Our Vision: Being Minnesota's favorite place.
Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.
Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

AGENDA

Crow Wing County Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting

09/15/2026
9:00 AM
County Board Room, 3rd Floor, Historic Courthouse, Brainerd MN

*Note: Times are approximate

The agenda has been published as shown below but is subject to change to include such business as may come before the Board.

ATTEND IN-PERSON OR BY MICROSOFT TEAMS (CALL 218-302-1725, CONFERENCE ID: 491 110 781#); LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE AT WWW.CROWWING.GOV OR ON THE CROW WING COUNTY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD MAY ATTEND REMOTELY

1. **9:00 AM - CWCCS LAC Report - Rachel Zetah & Tami Lueck**

   Local Advisory Council Presentation

2. **9:20 AM - Northland Reliability Project Temporary Easement - Tom Strack**

   Northland Reliability Project Temporary Easement

3. **9:30 AM - 2027 Harvest Plan - Tom Strack**

   2027 Harvest Plan

4. **9:40 AM - St. Mathias Section 30 - Rausch Easement Request - Tom Strack**

   Rausch Easement Request

5. **9:50 AM - MN Power Right of Entry Agreement - Tom Strack**

   MN Power Right of Entry Agreement Map

6. **9:55 AM - Recreational Use Ordinance Update**

Recreational Use Ordinance Updates

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Crow Wing County

Local Advisory Council (LAC)

What is a Local Advisory Council (LAC)?

Every county in MN is required to have a LAC MN Statute; *Sec. 245.466 Sub. 5*

The Goal of the Local Advisory Council (LAC) *is to utilize the knowledge of diverse groups of individuals in order to improve mental health services for Minnesotans.*

Benefits of a Local Advisory Council

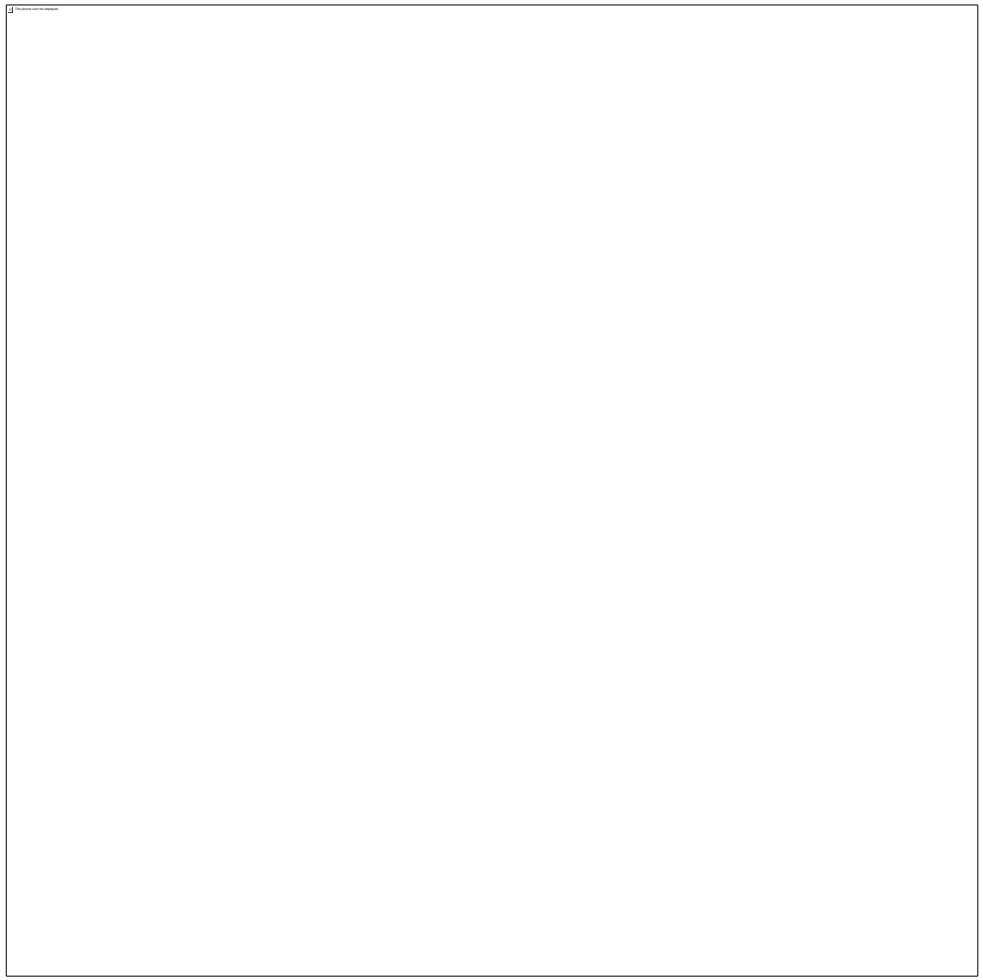
- Empower individuals with lived mental health experience
- Improvement of the local mental health systems and community services
- Advice and evaluations on current mental health systems in the community- honest feedback

Crow Wing County- LAC

2026 Goals

1. Establish updated Bylaws to align with State LAC guidance
2. Increase consumer voice, including from diverse communities
3. Rebuild relationships with County Board of Commissioners

Questions?



