		30,954
PACE Funds-(Electric Companies-funds to pay off loans & admin)		40,503
PACE (County Funds used to pay down on REED loan) \$88,704		-
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,123,585</b>

PACE Loan Funds <b>346,734</b>
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# Southwest Regional Development Commission

## Month End April 2025 Fiscal Year 2025

YTD Comparison % of Budget 83.33

	FY25 Budget												Year to Date	Under / Over Budget	% of Overall Budget	Explanation/Comments
	July - September	October - December	January - March	April	May	June	April-June									
<b>Revenues</b>																
Taxes	465,617	1,325.51	195,933.42	7,837.89	0.00		0.00					260,520.18	44.0%	When current taxes received, payments primarily received in Dec and Jun		
Contract for Services	272,778	42,953.48	56,527.93	44,970.82	25,652.84		170,105.07	62.4%	Based on activity earned to date.			102,672.93	62.4%	Based on activity earned to date.		
R9-McKnight	191,275	191,275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.4%	We received all of the R9 McKnight money up front, in July 2024			-25,652.84	113.4%	We received all of the R9 McKnight money up front, in July 2024		
MnDOT-Regional	75,000	37,500.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	67,500.00	90.0%	Based on Billings Yearly amt is \$75000			7,500.00	90.0%	Based on Billings Yearly amt is \$75000		
Economic Development Adm	105,119	9,822.68	19,246.46	75,379.48	18,857.14		123,305.76	117.3%	Grant Eamed (Federal share)			-18,186.76	117.3%	Grant Eamed (Federal share)		
EDA Trails Grant	58,291	58,291.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58,291.08	100.0%	Based on activity earned to date. (Federal share) Done Sept 2024			0.00	100.0%	Based on activity earned to date. (Federal share) Done Sept 2024		
RLF Admin (Covid & Regular)	60,000	20,775.64	18,255.78	11,289.14	4,530.96		54,851.52	91.4%	Based on activity earned to date.			5,148.48	91.4%	Based on activity earned to date.		
Commerce - State Comp Grant	179,000	28,772.15	30,209.25	11,584.64	7,004.38		77,570.42	43.3%	Based on activity earned to date - main Certs (not subprojects), which equals more time			101,429.58	43.3%	Based on activity earned to date - main Certs (not subprojects), which equals more time		
CERT's Funds	86,160	4,284.01	27,024.14	18,062.12	5,703.38		55,073.65	63.9%	Loan mt/loan orig fee mostly received in Dec and June (code 46504321)			31,086.35	63.9%	Loan mt/loan orig fee mostly received in Dec and June (code 46504321)		
PACE loan orig/int/misc	6,800	757.11	3,315.48	546.64	0.00		4,619.23	67.9%	**USDA is being reviewed, contract is terminated as of 2-25-25 - December is the last payment to be received** Based on Billings (800 hours at \$75/hr for the year)			2,180.77	67.9%	**USDA is being reviewed, contract is terminated as of 2-25-25 - December is the last payment to be received** Based on Billings (800 hours at \$75/hr for the year)		
USDA Food Grant	30,000	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00		30,000.00	100.0%	Bank mt/loan orig fee **Bank interest is coming in higher than estimated and includes CD interest**			0.00	100.0%	Bank mt/loan orig fee **Bank interest is coming in higher than estimated and includes CD interest**		
Interest & Miscellaneous	19,184	11,706.52	3,182.22	6,622.89	962.27		22,473.90	117.1%	Need to replace the roof and only a small amount will be paid by insurance (Quote is \$65,000, our portion is \$31,850 and SWMHP's portion is \$33,150)			-3,289.90	117.1%	Need to replace the roof and only a small amount will be paid by insurance (Quote is \$65,000, our portion is \$31,850 and SWMHP's portion is \$33,150)		
Building Reserves Used	31,850		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0%				31,850.00	0.0%			
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,581,074</b>	<b>422,463.18</b>	<b>368,694.68</b>	<b>206,293.62</b>	<b>62,710.97</b>		<b>1,085,815.29</b>	<b>68.7%</b>				<b>495,258.79</b>	<b>68.7%</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>																
Committee Expenses	30,300	4,790.44	5,273.36	6,268.50	2,885.20		19,217.50	63.4%	Includes Board Retreat & Orientation, added Annual Mtg			11,082.50	63.4%	Includes Board Retreat & Orientation, added Annual Mtg		
Salaries & Fringe	1,072,887	223,789.33	272,725.31	243,254.94	83,095.37		822,864.95	76.7%	Includes FY25 Salaries/Fringe (including 8% increase of Health Insurance/H.S.A)			250,022.05	76.7%	Includes FY25 Salaries/Fringe (including 8% increase of Health Insurance/H.S.A)		
Travel	60,000	12,667.31	18,883.11	7,368.82	5,974.31		44,893.55	74.8%	Staff Travel			15,106.45	74.8%	Staff Travel		
Office Space Costs	44,194	2,166.86	2,281.83	2,508.37	845.85		7,802.91	17.7%	Utilities			36,391.09	17.7%	Utilities		
Postage (on hand, not including Hsg Reimb)	5,349	29.97	2,029.97	1,084.92	9.99		3,154.85	59.0%	We sent out the EDA Trails booklets, so had to get more postage in November. EDA Trails did reimburse us for most, we had to estimate because of the timing of the Contract ending and books showing up.			2,194.15	59.0%	We sent out the EDA Trails booklets, so had to get more postage in November. EDA Trails did reimburse us for most, we had to estimate because of the timing of the Contract ending and books showing up.		
Communications	9,219	3,936.66	1,868.21	1,563.35	643.09		8,011.31	86.9%				1,207.69	86.9%			
Printing/Publication	20,504	1,851.13	4,758.77	101.33	258.99		6,970.22	34.0%				13,533.78	34.0%			
Insurance	5,917	2,615.85	173.57	68.57	24.41		2,882.40	48.7%	Insurance dividend/Building Insurance			3,034.60	48.7%	Insurance dividend/Building Insurance		
Supplies	17,000	4,748.71	6,302.36	1,165.92	920.22		13,137.21	77.3%	August includes our Strategic Plan, this also includes our part of MADO Reimbursed by Trails EDA			3,862.79	77.3%	August includes our Strategic Plan, this also includes our part of MADO Reimbursed by Trails EDA		
Program Supply (Trails EDA)	11,418	11,418.27	0.00	0.00	0.00		11,418.27	100.0%				0.00	100.0%			
Computer	41,250	3,883.06	4,343.79	5,618.87	1,413.76		15,259.48	37.0%	Quoted price for FY25 audit - Kinner & Co. + estimated amt for FY22/FY23 Audits			25,990.52	37.0%	Quoted price for FY25 audit - Kinner & Co. + estimated amt for FY22/FY23 Audits		
Audits	41,000	14,884.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		24,884.00	60.7%				16,116.00	60.7%			
Consultant/Contracted Services/Legal	33,275	80.00	40.00	0.00	3,302.00		3,422.00	10.3%				29,853.00	10.3%			
Dues/Memberships & Other	7,200	14.25	4,000.00	186.00	0.00		4,200.25	58.3%	Includes MADO Coordination (\$2000 per region)			2,999.75	58.3%	Includes MADO Coordination (\$2000 per region)		
Financing Fees & Expenses	5,500	72.75	182.11	191.61	50.00		496.47	9.0%				5,003.53	9.0%			
Equipment/Building Updates	10,000	0.00	56.00	87.14	0.00		143.14	1.4%				9,856.86	1.4%			
PACE loan interest paid	508	0.00	391.79	0.00	0.00		391.79	77.1%	Paid in December and June			116.21	77.1%	Paid in December and June		
Debt Service-Prin. & Int.	10,000	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		10,000.00	100.0%	Paid in December			0.00	100.0%	Paid in December		
Building Lease Principal Pymt	23,183	5,675.96	5,755.15	5,835.40	1,963.19		19,229.70	82.9%	Our portion of lease pymt			3,953.30	82.9%	Our portion of lease pymt		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,448,704</b>	<b>292,624.55</b>	<b>349,065.33</b>	<b>275,303.74</b>	<b>101,386.38</b>		<b>1,018,380.00</b>	<b>70.3%</b>				<b>430,324.27</b>	<b>70.3%</b>			
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>132,370</b>	<b>129,838.63</b>	<b>19,629.35</b>	<b>-69,010.12</b>	<b>-38,675.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67,435</b>					<b>-38,675.41</b>				



