

Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
City Council Chambers  
7:30 p.m.



AGENDA

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Council Minutes – March 2, 2010
2. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes
    - EDA Commission – March 8, 2010
    - Library Board – March 9, 2010
    - Telecommunication Commission – March 9, 2010
3. License Application
  - Dance Permit – Windom Fire Dept. – April 17, 2010
4. Department Heads
5. Telecom
  - TV Contracts and Renewals
  - Southwest and West Central Service Cooperative – Technology Services
6. Regular Bills
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Council Concerns
10. Adjourn



**Council Meeting  
Windom City Hall, Council Chamber  
March 2, 2010  
7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kruse at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mayor: Kirby Kruse

Council Members: Corey Maricle, Robert Messer, Bradley Powers and JoAnn Ray

Council Members Absent: Jean Fast

City Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Bruce Caldwell, Street Superintendent; Marv Grunig, Electric Utility Manager; Craig Mueller, Wenck & Associates and Terry Glidden, Telecom

Public Present: Frank Dorpinghaus, Rahn Larsen and Dirk Abraham

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Powers second by Ray, to approve the City Council minutes from February 16, 2010. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

5. Consent Agenda:

Kruse said that minutes were received from the following Boards\Commissions:

- Utility Commission – February 17, 2010
- Street Committee – February 18, 2010

**Motion by Maricle second by Powers, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 4–0.**

6. License Applications:

Application for an Exempt Permit for lawful gaming from the Windom Area Hospital Foundation.

**Motion by Powers second by Ray, to approve the Exempt Permit for lawful gaming from the Windom Area Hospital Foundation. Motion passed 4-0.**

Application for a Business Solicitation Permit for Tara Christensen representing Edward Jones Financial Services.

**Motion by Maricle second by Ray, to approve the Business Solicitation Permit for Tara Christensen. Motion passed 4-0.**

Authorization to Dispense Intoxicating Liquor by the Laker Grill for an event at the Windom Community Center on April 10, 2010.

**Motion by Maricle second by Ray, to approve the liquor license for the Laker Grill for an event at the Windom Community Center on April 10, 2010. Motion passed 4-0.**

7. Department Heads:

None

8. CMMPA Agency Agreement:

Marv Grunig, Electric Utility Manager, said that a copy of the restated agreement and resolution were in the Council packets. Windom has been a member of CMMPA since 1999. CMMPA's operations for its members include power purchases, transmission services, conservation planning and renewable energy compliance. Millions of dollars of transactions are undertaken by CMMPA for its eleven members. As such the delivery of these services and cooperative agreements need to be managed in detail, which is the basis for restating the agency agreement as well as providing protection for the members. The Market Participant Agreement and Additional Services Agreement have already been signed by the CMMPA members including Windom. Grunig said the City Attorney has expressed a firm opinion that the Agency Agreement should be signed by 100% of the CMMPA members rather than a simple majority as called for in the restated Agency Agreement. Grunig agrees that 100% would be ideal; however State law only requires a majority and the whole thing could be held up by one member to the detriment of the other members. The Windom Utility Commission also debated this restated agreement and the concerns of the City Attorney. Following discussion and careful consideration the Utility Commission did vote to recommend approval of the restated agreement as presented. To clarify, there were no legal issues with the agreement, but the City Attorney's opinion is that all members need to approve the agreement. This new agreement does expand the requirements for passage of agreement changes to a double majority, which is a majority of the members and a majority of the volume of participation of CMMPA services. Grunig is requesting City Council approval of the fourth restated agency agreement.

**Council member Messer introduced the Resolution No. 2010-05, entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING CENTRAL MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY (CMMPA) AGENCY AGREEMENT" and moved its adoption. The**

**resolution was seconded by Maricle and on roll call vote: Aye: Powers, Ray, Maricle and Messer. Nay: None. Absent: Fast. Resolution passed 4 – 0.**

9. 2010 Seal Coating\Crack Filling Project – Specs and Request for Quotes:

Bruce Caldwell, Street Superintendent and Craig Mueller, Wenck & Associates provided an overview of the proposed project. Quotes would be solicited for the 2010 project with a base bid for an all petroleum based product and an alternate bid which included a test area using a water based product. The water based emulsion product has been used in a number of places including Cottonwood County and Lakefield with success so a test area in Windom is being proposed. There is an anticipated cost savings with this product.

Messer asked if the test area was a high traffic block. Mueller said it would be 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the traffic is medium. Messer asked why not a high traffic area.

Powers said the test area was intended to be small and to have the all petroleum based product and water based emulsion product on the same street for equal comparison and traffic, so 8<sup>th</sup> Street fit the criteria.

Caldwell noted that if the street conditions after the Spring thaw were to poor then one of the streets in this proposed list may be substituted for another. He also noted that the crack filling was not for streets this year, but proposed for the walking trails. Crack filling was done on the streets last year but no seal coating so it is important to have the seal coating done this year.

Messer asked if the City Street crew would be doing the crack filling. Caldwell said the plan was to contract it out as he is expecting to be short staffed this summer.

**Motion by Ray, second by Powers, to approve the 2010 Seal Coating and Crack Filling plan. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

10. MTV Contract Renewal:

Nasby said that the Telecom Manager was out of town attending the Minnesota Telephone Association meeting. A memorandum from Dan Olsen was included in the Council packet. This contract is for a renewal of programming for the MTV family of channels carried on our system. This renewal was negotiated by the NCTC, which Windom is a member. The programming costs go up eight percent. The Telecom Manager is recommending approval and the Telecom Commission was consulted and had no objection to the renewal.

**Motion by Maricle, second by Messer, to approve the contract through NCTC for the MTV programming. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

11. Second Reading Ordinance No. 134, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series:

Kruse said this is the revised ordinance for the snow emergency regulations.

**Motion by Powers, second by Ray, to adopt the Second Reading of Ordinance 134, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series as amended. Motion carried 4 – 0.**

12. Set Public Hearing for Proposed Langley Street Vacation:

Nasby said this step is for setting the public hearing only. If the hearing is set then the required notices will be sent out and additional information provided to the Council.

Maricle asked if this vacation was for the portion of the road where it was straightened. Caldwell said that was correct and the proposed 70 foot right-of-way was consistent with what we have in town.

Messer asked what happens to the current right-of-way property. Caldwell said some would remain right-of-way and the excess would go to the property owners.

**Council member Powers introduced the Resolution No. 2010-06, entitled “RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF LANGLEY STREET” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Ray and on roll call vote: Aye: Ray, Maricle, Messer and Powers. Nay: None. Absent: Fast. Resolution passed 4 – 0.**

13. Resolution of Support to Reject Governor Pawlenty’s LGA Cuts:

**Council member Powers introduced the Resolution No. 2010-07, entitled “RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE REJECT THE GOVERNOR’S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CUTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Maricle and on roll call vote: Aye: Maricle, Messer, Powers and Ray. Nay: None. Absent: Fast. Resolution passed 4 – 0.**

14. Board of Review – May 10, 2010:

Nasby said this is the meeting on valuations conducted with the Council by the County Assessor. Maricle and Powers were the Council members that had the required State training. Both Maricle and Powers said they plan on attending the meeting.

**Motion by Powers, seconded by Maricle, to set a special City Council meeting for the 2010 Board of Review for May 10, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried 4–0.**

15. Regular Bills:

**Motion by Powers, seconded by Ray, to approve the regular bills. Motion carried 4–0.**

16. Unfinished Business:

Kruse said that he had been working on coming up with people to serve on the Tree Committee. Kruse said that Lindsay Cartwright, Eldon Moon and Joanne Kaiser had volunteered to serve and Corey Maricle would be the Council liaison. Kruse requested that these individuals be appointed to the Tree Committee.

**Motion by Powers, seconded by Maricle, to appoint Lindsay Cartwright, Eldon Moon and Joanne Kaiser to the Tree Committee. Motion carried 4-0.**

17. New Business:

Nasby said that the Blandin Foundation was anticipating some federal stimulus funds for the expansion of technology and broadband. Grants to communities could be up to \$165,000 with \$35,000 of match. A potential project with WECC, Windom Area Schools, Cottonwood County and the City is being discussed. The City's part would include mobile technology in the public safety vehicles. Consensus of the Council to proceed with the project.

18. Council Concerns:

Messer asked about plans for possible flooding. Nasby said that discussions were taking place with Windom's Emergency Management person and the Street Department. Windom has some sand bags on-hand and arrangements for more were being made. The National Weather Service has said minor flooding is possible in our area.

Kruse asked citizens to make sure and clean up after their pets while walking them.

19. Adjourn:

**Kruse adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Kirby Kruse, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WINDOM  
MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2010**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Slette at 12:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Guest Introductions:

EDAWN Commissioners: Trevor Slette, Juhl Erickson, Sally Larson, and Bob Messer.  
Absent: Corey Maricle.

Also Present: EDA Staff – Aaron Backman, Executive Director, and Mary Hensen, Adm. Asst.; City Administrator Steve Nasby; and Mayor Kirby Kruse.

3. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Commissioner Messer, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to approve the Minutes of the EDA Meeting held on February 8, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.**

4. Small Cities Development Program

A. Owner-Occupied Rehab Project Review: Western Community Action processed and inspected three additional properties for the housing rehabilitation program. The Board received a recap sheet for these projects that outlined the scope of work for each project, the total project costs, owners' match, and proposed loans of SCDP funds. The average SCDP loan is \$15,600. The maximum SCDP loan per project is \$18,000. All of the proposed projects are within the funding range and are within the designated target area in Mountain Lake.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Proposed Improvements</u>	<u>Project Costs</u>	<u>SCDP Funds (Maximum for Project)</u>
Mountain Lake No. 532	Window, Doors, Roofing, Siding, Soil Line, Electrical	\$30,580	\$15,600
Mountain Lake No. 531	Door, Window, Insulation, Furnace, Electrical	\$30,320	\$15,600
Mountain Lake No. 533	Roofing, Doors, Electrical	\$17,115	\$10,269

**Motion by Commissioner Erickson, seconded by Commissioner Messer, approving the SCDP owner-occupied rehab requests for Mountain Lake Projects Nos. 532, 531, and 533 as submitted by Western Community Action. Motion carried 4-0.**

5. Prospective TIF District – Discussion: The Board received copies of an aerial map of the site and a memo from Todd Hagen of Ehlers & Associates, the EDA's TIF financial advisors, concerning a possible tax increment financing district for the project. Director Backman indicated that he and Steve Nasby had met with Frank McDowell, General Manager of New Vision Co-op, concerning proposed improvements to New Vision's 16<sup>th</sup> Street facility. Director Backman reviewed the proposed project and the criteria and potential timetable for establishment of a TIF district. Following review, the consensus of the Board was to authorize the EDA to continue communications with New Vision Co-op concerning the specifics of the project and the criteria for a potential TIF district.

6. WECC – Update: Director Backman updated the Board regarding meetings between WECC and the Chamber concerning possible co-sponsored educational opportunities. An online

survey has been developed and is available on the Citizen, Chamber and WECC websites. The purpose of the survey is to identify possible customer service training classes of interest to local businesses. WECC's winter classes, including computer classes and the second MNREM-funded welding class, are underway. The 2010 Spring class catalog should be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

7. Blandin Broadband Stimulus Grant Application: Director Backman reviewed with the Board the history of this application which began in August of 2009. The Blandin Foundation is the sponsor of an application for federal stimulus funds. If the application is successful, Windom will be one of ten "demonstration communities" that would receive \$165,000 for various broadband activities. The communities need to show partnerships with "key anchor community institutions", such as schools, institutions of higher learning, medical providers, government facilities, public safety entities, libraries, community support organizations and/or public housing in their plan for the use of these funds. Windom is proposing a multi-faceted approach that would include participation by local and county law enforcement, Windom Fire Department and Ambulance Service, the Windom Area School District and WECC. The proposal is to equip squad cars and ambulances with laptop computers and web-based technology, installation of an interactive distance learning/video conferencing center in a WECC classroom, and creation of a distance learning studio in a classroom at the Windom Area Middle-High School. Each of the entities would contribute toward the required in-kind match of \$35,000. City Administrator Nasby and Director Backman have been working on the required submittals for the Blandin Foundation and are also receiving letters of support from the School District and County for the proposed projects.
8. Legislative Update: The Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) is a statewide association representing more than 500 public and private sector economic development professionals. Director Backman, as Co-Chair of the EDAM Legislative Committee, briefly updated the Board concerning the committee's activities. The Board members also received copies of the legislative policies and priorities adopted by EDAM for this year's legislative session.
9. Prospect Update: Director Backman updated the Board concerning preliminary discussions with Richard Vortherms regarding a new 54' X 104' building he is planning to construct. Director Backman also updated the board concerning preliminary communications with an area individual interested in a possible new restaurant and showings of other available Windom sites.
10. Miscellaneous Information
  - A. Monthly Budget Recap: The Board received a copy of the monthly budget report for the period ending January 31, 2010.
  - B. River Bluff Townhomes – Monthly Financial Report: The Board received a copy of the financial report provided by Van Binsbergen & Associates for the period ending January 31, 2010.
11. Adjourn: By consensus, President Slette adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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Sally Larson, Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Aaron Backman, Executive Director

Windom Library Board Meeting  
Windom Library  
March 9, 2010  
5:05 p.m.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jan Johnson at 5:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Kathy Hiley, John Duscher, Jan Johnson, Beth Fleming, Anita Winkel, Mary Erickson and Charles Reid  
  
Members Absent: None  
  
Library Staff Present: Joan Hunter and Dawn Aamot  
  
City Council Member Present: None
3. Agenda and Minutes  
Motion by Charles Reid, seconded by John Duscher to approve the Agenda and the Minutes as amended.
4. Financial Report:  
Motion by Anita Winkel, seconded by Mary Erickson to approve the Financial Report.
5. Librarians Report:  
Joan reported that she has been working on the state report. At the city Department heads' meeting, she learned that the cuts from the state might not be as large as originally predicted. The Governor wants to keep the LGA cuts though. Plum Creek Library says the cuts to libraries can't be more than 10% to be compliant with laws. Joan estimates the cuts she has made so far are at about 7%.  
In 2009, the State of Minnesota created a Legacy Fund for 2010 and 2011. Plum Creek Library System is using these funds to have famous Minnesota authors visit local libraries. On the evening of May 22, Duluth author, Brian Freeman, will be at the Windom library for about 90 minutes. He has authored 4 suspense novels and is currently releasing a fifth novel. His appearance will be paid for from the Legacy Fund. Joan will be asking the Windom Friends of the Library to help with other costs involved with his appearance. In June, a book fair will be take place at the Marshall library and MN author, Vince Flynn will be making an appearance there. The Legacy Fund will also be funding the "Greatest Generation" project. People will be hired to interview "the Greatest Generation" and record their stories for local publication.  
Dawn is working with the Mountain Lake Library to apply for a grant from the Legacy Fund to bring the "Climbing Tree Theater" to the Community Center in June.  
Dawn will be hosting the children from the Sonshine School this Friday and Headstart the following Friday. The Bridges class continues to come to the library also.

Dawn will be attending the children's librarians meeting later this month. They will work on programming for the summer reading program, "Make a Splash at your Library".

Motion by John Duscher and seconded by Beth Fleming to approve the librarian's report.

6. Old Business:

None

7. New Business:

None

8. New Book Suggestions:

The board and our special guest Freddie Hoppert presented their suggestions.

9. Adjourn:

Motion by Charles Reid, seconded by Anita Winkel to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Following the meeting a Tea Party was held celebrating Freddie Hoppert's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and her over 20 years of dedication to the Windom and Plum Creek Library Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hiley, recording secretary

**Telecommunication Commission Minutes**  
**March 09, 2010**

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present: Virgil Meier, Wendell Woodcock, Forrest Fosheim, Robert Messer

Commission Members Absent: Corey Maricle

City Staff Present: Dan Olsen – Telecom Manager, Londa Fosheim, Steve Nasby

Public Present: None

3. Stimulus Update: Received phone call and letter from RUS. Dan and Wendell attended meeting in Lakefield, trying to get things organized. Dan met with attorney in the cities getting tax advice and other things lined up. Talks are in the works with Bonding firms. Need to evaluate Windom's position in the project.