Thank you for your time and support for the Crow Wing County LAC

Northland Reliability Project

GREAT RIVER ENERGY | minnesota power

STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION

Parcel ID:	BC-CU-2360
Landowner(s):	State of Minnesota C/O Crow Wing County
Section/Twp/Range/County:	S6-T45N-R29W
PID No(s):	78060513, 78060508, 78060509, 78060510

A summary of the total compensation is below:

Temporary Construction Access and Workspace Easement-- $ 1,500.00

_____ _____
NRP Land Rights Representative Date

If applicable, payment percentage shall be allocated as follows: (signature is required by each fee owner)

_____ _____
Signature & percentage Date Signature & percentage Date

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NORTHLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT (GRE/MP)
Form 3B
Temporary Easement

(Top 3 inches reserved for recording data)

TEMPORARY EASEMENT

The undersigned, State of Minnesota ("Grantor"), in consideration of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto Great River Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation, and Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, INC., a Minnesota corporation, as tenants in common, and their respective successors and assigns (collectively, "Grantee"), the temporary right, privilege and easement for ingress and egress, and [other activities deemed necessary by Grantee in its development of a transmission line project, construction workspace, cultural resource surveys, survey permission] to and across the property described and depicted on the attached Exhibit C (the "Grantor's Property"). The Easement shall be limited to that certain part of Grantor's Property described as the "Temporary Easement Area" on the attached Exhibit C.

This Temporary Easement shall commence on or before_____ __, 202_, and expire on or before December 31, 2029.

Grantee agrees to restore the Grantor's Property to as near their original condition as is reasonably possible and remove therefrom all debris, spoils, and equipment resulting from Grantee's use of the Grantor's Property under this easement. Grantee agrees to pay a reasonable sum for actual damages directly caused to Grantor's crops, fences, roads, fields, lawns or other improvements by Grantee's exercise of its rights hereunder to the extent Grantee does not restore the same.

Grantor covenants with Grantee, its successors and assigns, that Grantor is the owner of the above-described premises and has the right to sell and convey a temporary easement in the manner and form aforesaid.

The easement and covenants contained in this instrument shall run with and against the Grantor's Property. It is mutually understood and agreed that this instrument covers all agreements and stipulations between the parties and that the terms herein may only be modified in writing. This instrument shall be governed by the law of Minnesota.

[SIGNATURE PAGE(S) FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this instrument to be duly executed as of the _____ day of _____, 202_.

State of Minnesota

BY: Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners

_____

By:

NOTARY BLOCK FOR ENTITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

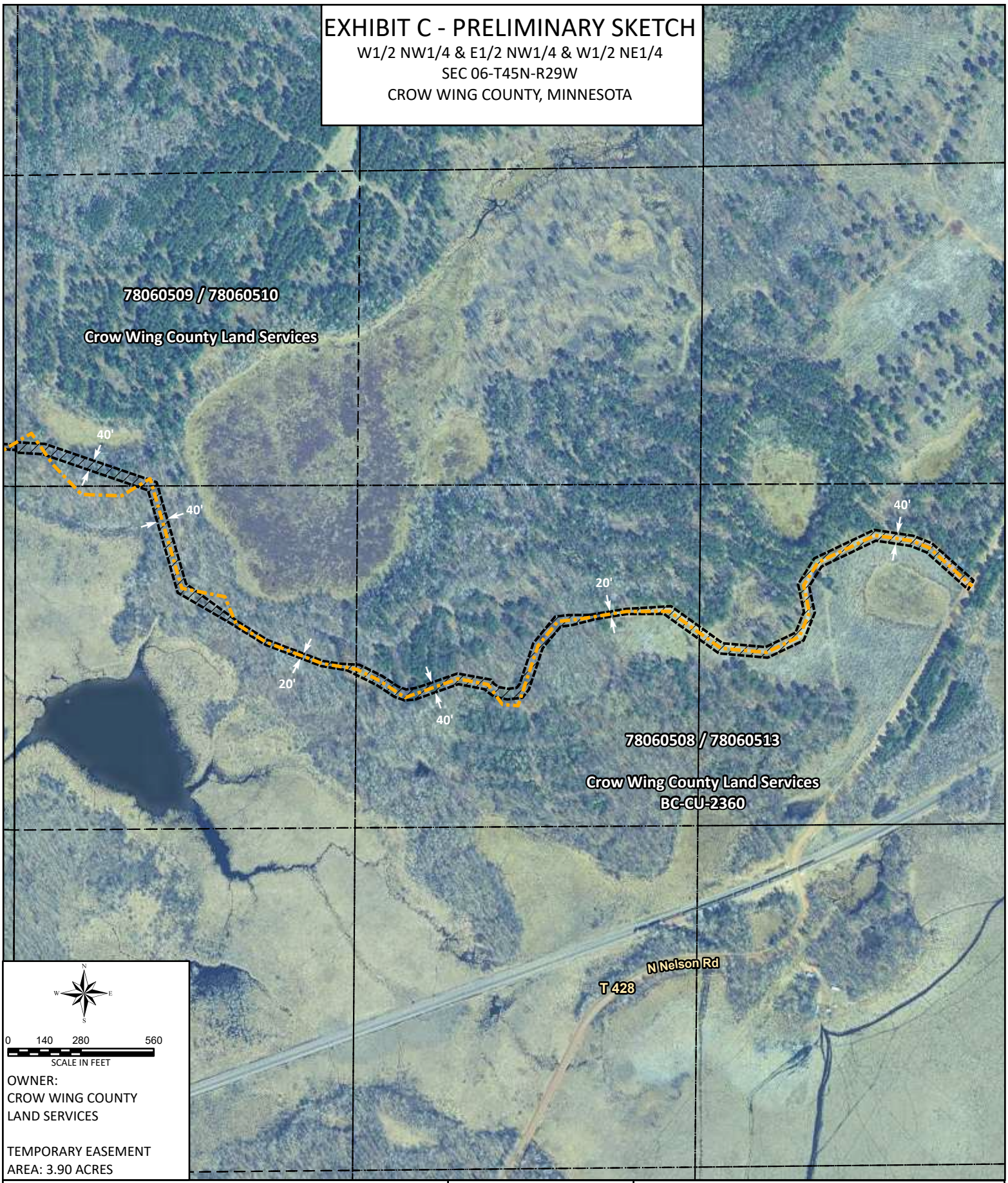
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of _____, 202_, by _____ as _____ of the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners.

_____
Notary Public

Drafted By: Great River Energy
Land Rights Department
12300 Elm Creek Blvd
Maple Grove, MN 55369
(763) 445-5000
(To be returned to same after recording.)

EXHIBIT C - PRELIMINARY SKETCH

W1/2 NW1/4 & E1/2 NW1/4 & W1/2 NE1/4
SEC 06-T45N-R29W
CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA



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SCALE IN FEET

OWNER:
CROW WING COUNTY
LAND SERVICES

TEMPORARY EASEMENT
AREA: 3.90 ACRES

JCG LAND SERVICES, INC.
224 SOUTH BELL AVE, SUITE A
AMES, IOWA 50010
(515) 382-1698

www.jcgland.com

JCG LAND SERVICES

DRAWN: EASTRIDGE

NORTHLAND RELIABILITY PROJECT

SCALE: 1" = 475'

DATE: 8/18/2026

Dirt Path Access
Property Line
Temporary Easement Area

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EXHIBIT NOT TO SCALE

Harvest Plan

Forest Resources Plan

Table 23. Crow Wing County Average Annual Acres of Timber Management by Cover Type, Decade, and Method

Harvest Method	Cover Type	2025-2034	2035-2044	2045-2054	2055-2064	2065-2074	2075-2084	2085-2094	2095-2104	2105-2114	2115-2125
Clearcut & Final Harvest	Aspen	974	1,034	993	931	931	936	1,015	971	931	932
	Ash/Elm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Birch	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Oak	220	220	196	114	97	93	89	11	108	38
	Other Hardwood	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	6	15	15
	White Pine	-	-	0	-	-	0	1	5	-	-
	Red Pine	20	13	11	58	104	47	29	78	22	21
	Jack Pine	4	8	6	6	5	3	6	7	0	9
	White Spruce	2	2	-	-	15	11	11	-	-	4
	Black Spruce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Tamarack	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clearcut Total:		1,240	1,297	1,226	1,129	1,171	1,110	1,170	1,084	1,081	1,025
Commercial Thin	Spruce & Pine	202	223	244	199	129	75	163	196	221	216
	Oak	90	90	90	90	148	348	195	163	109	332
Selection Harvest	Northern & Lowland Hardwoods	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Thinning Total		332	353	374	329	317	463	398	400	370	588
Total all Harvest Methods		1,573	1,650	1,600	1,458	1,488	1,573	1,568	1,483	1,451	1,614