MINNESOTA COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST

COVERAGE DECLARATIONS

PRIVACY OR SECURITY EVENT LIABILITY & EXPENSE - ARTICLE THREE

DOCUMENT NO.: PC646025-1

MEMBER: Southwest Regional Development Commission

MAILING ADDRESS: 2401 Broadway Ave Ste 1  
Slayton, MN 56172

COVERAGE PERIOD: FROM 1/1/2025 TO 1/1/2026 AT 12:01 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

**THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED COVERAGE**

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**PRIVACY OR SECURITY EVENT LIABILITY & EXPENSE COVERAGE**

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Limit of Coverage	\$500,000 (Per Claim / Annual Aggregate)
Limit of Retroactive Date Coverage	See Retroactive Dates below for Per Claim / Annual Aggregate Limits
Deductible	\$10,000 (Per Claim)
Waiting Hours Period	12 Hours

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**COVERAGE SUBLIMITS**

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<b>PRIVACY RESPONSE EXPENSES:</b>			
Security Expert	(SECTION VI. – Definitions – Item 21.a.)	\$100,000	Per Claim
Legal Consultant	(SECTION VI. – Definitions – Item 21.b.)	\$100,000	Per Claim
Public Relations Consultant	(SECTION VI. – Definitions – Item 21.e.)	\$ 10,000	Per Claim
<b>REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS AND PENALTIES:</b>		\$100,000	Per Claim
<b>PCI-DSS ASSESSMENTS:</b>		\$100,000	Per Claim
<b>ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DAMAGE, ELECTRONIC DATA DAMAGE, AND NETWORK INTERRUPTION COSTS (COMBINED):</b>		\$250,000	Annual Aggregate
<b>CYBER EXTORTION EXPENSES INCLUDING CYBER EXTORTION MONIES:</b>		\$ 50,000	Annual Aggregate

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**RETROACTIVE DATE**

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The Retroactive Date Per Claim / Annual Aggregate Limit of Coverage depends on the Retroactive Date on or after which the Privacy or Security or Cyber Extortion Threat commenced.

<b>Retroactive Dates</b> Date on or after which Privacy or Security Event or Cyber Extortion Threat Commenced	<b>Privacy or Security Event</b> Per Claim / Annual Aggregate Limit	<b>Cyber Extortion Threat</b> Per Claim / Annual Aggregate Limit
1/1/2021	\$250,000	\$25,000
1/1/2019	\$100,000	\$25,000
1/1/2017	\$50,000	\$25,000

**There is no coverage for any Privacy or Security Event or Cyber Extortion Threat that commenced prior to the 1/1/2017 Retroactive Date.**

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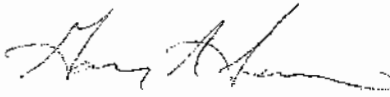
**ANNUAL MCIT PROGRAM AGGREGATE LIMIT**

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This coverage is provided subject to a \$10,000,000 annual MCIT program aggregate limit of coverage as stated in SECTION III. LIMITS OF COVERAGE under ARTICLE THREE – PRIVACY OR SECURITY EVENT LIABILITY AND EXPENSE COVERAGE. This limit is shared by all Members.

COVERAGE UNDER ARTICLE THREE IS PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE MINNESOTA COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, BY-LAWS, THIS COVERAGE DOCUMENT AND ANY ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED HERETO. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE TRUST JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, BY-LAWS OR THIS COVERAGE DOCUMENT SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF ANY IMMUNITIES CONFERRED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE SECTION 466.03, NOR A WAIVER OF THE LIMITS OF GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTE 466.04. VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN THIS COVERAGE DOCUMENT RESTRICT COVERAGE. READ THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, BY-LAWS AND THIS COVERAGE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE RIGHTS, DUTIES AND WHAT IS AND IS NOT COVERED.

COUNTERSIGNED      12/5/2024  
  
(Date)

  
  
BY  
(Authorized Representative)

# CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE PROPOSAL

**Southwest Regional Development Commission**

[swrdc.org](http://swrdc.org)

Slayton, MN

Proposal Date: May 15, 2025



**SYNERGY**

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**847-521-3705**

*This insurance proposal contains confidential client information.*

# WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL

## CUSTOM COVERAGE OPTIONS

We have aligned with top carriers in the insurance marketplace. We actively solicit the best options for your company.