4. Adara/Nasrac: Adara wants \$30,000.00 a year plus monthly fees. Needs to replace some equipment. Nasrac control center for set top boxes, channel rollup. All still up in the air as of yet.

5. Showtime Contract: Coop cannot come to an agreement with Showtime. 6% increase to continue contract with Showtime

**Motion made by \_\_Bob\_\_, seconded by \_\_Wendell\_\_ to renew Showtime Contract  
Motion carried \_\_4 -yes\_0-no\_1-absent\_\_.**

7. Director's Report: Gospel Music Channel, first 2 years free then 14¢ per subscriber.  
Need equipment pricing.

**Motion made by \_\_Bob\_\_, seconded by \_\_Forrest\_\_ to add Gospel Music Channel.  
Motion carried \_\_4-yes\_0-no\_1-absent\_\_.**

8. Other Business:

Working with Toro on V lan development. Toro reps will be down sometime to hammer out details.

Remick Ridge – Windomnet has picked up 24 of the 26 phone lines from Remick Ridge. Remick Ridge is in the process of rewiring the building.

DNR: Working with local DNR to sell phone service to them. They are looking at 10 phone lines, plus long distance.

Off airs/Towers: Have been testing off airs. Testing 4 channels the last few months. No visible difference in staying with Dish or going to Tower. Cost is \$3,400.00 a month for Dish or \$4,000.00 a year for Towers. Would need to buy rack of equipment and give Dish 30 day notice.

Fox changing receivers.

30 + contracts coming due soon.

9. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on April 13th at 11:30 a.m. Meet at Windomnet Office building, take tour of head end.

10. Adjourn:





## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

261 Highway 15 South  
New Ulm, Minnesota 56073  
(507) 359-6053

March 9, 2010

Dear Floodplain Manager:

As we brace for flooding across much of our region, it is important to note the value of the work local communities like yourself do to reduce flood damage potential through enforcement of floodplain management ordinance and flood damage reduction measures.

DNR Waters has been actively engaged in flood preparedness efforts. Area Hydrologists and others have been gathering snow pack data across the state. We have had an early start in preparing our flood warning stream gage network.

You can visit our web-site to find current streamflow data, flood forecast information and other valuable information relative to flood response.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/floods/index.html>

While many variables that influence flooding are yet to be determined (additional snowfall – rain, timing of the melt, ice-jam formation, etc), the snow pack across much of western and southern MN ranks above the 95th percentile, a one-in-twenty year occurrence.

We recommend you review your flood maps to familiarize yourself with floodprone areas (homes, roadways, etc.). Area Hydrologist Tom Kresko would like to assist you in any way he can and is willing to meet with you and community officials. It may be worthwhile to meet and discuss any flood fight plans your community may be considering. It is important to make certain placing emergency flood levees or other actions do not have unintended consequences by further impeding flood flow and raising flood elevations.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting our irreplaceable water resources. If you have any questions, please contact Area Hydrologist Tom Kresko @ (507) 831-2900 or via e-mail [Tom.kresko@state.mn.us](mailto:Tom.kresko@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

DNR Waters

*Skip Wright*  
Skip Wright  
Regional Hydrologist

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# Integrated Approach to Flood Management



## What programs assist with flood management?

DNR Waters staff provide year-round assistance to local units of government to ensure new development is not at risk of flooding. Area hydrologists also assist landowners by providing them with information on flood elevations and responding to general floodplain inquiries. The division also has a grant program to mitigate properties that were built in flood prone areas. Assistance includes information, training, and guidance concerning flood insurance, damage determinations, and flood clean-up.

**Area Hydrologists** provide local officials with technical (floodplain, general hydrology) information in planning for the floods. They provide onsite information to flood forecasters before and during the flood and document maximum crest levels for the flood event. After the flood, area hydrologists handle permits needed for repair of flood damage in public waters. They provide information to local officials concerning the determination of substantially damaged structures.

**Stream Monitoring Unit** provides stream flow data to forecasters before and during the flood. They help document peak water levels, peak flows, and provide technical analysis to predict future flooding. They also collect and interpret stream data from the statewide network of stream gages.

**Climatology Unit** coordinates with flood forecasters on climate conditions existing before a flood and evaluate those conditions in historical context. After a flood, they provide disaster relief officials with a summary of climate conditions leading to the disaster.

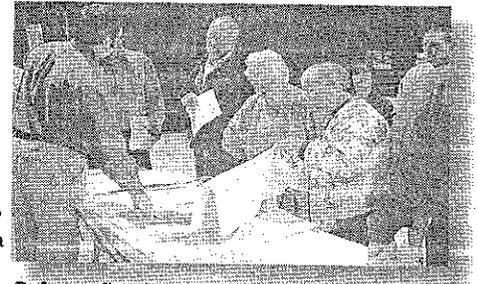


## DNR Waters seeks to break the cycle of flood damage and repair

The ravages of flooding can have devastating effects on people's lives and their communities. DNR Waters provides an integrated approach to flood management for communities. This involves year-round monitoring, data collection, training, financial assistance, and setting standards for floodplain protection. This proactive approach is proven to be cost effective and empowers local communities facing flood issues to better manage their flood risk.

### Flood Studies and Mapping

As we gather more years of hydrologic data in more places throughout the state, community flood studies and maps are being updated. The newest maps use GIS and incorporate LiDAR data (high quality topographic mapping) as it becomes available. GIS maps can be viewed on computers and placed on top of aerial maps along with property lines or other data making it very easy for community planners to see whether a property is in the floodplain.



*Before a flood...  
DNR assists local units of government during public meetings with FEMA about preliminary floodplain maps.*

### Community Assistance

A DNR community assistance hydrologist and DNR Area Hydrologists located in communities around the state assist community planners and zoning officials in interpreting floodplain studies, maps, and state and federal flood regulations. DNR Hydrologists help in updating the studies, maps, and community floodplain ordinances. They also look for opportunities to reduce damages from future floods. Communities that administer FEMA floodplain regulations are eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The DNR assists communities with NFIP enrollment and helps them adopt local floodplain management regulations to meet both state and FEMA requirements. The Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Program provides up to 50% funding for projects that mitigate flood damages and eliminate repeated losses from flooding. Small grants are made directly from the DNR.

Grants with state share exceeding \$150,000 are presented to the governor and the legislature for consideration in a capital bonding bill. Grant applications are received and prioritized by the DNR. The projects eligible for the grants include the following:

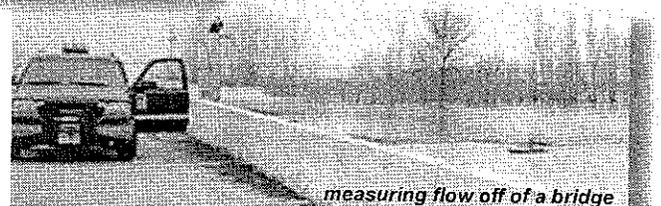
- acquisition and removal of flood-prone structures
- levees, ring dikes, and flood walls
- flood warning systems
- public education workshops
- flood insurance studies
- floodplain mapping
- floodplain and river restorations and
- cost share on federal projects



*During a flood...  
DNR collects onsite data critical to monitoring the discharge (velocity and volume) and height level of a river.*

*LEFT: DNR hydrologist checks flooded roadway to determine whether it is safe to collect data from the bridge in the distance.*

*RIGHT: Hydrologists draw an orange Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler across the swollen Wild Rice River north of Moorhead to establish stream depth and discharge.*

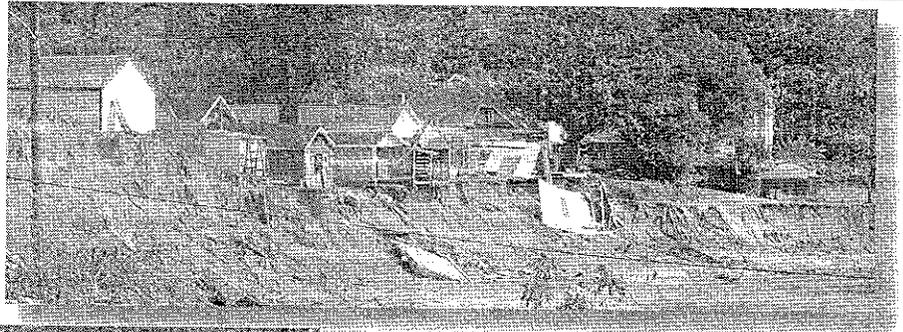


*measuring flow off of a bridge*

# Integrated Approach to Flood Management

Flood mitigation projects in East Grand Forks, Breckenridge, Crookston, Granite Falls and other communities across the state have significantly reduced the risk of flood loss. It is estimated that for every dollar invested in mitigation, \$4 in future damage is prevented.

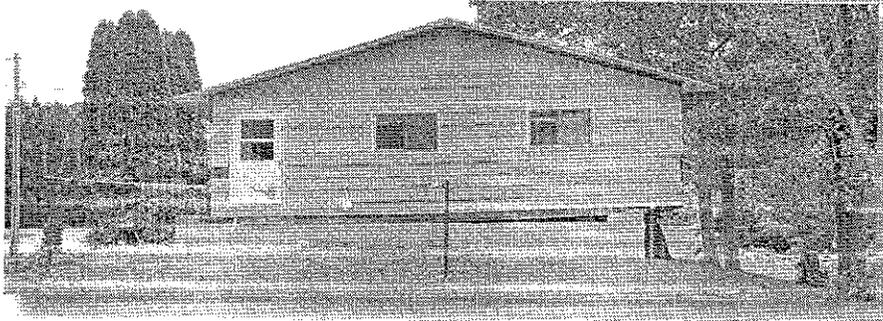
FEMA, 2009



## After a flood...

DNR assists local units of government by assessing flood damage and collecting and analyzing the magnitude of the flood. This data provides historical perspective, helps refine flood forecast models, and can be used in updates to flood studies and flood maps.

These photos from the 2007 flood in southeast Minnesota show the structures affected by bank erosion (above) and a home moved off its foundation by floodwater (left).

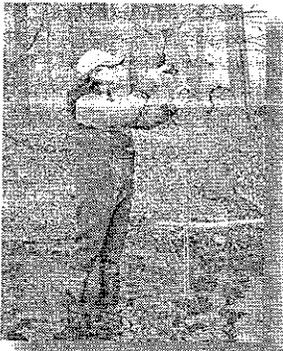


## Data Collection and Interpretation

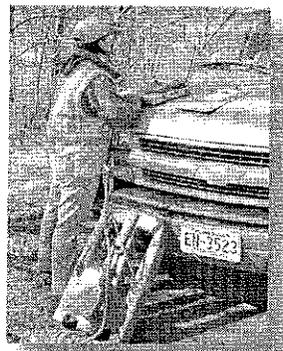
The Stream Hydrology Unit and State Climatology Office are active all year collecting lake and stream data and climatology data to support forecasting and planning efforts. The staff works with other agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, the MN Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, to interpret that data. By providing data throughout the year, DNR can assist in recognizing the conditions that may lead to flooding before it occurs. During a flood event, DNR staff provide current and critical data on stream levels. After a flood, the staff work with local, state, and federal agencies to assess any damages. During floods with a long duration, several stream measurements may be taken to revise the flood forecast and forecasted flood peak(s). In 2009, 53 discharge measurements were taken, 18 of which were made at gages located on tributaries to the Red River over the seven-day period. This information is critical in building emergency levees, closing roads or evacuating neighborhoods.

Hydrologists provide a range of products and services used by staffs at local, state, and federal agencies:

- data interpretation of streamflow conditions based on data from more than 70 gages
- daily reports of streamflow conditions during flood events

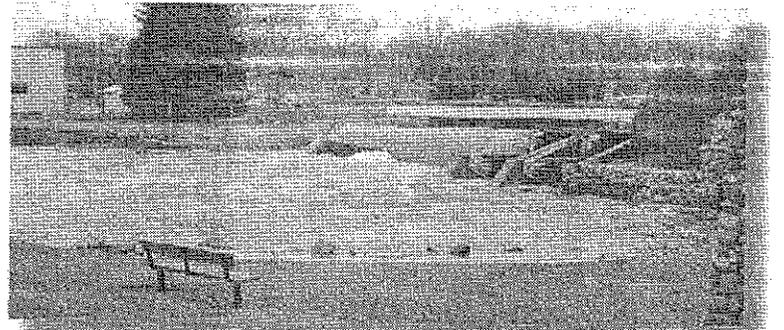


The hydrologist checks and saves discharge data on this stream.



DNR hydrologist prepares to collect stream flow data with the orange Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler.

Data collection all year: Federal, state, and local agencies depend on DNR's data collection on rivers and streams across the state.



Statewide assessment of dams is important to ensure that dams are safe and will function as designed to reduce downstream flooding, thus protecting lives and property.

## DNR Contact Information



DNR Waters website and a listing of Area Hydrologists: <http://mndnr.gov/waters>

DNR Waters in St. Paul:  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 32  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
(651) 259-5700

This information is available in an alternative format on request.

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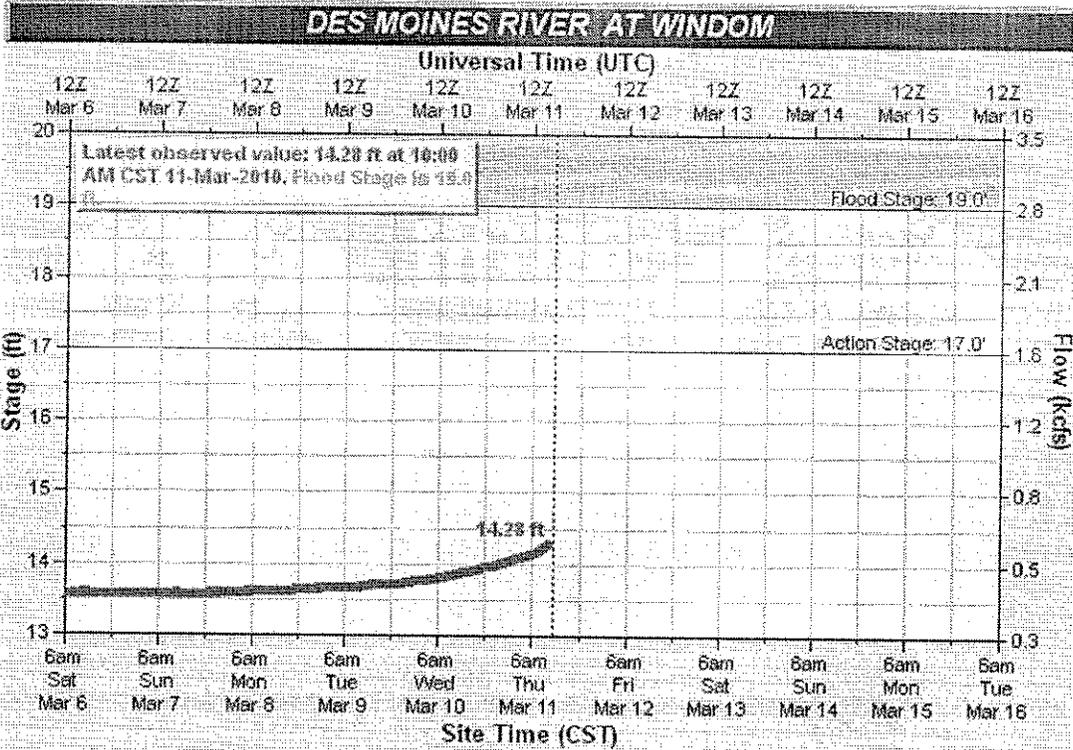
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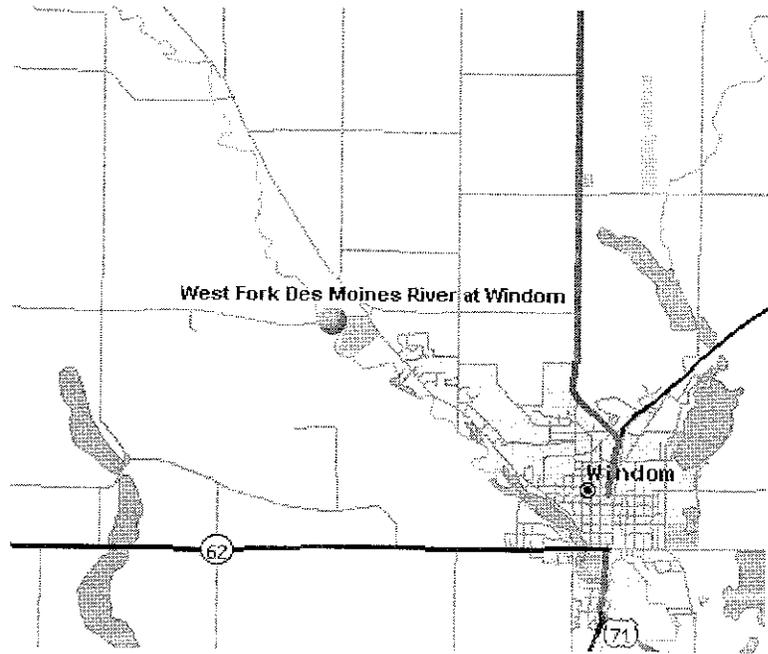
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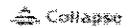
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**Flood Categories (in feet)**  
 Major Flood Stage: 25  
 Moderate Flood Stage: 21  
 Flood Stage: 19  
 Action Stage: 17

**Historical Crests**  
 (1) 24.70 ft on 07/10/1969  
 (2) 21.90 ft on 04/04/1984  
 (3) 21.57 ft on 04/27/2001  
 (4) 21.34 ft on 03/30/1997  
 (5) 21.30 ft on 05/12/1993  
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Flood Impacts & Photos



- 30.0 Portions of County Road 13 begin to flood.
- 27.0 The golf course northwest of Windom near the gage begins flooding.
- 23.0 The higher west bank overflows flooding agricultural land.
- 21.0 Island Park in Windom begins to flood...along with some agricultural lands outside of Windom.
- 19.0 Minor lowland flooding begins along the lower east bank.