Harvest Plan

2026 Harvest Plan Complete

- 27 Timber Sales
- 200 additional acres from acquired Mission Lands

2026 Timber Acres Cruised										
	Aspen	Birch	Oak Thinning	Oak Final	Northern Hardwoods Thinning	Northern Hardwoods Final	Jack Pine	Red Pine Thinning	Red Pine Final	Total Acres
2026 Annual Stand Exam List Goals	974	5	90	220	40	15	4	202	22	**1572**
Acres completed	965	6	107	210	64	31	28	342	33	**1786**
Net Remaining	9	-1	-17	10	-24	-16	-24	-140	-11	**-214**

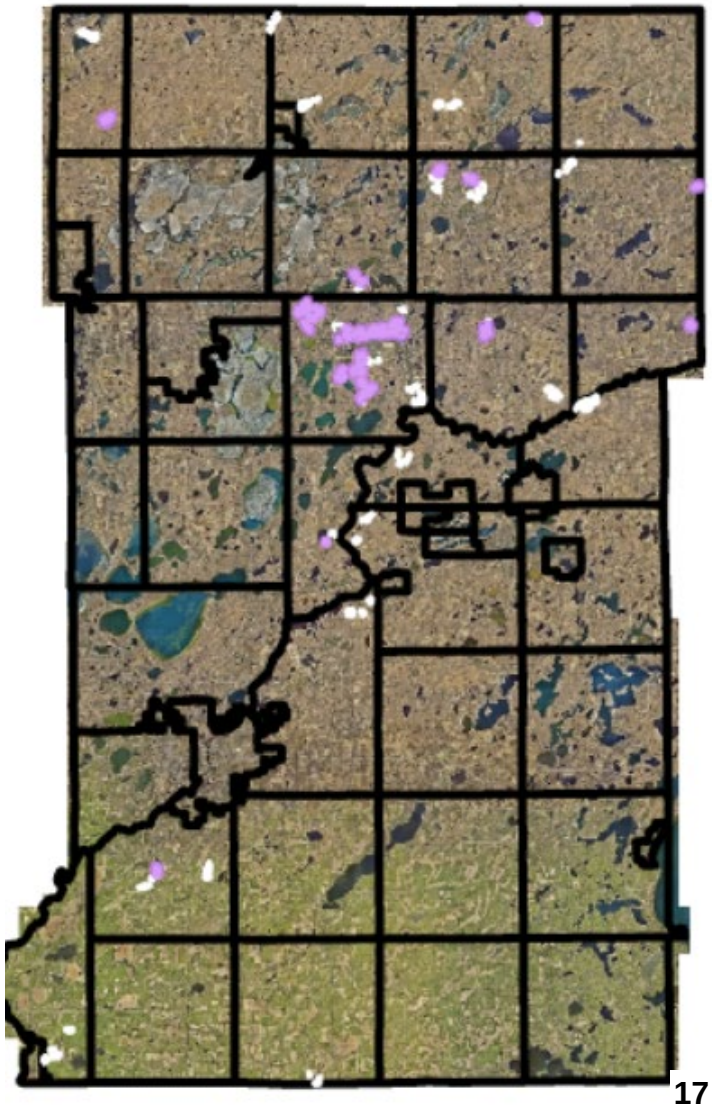
Harvest Plan

- 42 timber sales
- 1499 acres of Final Harvests
- 1332 acres of Thinning's
  - 47% thinning's (historical average closer to 25% to 30%)

2027 Timber Acres Cruised										
	Aspen	Birch	Oak Thinning	Oak Final	Northern Hardwoods Thinning	Northern Hardwoods Final	Jack Pine	Red Pine Thinning	Red Pine Final	Total Acres
2027 Annual Stand Exam List Goals	1219	4	73	230	16	0	8	1243	38	**2831**
Acres completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Net Remaining	1219	4	73	230	16	0	8	1243	38	**2831**