## NEXT STEPS

Consider the options, choose the coverage that best serves your needs and request to bind.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Commonly asked questions that will help you navigate through the proposal.

## COMMON COVERAGE TERMS

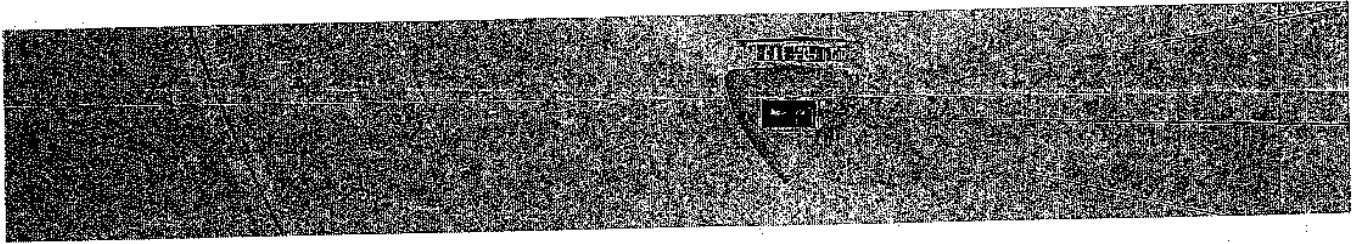
Helpful information on the terms closely related to your policy.



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# POLICY COMPARISON OVERVIEW

## Southwest Regional Development Commission

Effective: 7/11/2025 to 7/11/2026

Issuing Paper	BEAZLEY	COWBELL - P250	COALITION	TOKIO MARINE
Beazley Excess and Surplus Insurance, Inc.	Palomar	Coalition Ins Co	HCC	Tokio Marine HCC
<b>AM Best Rating</b>	A+ (Superior)	A- (Excellent)		A++ (Superior)
<b>Admitted Status</b>	Non-Admitted	Non-Admitted	Admitted	Non-Admitted
<b>Indication Summary</b>	\$4,636.80	\$2,769.72	\$5,246.00	\$3,416.81
<b>Indication Expiration</b>	7/14/2025	7/19/2025	7/13/2025	6/14/2025

### THIRD PARTY COVERAGES

#### Information Privacy Liability

In the event the insured is sued for damages due to a violation of privacy regulations or failure to protect personal information, the policy would respond to those damages and defense costs following a cyber event

\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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#### Network Security Liability

In the event the insured is sued for damages due to failed network security or failure to protect against a network attack, the policy would respond to those damages and defense costs following a cyber event

\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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#### Regulatory Liability

If a government agency or regulatory authority finds that the insured has violated a privacy regulation, the policy will pay for the civil fines and penalties. Coverage also responds to regulatory assessments or investigations if there is a potential following a cyber event

\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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#### PCI DSS Liability

If there is actual or alleged non-compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards by the insured, the policy will respond to defense and investigative costs, fines and penalties, fraud recoveries, etc. following a cyber event

\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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#### Media Liability

If the insured is sued for damages by a third party due to the release or display of media content resulting in defamation, slander, trade libel, infringement of trademark/copyright, etc., then this coverage would respond

\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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<p><b>Data Breach Event Response &amp; Recovery</b></p> <p>Covers the cost to hire forensic computer experts to determine the source and scope of a Network Security Event, the cost of restoration and recreation of data that has been lost, corrupted or destroyed; and the overall costs for the insured to restore systems to their functionality prior to the adverse event.</p>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<p><b>Data Breach Event Response &amp; Management</b></p> <p>Covers costs when the insured has a legal obligation to notify individuals who are affected by an Information Privacy Event; including expert determination of the type of data affected, legal communications, cost of a breach hotline and identity theft or credit monitoring for affected individuals.</p>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<p><b>Direct Business Interruption</b></p> <p>Covers the insured's income loss and associated expenses due to an interruption or outage of their system caused by a breach of network security event.</p>	\$100,000 \$25,000 Retention	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Included
<p><b>Contingent Business Interruption</b></p> <p>Covers income loss and subrogation on the insured's behalf if the insured's business relies on a third party technology provider whose systems are interrupted or shutdown due to a cyber event.</p>	\$100,000 \$25,000 Retention	\$1,000,000	See Quote Doc	Included
<p><b>Cyber Extortion</b></p> <p>Covers the cost and expenses incurred to mitigate the severity of the extortion loss and the payment of funds, cryptocurrencies, assets, etc., requested by the malicious third party who is threatening the insured's systems and/or data.</p>	\$100,000 \$25,000 Retention	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<p><b>Reputational Harm Coverage</b></p> <p>Covers business income loss that the insured suffers due to an adverse publication stating they had an information privacy event or a network security event, whether this is "fake news" or not.</p>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<p><b>Social Engineering</b></p> <p>Covers the theft of funds or computer fraud loss that the insured suffers as a result of a malicious actor duping them and/or impersonating an employee or client.</p>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000 Sublimit

**Period of Restoration** See Quote Doc 180 Days See Quote Doc See Quote Doc  
**Bricking Coverage** See Quote Doc \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000

Historically excluded coverage for damaged computer hardware, Bricking refers to a loss of use or functionality of hardware (such as servers) as a result of a hacking event; this coverage provides for the cost to replace such affected hardware

**Breach Costs Outside the Limits** \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 Included Included

**RETENTION**

**Amount** \$5,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000

**LIMITS**

**Policy Limit** \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000  
**Per Occurrence Limit** \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000  
**Aggregate Limit** \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000

**PREMIUM TAXES/FES**

Quote Status	Quoted	Quoted	Quoted	Quoted
Policy Premium	\$4,000.00	\$2,038.00	\$4,746.00	\$2,866.00
Surplus Lines Tax (MN)	\$136.80	\$81.72	\$0.00	\$100.81
Carrier Fee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Broker Fee	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Tech Fee	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,636.80</b>	<b>\$2,769.72</b>	<b>\$5,246.00</b>	<b>\$3,416.81</b>

**DOCUMENT LINKS**

Application	Application	Policy Specimen	Quote Document
<a href="#">Coverage Highlights</a>	<a href="#">Policy Specimen</a>	<a href="#">Quote Letter</a>	
<a href="#">Quote Indication Letter</a>	<a href="#">Quote Letter</a>	<a href="#">Risk Assessment</a>	
<a href="#">Security Report</a>	<a href="#">Signature Bundle</a>		

**DISCLAIMER**

These non-bindable indications are solely based off some basic details about the insured making assumptions about their cyber security controls. Terms are non-bindable and subject to a full review of cyber controls and practices in a signed and dated application.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

June 2025  
CEDS | EDA PLANNING



## EDA PLANNING

EDA Investment Opportunities: Priorities can be found at Investment Priorities | U.S. Economic Development Administration (eda.gov). Priorities have recently changed with the reauthorization to include Critical Infrastructure, Workforce, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Economic Resiliency, and Manufacturing. You can find EDA funding opportunities at All Funding Opportunities | U.S. Economic Development Administration (eda.gov).