Photos

- (1) Upstream View
- (2) Downstream View

About This Location



Latitude: 43.874000° N, Longitude: 95.119000° W, Horizontal Datum: NAD83

River Stage Reference Frame	Gauge Height	Flood Stage	Uses
NWS stage	0 ft	19 ft	Interpreting hydrographs and NWS watch, warnings, and forecasts, and inundation maps
Vertical Datum	Elevation (gauge height = 0)	Elevation (gauge height = flood stage)	Elevation information source
NAVD88	N/A	N/A	Survey grade GPS equipment, FEMA flood plain maps, newer USGS topographic maps
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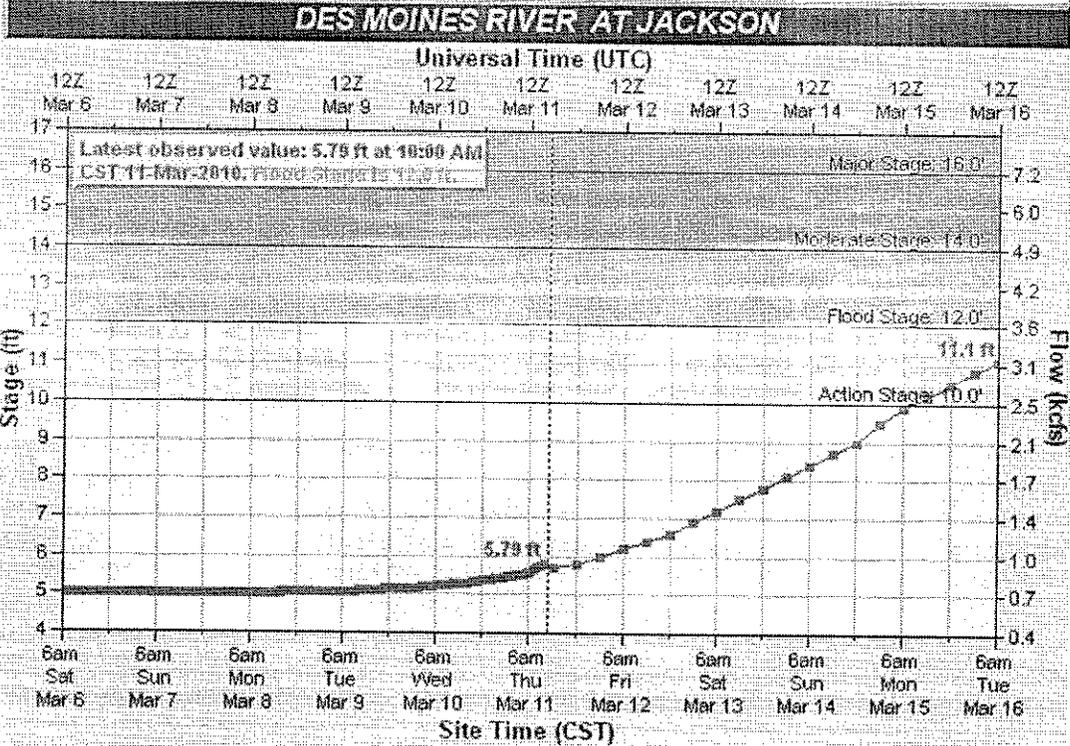
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About this graph    NOTE: Forecasts for the Des Moines River at Jackson are issued as needed during times of high water, but are not routinely available.    Return to Area Map

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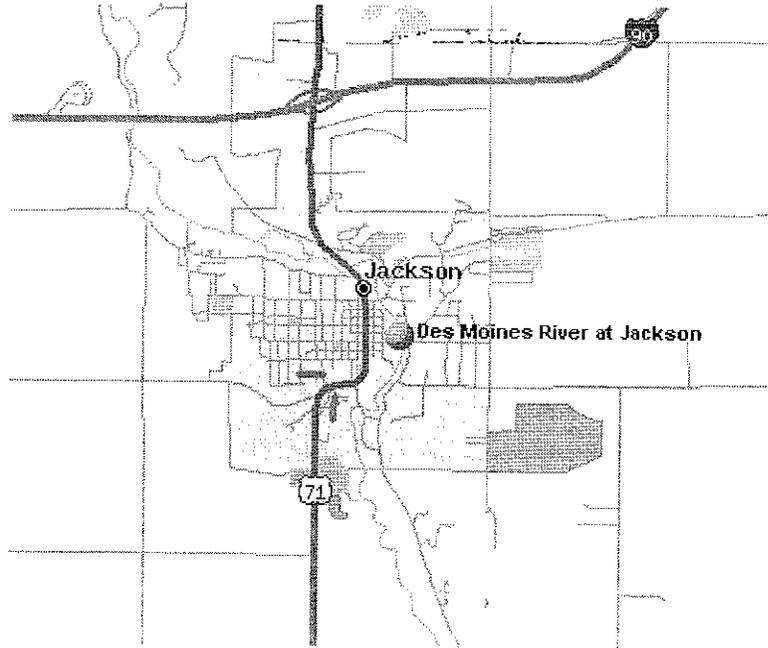
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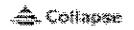
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 Flood Stage: 12  
 Action Stage: 10

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 (3) 17.43 ft on 06/08/1953  
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 (5) 16.31 ft on 04/13/1984  
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- 20.0 The highest levees in Jackson are overtopped causing major flooding of roads...homes...and businesses in Jackson.
- 17.0 The lower levees in Jackson are overtopped flooding parks and ballfields.
- 14.0 Flooding begins to affect homes and businesses along the non-leveed portions of the river in Jackson.
- 12.0 Lowland flooding in rural areas begins on non-leveed portions of the river.

**Photos**

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How low could the river get?

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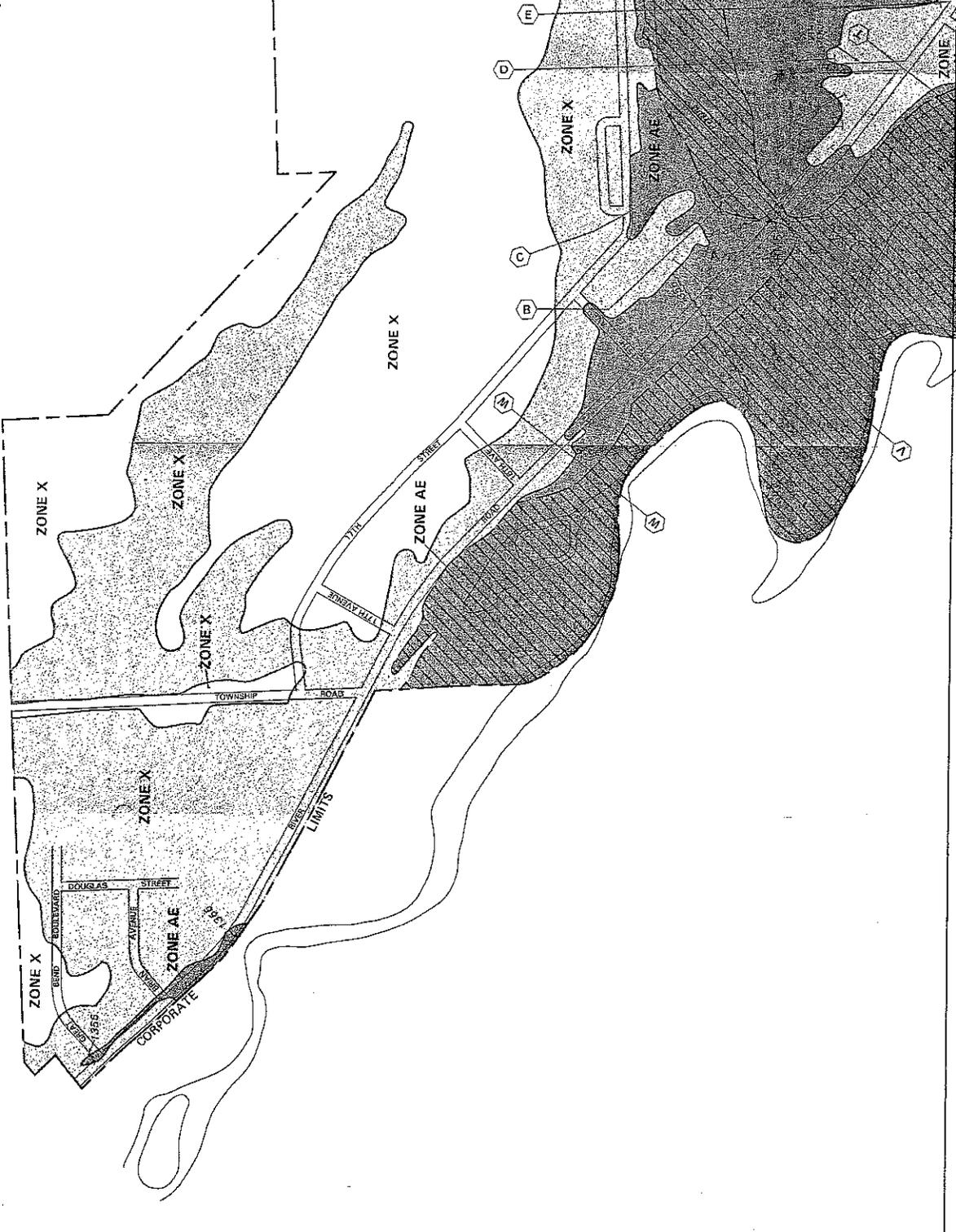
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 FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

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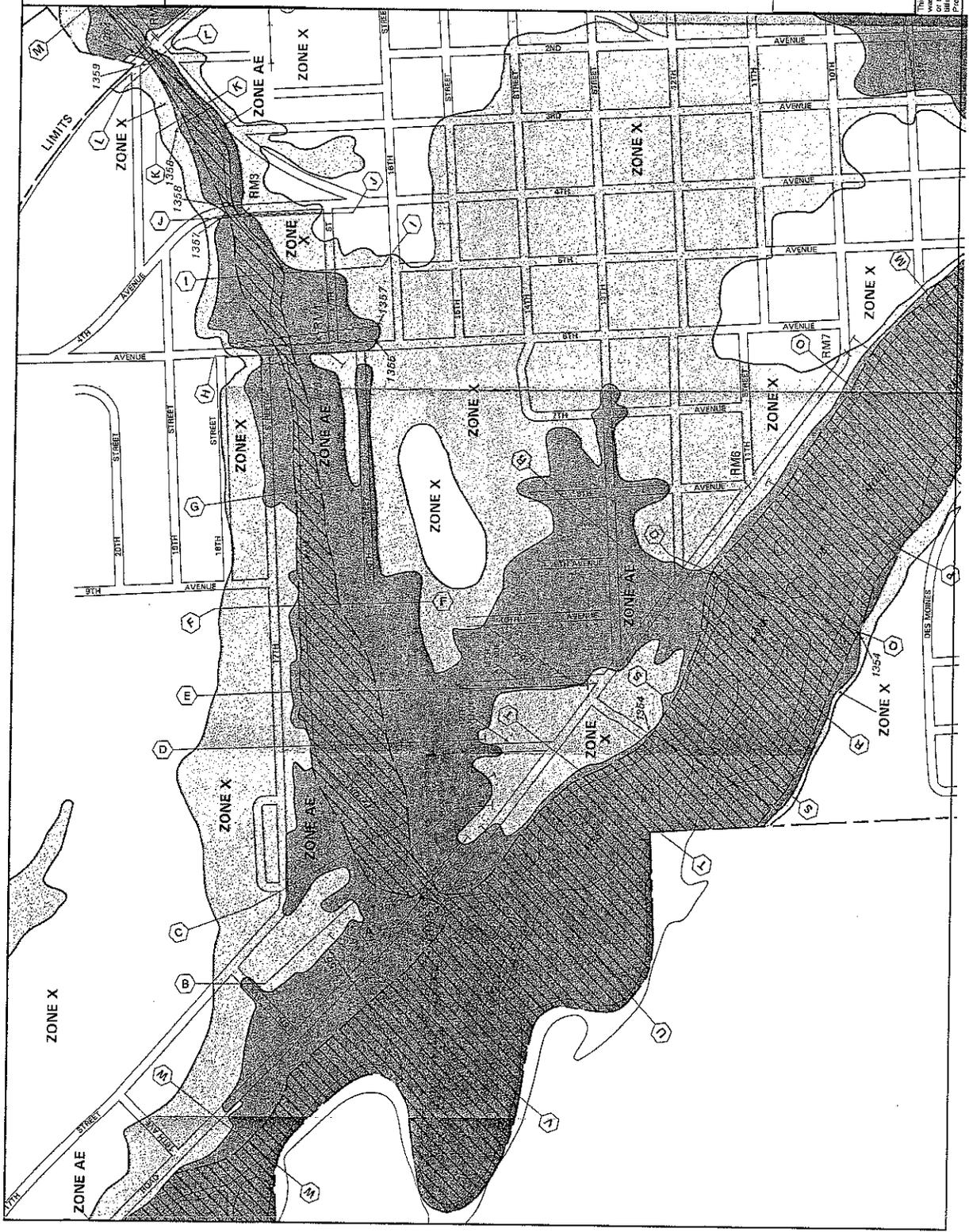
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# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

March 9, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Through:

Janet M. Odesloo, Acting Regional Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V  
536 South Clark Street, Floor 6  
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR 206.36, I request you declare an expedited major disaster for the state of Minnesota due to hydrologic conditions indicating a strong potential for severe spring flooding. Conditions contributing to the threat of flooding and inundation include: excessive precipitation throughout the fall and winter seasons causing saturated soil conditions, high water equivalency in the current snowpack, full wetlands and ditches that result in minimal available surface storage, and the prospects of additional moisture and ice jams through the spring snowmelt. I request that the incident period begin on March 1, 2010.

In response to these conditions, I have directed state agencies to provide preparedness assistance to local governments. I have requested technical, advance measures, and emergency operations assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – St. Paul District.

I have determined the potential severity and magnitude of this incident would exceed the capabilities of the state. Based on the extensive flood preparedness efforts underway in communities throughout the Red River and Minnesota Basins, I am requesting direct federal assistance for emergency protective measures addressing life-saving/sustaining, property protection, and public health and safety. These emergency protective measures include, but are not limited to: generators; potable water for communities; evaluation of water and sewer systems; sandbagging machines, sandbags, and sand; levee construction; water control barriers; emergency pumping; and assistance and shelter for evacuees.

