

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

REVIEW ELECTED SALARIES FOR 2026

REVIEW SWCD AG INSPECTOR GRANT AGREEMENT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Genny Reynolds called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM with the following commissioners present: Commissioners Whitcomb, Tellinghuisen, Reynolds, Bjornson and Munson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE THE AGENDA (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS)

A motion was made by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, seconded by Commissioner Munson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bjornson, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

CONSIDER OCTOBER 21, 2025, COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REVIEW OF CVS WARRANTS

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR WARRANTS

CONSIDER LAND SERVICES OFFICE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

CONSIDER COMMISSIONERS MILEAGE AND PER DIEMS – OCTOBER 2025

CONSIDER RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH EDUCATOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS

CONSIDER SP 048-603-003 CSAH 3 – RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE

REGULAR AGENDA

LAND SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Zoning Administrator Keenan Hayes presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb to adopt the ordinance as originally proposed with a 10-acre minimum lot size and 600-foot minimum lot width in the Agricultural district; the motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and carried with Commissioners Munson, Bjornson, Reynolds, and Tellinghuisen in favor, and Commissioner Whitcomb opposed, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation.

COMMUNITY AND VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-04-25-01: OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

CVS Director Charlotte Kohlgraf presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 11-04-25-01: Operation Green Light.

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-04-25-01**

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

WHEREAS the residents of Mille Lacs have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mille Lacs County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life soon; and

WHEREAS studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS Mille Lacs County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Mille Lacs County hereby declares November 1st - 11th, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Mille Lacs County hereby declares from November 1st - 11th, 2025 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that in observance of Operation Green Light, Mille Lacs County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-04-25-02: NUCLEAR ENERGY

County Administrator Dillon Hayes presented the agenda item. A motion was made by Commissioner Bjornson, seconded by Commissioner Whitcomb, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 11-04-25-02 Nuclear Energy.

**Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution No.: 11-04-25-02**

**URGING REPEAL OF MINNESOTA'S MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR ENERGY
PRODUCTION**

***WHEREAS** national, state, and regional electrical demand has been historically stable or declining, recent trends in electrification, economic development, and technology demand have resulted in projected increases in electrical power needs; and*

***WHEREAS** reliance on carbon-free-based energy production continues to increase and dependence on traditional fossil fuel-based energy production continues to decrease, despite significant concern over reliable baseload and peak demand energy; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2023, Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard statute was amended to include adding a carbon-free standard that requires electric utilities to provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, leading the nation with such an ambitious goal; and*

***WHEREAS**, nuclear energy is uniquely positioned to address America's energy challenges through generation of carbon-free electricity, with a record of over 70 years of safe operation and storage—all with significant federal and state oversight; and*

***WHEREAS**, nuclear energy already generates roughly half of Minnesota's current carbon-free electricity, with nuclear plants safely operating in Minnesota for over 50 years, providing decades of carbon-free affordable electricity for families and businesses; and*

***WHEREAS**, a new generation of advanced nuclear technology offers enhanced safety features, flexibility in sizing, and a smaller footprint, making them ideal for future energy needs; and*

***WHEREAS**, more than thirty-five nations have now pledged to triple nuclear power by 2050, with America leading the charge, while Minnesota—with a world-class engineering talent and manufacturing base—is the only state with an outright moratorium on all new nuclear reactor construction; and*

***WHEREAS**, lifting this 30-year-old moratorium is the first step in securing the affordable, clean, and reliable energy Minnesota needs, especially as the state undertakes its energy transition to meet the 100% carbon-free electricity goals while ensuring reliable baseload power; and*

***WHEREAS**, under the umbrella of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA), a diverse coalition of Minnesota governments, businesses, utilities, labor unions, and environmental advocates is calling on state lawmakers to lift Minnesota's 30-year-old moratorium on new nuclear power development; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mille Lacs County recognizes that any advancement in nuclear energy generation must be accompanied by a strong commitment to responsible and secure nuclear waste management, ensuring that all waste is handled, stored, and disposed of in a manner that protects public health, safety, and the environment for future generations.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby votes to join the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA) and actively supports the repeal of Minnesota's moratorium on nuclear energy production to ensure safe, clean, and reliable baseload energy for all Minnesotans, especially as the State advances its 2040 goal for 100% carbon-free electricity generation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners urges the Minnesota Governor, State Legislature, and regulatory agencies to accelerate the reconsideration of the Minnesota moratorium, cognizant of advancements in available technology, increasing demand for reliable electrical power, and actions being taken by other states to locate and support new nuclear power generation facilities.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners emphasizes the importance of developing and implementing appropriate nuclear waste management protocols as an integral part of any expansion of nuclear power in Minnesota, including transparent planning, long-term storage solutions, and ongoing oversight to safeguard the health and environment of Minnesota residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners respects Minnesota’s rich American community concerns regarding siting and operation of nuclear power facilities and welcomes earnest consideration of Sherburne County for siting of such new nuclear generation facilities, provided that robust and enforceable waste management and safety measures are in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bjornson attended the EMS meeting. Commissioner Reynolds attended the ECRDC meeting and the Executive Committee meeting.

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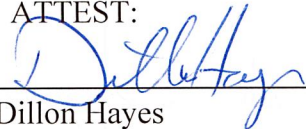
A motion was made by Commissioner Whitcomb, seconded by Commissioner Tellinghuisen, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 AM.

WORK SESSION (COUNTY BOARD ROOM):

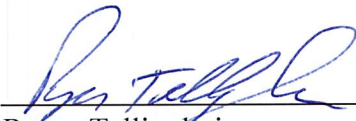
REVIEW REVISED TAX-FORFEITURE STATUTES

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

ATTEST:



Dillon Hayes
County Administrator



Roger Tellinghuisen
County Board Vice Chairperson