Harvest Plan

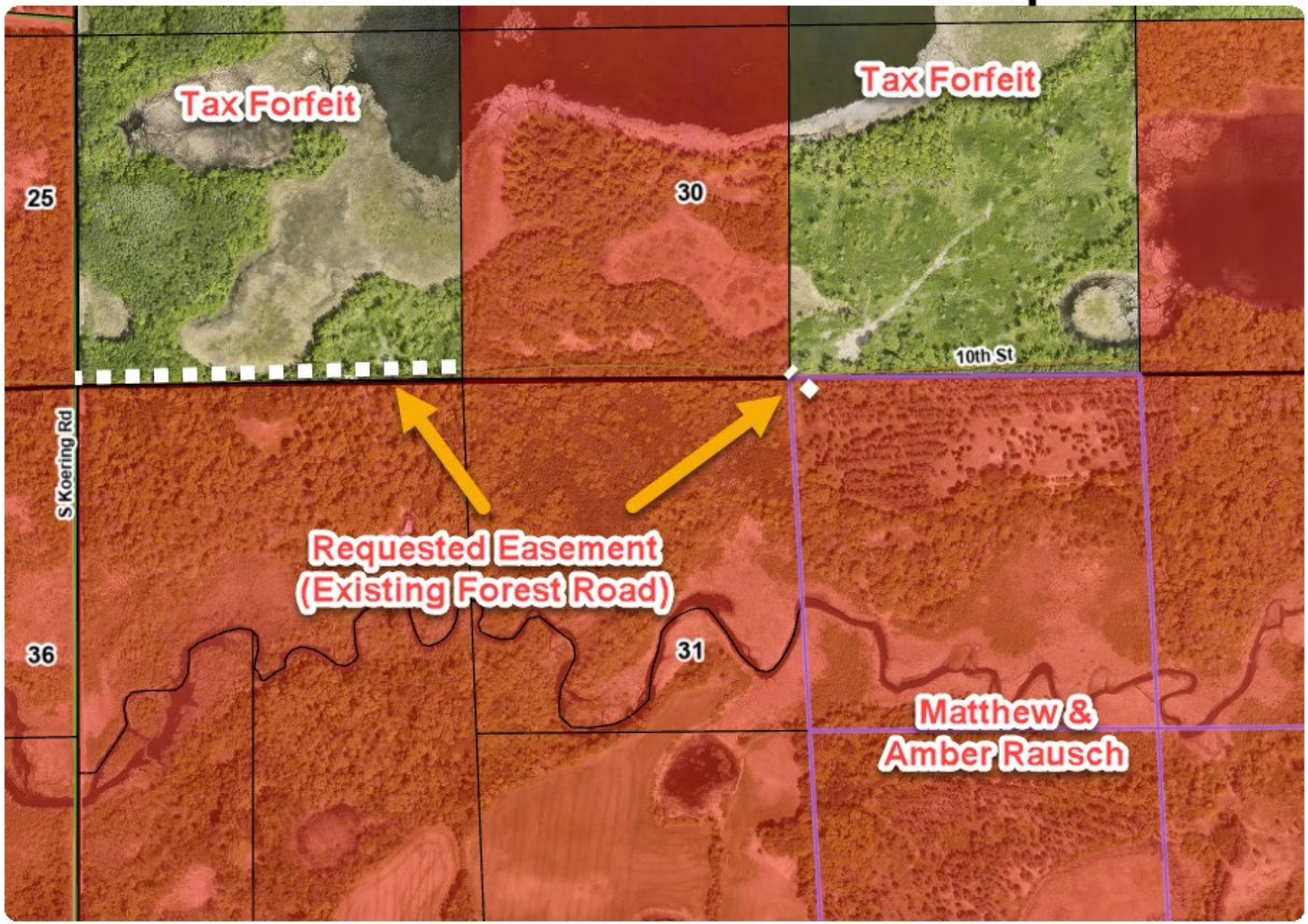
- 1573 acres from Forest Management Plan
- 1258 acres from Mission Acquisition