President Obama

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In support of local and tribal jurisdictions, I am specifically requesting Public Assistance, Category B, for the tribal nation of Upper Sioux Agency, and for the following counties: Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Lac Qui Parle, Lyon, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Sibley, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine. As I am making this request, state and local jurisdictions are expending public funds preparing for this event. The city of Moorhead in Clay County and the city of Breckenridge in Wilkin County are preparing sandbags to keep in storage. Additionally, Oakport Township in Clay County, the city of Montevideo in Chippewa County, and the city of Granite Falls in Yellow Medicine County have requested USACE Advance Measures assistance.

Many of these same communities were declared disaster areas in 2009, and have depleted financial reserves due to the costs associated with last year's flooding. Jurisdictions throughout the state are still working on large project repairs to damaged infrastructure. Final reimbursements for these projects will not be made until they are completed, which will take another year or more.

I also request that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program be implemented statewide. I reserve the right to request additional jurisdictions as preliminary damage assessments are conducted and more information becomes available. Additionally, I reserve the right to request implementation of the Individual Assistance and Other Needs Program and other federal aid programs.

#### Flood Outlook

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) issued an updated Flood outlook on Friday, March 5, reinforcing earlier messages regarding significant spring flooding throughout the state, particularly in the Red River and Minnesota River basins.

The increased threat of flooding across Minnesota is due to several factors. The foundation was laid with the much-above-normal precipitation received last October – roughly 5 to 7 inches of water fell across central and southern Minnesota. This is 200 – 300 percent of normal rainfall. Many rivers and creeks were still high when cold weather set in during early December. Several severe snowstorms followed throughout December, January, and into February.

Typically, the snow melt begins in early to mid April. NWS observers, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the United States Geological Survey have been collecting snow core and snow water information. NWS observes that the snowpack is warming. Ditches, culverts, and drainage systems are full and may restrict water from feeding into the rivers once the snow melt begins.

Localized flooding due to ice jams is expected to be a problem across much of the Red River and Minnesota River basin areas. River and creek levels can be dramatically impacted by the way well-established sheets of ice melt and break up.

The Red River Valley climate outlook suggests there will be an increase in precipitation beginning in late March and persisting into late April. This could include one or two significant storms which would adversely impact the snow melt, resulting in significant flooding.

#### State and Local Preparations

Our response to impacts of imminent flooding has included communication and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) operated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), conducted a conference call with FEMA Region V personnel to review the 2009 flood event and begin development of a concept of operations for 2010 flooding. The SEOC is participating in NWS conference calls and webinars and distributing information to state and local agency partners. HSEM has met with the USACE to develop criteria and process for requesting USACE assistance, and subsequently distributed these to local governments. State agencies are meeting together March 10 to continue planning and coordination. Internet-based meetings were conducted statewide (by HSEM region) to provide information from the NWS, USACE, National Guard, and HSEM and other state agencies to local and tribal jurisdictions. In conjunction with these meetings, information was distributed about logistics planning, the USACE and National Guard checklists, and an operational requirements checklist.

Local officials throughout the Red River and Minnesota Basins have conducted preplanning activities, and are issuing emergency declarations and activating local emergency operations plans.

Additional state activities include:

- HSEM is coordinating with the Civil Air Patrol, Minnesota National Guard, Minnesota State Patrol, and Customs and Border Protection to establish an air operations plan for this event. HSEM has requested that FEMA facilitate temporary expansion of the certificate of authorization for the airspace so U.S. Customs and Border Protection can conduct aerial reconnaissance using the Unmanned Aerial System.
- The Minnesota National Guard has conducted training and two tabletop exercises for units that would be involved in flood response. The National Guard has pre-positioned equipment and is monitoring weather and forecasts on an ongoing basis.
- Department of Corrections inmates are filling and transporting sandbags to areas of need.

President Obama

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Because of these and other activities, state and local governments are expending funds for Category B, Emergency Protective Measures. I certify that for this major disaster, state and local governments will assume all applicable non-federal share of costs required by Stafford Act PL 93-288, as amended. While total state and local recovery costs cannot be estimated at this time, I request direct federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property.

In accordance with 44 CFR 22.208, the state of Minnesota agrees that it will, with respect to federal assistance:

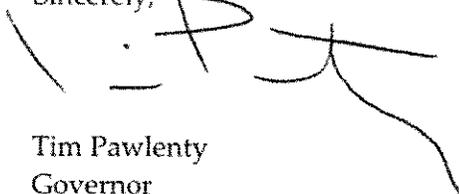
- Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary to accomplish the approved work.
- Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the federal government against any claims arising from such work.
- Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement.
- Assist the performing federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you declare a major disaster for Minnesota as outlined above and starting on March 1, 2010. I further request a 75 percent federal share for eligible recovery costs.

I have designated Kris A. Eide, Director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf. You may reach Ms. Eide at 651-201-7404 or Kris.Eide@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Pawlenty', written over a horizontal line.

Tim Pawlenty  
Governor

c: Kris A. Eide



# Memo

**To:** Mayor and Council Members  
**From:** Denise Nichols  
**CC:** Steve Nasby  
**Date:** 3/12/2010  
**Re:** Proposed Vacation Legal Description Revision

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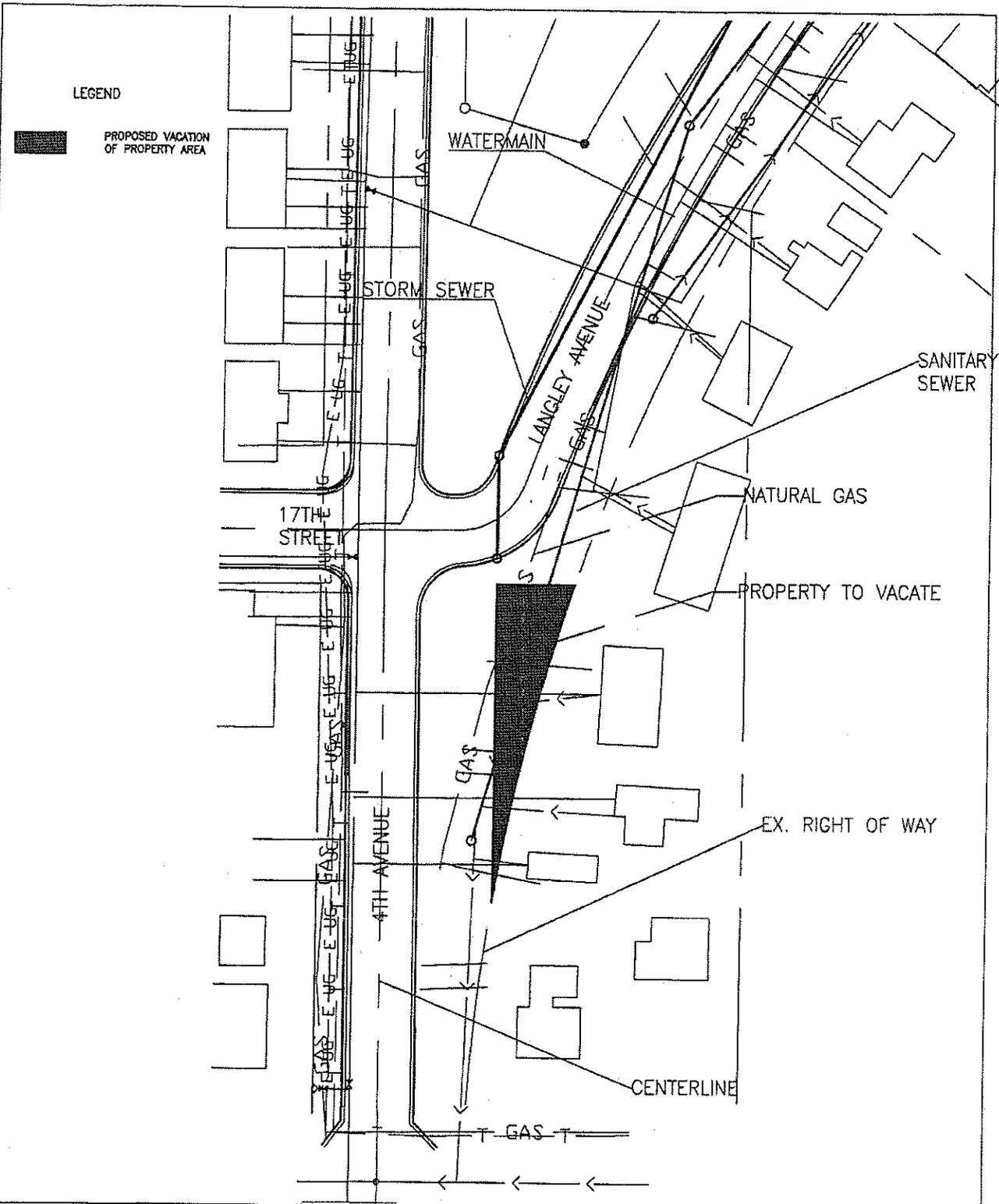
At the March 2nd City Council meeting, the Council adopted a resolution entitled "A Resolution Calling For A Public Hearing On A Proposed Vacation Of A Portion of Langley Street". The resolution contained a legal description of the proposed vacation area. While preparing a map of the proposed vacation, it was determined that the legal description of the vacation area needed to be revised.

The following is the revised legal description. The two changes are in bold and underlined and included a change from the west to east of a line running parallel and 35 feet to 20 feet.

All that part of Langley Street located in Lot 7, County Auditor's Subdivision No. 4 in the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota, which lies south of the south right-of-way line of 17<sup>th</sup> Street extrapolated east, and which lies **east** of a line running parallel with, and **20** feet east of the west line of Lot 7, County Auditor's Subdivision No. 4 in the City of Windom.

**Requested Action: Informational only - no action is required. The Public Hearing on the proposed vacation will be held during the April 6, 2010, City Council Meeting.**

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**LEGEND**  
 PROPOSED VACATION OF PROPERTY AREA



**Wenck**  
 Wenck Associates, Inc.  
 Consulting Engineers  
 440 10TH STREET  
 WINDOM, MN 56101  
 Web Site: www.wenck.com  
 507-831-2703  
 507-831-5271

**CLIENT**  
 CITY OF WINDOM  
 444 9TH STREET  
 WINDOM, MN 56101

**PROJECT** 2009 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**SHEET TITLE** 4TH/LANGLEY INTERSECTION PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY

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March 5, 2010

Mr. Dan Olson  
Windomnet  
P.O. Box 38  
443-10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Windom MN 56101

Dear Dan:

Enclosed are two copies of a renewal contract for On-call support and Monitoring Services for the Windomnet Network Operations Center provided by the SW/WC Service Cooperative.

Please sign and return both copies in the enclosed envelope. We will return one copy after all signatures have been obtained.

Please give me a call if you have any questions at (507)537-2265.

We look forward to continuing providing Windomnet with on-call support and monitoring services.

Sincerely,

Josh Sumption  
Manager of Information Technology

Enclosure

Southwest and West Central Service Cooperative  
1420 East College Drive  
Marshall, MN 56258

**TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION SERVICES CONTRACT**

This contract, entered into this 1st day of April 2010 by and between

Windomnet (agency purchasing services) and Southwest and West Central Service Cooperative (SC):

The SW/WC Service Cooperative agrees to perform the following services:

Term of Service Contract: April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

Service: On-call Support and Monitoring Services, Year Round

Location(s): Windomnet Network Operations Center; Windom, MN

In consideration for services under the terms of this contract.

- The purchasing agency shall pay the SC the sum of: **\$10,000/year**
- The purchasing agency shall receive on-call and regularly scheduled support, up to one day (8 hours) per month, for their network operations.
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Expenses: Transportation Actual round trip mileage x the current IRS Rate meals -0-,  
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ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE TO THE SOUTHWEST/WEST CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE. A monthly bill will be sent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contracting Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
SW/WC Service Cooperative Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Admin Services Director, SW/WC SC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Contracting Agency SW/WC Service Cooperative Designee Date

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Street Address Admin Services Director, SW/WC SC Date

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Date Revenue

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Agency Representative

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

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P & Z / BUILDING OFF	STATE OF MN OFFICE O	SOGGEE HOME ANNEXATION	50.00
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CITY HALL	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	573.50
CITY HALL	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	316.20
CITY HALL	J & G THE BOILER GUY	BOILER INSPECTION	62.50
CITY HALL	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	316.20
	Total for Department 115		1,268.40*
POLICE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	72.36
POLICE	KENT F. KELLY	EXPENSE	224.60
POLICE	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	128.00
POLICE	SOUTHWEST CHIEFS OF	DUES	35.00
POLICE	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	104.90
	Total for Department 120		564.86*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	18.78
FIRE DEPARTMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	26.21
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MIDWEST WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	44.78
FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOL, FIREMEN'S BENE	DUES	196.00
	Total for Department 125		285.77*
STREET	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	523.91
STREET	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	VOLUME DISCOUNT	119.32
STREET	AMUNDSON DIG	MAINTENANCE	233.75
STREET	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	3,772.77
STREET	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	80.00
STREET	SCOTT'S SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL	250.00
STREET	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	87.76
	Total for Department 140		5,067.51*
PARKS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	29.68
PARKS	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	32.00
	Total for Department 165		61.68*
	Total for Fund 01		7,837.84*
LIBRARY	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	336.56
LIBRARY	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	316.20
LIBRARY	J & G THE BOILER GUY	BOILER INSPECTION	62.50
LIBRARY	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	316.20
	Total for Department 171		1,031.46*
	Total for Fund 03		1,031.46*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AIRPORT	RED ROCK RURAL WATER	WATER	23.50
AIRPORT	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC	POWER COST	1,135.07
	Total for Department 174		1,158.57*
	Total for Fund 11		1,158.57*
AMBULANCE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	23.26
AMBULANCE	SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGE	REGISTRATION	1,775.00
AMBULANCE	AFLAC	REFUND - AMBULANCE	321.68
AMBULANCE	WILLARD JOHNSON	REFUND - AMBULANCE SERVI	575.88
	Total for Department 176		2,695.82*
	Total for Fund 13		2,695.82*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,063.44
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING	MN NCPERS	LIFE INSURANCE	32.00
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING	VOYAGER FLEET	SERVIC GAS	71.13
	Total for Department 177		1,166.57*
	Total for Fund 14		1,166.57*
SCDP	SW MN HOUSING PARTNER	COMMITMENT TO SCDP GRAN	23,500.00
	Total for Department 163		23,500.00*
	Total for Fund 17		23,500.00*
N IND PARK	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC	POWER COST	37.84
	Total for Department 147		37.84*
	Total for Fund 18		37.84*
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	5,144.40
LIQUOR	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	812.14
LIQUOR	EXTREME BEVERAGE, LL	MERCHANDISE	100.50
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	6,075.85
LIQUOR	A H HERMEL CANDY & T	MERCHANDISE	295.15
LIQUOR	MN NCPERS	LIFE INSURANCE	32.00
LIQUOR	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	424.50
	Total for Department 180		12,884.54*
	Total for Fund 60		12,884.54*
WATER	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
WATER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	3,796.82
WATER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	.48
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	158.75
WATER	MN NCPERS	LIFE INSURANCE	40.00
WATER	PETERSON SMITH GRAVE	MAINTENANCE	790.00
WATER	VOYAGER FLEET	SERVIC GAS	322.50
	Total for Department 181		5,160.80*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Fund 61			5,160.80*
	SCOTT EBELING	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	125.00
Total for Department			125.00*
ELECTRIC	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	567.73
ELECTRIC	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
ELECTRIC	CRA PAYMENT CENTER	MAINTENANCE	541.42
ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	265.86
ELECTRIC	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	.48
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	158.75
ELECTRIC	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSUPANCE	96.00
ELECTRIC	BRAD BUSSA	CLEANING	184.60
ELECTRIC	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	173.35
ELECTRIC	EMILY ARMENDARIZ	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	BETTY BOTTIN	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	GALAN DERKSEN	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	JUDITH CLARK	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	BRITTANY ESPENSON	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	LUANA GRAF	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	TIM HACKER	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	EUGENE HARNACK	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	HAROLD HURLEY	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	DUANE KAISER	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	DAVID KRUEGER	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	SHELLE LEGLER	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	CHARLES REID	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	ALLAN REMPEL	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	JAMES SCHUUR	ENERGY REBATE	50.00
ELECTRIC	TOM WHITE	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	GREG WINTERS	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
Total for Department 182			3,640.44*
Total for Fund 62			3,765.44*
SEWER	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	197.55
SEWER	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
SEWER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	14,623.22
SEWER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	.48
SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	158.75
SEWER	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	72.00
Total for Department 183			15,104.25*
Total for Fund 63			15,104.25*
ARENA	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	36.69
ARENA	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	6,755.20
ARENA	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	32.00
ARENA	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	46.55
Total for Department 184			6,870.44*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Fund 64			6,870.44*
	BANK MIDWEST	LOAN PAYMENT	1,457.75
Total for Department			1,457.75*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	164.96
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	24.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	BANK MIDWEST	LOAN PAYMENT	2,542.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	WORTHINGTON REG ECON	REGISTRATION	80.00
Total for Department 187			2,811.21*
Total for Fund 67			4,268.96*
	MN 9-1-1 PROGRAM	911 SERVICE	995.58
	BANK MIDWEST	TO TELECOM SAVINGS	1,114,761.43
Total for Department			1,115,757.01*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	AT & T	USAGE CHARGES	133.88
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	B B C AMERICA	SUBSCRIBER	8.64
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BLUEHIGHWAYS	SUBSCRIBERS	28.14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CNN - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	762.29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COMCAST MEDIA CENTER	SUBSCRIBER	16.25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	156.75
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DHJV COMPANY LLC	SUBSCRIBER	8.54
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DISCOVERY DIGITAL NE	SUBSCRIBER	47.72
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DISH NETWORK	SERVICE	3,400.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,491.13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	1.46
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	476.25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIFETIME	SUBSCRIBER	677.87
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIFETIME MOVIE NETWO	SUBSCRIBER	30.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MIDWEST WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	279.67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NATIONAL CABLE TV CO	SUBSCRIBER	21,402.37
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	64.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	QUEST	TELEPHONE	98.56
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	LEXIS BILLING SERVICE	179.41
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PRO CELLULAR	SUPPLIES	26.71
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SIJAMBO CAFE	EXPENSE	47.88
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TBS - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	652.29
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TCM - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	364.52
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TNT - TURNER NETWORK	SUBSCRIBER	1,512.42
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	72.38
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	ZAYO BANDWIDTH	BANDWIDTH BILLING	4,128.83
Total for Department 199			36,067.96*
Total for Fund 69			1,151,824.97*
	MN NCPERS LIFE INSUR	INSURANCE	32.00
Total for Department			32.00*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Fund 70			32.00*
Grand Total			1,237,339.50*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	ELECTRONIC PICK UP	4.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL	SPRINGSTED INC.	NON-COMP PAY EQUITY REPO	462.50
	Total for Department 101		466.50*
CITY OFFICE	STEVE NASBY	EXPENSE	32.00
CITY OFFICE	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	ELECTRONIC PICK UP	1.49
	Total for Department 103		33.49*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	92.79
	Total for Department 106		92.79*
POLICE	MN BOARD OF PEACE OF	LICENSE	90.00
POLICE	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	18.52
POLICE	CORY HILLESHEIM	EXPENSE	41.40
	Total for Department 120		149.92*
STREET	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	1,670.85
STREET	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	637.57
	Total for Department 140		2,308.42*
	Total for Fund 01		3,051.12*
AIRPORT	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	23.83
	Total for Department 174		23.83*
	Total for Fund 11		23.83*
AMBULANCE	ROBIN PAPLOW	EXPENSE	13.78
AMBULANCE	KIM POWERS	EXPENSE	47.18
AMBULANCE	ALLAN REMPEL	EXPENSE	141.56
AMBULANCE	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	792.06
	Total for Department 176		994.58*
	Total for Fund 13		994.58*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	2.24
	Total for Department 177		2.24*
	Total for Fund 14		2.24*
LIQUOR	ARNESON DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	27.00
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	2,698.69
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	3,899.25
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	619.10
LIQUOR	PHILLIPS WINE & SPIR	MERCHANDISE	402.83
LIQUOR	QUALITY WINE SPIRITS	MERCHANDISE	2,209.73
	Total for Department 180		9,856.60*
	Total for Fund 60		9,856.60*
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	150.00