The **EDA Disaster NOFO** is soon to be released. These projects typically were funded at 80% grant rate. Eligible units of government, higher education, etc., based on FEMA disaster declarations (dec\_4797.pdf), are those within Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock counties. Staff are working on preliminary project plans with the **city of Wilder (and city of Windom)** on a wastewater sewer system, **city of Jackson** on an industrial park expansion, the **city of Pipestone** on an industrial park expansion, and potentially an application from a higher education institution (i.e. **MinnesotaWest**) for equipment or facility upgrades.

The Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) grant opportunity is available, typically at a 60% grant rate. More information can be found at Public Works | U.S. Economic Development Administration.

SRDC continues to assist the **City of Adrian** on their funded EDA PWEAA grant for an electric substation. The grant award was 50% of the project cost (\$3,258,900) or \$1,629,450. The SRDC provides administrative and

financial services, acting as a liaison among the City of Adrian, DGR Engineering, and the EDA.

During a time of several Federal pauses, planners are scheduling conversations with cities across the region to discuss needs, potential projects, etc. These meetings have resulted in SRDC awareness, technical assistance, referrals, etc.

**MADO Economic Development staff** met in Hutchinson on 5/6. This group meets quarterly. Region 6E coordinated the agenda with Kelly Asche from Center for Rural Policy and Development as their speaker. Group discussion topics included CEDS, federal funding, data sources, regional highlights, workforce, and connections to economic development.

## 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>. Every five years, EDA requires an updated CEDS for the region. Our next CEDS is due on 12/31/2026. If you are interested in being on the CEDS committee, please contact staff.

Our EDA planning grant was due 2/17/2025. Grant funding available per year is \$70,000 or \$210,000 over the three-year planning grant. Staff withdrew the application per Chicago regional EDA staff and resubmitted to better align with the new federal administration.

Notice of grant award has not been received yet

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Staff recently assisted the **city of Steen** with an MPCA Small Communities Planning grant for stormwater improvements. The application was submitted for stormwater improvement planning and was recently denied. SRDC staff continues to work with the Steen City Council to find other funding activities for this important project.

The **City of Hardwick** was recently awarded a **\$30,000 USDA SEARCH planning grant** that will include planning efforts for water system improvements. The plan is for system updates to the water system that will allow for remote reading of residential water meters. The city requested assistance from SRDC regarding the USDA ADA requirements. SRDC was involved with the ADA Checklist for Existing Buildings and provided technical assistance with the required Accessibility Transition plan. As the result of SRDC's assistance, the Hardwick City Council has implemented numerous improvements at the Hardwick Community Center (AKA American Legion Hall) making the facility ADA compliant.

### EECBG (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant)- Energy Planning for Small Communities-

EECBG is a funding source for planning efforts designed to assist small communities (this includes cities or counties under 15,000 in population) in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. There is no match requirement, and it is eligible to all cities in our region and the counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Murray, Pipestone, and Rock. SRDC received \$99,959.78 of which 10% is allocated for project administration. Grants to eligible communities are maxed at \$20,000. Planning efforts could include resiliency plans, energy audits, engineering studies, etc.

Two agreements have been signed, each for \$20,000 projects. The CEDS committee approved projects with two cities; **Slayton and Pipestone**.

Taylor Family Farms Foundation- Staff assisted **Iona Township** in applying for funding for heating, cooling, lighting, and air circulation. This application was not selected for funding. Staff is currently assisting them with an application from Compeer.

### Southwest Minnesota Youth Committee-

The committee meets quarterly to gather members who support career and technical education programs and to educate students and parents about local career and training opportunities. The committee will next meet on 8/7/2025. SRDC staff is involved in planning efforts for a Tour of Manufacturing for grades 10-11 in Jackson County, Cottonwood, and Nobles counties.

**Southwest Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC):** The group last met on 6/3/2025. SRDC is responsible for representing economic development on the council.

**Broadband:** RDCs met with DEED Office of Broadband Development on 5/16/2025 to discuss \$50K based amount grants for Digital Equity work. Unfortunately days before the call, DEED received word that their Digital Equity funding was pulled.

**AURI Tour:** Staff plan to attend the AURI tour at Ash Grove Dairy on 6/24/2025 which will highlight their renewable natural gas facility.

**Ag Innovation:** Staff plan to attend Partners in Ag Innovation in Willmar on 6/17/2025.

**Friends in the Field-** This group meets quarterly. The Friends group will next meet on 7/9/2025.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### **USDA Regional Food Business Center / North Central Regional Food Business Center: Remains Paused.**

Staff collaborated with several small business owners in the region to apply for the Good Food Access Program Equipment and Physical Improvements Grant. **Bolts Grocery Store in Lake Benton** received \$70,120, and **Ivanhoe Supermarket in Ivanhoe, MN**, received \$70,000—both receiving 100% of their grant requests.

**Bolt's Grocery Store** is undertaking a project to remove and dispose of their outdated refrigerated meat and dairy cases, along with the associated condensing units. These old cases are too small and inefficient. By replacing them with newer, larger, and more energy-efficient models, the store will not only create additional space but also save money. This will allow them to expand their selection of fresh meat and dairy products, including options sourced from Minnesota-raised farms.

**Ivanhoe Supermarket's project** will focus on replacing the refrigeration displays used for produce and meat. Completing this project will ensure the maintenance of high-quality produce and meat products with consistent food storage for years to come.