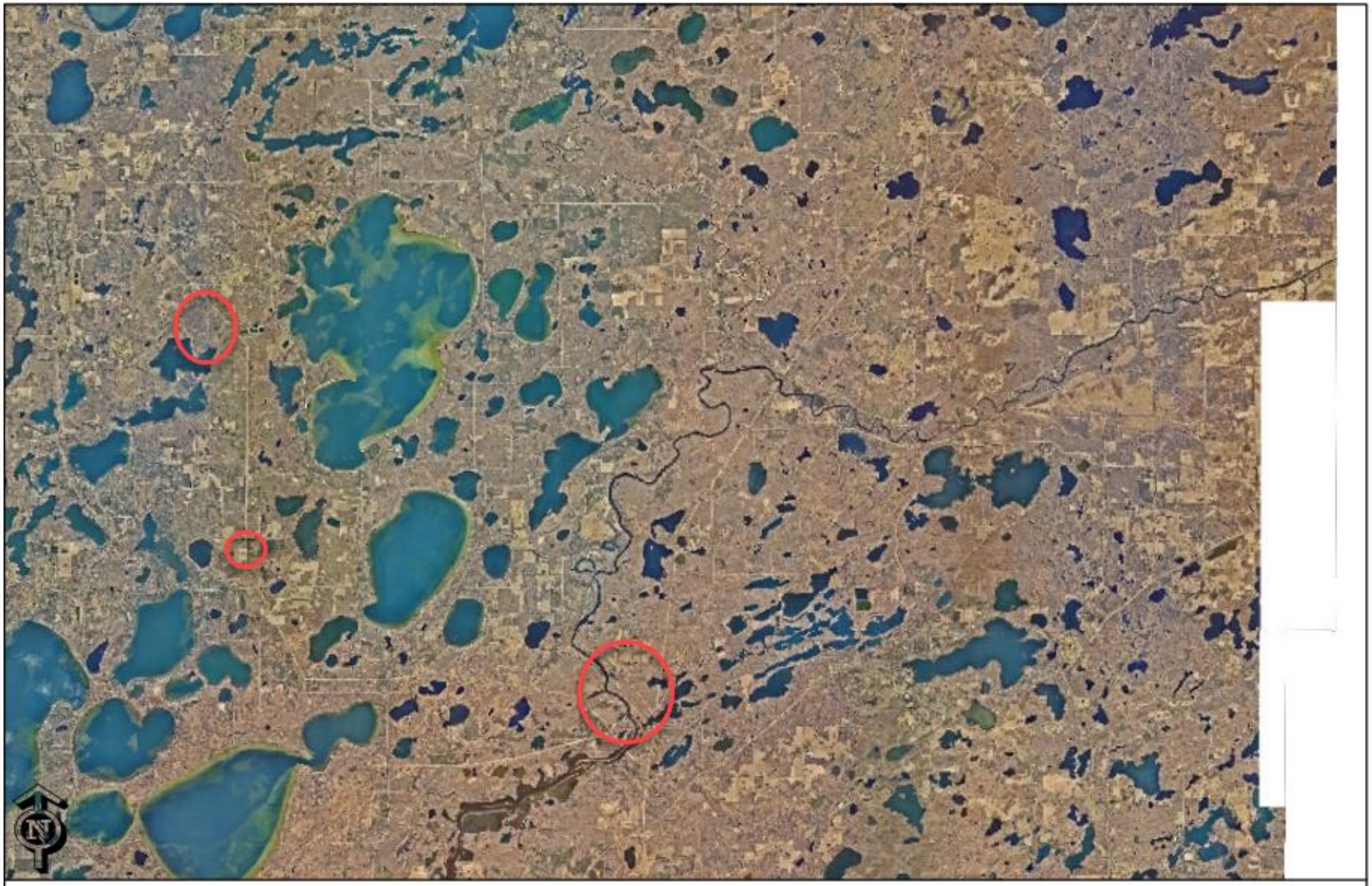


Next Steps:

- NRAC Approval (7/15/26)
- Present the Harvest Plan to the Committee of the Whole in September and ask to set Public Hearing.
- County Board to hold public hearing and approve 2027 Harvest Plan in November.

Matthew & Amber Rausch Easement Request





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Crow Wing County GIS

Date: 8/31/2026 Time: 7:58 AM

CROW WING COUNTY MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RECREATIONAL USE ON COUNTY ADMINISTERED LANDS WITHIN CROW WING COUNTY

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Authority

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to M.S. 398.34. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the use of parks, public water access sites, trails, camping and hunting in such a manner and by such means that will maximize their use and enjoyment by the public, while conserving the scenery, preserving the natural setting of our trees and forests, wildlife and historical objects found within each.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

The following words or terms as used in this Ordinance have the meanings given them in this section unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.

2.1 "Department" refers to the Land Services Department within Crow Wing County.

2.2 "Director" means the Land Services Director.

2.3 "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other groups.

2.4 "Park", "Trail", or "Access" means any County Administered Lands that have been designated by the County Board as a County Park, Trail or Access, respectively.

2.5 "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks as defined in Minnesota Statutes 169.011 Subdivision 92

2.6 "Watercraft" means any vehicle used or designed for navigation on water.

2.7 "Motorized Vehicle" means any Highway Licensed Vehicle, Off-Road Vehicle, All-Terrian Vehicle, Off-Highway Motorcycle or any other wheeled or tracked device powered with a motor including both internal combustion and/or electric. This shall not include motorized wheelchairs.