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
WATER	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	8.69
		Total for Department 181	158.69*
		Total for Fund 61	158.69*
	B & B TRANSFORMER	INVENTORY	5,126.31
	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	REFUND-UTILITY PREPAYMEN	645.00
		Total for Department	5,771.31*
ELECTRIC	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	103.30
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	150.00
ELECTRIC	STEVE NASBY	EXPENSE	9.07
		Total for Department 182	262.37*
		Total for Fund 62	6,033.68*
SEWER	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	124.90
SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	150.00
SEWER	MN POLLUTION CONTROL	REGISTRATION	300.00
SEWER	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	20.29
		Total for Department 183	595.19*
		Total for Fund 63	595.19*
ARENA	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	15.24
ARENA	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	40.03
		Total for Department 184	55.27*
		Total for Fund 64	55.27*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	ELECTRONIC PICK UP	7.50
		Total for Department 187	7.50*
		Total for Fund 67	7.50*
RIVERBLUFF ESTATES	MARK MARCY	SNOW REMOVAL	180.00
RIVERBLUFF ESTATES	UNITED PRAIRIE BANK	LOAN PAYMENT	579.40
		Total for Department 166	759.40*
		Total for Fund 68	759.40*
	MICHAEL ABEL	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	1.96
	PETER DAVIS	REFUND-STATEMENT CREDIT	.63
		Total for Department	2.59*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FOX SPORTS	SUBSCRIBER	5,320.64
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	450.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KARE	SUBSCRIBER	476.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	DIRECTORY LISTING	193.88
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SECR REV FUND/CITY O	POSTAGE	7.65

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TOWER DISTRIBUTION C	SUBSCRIBER	218.45
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WOODSTOCK TELEPHONE	SERVICE	186.67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MICHAEL ABEL	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	29.07
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KATHRYN BINGNER	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	32.89
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PETER DAVIS	REFUND-STATEMENT CREDIT	9.28
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DAVID PRIESTLEY	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	2.20
		Total for Department 199	6,926.73*
		Total for Fund 69	6,929.32*
	COLONIAL LIFE INSURA	INSURANCE	22.05
		Total for Department	22.05*
		Total for Fund 70	22.05*
		Grand Total	28,489.47*



Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

# CGMC in Brief

March 11, 2010

Contact: Tim Flaherty  
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## CGMC asks cities to get jumpstart on 2010, 2011 budget planning

Earlier this week, CGMC sent a budget planning document to mayors and city administrators that encourages cities to start their 2010 and 2011 budget discussions now in order to show how LGA reductions at the governor's proposed level would impact city services and property taxpayers. This information would be used locally with your media and residents and also at the Capitol in CGMC's lobbying efforts. We are asking that cities prepare these possible budgets using the governor's proposed LGA reductions because we believe these figures represent a "worst case scenario." The legislature needs to see how LGA reductions of this magnitude would impact city budgets in order to limit LGA reductions in their final bills. Furthermore, in the event that the governor and legislature do not reach an end-of-session agreement and the governor uses his unallotment authority, this information will be useful in attempting to limit the governor's potential unallotment of LGA (this was the case in December when CGMC presented city budget information to the Commissioner of Revenue, which we believe helped influence the governor's decision not to unallot at that time). Please make every effort to ensure that your city completes this planning document and submits it back to CGMC.

A major component of this strategy is that cities can use this document to inform the public and media of the local consequences of LGA cuts. Recently, we have seen excellent examples of member cities reaching out to their press with our message, and we need to continue this involvement. Earlier this week, Worthington City Administrator Craig Clark penned the attached guest column for the Worthington Daily Globe that speaks to the need for the LGA program in greater Minnesota. Also, the City of Winona's police and fire department were recently featured on a KAAL-TV news report, found here <http://bit.ly/bJYUKG>, to discuss the possible impacts of LGA cuts to their forces. Also of note, former Rep. Dan Dorman (R-Albert Lea) authored the attached guest column in favor of protecting LGA funding, which was printed in several greater Minnesota papers. The greater Minnesota press is very interested in covering the local impacts of LGA cuts, so please engage your media in the city's 2010 and 2011 budget planning.

## CGMC annexation bill tabled

The CGMC-sponsored bill capping reimbursement to townships in orderly annexation agreements had a brief hearing before the Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee yesterday before being tabled due to its controversial nature and an otherwise crowded committee agenda.

Because of the legislature's focus on the budget and aversion to controversial issues, our other annexation bills will not be given a hearing before tomorrow



evening's hearing deadline passes.

CGMC would like to thank all of our legislative authors this year and especially Senator Kathy Sheran (DFL-Mankato) who was tenacious in pursuing and securing yesterday's hearing.

### **Bonding bill to get governor's signature after line item vetoes**

A second bonding bill will be going to the governor this afternoon after both the House and Senate passed it out of their chambers by votes of 89-44 and 49-17, respectively. The bill (H.F. 2700) was the result of a second conference committee report crafted after the governor indicated he would veto the entire original bonding bill. The new bill increases funding for the Moose Lake sex offender facility expansion, a priority of the governor, to \$47.5 million; the governor had originally recommended \$89 million in his proposal. Even so, the governor has indicated that he will sign the final bill, which totals just under \$1 billion, and use his line item veto authority to bring the overall total down closer to his preferred level of \$725 million.

Of interest to CGMC members, the amount allocated for the greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure grant in the new bill is just slightly over \$8.5 million, excluding earmarks, which is one of the highest amounts ever achieved for this grant since its inception in 2003. While we are disappointed in the earmarks, we are pleased that the bill still received over \$8.5 million in a difficult bonding year. This grant will help dozens of cities secure or attract jobs in their communities

A spreadsheet comparing original bonding bill proposals from the governor, House, and Senate with the recently passed bill is available at [www.greatermncities.org/economic-development](http://www.greatermncities.org/economic-development).

### **SAVE THE DATE: CGMC Labor & Employee Relations Seminars**

The CGMC Labor & Employee Relations Committee will be sponsoring two seminars again this year from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as follows: **Thursday, May 27, 2010 in New Ulm and Thursday, June 10, 2010 in the Park Rapids lakes area.**

The seminar topics include the following:

- Using non-regular employees to your advantage
- Effective performance evaluations
- Contracting local government services: Legal and union hurdles
- Personnel data practices and records retention
- Interactive panel of experts: Legislative update and handling employees and unions in tough times

More information on these seminars will be sent to cities soon.



## Column: Worthington and its LGA challenges

By: Craig Clark, Worthington Daily Globe

WORTHINGTON — If you've been reading the newspaper these days the reports are full of many numbers, whether they are unemployment rates, sales figures and budget cuts, but what hits closest to home for cities are the Local Government Aid (LGA) reductions now proposed by Governor Pawlenty. What are the governor's unallotments and proposed cuts going to mean in immediate reductions for Worthington, and more importantly what are the long-term implications of this broken partnership with the State of Minnesota?

First, Worthington residents should know that city officials recognize the state's current budget challenges in dealing with a \$994 million deficit. Locally elected leaders have never taken the position that there should be no cuts to LGA with the state's current financial woes. While they believe there are other financial management methods the state should be employing, other than the current process that leaves cities ripping up their budgets every six months, city officials stand ready to be a part of the solution to a problem that all Minnesotans should take some ownership.

What our city officials have been asking for is some fairness in the reductions. While LGA represents 2.9 percent of the state's budget, the LGA reductions coupled with the latest proposal from the governor would represent a 40 percent cut in 2010. The simple premise of LGA since its inception in 1971 has been that cities with low property values would still be able to provide equal levels of core services as compared to high property valued cities in the state. Our median valued single family home is \$69,900 vs. \$281,700 in Wayzata. One can quickly see the ability of Worthington to raise a sufficient amount of revenue to provide core city services is significantly more difficult when you understand we have to buy the same squad cars, plow trucks, road construction material and pay similar wages for employees as wealthier cities in the Twin Cities suburbs.

To answer the concerns of those arguing for reform of the LGA system where cities need to wean themselves off LGA, you should know that Worthington has weaned itself off LGA to the tune of \$6.69 million since 2003. Our local budget has gone from being supported by the state at 65 percent down to 41 percent. The city has become a lean operation, but the partnership with the state and LGA distributions have to be more than what spare change is left over in St. Paul and is graciously returned to cities across Minnesota.

What has to be eliminated in the short term to adjust to the latest proposed round of reductions? Some context is important as we evaluate this question. The governor's latest proposal to cut an additional \$474,000 more in LGA is roughly equivalent to eliminating the parks department, or the engineering and economic development departments, or the finance, administration and clerk's departments, or seven police officers. Otherwise, you would have to eliminate the fire department and snow removal budget as well as come up with an additional \$74,000 to get enough savings for the governor's proposed reductions. Staff and Council have begun the process of transforming our

budget yet again and hope the normal legislative process will occur that has happened since the founding of our state, whereby the Governor and Legislature come to a mutual legislative agreement. We will continue to identify priorities as the state determines LGA's fate. We would appreciate hearing from you regarding what services you would be willing to accept a reduction in.

Our residents should also know that even in light of the budget reductions, we will make every effort possible to provide the best service we can given our funding cuts. The hospital proceeds will continue to be utilized and allocated for projects to improve our quality of life. Council made clear that the transition of the hospital assets would be reinvested into other capital assets to demonstrate that the sale would produce other tangible benefits for the residents of Worthington. This will be a difficult distinction, but one where the City Council is balancing the constraints of the general fund budget and the promises that were made during the sale of the hospital. We have no choice but to deliver on both fronts.

Craig Clark is Worthington's city administrator.

## Bemidji Pioneer

### This Republican says it's time to protect communities

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By: Dan Dorman, Bemidji Pioneer

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As a former Republican legislator from greater Minnesota, it pains me to see polarization at the State Capitol having such a profound command over current outstate legislators' actions. These days, being an obstructionist is more celebrated than being a solution-maker, and towing the party line — no matter the cost to constituents — is sadly preferred to standing up for local families and businesses.

With Minnesota facing an ongoing budget mess, it's time for all state lawmakers — but particularly those from greater Minnesota — to face the realities of the times and do what's best for the economic health of their neighbors and small businesses back home.

In my view, this means greater Minnesota legislators from both sides of the aisle must be loud, bold and brave in their support of the Local Government Aid program, even if it means new revenue is needed. Rural legislators need to understand that cuts in LGA mean property tax increases, and that there are better ways to raise revenue without disproportionately burdening greater Minnesota home and business owners.

During my political career, I made decisions that were not always popular with party leaders, but were in the best interest of the residents and communities in my district. It's time for greater Minnesota legislators to take a similar stance on LGA.

The LGA program was created with the belief that all Minnesotans — regardless of the property tax wealth of their community — deserve public safety, fire protection, safe roads in the winter, and access to quality-of-life services such as libraries and parks. Sixty-five percent of the LGA program funding goes to greater Minnesota because most of our communities are not property tax wealthy, and without LGA, our property tax rates would spike dramatically to pay for the essential services we depend on.

In recent years, LGA has been sliced repeatedly, and as a result, many home and business owners have seen their property tax bills skyrocket. In fact, property taxes have increased over 60 percent statewide since 2002 due to LGA cuts at the state level.

There are some who would rather attribute this increase in property taxes to the “unbridled spending” of local officials, which I just can't let stand; revenues available for local spending

have actually decreased 15.7 percent between 2002 and 2008, while at the same time, the cost of health care, fuel, and road construction have all ballooned.

It's time for the diversions, inaction, and political rhetoric to stop. While state lawmakers play a dangerous game of chicken in St. Paul, greater Minnesota communities are laying off public safety personnel, closing libraries early, and leaving roads unplowed. Our communities can no longer bear the brunt of this gridlock.

In the long-term, cutting essential services and increasing property taxes will have a devastating effect on the ability of our communities to grow out of this recession. When new businesses scout locations to set up shop, they demand a high level of city services and property tax affordability that many greater Minnesota communities will not be able to provide without LGA support. And without the promise of jobs and a strong community to live in, greater Minnesota's best asset — our young people—will have few reasons to stay in town.

Greater Minnesota's future doesn't have to be like this. By setting aside party differences and uniting around common-sense policy, our greater Minnesota legislators have the most influence over LGA and the economic health of our communities.

Political courage may be out of vogue at the Capitol, but we have high hopes that greater Minnesota lawmakers can put the needs of their constituents before the orders of their party.

Dan Dorman is a former Minnesota House Republican member from Albert Lea.