Staff has also recently re-submitted a grant application for the MPCA Next Generation Refrigeration Grant on **behalf of the Heron Lake Mini Mart**. Heron Lake Mini Mart needs to replace its outdated and malfunctioning walk-in freezer and cooler, as well as the external compressor

and condenser. By installing new equipment, normal operations will be restored, and inventory can be expanded to include meat, dairy, eggs, and ready-to-eat fresh salads and sandwiches. An energy audit conducted on October 28, 2024, shows that replacing the failing equipment will result in significant savings through improved insulation and enhanced cooling efficiency.

The SRDC is working with several small businesses to apply for a new round of the **Minnesota Department of Agriculture's AGRI Meat Poultry Egg & Milk Processing Grant**, as well as a new Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 0% interest loan opportunity: The Small Business Environmental Improvement Loan.

Staff continue to seek funding sources to continue our food systems work. Most recently, we have applied for the **Bush Prize, Minnesota and the Compeer General Use Grant**. The outreach conducted when we launched the USDA Regional Food Business Center enhanced our relationships in the region and increased awareness of the SRDC's commitment to supporting small to mid-size business owners. We want to continue that!

### **Southwest Minnesota Meat Processor Workforce Development Initiative**

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has allocated \$250,000 to the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) to support its Southwest Minnesota Meat Processor Workforce Development Initiative. This funding, provided through the MDA's Meat Processing Train & Retain Grant program, will assist small- to medium-sized meat and poultry processors in hiring, training, and retaining new employees.

We will soon be entering into year two of the grant. Seven individuals have participated in the On-the-Job (OJT) experience and have been supported by the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council for Career Services. Central Minnesota Jobs and Training has begun work with Happy Halal Chickens, which is preparing to open in Willmar, MN. Four individuals have been hired to participate in custom training through Ridgewater College and then will participate in an on-the-job training experience.

# REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) REPORT

June 2025

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

## RLF

The committee consists of five members and meets as needed. The committee covers both the COVID-19 RLF and Traditional RLF. The committee meets as needed. The committee last met on 5/12/2025 and conditionally approved one loan. The committee is expected to meet soon to consider a Redwood County loan application.

**Interest Rates:** SRDC RLF has been financing projects using an interest rate of **75% of prime**. This adheres to regulations governing RLF awards.

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

## Funds Available for Lending

Funds Available: Funds on hand are the following; Traditional RLF as of 5-7-25 **\$446,778.04**, C-RLF as of 5-7-25 **\$253,242.93**. Approved, but not yet scheduled to close, is a **\$36,250** project in Pipestone County. Our latest loan closed, in the amount of **\$90,000**, with a Cottonwood County business. CRLF funds will remain federalized until seven years have passed.

## Loan Servicing

Now, more than ever, the committee has had to consider interest only and/or modification requests. Some of the requests are due to seasonality, and others are due to changes in the market. SRDC received a partial payoff on 5/7/2025 and initiated a modification agreement to address unpaid principal.

## Site Visits

Site visits are required every three years; however, they are done more often as the need arises. Annual business taxes continue to be gathered for files. Site visits are combined with communication audits and interviews for storytelling. Success stories can now be found a <https://www.swrdc.org/regional-spotlight/>



Adrian Auto Service, LLC, owned by Ryan and Sheena Eidhammer

## RLF Spotlight: Adrian Auto – Keeping Adrian Running

Adrian Auto Service, LLC, owned by Ryan and Sheena Eidhammer, is a family-run business in Adrian, MN, that has evolved from a small-town shop into a trusted full-service automotive and towing provider.

With deep roots in mechanics and a strong commitment to their community, the Eidhammer family has expanded their business significantly over the years. After acquiring the shop in 2018, they constructed a new facility in 2021 and have continued to grow with support from SRDC's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).

Adrian Auto now offers comprehensive repair services and 24/7 towing, including heavy-duty recoveries. As the business grows, so does its impact—fueling local employment and ensuring Adrian keeps moving forward.

See the full story at <https://www.swrdc.org/spotlight/auto-repair-towing/>

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND REPORT

### RLF Plan

Every five years, the RLF Plan required revision. SRDC's RLF Plan is due 9/6/2025.

### CDFA Advanced RLF Course

SRDC staff facilitated the Portfolio Management session on 5/15. This facilitation gives access to their programming as needed at member rates.

**Presta:** SRDC entered a contract with Presta for RLF portfolio management. This will replace GMS which has not kept up with technological advances. Our onboarding kick off was held 5/29/2025.

### Contracted RLFs

SRDC helps with business start-ups, re-tentions, expansions, and financing. Additionally, SRDC assists with three revolving loan fund programs within the region and are in communication with another as of recent.

**Jackson County RLF:** There are four active loans. Approximately \$200,000 is available for lending.

**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. There are funds available for businesses in their service area that have gap financing needs.

**Falcon Development Corporation (FDC):** Information on FDC can be found online at <https://www.swrdc.org/revolving-loan-funds/>. FDC is a local organization that focuses on improving economic development within a 30-mile radius of Heron Lake. The funds provided by FDC are not federalized, which means that Davis Bacon is not applicable to construction projects. There is currently an interest rate incentive, as low as 2%, on loans that close before August 2025 month-end. Multiple inquiries have been made with two moving ahead with applications now. The FDC Board has a maximum of 7 members. The committee currently has six members. The committee last met on 5/7/2025 and will again meet on 8/6/2025. Approximately \$57,000 is available for lending. Through August 2025, FDC funds may be available under their 2% interest rate special.

*If you have questions about the business lending via SRDC RLF or its contracted RLFs, please contact Robin Weis, Deputy Director, at 507-836-1638 or via email at [robin@swrdc.org](mailto:robin@swrdc.org).*

## PROMOTING ECONOMIC STABILITY AND GROWTH

The SRDC is here to help promote a stable and diverse economic base through business technical assistance and support



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## PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) REPORT June 2025

**General Information:** PACE is available to property owners of small businesses, including agri-businesses and some non-profits based on usage. Please help spread the word about PACE to property owners looking to make improvements that lower their energy usage. Interest rates for new projects are set at 3% under Prime, with a floor of 3%.

**Funds Available:** Funds are currently available in the approximate amount of PACE ARRA as of 4-30-25 \$71,644.30, PACE EE-RLF as of 4-30-25 \$243,936.32 (not including \$33,885.76 remaining Available for a Nobles County project), and PACE SEP as of 4-30-25 \$30,937.83

Not included within the above numbers is an approved loan for a **Renville County agricultural property** owner for solar installation at \$60,000.