2.8 "Non-motorized Vehicle" means any wheeled or tracked vehicle by which any person or property is or may be transported which is not propelled by a motor including internal combustion or electric. This shall not apply to wagons, strollers, wheelchairs or assisted transportation devices.

2.9 "Trail Treadway" means that part of the trail constructed for travel.

2.10 "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered by skis or runners.

2.11 "Campfire" means a fire set for cooking, warming, or ceremonial purposes, which is not more than three feet in diameter by three feet high, and has had the ground five feet from the base of the fire cleared of all combustible material

2.12 "County administered" means all County managed properties including Tax-Forfeited and County Fee Properties.

2.13 "Portable Free Standing Stand" means a device, designed for the purpose of elevating a person while hunting, which is transported to its destination and is capable of supporting itself without being attached to a tree.

2.14 "Portable Tree Stand" means a device, designed for the purpose of elevating a person while hunting, which is lightweight in design and is transported by a person to its destination and attached to a tree.

2.15 "Dangerous Weapon" means any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any device

designed as a weapon and capable of producing death or great bodily harm as further defined in Minnesota Statute § 609.02 Subdivision 6.

2.16 "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnies, goats, buffalo, llamas, or poultry as defined in Minnesota Statue 604A.12, subdivision 1c.

2.17 "Trail User Organization" means any group or organization with a trail permit approved by the County Board.

2.18 "Forest Roads" are defined as any road, path or trail on County administered property.

2.19 "Grant-In-Aid (GIA)" is defined as a recreational trail funded in whole or in part by state grants given to local units of government

2.20 "Red Flag Warning" is a warning issued by the National Weather Service when dry fuels and weather conditions support extreme fire danger.

2.21 "Fire Weather Watch" is a warning issued by the National Weather Service when a Red Flag Warning is expected to occur.

3.0 PARKS

3.1 Parks shall be open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

3.2 No Camping is allowed at any County Park unless designated and posted open to camping.

3.3 No Campfires are allowed in County Parks except in designated areas at the Rollie Johnson Big Island Park. When in designated areas, no campfires are allowed during a Fire Weather Watch or Red Flag Warning.

3.4 No Hunting is allowed at any County Park.

3.5 Any park facility, or portions of a facility, may be closed at the Directors discretion.

3.6 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a dangerous weapon, except firearms allowed under Minnesota Statutes 624.714 in a County Park. The six designated County Parks are as follows:

- Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park
- Milford Mine Memorial Park
- South Long Lake Park
- Rollie Johnson Natural & Recreational Area (Big Island Park)
- Rush Lake Island Park
- Little Emily Lake Park

3.7 As defined in Minnesota Statutes Section § 609.668 Subdivision 1, It shall be unlawful for any person to use or have in their possession explosives of any kind, including but not limited to firecrackers and other kinds of fireworks, or incendiary devices within any park.

3.8 Swimming shall be allowed.

3.9 Pets will be permitted in parks and pets shall be attended and effectively restrained by a leash, and pets shall not be permitted to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other persons.

3.10 Persons bringing animals into a park shall be responsible for picking up and properly disposing of animal waste.

3.11 Livestock are not permitted within any park.

3.12 Vehicles parked on Park property after posted closing hours, or in areas other than parking lots designed for parking may be impounded at the cost and expense of the owner.

3.13 Fishing is allowed at County Parks.

3.14 No Motorized vehicles are allowed within County Parks except in designated parking

areas.

3.15 No bikes are allowed within County Parks except in designated parking areas.

4.0 PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

4.1 Accesses shall be open year-round.

4.2 Watercraft may be launched or landed only at accesses designated for such use.

4.3 No person shall leave, store or moor on or directly in front of any public access any watercraft after such person has left the lake area or cause such watercraft to remain on the access site overnight.

4.4 No person shall leave, store, abandon or otherwise cause to remain on any access, any fish house, shelter or dark house.

4.5 Swimming shall be allowed at Public Water Access Sites. However, it shall be unlawful for any person to impede a vehicle, trailer, or watercraft during the loading/unloading process at a public water access site while swimming.

4.6 Any public water access, may be closed at the Directors discretion.

4.7 Campfires are not allowed at Public Water Access Sites.

5.0 TRAILS

5.1 Each trail shall be open according to its season of operation. Each Trail User Organization coordinates with the Department before opening and closing the trails they manage under permit with Crow Wing County.

5.2 Any trails, or portions of a trail, may be closed at the Directors discretion.

5.3 Motorized vehicles are not allowed on Forest Roads from December 1st to April 1st when the Forest Road is also a designated Grant-In-Aid Snowmobile Trail and the Forest Road has been groomed or has greater than 4" of snow.