## Senate Finance Committee Introduces First Supplemental Budget Bill

**The bill includes a net of \$169 million in spending reductions, cancellations, and transfers into the general fund.**

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The Senate **Finance Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee\\_bio.php?onte\\_id=1007&ls=86](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?onte_id=1007&ls=86)) on March 8 unveiled the first of three or more bills that will form the backbone of the Senate's budget-balancing package. Senate Majority Leader **Larry Pogemiller** ([Link to:](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1048&ls=)

[http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member\\_bio.php?mem\\_id=1048&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1048&ls=)) (DFL-Minneapolis) previously indicated that the package of budget-balancing bills would produce savings similar in overall size to the Gov. Pawlenty's supplemental budget proposal, but the components would likely be distinctly different.

Based on the updated state budget forecast, the state is facing roughly a \$1 billion deficit for the remainder of the current 2010-2011 biennium. However, with the pending agreement to temporarily restore General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), the cost to the state's general fund is rumored to be roughly \$110 million to \$120 million. The current plan is to transfer resources into the general fund and reduce other spending to cover the cost of the GAMC extension.

### Proposed changes

This Senate supplemental budget bill includes a net of \$169 million in spending reductions, cancellations, and transfers into the general fund, including adjustments to the budgets for higher education, environment and natural resources, energy, agriculture, veteran's affairs, economic development, transportation, public safety, judiciary, and state government.

The appropriation changes for the remainder of the 2010-2011 biennium that would occur under this bill are:

- Higher Education: -\$49,751,000
- Environment/Natural Resources: -\$11,311,000
- Energy: -\$50,000
- Agriculture: -\$8,100,000
- Veterans Affairs: +\$100,000
- Economic Development: -\$11,672,000
- Transportation: -\$6,500,000
- Public Safety: -\$31,832,000
- Judiciary: -\$19,100,000
- State Government: -\$4,288,000
- Cancellations: -\$3,027,000

- Transfers In: +\$24,580,000
- Total: -\$169,111,000

### **Next steps in the process**

The second bill, which could be unveiled by or before March 17, would be predominantly focused on the state's health and human services budget areas. The second bill might include provisions related to GAMC and, given that the governor vetoed an earlier attempt by the Legislature to temporarily restore GAMC funding, this package would almost certainly require more time to negotiate.

The final piece of the Senate budget plan will apparently focus on reductions in K-12 education funding and the property tax aids and credits budget, including local government aid and market value homestead credit. Of course, if all other sectors of the state budget have been cut in the first two supplemental budget bills and a large deficit remains, city aid and credit programs could be at additional risk for even deeper cuts. That final bill would not likely be taken up until after the Easter/Passover recess.

The House is expected to begin unveiling its version of the supplemental budget soon—perhaps in the form of rough budget targets allocated by broad spending areas. Of course, the House and Senate plans can change.

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## New Law Changes Date of All Primary Elections

**The date of the state primary—as well as city primaries in state general election years—is now the second Tuesday in August.**

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On March 3, Gov. Pawlenty signed a bill into law (**Chapter 184**) ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=184&doctype=Chapter&year=2010&type=0](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=184&doctype=Chapter&year=2010&type=0)) that moves the state primary to the second Tuesday in August. The law also moved city primaries in state general election years to the same day. That means that this year, both state and city primary elections will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Previously, the primary was held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September.

The change in primary dates also affects other deadlines and timelines, so many other laws were changed to be consistent with the new primary date. For example, in cities with a primary, filing affidavits of candidacy will start on May 18 this year. City clerks and other staff that work with elections should take time to familiarize themselves with the changes to the law. Even if your city does not hold primaries, some changes will still affect your city.

### Calendar updates

The League is updating its “Calendar of Important Election Dates” for 2010 and it should be available in mid-March. Also, the Office of the Secretary of State has updated its **2010 Minnesota Combined Primary and General Election Calendar** ([Link to: http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=619](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=619)) to include the recent changes. Both calendars contain draft dates since the Legislature is still in session and may make changes to these or other election laws before it adjourns.

### Other considerations

Aside from earlier timelines and deadlines, cities may also need to make other adjustments. These are a few practical issues that cities should consider:

- Cities should make sure their regular election place is available for primaries on the second Tuesday in August. (Even if the city does not have a primary, the state primary will still be on this day.) If the regular election place is not available, the city needs to arrange for a different location for the polling place. May 12, is the last day to change a polling place prior to the primary election.
- If the city has a primary, the city should make changes as appropriate to ordinances or resolutions and other documents that refer to the city primary.
- The clerk or administrator should also look to see if any council or board meetings are scheduled for the evening of the primary election. No public meeting may be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on a day that an election is held in the city, so meetings may need to be rescheduled.

For cities that do not currently hold primary elections, but would like to start, the last day to establish a city primary for this year is April 15.

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## Agenda

### **Your Local Partners: Legislative Conference for Cities, Counties, Schools, and Townships**

*March 25—St. Paul*

*Wednesday, March 24*

*5 p.m.*

#### **Legislative Reception (optional)**

Mingle with legislators and network with your colleagues in local government at this cash bar reception on the eve of the joint conference.

*Thursday, March 25*

*8 a.m.*

#### **Registration and Breakfast**

*8:30 a.m.*

#### **Conference Welcome**

*8:45-9:45 a.m.*

#### **Leadership Panel on the 2010 Legislative Session**

Invited Panelists: *Sen. Larry Pogemiller, Senate Majority Leader; Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House; Sen. David Senjem, Senate Minority Leader; Rep. Kurt Zellers, House Minority Leader*

Hear insights from legislative and administration leaders on the top issues facing cities, counties, school districts, and townships.

*10-11:30 a.m.*

#### **Breakout Sessions for Individual Associations**

*11:45-1 p.m.*

#### **Lunch and Keynote Address on The Road to Economic Recovery**

*1-4:30 p.m.*

#### **Connecting with our State Partners**

Meet with senators and representatives at the Capitol.  
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## Hotel Information

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*March 25—St. Paul*

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St. Paul, MN 55101

**Phone:** (651) 292-1900 or (866) 422-3185

**Website:** [www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul](http://www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul) (*Link to: <http://www.crowneplaza.com/stpaul>*)

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## **Bonding bill re-worked in hopes governor will sign**

A revised capital investment bill, HF2700, could be on the House and Senate floors within a week. The bill's authors, Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul) and Sen. Keith Langseth (DFL-Glyndon) are hopeful it will be well received by Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R). An earlier version of the bill was pulled back after the governor said he would veto it because of its size and priorities. Instead, legislative leaders returned the bill in the Senate, rather than send it to the governor's desk.

A capital investment working group approved a package that brings the bill's total price tag down slightly and contains the six core projects identified by the governor. However, the overall cost of the bill still exceeds the governor's \$725 million limit. Officials representing the governor have said he might be willing to raise the cap.

The working group report calls for nearly \$986.43 million in general obligation bonding, a decrease of about \$13.5 million from the amount in HF2700. The report, which must first be approved by a reconstituted conference committee, includes \$9.45 million for renovations at the Minneapolis Veterans Home and language to lift a cap on the purchase price of land for the proposed Lake Vermilion State Park. Additionally there is \$36 million to expand the sex offender treatment facility at Moose Lake. Gov. Tim Pawlenty requested \$89.07 million, and conferees were told \$61 million would provide the needed infrastructure. The original conference committee report had no money for the expansion.

The group recommends reducing the initial bill by \$44 million from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system for projects that aren't shovel ready, and a combined \$10 million from civic center projects in Mankato, Rochester and St. Cloud.

To view the latest capital investment spreadsheet, go to <http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/departments/fiscalpol/tracking/2010/CapBud-10-Working%20Group%20Rec's.pdf>.

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## **Pension Commission considers financial package for pension systems**

On Friday, the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement continued its discussion of the package of financial and plan changes to address the funding shortfalls in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA).

The PERA Board's proposal was slightly modified based on testimony offered at the hearing last Friday. Based on a concern raised by an individual who had separated public service, the "augmentation" elimination was modified to continue to provide these previously qualifying individuals with a one percent annual adjustment in their benefit. Previously, augmentation provided persons who leave public service with an annual adjustment of three percent up to age 55 and then five percent up to retirement.



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In addition, the amendment modifies the annual retire adjustment for individuals who have retired from the Police and Fire Plan (P&F). Under the original PERA Board proposal, the annual adjustment for all PERA retirees was reduced to one percent until each plan reached 90 percent funding. Under the amendment, the General Plan retirees will continue to receive an annual adjustment per the original proposal while P&F retirees will receive a one percent adjustment for 2011 and 2012 and then beginning in 2013, the retirees will receive an adjustment equal to the consumer price index up to 1.5 percent. Although the P&F change could yield a larger annual adjustment, if the consumer price index (CPI) remains below one percent, those retirees could realize a lower annual adjustment.

The commission did not adopt an amendment offered on behalf of Education Minnesota, the statewide teacher organization. The amendment would have further increased the employer and employee contributions but would have added a provision similar to the rule-of-90 benefit that was offered to teachers prior to 1989. The amendment would have also provided school districts with authority to levy a property tax for the employer contribution increases.

The bills will now be forwarded to the House and Senate committees on State and Local Government, where the bills will continue through the legislative process. For more information on the entire proposal see: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/pensionfundingbills.jsp>

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## **Finally: committee deadlines?**

This week, the House and Senate appear to have finally agreed on committee deadlines for the legislative session. During the Thursday floor session, the House referred a concurrent resolution, HC3, to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. That concurrent resolution, if ultimately approved by the House and Senate, will establish committee deadlines for the 2010 session.

In a typical year (if there is such a thing), the House and Senate establish committee deadlines by concurrent resolution during the first weeks of the session in order to establish a relatively orderly committee process and to focus their efforts on legislation that has received support in the committee process. The committee deadlines do not apply to the House committees on Capital Investment Finance Division, Ways and Means, Taxes, or Rules and Legislative Administration, or to the Senate committees on Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Administration.

Under the yet-to-be-adopted concurrent resolution, the first deadline will be midnight, Friday, March 12 when committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin. The second deadline will be midnight, Friday, March 19 when committees must act favorably on bills or companion bills that met the first deadline in the other house. The third deadline will be 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 29, the date by which divisions of the House and Senate Committees on Finance must act favorably on omnibus appropriation or supplemental budget bills.

Of course, the deadlines are not entirely binding. If a committee in either house



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approves a bill after a deadline date, the bill must be referred to the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration or to the House Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration where it must receive special dispensation before it can proceed through the legislative process.

For legislators, staff and lobbyists, the committee deadlines translate into a mad rush. Next week, policy committees in both the House and Senate will be meeting into the evenings in an effort to keep bills alive for the session.

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## **Senate outlines budget plan process**

During a Tuesday press conference held after the release of the state budget forecast, Senate leadership provided more details on the process the Senate will follow to construct a package of budget-balancing bills. Sen. Majority Leader Larry Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis) indicated that Senate committees would develop three separate budget bills to address the estimated state budget shortfall. The three bills would produce savings similar in overall size to the governor's supplemental budget proposal but the components would likely be distinctly different.

The first bill would include recommendations for higher education, environment, state departments, agriculture and veterans affairs, public safety, and judiciary. The second bill would be predominantly focused on the state's health and human services budget areas. This second bill might include provisions related to General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) and

given that the governor vetoed an earlier attempt by the Legislature to temporarily restore GAMC funding, this package would almost certainly require more time to negotiate.

The final piece of the Senate budget plan would focus on K-12 education funding and the property tax aids and credits budget, including local government aid (LGA) and market value homestead credit (MVHC). That final bill would not likely be taken up until after the Easter/Passover recess.

Of course, plans can change and the House has not indicated the precise plan for the House budget-balancing package. The House will likely begin unveiling its budget targets on Monday or Tuesday with more detailed information later in the week. Stay tuned.

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## **Senate Public Safety Budget Division chair unveils recommendations that would impact cities**

The Senate Public Safety Budget Division chair Sen. Linda Higgins (DFL-Minneapolis) this week unveiled her recommendations for reducing her division's bottom line. The package contains at least two reductions that are problematic for cities. One would reduce the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board's budget for reimbursing agencies for police training. The other would divert funds from the Fire Safety Account, which is presently dedicated to firefighter training and other firefighter purposes.

The proposed POST Board reductions total \$252,000. According to the POST Board, \$396



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was allocated for each eligible officer in 2009. The governor's proposal would reduce the amount to \$358 in future years. The Senate proposal would go deeper and would bring the reimbursement to \$348 in 2010 and \$339 in 2011. The reimbursement rate has declined over the last two decades from a high of \$477 per officer in 1989. On average across the state, the reimbursement covers approximately 15 percent of actual training costs.

A second problematic cut pertains to the Fire Safety Account. Sen. Higgins is recommending a transfer of \$7.9 million from the account over the next two years. The funds in this account, which come from a "fire safety surcharge" of 0.65 percent on insurance premiums, are dedicated for firefighter training, state chemical and decontamination response teams, as well as the State Fire Marshall's office. The average homeowner pays \$5.20 into the fund annually.

The governor also identified the Fire Safety Account as a source of funds to help balance the state's ailing budget. He is proposing to divert \$6.9 million from the fund in 2010 and another \$3 million in 2011 to the state's general fund. The proposal would leave about \$1 million per year in the account.

The League is opposing POST Board reimbursement reductions as well as funds being redirected from the Fire Safety Account. Both funds help offset local costs; and reducing them will put additional strain on property taxpayers and local budgets.

The proposal was unveiled just days ago and has not passed through initial committees.

To view a spreadsheet summarizing the division's initial proposal, go to

<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/departments/fiscalpol/tracking/index.php#header>.

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## Federal transportation funding authorization expires

The United States Senate and House of Representatives failed to reach an agreement that would extend the *Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* for 30-days to keep funds flowing while a longer-term package could be negotiated. The objection of Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Kentucky) prevented the 30-day extension from passing in the Senate. This means that federal employees may be furloughed starting immediately and federal reimbursements to states will cease.

The impact of Congress' failure to act could be substantial. The Federal Highway Administration will not be able to fund any new expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), thus prohibiting the federal government from reimbursing states for projects already committed. According to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the impact will be a total of \$768 million in highway outlays in the first week.

Hopes for a breakthrough emerged late last week when House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman James L. Oberstar (D-Minnesota) dropped objections to clearing the Senate's jobs bill (HR 2847), which contains a highway extension. But its path to enactment remains unclear, and the House is not scheduled to return until next Tuesday.



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Oberstar and other members stalled action on the Senate bill over concerns that it would shortchange some states on highway spending. Their concern centered on a provision that would distribute most of the funding in two programs to four states--California, Illinois, Louisiana and Washington--while giving 22 other states nothing under those programs.

Sen. Bunning objected to the legislation extending SAFETEA-LU for one month, along with an extension of unemployment compensation because the \$10 billion cost is not funded.

*Information for this article was provided by the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, of which the League of Minnesota Cities is a member.*

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## **Shared service/government innovation council bills up next week**

The Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee will hear several bills related to creating councils or commissions on local government service innovation and cooperation on Wednesday afternoon at 3 P.M. in room 123 of the Capitol. Unless they need to make another committee stop, this basically ensures the bills will make the first deadline. The League has testified on the House side already this year, in support of HF 2840 (Rep. Marsha Swails, DFL--Woodbury) that would create a collaborative governance council. The other bills scheduled for the hearing include SF 2620 Sen. Terri Bonoff, (DFL-Minnetonka), SF 2496 Sen. Sandy Rummel, (DFL-White Bear Lake), SF 2511 and SF 2516 Sen. Ann Rest, (DFL-

New Hope), and SF 1880 Sen. James Metzen, (DFL-South St. Paul).

These hearings have been good opportunities to educate legislators on what shared services are already being provided, and to talk about some of the obstacles for local governments.

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## **League opens Budget Cuts Hotline**

The League of Minnesota Cities is collecting examples of cities being creative, holding the line on spending, and being responsive to the new fiscal reality. Examples collected include freezing salaries, cutting costs, eliminating positions, reducing core hours, ending programs, sharing services, finding new ways to do business, and balancing budgets in each of Minnesota's 854 cities.

To help collect and share the stories of challenge faced by Minnesota cities, the League of Minnesota Cities has opened a Budget Cuts Hotline.