Currently, two PACE loans are in default with one not paying their 2024 property taxes and the other yet owing a partial 2023 property tax payment.

**PACE Committee:** The committee meets as needed, often in conjunction with RMEB (Rural Minnesota Energy Board) meeting dates. Committee members are Metz, Wildermuth, Wachal, VanDeVere, and Paap. The committee last met on 5/12/2025. A \$6,000 loan was approved with a Pipestone County business.

**Energy Audits:** Energy assessments/audits are informational to property owners and may be the start to cost-saving energy improvements. MN DOC is working on increasing access to energy auditors. Contractor estimates and the energy assessment/audit are the two first steps to PACE financing. Referrals for energy audits are often made to RETAP, MNTAP, CEE, or EnergySmart.

### **Payback to 14 RMEB Counties to begin December 2026**

There were 14 counties within RMEB that provided \$6,336 to lessen the interest burden of 3% financing via REED. Financial help from the counties allowed the PACE program to continue. Payback is set to start in December 2026.

### **PACE Success Stories**

A few recent success stories can be found on the SRDC website.

The updated PACE application that includes a checklist can be found at RMEB PACE Application.

*If you have questions about the PACE or energy audits, please contact Robin Weis, Deputy Director, at 507-836-1638 or via email at [robin@swrdc.org](mailto:robin@swrdc.org).*

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## JUNE 2025

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

### SOLID WASTE & NATURAL RESOURCES

#### **Solid Waste Commission:**

The Southwest Solid Waste Commission convened on Monday, June 2, 2025. During the meeting, Jay Trusty, the Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Development Commission, presented the 10-year Solid Waste Plan to the Commission. The draft plan has been submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for an initial review. The MPCA will provide feedback, and any necessary corrections will be made before the final report is submitted.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2025

### ENERGY

#### **Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB):**

RMEB met on June 2 at 1:00 PM. At this meeting, Nathan Dull with the Coalition on Land and Liberty presented their mission and discussed how counties can best engage with their constituents regarding large energy projects. The next meeting will be held on July 28.

**State Competitiveness Funding:** With many federal grants through IIJA and IRA **paused** or cancelled, we are shifting our focus to helping communities in our region plan for future opportunities in energy, efficiency, and resilience. Let us know if you would like us to visit your community to hear what challenges you are trying to solve.

Renewable Energy Siting through Technical Engagement and Planning (R-STEP) and SWSMA (Drinking Water Supply Management Area) Project remain paused

### LAND USE

**Lyon County, Comprehensive Plan:** The upcoming schedule is as follows: June-Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Chapter, July – Sustainability Chapter, August – Implementation Chapter.

**City of Tracy, Zoning Ordinance Update:** Planner Webb held a status meeting with City of Tracy staff on 4/8 to update staff on the work to date. Currently, Planner Webb is writing their new zoning ordinance.

**Taunton Strategic Planning:** The mayor of Taunton contacted SRDC about strategic planning for the city. Staff provided a proposal that the city council will vote on in June.

**Nobles County Comprehensive Planning:** SRDC finalized an agreement with Nobles County in May. In June we will have an organizational meeting and then have a kickoff event in the fall.

**Marshall Master Parks Planning:** On May 13, the Marshall City Council approved SRDC's proposal to work with the City and University of Minnesota to create a Master Parks Plan. On May 28th we had an organizational meeting to determine timelines, scope, and who will work on which tasks in the planning effort.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT



### St. James EV ride and Drive

The city of St. James, alongside St. James Public Schools and Climate Smart, held an EV Ride and Drive event on Saturday, May 17, from 11 am – 3 pm, at the St. James Middle and High School, in coordination with Recharge America. Recharge America provided a lot of the resources and outreach around the event. It also featured a local vendor and exhibit EXPO, including a table for the GreenStep Cities program. Other vendors and exhibitors included SW RSDP, Region 9, ECO Ambassadors, Fleet and Farm Supply, Harris Honey, Watonwan Public Library, Watonwan County Humane Society, and Knights of Columbus. The event had 3 cars available for test drives – the 2025 Volkswagen ID. Buzz, the 2025 Rivian R1S, and a Nissan Leaf. SRDC staff, Nadya Bucklin helped at the GreenStep table. St. James is a Step 3 GreenStep city, but will be moving up two steps to Step 5 thanks to their GreenCorps volunteer. They will be recognized at the League of MN Cities conference in June.



### CERTs Steering Committee Field Trip

The CERTs Steering Committee is planning a field trip out to two different locations on August 21. Exact timings are yet to be determined, and travel will need to be independently planned as we will not have a bus. The two locations are the Hometown Bioenergy facility in Le Sueur and the AURI Bio Innovation Center in Waseca. In Waseca, the group will tour the AURI laboratory and anaerobic digester as well as have a presentation on anaerobic digestion and possibly the RNG Roadmap. We are opening this tour up to others who are interested, including members of RMEB, Solid Waste Commission, and our RSDP partners. Please let Nadya Bucklin or Jason Walker know if you are interested. More information and details to come.

### Food Truck Electrification Project

Tacos Coahuila food truck, out of Worthington, will be participating in a battery installation project. The project has received Idea Brief funding from RSDP and are currently waiting on news of funding from IonE (Institute on the Environment). If extra funding is received from IonE, then they can start doing feasibility studies on connecting solar to the food truck, in addition to the electrification. RSDP staff will work together with some of the previous team members from the World Mart project (U of MN engineering department, SRDC staff) to complete the battery installation process. They are hopeful that the battery installation will be completed by fall. SRDC staff will provide assistance, and will be there for the power draw readings.

## TRANSPORTATION June 2025

### **Electric Utilities Event**

CERTs coordinators from the SW, SE, and WC regions will be hosting a joint utility innovation event in Mankato on August 8, from 10-2pm at the South Central Service Cooperative. The event is focused on market transformation, collaboration, and implementation of various incentives, and will be geared towards utilities in these three regions. There will be presentations by University of MN staff as well as MN Efficient Technology Accelerator staff, followed by discussions.