5.4 Campfires are allowed but State open burning laws and rules must be followed at all times, including, but not limited to, complying with burning ban restrictions issued by the State under extremely dry conditions. No campfires are allowed during a Fire Weather Watch or when a Red Flag Warning has been issued.

5.5 From December 1st to April 1st, walking is prohibited on designated groomed ski trails unless posted open during low snow periods. Snowshoeing is allowed adjacent to the groomed surface. Designated ski trails include:

- French Rapids Ski Trail
- Larson Lake Ski Trail
- Nordic Ridge Ski Trail
- Wolf Lake Ski Trail

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

6.1 No person shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, or remove any property within a park.

6.2 No person shall burn or dispose of garbage, refuse, litter or trash within a park, access or trail. If an appropriate receptacle has not been provided, the person who brought in the items must also pack it out for proper disposal.

6.3 The gathering of plants, whole or parts, including berries, pine/fir cones, nuts and seeds and other similar vegetative materials for commercial purposes is prohibited unless approved by the Director. Gathering for personal use shall be allowed, provided such activity does not result in destruction or serious depletion of the resource and provided such gathering is permissible under State Laws. Under no circumstance may Federal or State listed rare, threatened or endangered species be gathered.

6.4 Gathering of firewood is prohibited unless a permit is obtained from the Land Services

Department.

6.5 In all cases the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Hunting & Trapping Regulations must be followed.

7.0 CAMPING

7.1 Overnight camping shall only be allowed in posted, designated areas within County Parks.

7.2 No camping is allowed within parks or within 300 feet of a public water access.

7.3 Primitive camping on County-administered land is allowed under the following guidelines

- 7.3.1 Camps cannot be used for more than 7 consecutive days
- 7.3.2 Persons wishing to camp more than 7 consecutive days must relocate their camp onto a site more than five miles distant from the first camp
  - 7.3.2.1 Camps not moved in 7 days or camps that don't move the required 5 total miles will be issued a 48-hour notice. After the posted 48 hours, personal property will be considered abandoned and disposed of by the Department.
  - 7.3.2.2 Camps that are issued a 48-hour notice are not allowed to return to the location where the 48-hour notice was issued for one calendar year. This location is clarified to include a 5-mile radius from the original campsite where the 48-hour notice was issued.
  - 7.3.2.3 Camps that violate the 48-hour rule will be disposed of by the Department.
- 7.3.3 Camp sites cannot be used more than once per calendar month. This includes any other camp site within 5 miles of the original camp.
- 7.3.4 Camps cannot be established within a one (1) mile of any public campground or site; campers must remove all trash and debris from the site
- 7.3.5 Live trees may not be felled for making a camp, accessing a camp, or for use as firewood
- 7.3.6 No camping is allowed in a wildlife management area that is under cooperative management agreement between the County and State, or in any other area designated no camping by the Director.

8.0 HUNTING AND TRAPPING

8.1 No hunting or trapping will be allowed within County parks or accesses.

8.2 Hunting stands of any kind, shall be prohibited within parks or accesses, or within 300 feet of any trail.

8.3 No person may construct, occupy or use any hunting stand on County Managed Public Land except portable tree stands or portable free standing stands. Permanently constructed or non-portable stands of any type are not allowed on County Managed Public Land. All permanently constructed or non-portable deer stands will be removed by the Department when found.

8.4 Portable tree stands or portable free standing stands shall not be placed earlier than one (1) week prior to the opening of Minnesota's big game hunting season and must be removed no later than one (1) day following the close of the season.

8.5 Portable tree stands or portable free standing stands not removed as required in Section 8.4 shall be considered abandoned personal property and will be disposed of by the Department.

8.6 No person may cause damage or injury to any tree by the placement or erection of portable tree stands or portable free standing stands or by any other manner while climbing or hunting from a portable tree or free standing stand except that small lateral branches less than 1" in diameter may be removed.

8.7 No person may cause damage to trees by creating clear lanes for shooting except that small lateral branches less than 1" in diameter may be removed.

8.8 Screw-in steps and/or anchor bolts for portable tree stands are allowed providing they are removed when the stand is removed.

8.9 In all cases the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Hunting & Trapping Regulations must be followed.

9.0 PENALTIES

9.1 Any person or persons who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

9.2 Any person or persons who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable for the cost of any restoration of any damage to property caused by said violation. The payment of these costs is in addition to any provision of Section 9.1.

9.3 Separate offenses. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

10.0 SEVERABILITY

10.1 If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, said invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and for this purpose, the provisions of the Ordinance are severable.

11.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

11.1 This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage by the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners and publication according to Minnesota Statutes.