City officials can call and leave a message on the Hotline detailing how recent unallotment actions and the further cuts proposed in the governor's supplemental budget will affect your city specifically in terms of services to residents such as police and fire protection, street maintenance and repair, park, recreation, and senior programming, and their impacts across your community. Messages collected may be used to inform the public, media, and lawmakers about city fiscal conditions, and may be posted online.



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The League's Budget Cuts Hotline can be reached by dialing either 651-215-4019 or 800-925-1122 and asking for extension 4019.

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## **Sick leave expansion mandate bill could come back**

HF 2959 Rep. John Lesch, (DFL-St. Paul)/SE 2553 Sen. Ellen Anderson, (DFL-St. Paul) could be back up this week as advocates work to get a hearing before the first deadline. The bill would mandate employers, including cities and counties, offer sick time benefits to workers not currently getting paid time off—such as temporary or part-time workers. The bill is similar to last year's legislation by the same authors (HF 612), that the League also opposed—but is geared this year more towards the H1N1 virus and its possible effects. Additionally, the bill greatly expands current statutes as to what sick time can be used for in terms of other family members, etc.

This is a great example of a mandate that cities do not need this year, and cannot afford. As you talk with legislators over the weekend, it is a simple message to get across. The bill was supposed to be up in the House Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight earlier this week, and was pulled from the agenda.

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## **Free Google Broadband Initiative Educational Webinar**

Last month, Google announced plans to build high-speed fiber-optic broadband networks in select communities across the U.S. later this year. The technology giant invited communities to apply to be one of the first test locations for the project. The deadline for applications is March 26, 2010. In the test communities, Internet will run as fast as one gigabit per second, currently most operate at less than 10 megabits per second.

On Wednesday, March 10, a free online workshop/webinar will help to educate and assist communities with their applications. The webinar will take place from 1 to 2:30 P.M.

Following the live online workshop/webinar, discussion material and audio will be available as a resource on thefutureofnews.org. To learn more about how to activate, engage and nominate your community please attend the March 10 online workshop. Register at <http://bit.ly/googleworkshop>

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## New unallotment bill introduced

A third bill that would amend the unallotment statute has been introduced. SF 2856, introduced by Sen. David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm) would effectively restrict unallotment actions to the last year of the biennium. Specifically, the bill states that unallotment can only be used after July 1 of an even-number year.

By way of background, each state biennium begins on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and ends on June 30 of the next odd-numbered year. If this law was in effect during the 2009 session, it appears that the 2009 unallotments would not have been permissible. The bill is co-authored by Sen. Dick Cohen (DFL-St. Paul), Sen. Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook), Sen. Larry Pogemiller (DFL-Minneapolis) and Sen. Linda Berglin (DFL-Minneapolis).

The Legislature is also considering HF 2866/SF 2566, legislation that would restrict unallotment to only the portion of a projected budget deficit that was not known at the completion of the last legislative session and would require that when portions of the budget are reduced through unallotment, payments must be reduced proportionately, and formulas or eligibility standards may not be modified. These bills would also restrict the governor from unallotting more than two percent of the general fund appropriations, and would prevent the governor from unallotting more than 10 percent of a single general fund appropriation.

Two other bills, HF 2395/SF 2318, would entirely repeal the unallotment statute. Some legislators have raised concerns that eliminating the governor's unallotment authority completely could jeopardize the state's credit rating.

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## Pension Commission considers funding bills

This morning, the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement considered legislation to address deficiencies in all three of the state's major pension systems. The legislation included SF 2631/HF 2999, bills authored by Sen. Don Betzold (DFL-Fridley) and Rep. Mary Murphy (DFL-Hermantown) that would address the deficiencies in the Public Employees Retirement Plan (PERA) general plan and in the PERA police and fire plan (P&F). The Commission also considered bills to address the funding deficiencies in the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA).

The Pension Commission decided to merge the bills for all three plans, (MSRS, TRA and PERA) into a single bill that will now address the deficiencies in all three plans, but the Commission decided to delay action on the composite bill until the next meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, March 5.

The legislation reflects the recommendations developed by the PERA Board of Directors in December. In January, the League's Board of Directors acknowledged the seriousness of the funding shortfall and adopted a position in support of the PERA Board's recommendations.

The legislation includes a six-month acceleration of the contribution increases in the General Plan of 0.25 percent of salary for employees and 0.25 percent of salary for employers, which would now begin on January 1, 2011. For the P&F plan, employer contribution rate will increase by 0.3 percent of salary while the employee rate will increase by 0.2 percent.

Retirees would also be impacted under the legislation. The plan would reduce the annual retiree pension adjustment from the current 2.5 percent to 1.0 percent. The recommendations would allow the retiree adjustment to revert back to a 2.5



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percent once the plans reach a 90 percent funding level.

The legislation includes a number of other plan changes that will reduce costs, including an increase in the vesting period for the General Plan to five years from the current three years and a phased-in increase to ten years in the P&F plan.

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## Rental property maintenance code bill passes two committees

City authority to have ordinances that affect the maintenance of rental property was significantly reduced by recent court decisions.

Legislation to correct the language causing those concerns was drafted and discussed over the last two years. That work resulted in HF 2945, Rep. Tim Mahoney (DFL-St. Paul)/SF 2759, Sen. Dan Sparks (DFL-Austin). These bills simply clarify that cities cannot have an ordinance that conflicts with the state building code, but they can have property maintenance and rental licensing ordinances that do not conflict with the state building code.

The house bill passed two house committees last week and is expected to be heard in the House Commerce and Labor Committee on Friday, March 5.

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## Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) announces "Minnesota Redesign" project

On Tuesday, the AMC held a press conference and unveiled their initiative to restructure many government services provided in Minnesota.

Entitled "Minnesota Redesign", the effort boils down to a series of ten initiatives to streamline and make more transparent government services, as well as add more flexibility and efficiency. The counties then presented their ideas on Wednesday in the House Property and Local Sales Tax Division, chaired by Rep. Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth), who has been one of the leaders in the House the last two sessions on the topic of accountability and transparency in local government. The counties proposal has been somewhat controversial, even among the county association membership. For details on their proposal go to:

<http://www.mncounties.org/redesign.html>

Other redesign efforts are underway in the Legislature as well. Just a few weeks ago, Rep. Marquart announced a House caucus that would focus on its own redesign efforts. They have launched a website to take ideas from the public. [www.house.mn/redesign](http://www.house.mn/redesign).

*Questions? Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or [jorourke@lmc.org](mailto:jorourke@lmc.org).*

## Bonding bill returned to Senate before reaching the governor's desk

Less than two hours before Governor Tim Pawlenty (R) was said to be announcing his intent to veto HF 2700 (Hausman, DFL-St. Paul/Langseth, DFL-Glyndon) the bonding bill passed by the Legislature, House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher (DFL-Minneapolis) announced that she would use a legislative rule to return the House file to the Senate. The move prevented a gubernatorial veto, but halts progress on the bill.

The House and Senate passed the conference committee report on HF 2700 late Monday evening. It contains approximately \$1 billion in projects; however, notably missing is \$89 million for expansion of the Moose Lake facility that houses



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sex offenders. The governor had threatened to veto a bonding bill that does not include this provision.

On Tuesday, Governor Pawlenty sent a letter to the Bonding Conference Committee chairs stating his intent to veto the bill. Rather than give the governor the opportunity to veto the bill, legislative leaders made the decision to exercise their authority to withhold the measure. At a news conference following Speaker Anderson Kelliher's announcement, the governor distributed a scathing draft veto letter that called the bill "bloated and misprioritized". Shortly thereafter, the chairs met with the governor to begin a new round of negotiations.

Legislative leaders and the governor have indicated they intend to work together in the days ahead to craft a package that is mutually acceptable. The League expects negotiations to resume early next week, if not sooner.

To view the conference committee report, go to: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bin/bldbill.php?bill=ccrhf2700A.html&session=1s86>

A spreadsheet comparing the conference committee, House, Senate, governor's proposals is available at: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/bond10.pdf>

Additional details on the governor's proposal can be found at [www.mmb.state.mn.us](http://www.mmb.state.mn.us)

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## **House and Senate approve moving date of state primary to August 10; SF 2251 on the way to the governor for his signature**

Nearly unanimous support by state lawmakers this week for SF 2251, Sen. Terri Bonoff (DFL-

Minnetonka)/HF 2552, Rep. Steve Simon (DFL-St. Louis Park), makes it very likely that Governor Pawlenty will sign the legislation to move the date of the state primary from its current date, the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, to the second Tuesday in August.

There are misgivings about whether voter turn-out for the 2010 state primary will decline as a result. But state lawmakers agreed to make the change as an urgent response to federal law requiring more time for voters serving in the military as well as those residing outside the United States to receive and return their ballots.

Some legislators and voting rights advocates favored moving the state primary to June, but a majority of lawmakers supported shifting the date to the second Tuesday in August (August 10 in 2010). An earlier primary would have required holding congressional, legislative and county district conventions and fixing the date for filing periods much earlier in the year and presented local election administrators with an impossibly short schedule for re-establishing polling places, recruiting and training election judges, programming and testing election equipment and organizing for a primary in only three months this year.

Once the governor signs SF 2251, hopefully next week, city and county election administrators will put their plans into action to get ready to conduct the 2010 state primary that will take place more than a month earlier than had previously been the case. At the same time, local officials anticipate quick legislative action on several additional pending election reforms that will also have a dramatic impact on how absentee voting will be conducted and make important changes in the processing of voter registration applications and preparations for producing voter rosters for the 2010 election.

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## State Budget Forecast Shows Small Improvement

For the first time in nearly three years, the state budget forecast did not show a worsening outlook for the state's general fund budget—although significant deficits are still projected.

*(Published Mar 3, 2010)*

The state budget deficit has decreased slightly to \$994 million, according to the state's **February Economic Forecast** ([Link to: http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/fu-current-fore](http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/fu-current-fore)). Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released the report on March 2.

The **November 2009 Economic Forecast** ([Link to: http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/09-nov](http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/09-nov)) reported a \$1.2 billion deficit for the balance of the current 2010-2011 biennium.

### Long-term deficit has grown

Unfortunately, that small bit of relatively good news is shadowed by the longer-term forecast. For the 2012-2013 biennium, the forecast shows an increase in the deficit to \$5.8 billion from the previous forecast of \$5.4 billion.

As shown in the table below, the modest improvement in the current biennium outlook is due to a combination of a reduction of \$184 million in projected expenditures and a small increase of \$25 million in forecast revenues.

**Change in Projected State Budget Deficit for FY2010-2011  
Nov. 2009 to Feb. 2010 Forecast**  
*(in millions)*

	Nov. 2009	Feb. 2010	Change
Revenues	\$29,986	\$30,011	+\$25
Expenditures	\$31,286	\$31,102	-\$184
Budget Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash Flow Reserve	\$350	\$350	\$0
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$1,203</b>	<b>-\$994</b>	<b>+\$209</b>

The majority of the forecast expenditure reductions will be realized in human services programs where a larger-than-projected federal reimbursement for state Medicaid spending combined with slightly lower spending will yield an estimated \$150 million of general fund savings.

General fund revenues in fiscal year (FY) 2010-11 are now projected to be \$30.011 billion, 0.1 percent more than forecast in November. Corporate income taxes are now projected to increase by \$127 million over the previous forecast, while sales and motor vehicle sales tax collections are expected to be up by \$25 million. Unfortunately, those increases were largely offset by reductions in personal income tax (-\$47 million), statewide property tax (-\$2 million), and other revenue collections (-\$78 million).

### Longer-term projections

The forecast also includes revised projections for the FY 2012-2013 biennium, which will begin on July 1, 2011. The FY 2012-2013 biennium projections now show a general fund shortfall of \$5.789 billion, which

is \$363 million more than projected in the November forecast.

It is important to note that projected spending for the FY 2012-2013 biennium does not include the effects of inflation. According to the forecast, if inflation were included in the expenditure estimates, the state would experience an additional \$1.181 billion in spending pressures for the next biennium.

### **Three years away from full recession recovery**

The forecast indicates that projections for an economic recovery have changed little since the November forecast. The state's economic consultant, Global Insight, cautions that employment and wage growth remain a concern. Total wages paid in Minnesota are not expected to return to pre-recession levels until 2011 while employment in the state is not expected to return to the pre-recession level until 2013.

At this point, it does not appear that Gov. Pawlenty will add anything new to his supplemental budget recommendations in response to the February Economic Forecast. The House and Senate will now construct their respective budget-balancing bills based on this forecast.

**Access the February Economic Forecast** (*Link to: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/fu-current-fore>*)

The League has developed two documents to help cities manage these difficult and uncertain budget times:

- **View Critical Issues for City Budgets (pdf)** (*Link to: [http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/budget\\_issues.pdf](http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/budget_issues.pdf)*)
- **View City Budget Actions Amidst Recession and Unallotment (pdf)** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/citybudgetactions.pdf>*)

**Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>*)

## **Your LMC Resource**

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## New Environmental Mandate Proposed

**Cities would be required to use cleaning products from a state-developed list.**

*(Published Mar 3, 2010)*

Legislation has recently been introduced that would require all public buildings to be cleaned using only products approved as being “environmentally sensitive.” **HF 2968** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2968&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2968&ssn=0&y=2009)) (**Rep. Sandra Peterson** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=12275](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=12275)), DFL-New Hope) and **SF 2593** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2593&ssn=0&y=2010](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2593&ssn=0&y=2010)) (**Sen. Patricia Torres Ray** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member\\_bio.php?mem\\_id=1151&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1151&ls=)), DFL-Minneapolis) would create a state task force that would decide which products are allowed to be used.

The bill requires that only specific products from the list be purchased or used in publicly owned or leased buildings unless the operator submits in writing to the Pollution Control Agency a claim that the requirement is “not economically feasible.” That documentation must be renewed annually.

All cleaning supplies available through the state purchasing contract are already cleared by the state as being “environmentally preferred,” and cities can already elect to use that mechanism to purchase their cleaning supplies. Therefore, the League’s position is that no new program, task force, or mandate is needed.

Instead of creating new mandates on local government, the League believes that more effort should be made to provide information on the benefits of the products and of how cities can take advantage of that purchasing option.

### Next steps

At this writing, the bill was scheduled to be heard in the Senate **Health, Housing and Family Security Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee\\_bio.php?cmte\\_id=1022&ls=86](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1022&ls=86)) on March 3. It would next need to be reviewed and passed in several more Senate committees.

The House **Environment Policy and Oversight Committee** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86136](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=86136)) has not yet scheduled a hearing for this bill.

### History of the issue

This issue was first proposed two years ago, but only included schools in the mandate. This version reaches much further at a time when the available resources of cities are more strained than ever.

This bill is supported by environmental organizations and a labor union that represents some janitorial staff. It is currently opposed by organizations representing cities, counties, schools, and businesses, including several businesses whose products are approved for sale under the state purchasing contract as being environmentally preferred.



## Google Plans to Build New High-Speed Broadband Networks

*Cities can respond to Google's RFI until March 26.*

Cities have only a short time to provide information about their community and the unique features of their city's location to convince Google to build an ultra high-speed broadband fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network there.

In February, Google announced plans to serve between 50,000 and 500,000 customers with a network that will deliver 1 gigabit broadband speeds in one or more locations. The vision that Google has put forward includes innovative educational, medical, and other user applications. The Google gigabit network plan provides an opportunity to learn first-hand about the build-out of an ultra high-speed network that offers a choice of providers with an open-access architecture managed in a nondiscriminatory manner that offers other providers access to the network.

**Learn more about the project from Google** (*Link to: <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/faq>*)

Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to identify interested communities. According to its website, "We welcome responses from local government, as well as members of the public."

**Access the Google Network RFI** (*Link to: <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/>*)

It is apparent that since Google does not yet know the size of the trial project(s), the size and design of the network(s) will largely depend on the appropriate locations that are available and suitable to deliver 1 gigabit broadband connections. In Minnesota, cities and other local and regional units of government are actively preparing to submit proposals. The City of Duluth has indicated its intention to submit a proposal. Some cities in Dakota County are also considering similar actions.

The RFI must be submitted by March 26. Once it has been received and reviewed, Google plans to consult with local officials and conduct site visits before the final selection of communities is announced. The selection will be made sometime this year.

**Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>*)

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CGMC Mayors and Administrators  
**From:** Tim Flaherty  
**Date:** March 10, 2010  
**Re:** LGA Strategy: Action Required

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As usual, the upcoming weeks will become increasingly busy in St. Paul as the legislature's bills work their way through committees and eventually reach the floor for a vote. As these bills are being developed, it is critical to our LGA efforts that the legislature knows precisely how their choices on LGA funding will affect their residents and business community back home. That's why it is **imperative** that all cities complete the following two action items:

**Action #1:** Complete the attached document titled "Planning Document for 2010 Budget Adjustments and 2011 Budget Scenarios" (*Please be sure to carefully read the first page of the document for directions on completing the form and submitting it to CGMC staff.*)

**Dates for Completion:** March 9 – 25

This document was designed to help your city start its budget discussions under the assumption that LGA will be reduced in 2010 and 2011. After the document is completed, it may be presented to your council for discussion. We are asking that cities prepare these possible budgets using the governor's proposed LGA reductions because we believe these figures represent a "worst case scenario." The legislature needs to see how LGA reductions of this magnitude would impact city budgets in order to limit LGA reductions in their final bills. Furthermore, in the event that the governor and legislature do not reach an end-of-session agreement and the governor uses his unallotment authority, this information will be useful in attempting to limit the governor's potential unallotment of LGA (this was the case in December when CGMC presented city budget information to the Commissioner of Revenue, which we believe helped influence the governor's decision not to unallot at that time).

In addition to setting your city's 2010 supplemental budget, the document asks you to prepare a potential 2011 budget under three scenarios: 1) Your city recovers its LGA loss through tax levy only; 2) Your city recovers its LGA loss through expenditure reductions only; and 3) Your city

recovers its LGA loss through a combination of revenue sources and expenditure reductions. **Please complete all three budget scenarios even if your city would only likely pursue one solution out of the three.** We need to show that cities face no easy solutions to their budget challenges, and that the proposed cuts for 2010 and 2011 will have profound consequences in the way cities deliver services affordably to property taxpayers. Completing this document and sending it to CGMC staff will be critical to our lobbying efforts, so please make every effort to do so.

**Action #2:** Present City's 2010 Budget Adjustments and 2011 Budget Scenarios to the Press  
**Dates for Completion:** March 25 – 31 (*Easter break for legislature*)

We expect that your budget discussions during council meetings will garner the media's attention. However, it is essential that all cities hold a press conference with local media once the attached "Planning Document for 2010 Budget Adjustments and 2011 Budget Scenarios" document is finalized. Ideally, this press conference would be held during the legislature's Easter break when your local legislators are in your community. We also encourage you to invite members from your business community to comment on how the private sector will be impacted by these cuts. This is your opportunity to not only deliver budget information, but also deliver these important messages to the public and your legislators:

1. LGA is critical to the economic health of our community and the program must be protected from further disproportionate cuts.
2. The level of cuts currently proposed would inflict severe damage on the long-term quality of life and affordability of our community.
3. Because greater Minnesota receives the majority of the LGA funding, the level of cuts currently proposed would severely hinder greater Minnesota's ability to emerge from the economic recession and compete with the metro area for economic development opportunities.

CGMC staff will send you additional information and action items throughout the session, but for now it is key to our efforts in St. Paul that the above steps are taken. If you have any questions, please contact me at [tpflaherty@flaherty-hood.com](mailto:tpflaherty@flaherty-hood.com).



## CITY INFORMATION

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Average valued home: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual completing survey: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 BUDGET PLAN

Current 2010 city budget: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent increase/decrease over 2009 city budget: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Governor's proposed 2010 LGA reduction (column 5 in LGA run): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2010 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

**Non-levy revenue:** Please provide information about the non-levy revenue sources your city plans to use.

Reserve fund withdrawal (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Fee increases (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Short-term borrowing (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditure reductions:** Please complete this section as best you can. If you are not reducing a particular budget area, please enter "0" for the \$ reduction and % reduction fields so that we know you at least provide service in these areas. If you do not provide services in an area, please put "N/A" in these fields.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

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LIBRARY SERVICES

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CITY HALL & ADMINISTRATION

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, FESTIVALS, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, CITY BEAUTIFICATION

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**CHARITABLE GIVING & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANTS**

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**CITY-WIDE PERSONNEL COSTS (i.e. changes to health insurance plans, furloughs)**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe cost savings changes:

Describe the impact of these reductions on employees and services:

OTHER

Expenditure: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2011 BUDGET PLANS

Governor's proposed 2011 LGA funding (column 6 in LGA run): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SCENARIO 1: LGA LOSS RECOVERED THROUGH TAX LEVY ONLY

City tax levy prior to LGA reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ City tax levy after LGA reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City taxes paid on average valued home prior to levy increase: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City taxes paid on average valued home after levy increase: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SCENARIO 2: LGA LOSS RECOVERED THROUGH EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS ONLY

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SCENARIO 3: LGA LOSS RECOVERED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF REVENUE SOURCES AND EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

Levy and non-levy revenue increases:

City tax levy prior to LGA reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ City tax levy after LGA reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City taxes paid on average valued home prior to levy increase: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City taxes paid on average valued home after levy increase: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve fund withdrawal (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURCHASES & PROJECTS**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

**CITY HALL & ADMINISTRATION**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, FESTIVALS, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, CITY BEAUTIFICATION**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

**CHARITABLE GIVING & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANTS**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

**CITY-WIDE PERSONNEL COSTS (i.e. changes to health insurance plans, furloughs)**

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe cost savings changes:

Describe the impact of these reductions on employees and services:

OTHER

Expenditure: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

OTHER

Expenditure: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount reduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent reduction: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total # of FTE/PTE prior to reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of FTE/PTE after reduction: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the service reductions:

Describe the impact of these cuts on residents and the business community:

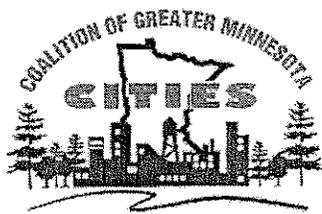
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	Certified 2010 LGA	Actual 2010 LGA (After Unallotment)	Change in 2010 LGA due to Unallotment	2010 LGA under Gov's Feb. Budget	Change in 2010 LGA due to Gov's Feb. Budget	2011 LGA under Gov's Feb. Budget
Mankato	7,858,290	6,309,494	-1,548,796	4,593,801	-1,715,693	5,085,199
Marshall	2,647,813	2,110,608	-537,205	1,513,867	-596,741	1,602,232
Melrose	769,209	614,850	-154,359	448,853	-165,997	400,799
Moorhead	7,918,290	6,790,628	-1,127,662	5,537,135	-1,253,493	4,712,016
Morris	2,389,503	2,128,063	-261,440	1,835,882	-292,181	1,738,878
Mountain Iron	1,311,148	1,156,268	-154,880	868,749	-287,519	960,023
New Ulm	4,858,002	4,111,762	-746,240	3,285,798	-825,964	3,173,877
North Mankato	1,854,816	1,358,107	-496,709	814,029	-544,078	1,188,440
Olivia	821,424	696,152	-125,272	553,061	-143,091	502,424
Ortonville	806,896	703,420	-103,476	588,335	-115,085	565,271
Owatonna	4,200,573	3,153,125	-1,047,448	2,040,214	-1,112,911	2,653,099
Park Rapids	486,667	314,126	-172,541	112,631	-201,495	207,985
Perham	583,292	459,137	-124,155	320,990	-138,147	280,939
Plainview	685,955	544,648	-141,307	366,635	-178,013	372,935
Princeton	756,732	535,932	-220,800	296,070	-239,862	396,317
Red Wing	1,518,176	619,586	-898,590	0	-619,586	1,232,193
Redwood Falls	1,331,400	1,075,270	-256,130	800,963	-274,307	719,117
Renville	478,235	408,605	-69,630	313,786	-94,819	321,485
Rochester	8,959,155	5,101,573	-3,857,582	758,734	-4,342,839	6,186,876
Roseau	700,714	569,077	-131,637	426,308	-142,769	346,788
Rushford	656,130	559,018	-97,112	445,720	-113,298	489,205
Sartell	373,329	3,554	-369,775	0	-3,554	218,565
St. Charles	875,913	757,339	-118,574	620,928	-136,411	477,847
St. James	1,513,065	1,336,057	-177,008	1,142,531	-193,526	1,083,539
St. Peter	2,971,096	2,616,126	-354,970	2,208,907	-407,219	1,960,925
Staples	1,091,899	957,573	-134,326	809,615	-147,958	728,731
Thief River Falls	2,745,096	2,418,906	-326,190	2,065,853	-353,053	1,953,893
Tracy	977,585	859,170	-118,415	702,230	-156,940	711,835
Virginia	4,543,165	4,062,905	-480,260	3,326,260	-736,645	3,454,790
Wadena	1,349,217	1,191,075	-158,142	1,016,531	-174,544	954,102
Waite Park	228,590	0	-228,590	0	0	62,592
Warren	630,467	561,156	-69,311	482,670	-78,486	452,627
Warroad	839,653	744,943	-94,710	618,401	-126,542	653,660
Waseca	2,744,853	2,273,651	-471,202	1,769,325	-504,326	1,521,228
Willmar	4,673,575	4,052,791	-620,784	3,372,197	-680,594	2,839,223
Windom	1,421,548	1,202,917	-218,631	959,335	-243,582	876,923
Winona	10,430,544	9,204,794	-1,225,750	7,850,519	-1,354,275	7,345,891
Worthington	3,143,998	2,705,107	-438,891	2,230,633	-474,474	1,808,094
CGMC Total	171,707,723	141,836,018	-29,871,705	108,759,718	-33,076,300	113,092,802

#### Other Regional Centers

Duluth	31,509,961	27,980,953	-3,529,008	24,008,970	-3,971,983	22,921,911
St. Cloud	12,802,204	10,114,299	-2,687,905	7,186,917	-2,927,382	8,074,839

Source: MN Dept. of Revenue Data

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# CGMC in Brief

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## CGMC continues pressing legislators for LGA support

This week, CGMC staff held meetings with various legislators to ask for their support of the Minnesota Community Stabilization Act. This CGMC-sponsored bill would reduce the 2010 LGA/MVC unallotment to the 2009 level by expanding the sales tax to non-essential personal care services—such as tattoos, spa treatments, and manicure—and to digital downloads. Doing so generates the \$60 million needed to reduce the 2010 unallotment. The bill would also limit the governor's authority to further unallot LGA in 2010. The bill will be authored by Sen. Rod Skoe (DFL-Clearbrook) in the Senate and Rep. Dave Olin (DFL-Thief River Falls) in the House. Rep. Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth) and Rep. Steve Dille () have also signed on as co-authors in the House.

Before the bill is introduced, CGMC is attempting to secure bipartisan support of the bill with greater Minnesota Republican co-authors. In our meetings with both Republican and Democratic greater Minnesota legislators, we have heard several common refrains, including that they haven't heard from the public on LGA, only from city leaders. Also, they say that they are not seeing their cities enact any drastic cuts or property tax increases, so the impact of LGA cuts seems minimal. Several legislators have said that they support LGA, but are not willing to go against the governor.

Regardless of these messages, CGMC is still confident that there is strong support for LGA amongst greater Minnesota legislators, and we need to continue illustrating the consequences of LGA cuts to both the public and greater Minnesota legislators. If your city has not done so already, please be sure to pass the attached resolution opposing cuts to LGA. Another version of the resolution for your business community to pass is also attached. Please note that these resolutions include reference to the Minnesota Community Stabilization act as a solution for keeping LGA funding stable.

Another option available to cities is to hold a regional meeting with neighboring cities and your legislators to discuss the local impacts of LGA cuts. This strategy will be particularly effective in areas with Republican House members. The City of New Ulm, along with surrounding cities, recently met with Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Nelson Township) and had a productive discussion on LGA and Rep. Torkelson's views of the program.

## Good news, bad news in state forecast

**Good news:** The February forecast reduced the state's budget deficit to \$994 million, an improvement of \$209 million. Projected expenditures decreased \$184 million, while expected revenue increased \$25 million. More than half of the expenditures reduction, or \$83 million, came from one-time federal money, which in turn reduces state expenditures. On the revenue side,



corporate taxes were up \$127 million, as were sales taxes by \$19 million, while individual income taxes fell \$47 million along with smaller taxes that also collectively dropped \$78 million.

**Bad news:** The projected deficit for the next budget cycle, fiscal years 2012-13, grew by \$363 million to \$5.789 billion. The FY 2012-13 budget deficit does not include \$1.18 billion for inflation, repayment of \$564 million in the K-12 property tax recognition shift, or continued General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), which would add an additional \$928 million. Adding inflation, the K-12 repayment, and GAMC funding would increase the deficit to \$8.46 billion.

With shifts and federal money, it becomes tricky to tell just how much the state is spending in a given budget. The chart below shows the interaction of the shifts and federal money to show the adjusted spending for each budget cycle.

<i>In billions</i>	<b>FY 08-09</b>	<b>FY 10-11</b>	<b>FY 12-13</b>
General Fund Spending	\$33.9	\$31.1	\$38.7
Federal Stimulus	0.5	2.1	0
Combined Spending	34.4	33.2	38.7
Shift Savings	--	1.7	-1.2
<b>Adjusted Spending</b>	<b>\$34.4</b>	<b>\$34.9</b>	<b>\$37.5</b>

**Township annexation bills would turn clock back to 1992, stymie city growth**

As expected, this Monday the townships introduced two annexation related bills which the CGMC will be strongly opposing.

The first bill, HF 3242 (Falk)/SF 2898 (Olseen), would bring back a referendum for contested case annexations. It was back in 1992 that CGMC successfully eliminated an annexation referendum that prevented many necessary annexations from going forward. Throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s, CGMC defeated several attempts to reinstate the election requirement. This particular version would allow township residents to opt for a referendum, which would need to pass by 75% in both the township and city in order for the annexation to go forward.

The second bill, HF 3244 (Falk)/ SF 2899 (Olseen), would prohibit a city from annexing, under any circumstances, an area that was the subject of an orderly annexation agreement between a township and another city. This bill could allow a township to enter into an agreement with a city so that it could block another city from annexing property that it needs to (often these agreements would probably be nothing more than agreements not to annex). This would foreclose a city from asserting their rights even if they are the best city to provide services to the subject area.

Already, CGMC Annexation and Land Use Committee co-chairs Matt Brenk, Patti Gartland, and Gary Neumann have sent a letter to the chairs of the respective local government committees outlining the coalition's strong opposition to these bills.



**Bonding bill with  
BDPI money stalls in  
legislature**

A capital investment bonding bill remained stalled at the legislature this week as DFL leaders continue to negotiate with the governor on a final bill. Included in the bonding bill conference committee report (HF 2700) is \$10.5 million—excluding earmarks—for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) grant. The conference report also does not contain a merger of the BDPI grant program with a bioscience infrastructure grant program. Funding the grant and opposing the merger were two of the top priorities for the CGMC this session.

The legislature's \$10.5 million appropriation is the largest amount ever provided by the legislature in one year, and twice the amount appropriated in 2008, which was the last time the legislature put money into the grant. The BDPI grant provides up to 50% of capital costs for the development of industrial parks in greater Minnesota cities and counties.

Rather than subject the bonding bill conference report to an expected gubernatorial veto, the legislature instead held onto the bill after passage by both chambers. DFL leaders subsequently engaged in a continuing series of public and private "working group" meetings with the governor and his staff over the past two weeks in an attempt to reach a compromise. The governor has objected to the conference report bill because it does not contain several of his "core" priorities, including a sex offender facility expansion in Moose Lake.

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Believe it or not, summer is right around the corner, and now is the time to send information about your city's summer festivals and events to CGMC! CGMC is offering members the opportunity to list their local festivals on the CGMC website and online calendar. This is a free service, and all you have to do is contact Erin Flaherty at [enflaherty@flaherty-hood.com](mailto:enflaherty@flaherty-hood.com) with the name, date, and location of your festival plus any related promotional copy. Your festival will then receive its own post on [www.greatermncities.org](http://www.greatermncities.org) and be listed on the CGMC events calendar, which is also found on our homepage. As an added bonus, CGMC will tweet your event on Twitter! Your event will be posted on the CGMC website one month before its date and "tweeted" one week before its date. If you have any other events throughout the year, please email those as well.