### **MN TA Collaborative In-Person Meeting**

SRDC Staff, Nadya Bucklin, attended the TA collaborative meeting in Chaska on May 19. The meeting included CERTs staff, various RDOs, and other organizations that provide technical assistance throughout the state and have State Competitiveness Funding. Attendees spent the time learning from panels of speakers, discussions, and networking. It was a great opportunity for making new connections and identifying areas of potential collaboration.

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### **NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure)**

#### **Program Funding:**

Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) second round of NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) program funding has been announced. Among the 12 new DC fast charging station sites announced include locations in Luverne, Worthington, and Jackson.

These stations are part of a broader effort by MnDOT to build out EV charging infrastructure across federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. Each site will include at least four 150 kW DC fast chargers, available to the public 24/7 and located near amenities such as restrooms and food. The initiative is supported by approximately \$10 million in funding, \$4.5 million from the NEVI Federal program and \$4.7 million from state sources.

### **AREAS TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS (ATP)**

ATP 7 will hold its next meeting on Friday, June 13 at 10 AM in Mankato.

ATP 8 will hold its next meeting on Friday, June 27 at 10 AM at a location that is TBD.

### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING:**

**Portable Counters Available:** If you or someone in your area is planning to apply for MnDOT or other funding for a trial project, consider requesting a portable counter from the SRDC Office. These counters provide valuable information and data on current trail users that can be very beneficial for grant applications and other planning efforts. Contact Planner Webb for more information: [chrisw@swrdc.org](mailto:chrisw@swrdc.org)

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Lamberton/Red Rock Central Safe Routes To School Planning Assistance Grant: Planners Webb and Bucklin hosted the final meeting with the SRTS Steering Committee on 5/4 in Lamberton. The final draft of the Safe Routes Plan was approved and now needs to be forwarded to local partners for their approval before being sent off to MnDOT for final approval.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT JUNE 2025

The biggest news of the month is that we have a new roof! The most surprising news was that once the contractor started tearing into the old roof he found that only about one third of the plywood had actually been nailed down and that not only were the power roof vents never hooked up, the holes were never even cut, so the roof vents were apparently only for decoration.

Melissa and I have been working on reviewing the Finance Policy Manual draft provided by Wipfli. We should have a draft with our corrections and suggestions back for the September Budget and Personnel Committee meeting. So far most of the changes are simply putting things in writing more consistently, although there are a couple of recommendations that would be costly to implement that wouldn't really gain us anything.

The Southwest Regional Solid Waste Plan is in the review stage. I met with the Solid Waste Administrators on May 16th to review the changes requested by MPCA. I have most of the counties waste reduction sections updated, but am still waiting on information from a couple. MPCA will provide some more current information for use in the Goal Volume Tables as well.

The MADO Executive Directors meeting was hosted by Headwaters RDC in Bemidji at the end of May. Cheryl Glaeser kicked off on the afternoon of the 28th by reviewing the information that she had gathered during interviews with the Executive Directors. Session Objectives:

- Reaffirm a shared understanding of MADO's identity, purpose and value.
- Identify collaborative opportunities for shared work and define structural supports needed to sustain collective impact.
- Build agreement on steps to improve credibility, consistency, and communication.
- Assign next steps and accountability roles.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of summer, somewhere in Region 1, (Northwest).

At the suggestion of the county members of the Budget and Personnel Committee, Melissa looked into the costs of acquiring additional cyber-security insurance, as our current insurer, (MCIT) is struggling to provide adequate coverage for their members in light of some recent catastrophic events at the county level. We used the same broker as Murray and Cottonwood Counties, and were considered low risk by their evaluation. We will discuss under the Budget and Personnel Committee section of the Board Meeting.

The SRDC Staff Retreat was held on June 4th at the Round Lake Vineyard. This year's theme was celebrating the arts. Nicole DeBoer from the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council presented and staff created their own paintings thanks to SJ Miller Arts out of Walnut Grove.

Special thank you this month to Pipestone Mayor Dan Delaney for the invitation to address the Pipestone noon Kiwanis!



# ANNUAL MEETING



JULY 10, 2025



AT 4:00 P.M.

Hiawatha Lodge  
2014<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Pipestone, MN

## Meal to follow

### Guest Speaker: Kelly Asche

*Senior Researcher, Center for Rural Policy & Development*

Kelly's work at the Center for Rural Policy and Development is focused on data analysis, busting myths related to rural narrative, and attempting to become knowledgeable in whatever rural issues are considered important at the time.

He will be speaking on the State of Rural 2025 along with current data about SW Minnesota.

**PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 23**

## Bus Tour of SRDC projects



Meet at  
Hiawatha  
Lodge at  
12:45 p.m.

**RSVP BY JUNE 23**

Stops include:

1. Edgerton Bakery, Edgerton, MN
2. Casey Jones Trail Head, Woodstock
3. RTR Safe Routes to School, Tyler
4. Bolt's Grocery, Lake Benton



NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTING \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Bus Tour

I will attend the SRDC Annual Meeting in Pipestone  
Free meal for commission members. Guests are \$18 per person

**Please circle one of the following for your meal choice**

**1. Grilled Burger 2. Grilled Chicken Breast 3. Veggie Burger**

I will attend the SRDC Annual Meeting but **WILL NOT** be staying for dinner

**IF ATTENDING PLEASE RETURN BY 6/23 TO:**  
Southwest Regional Development Commission  
2401 Broadway Avenue, Suite 1, Slayton, MN 56172



# SUCCESS STORY

## SW MN MEAT PROCESSOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



### Keeping Small-Town Meat Lockers Thriving: Porter and Lindsey’s Story

Southwest Minnesota Meat Processor Workforce Development Initiative offers career pathway opportunities in meat processing. Highwater Creek Meat Market’s experience shows that with the right support, businesses can thrive, employees can grow, and communities can continue to enjoy the benefits of locally sourced, high-quality meat products.

In small towns across Minnesota, local meat lockers are an essential part of the community, providing high-quality, locally processed meats while supporting area farmers. However, finding skilled workers to sustain these businesses has become an increasing challenge. The Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (PIC) is partnering with the Southwest Regional Development Commission, the Mid-Minnesota Development Commission and the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, Ridgewater College, and Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services to help tackle workforce challenges in the meat and poultry processing sector.

Highwater Creek Meat Market was able to recruit and train two promising individuals, Porter and Lindsey, in the skill. This will help to secure the future of their business while providing meaningful career opportuni-

ties. PIC played a key role in facilitating this opportunity, covering wages through the grant and ensuring that businesses like Highwater Creek Meat Market have the workforce they need to thrive.

The SW MN Meat Processor Workforce Development Initiative has been instrumental in helping small-town lockers like Highwater Creek Meat Market recruit and retain skilled workers. The grant provides essential support, including tuition reimbursement, on-the-job training, housing and childcare stipends, and transportation assistance—resources that make a meaningful difference in attracting new talent to the industry.

This initiative aims to sustain local meat lockers by preparing the next generation of meat processors. For businesses like Highwater Creek Meat Market, it ensures continuity, growth, and a thriving local economy.

Porter and Lindsey’s success stories demonstrate how investing in workforce development can transform both individuals and businesses. By taking advantage of training opportunities and employer support, facilitated by PIC, they have not only found stable careers but have also contributed to preserving a vital industry in their community.



When Porter joined the team, he had little experience in the meat processing industry, but he was eager to learn. Through hands-on training and mentorship, supported by PIC, he quickly became a part of the butchering process. His dedication to improving his skills did not go unnoticed.

“Porter has really stepped up and been a tremendous help on the butchering side,” shared the business owner. “He continues to show hard work and dedication. His skills are improving every day, and he works well with everyone. He’s showing more confidence in his training.”

Not only has Porter gained expertise in precision cuts and processing techniques, but he has also developed a strong work ethic and a willingness to take on new challenges. His contributions have streamlined operations, making the business more efficient and ensuring a steady supply of fresh, quality meats for the community.



Lindsey’s journey at Highwater Creek Meat Market has been equally inspiring. She took on responsibilities in both meat cutting and the grocery side of the

business, demonstrating attention to detail and a commitment to safety and cleanliness.

“Lindsey continues to learn about the daily tasks on the meat cutting and grocery side,” said the owner. “She is always using safe techniques and keeping areas clean and organized. She’s reliable, and we’re happy to have her on the team.”

With her steady progress, Lindsey has become an integral part of the operation, ensuring smooth daily functions while maintaining high standards of quality and customer service. Thanks to PIC’s support, Lindsey had the opportunity to learn valuable skills while securing stable employment in her community.

**The SW MN Meat Processor Workforce Development Initiative is supported by a collaboration of the following regional partners**

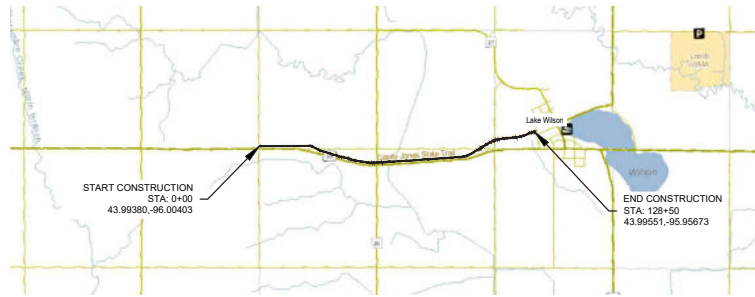
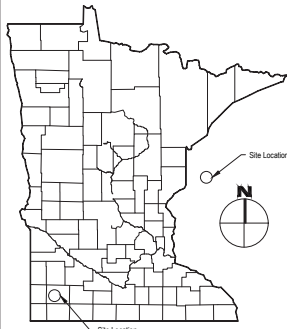


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# Casey Jones State Trail Lake Wilson - West Segment Phase 1

TRAIL LENGTH  
=12,850 LIN. FEET  
=2.43 MILES



**NOTES:**  
EXISTING UTILITY INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE UTILITY OWNER. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY EXACT LOCATIONS PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. NOTIFY GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL 1-800-252-1166 OR 651-454-0002.  
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NO TREE CLEARING IS ALLOWED BETWEEN APRIL 1ST AND AUGUST 15TH.  
NOTE WORK IN WATER EXCLUSION DATES OUTLINED IN PUBLIC WATERS WORK PERMIT.  
PRE-BID SITE EXAMINATION SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH PARKS AND TRAILS DIVISION STAFF. ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE ALLOWED ON THE TRAIL SHALL BEAR THE COMPANY'S IDENTIFICATION ON THE SIDES OF THE VEHICLE. VEHICLES MUST UTILIZE FLASHERS, TRAVEL UNDER 20 MPH, AND YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY (BY PULLING TO THE SIDE OF THE TRAIL AND STOPPING) TO ALL TRAIL USERS.  
DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS.

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## Preliminary Plans Announced for Lake Wilson Trail Improvements

Lake Wilson, MN – Preliminary plans have been developed for the upgrade and improvement of approximately 2.4 miles of the existing trail corridor west of Lake Wilson and the Lake Wilson Trailhead. This effort marks a significant step forward in enhancing the local trail system and improving access and safety for outdoor enthusiasts.

The current goal is to finalize the design and engineering plans by late 2025 or early 2026. A key component of the project includes the proposed replacement of the existing bridge located along this two-plus mile trail segment. The engineering and design work for the new bridge is proceeding independently but is also expected to be completed later this year.

Pending the successful completion of all required plans, specifications, resource assessments, and permits by the end of 2025, the project would move into the construction bidding phase between January and April 2026. If the bidding process proceeds as scheduled, construction could begin in May 2026, with project completion anticipated in late summer or early fall.

In the event of delays in finalizing plans, assessments, or permits, construction would be rescheduled for fall 2026 or early 2027.

In March, the Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail group made the decision to reallocate funds originally intended for trail expansion east out of Woodstock to instead focus efforts west out of Lake Wilson. In response, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has initiated planning and design work to align with this revised priority.

This project highlights a renewed commitment to improving recreational infrastructure and enhancing the trail experience in Southwest Minnesota.

# JOIN US! YEARLY MEMBER MEETING



Friends of the  
**Casey Jones  
State Trail**

*You are invited!*



Details:



**THURSDAY**  
**6/12/25**



**START AT**  
5PM



**CURRIE LOOP -  
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ROBIN WEIS

*We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff members as we recognize their work anniversaries.*

*Your commitment, talent, and passion play a vital role in advancing the mission of the Southwest Regional Development Commission.*

*Each year of service reflects not only your personal dedication but also your positive impact on the communities we serve.*

*Thank you for your continued contributions – we are grateful for all that you do!*



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