

**Lynden Township, Stearns County
Monthly Meeting
Proposed Agenda**

Monday, May 4, 2026 7:00PM

- A. **Call the Meeting to Order**
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. **Review for Approval May 4, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
- D. **Review for Approval April 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, April 8, LBEA Meeting Minutes, and April 23 Spring Road Tour Minutes**
- E. **Review for Approval April, 2026 Treasurer's Report**

I. Unfinished Business

- 1. Subdivision Ordinance No #8 review
- 2. Spring Clean Up Day
- 3. Fire Protection Well System
- 4. 3054 Fulton Circle Multiple Vehicle Nuisance Complaint PID 19.10774.0000
- 5. Klaverkamp Minor Plat PID 19.10308.0000
- 6.

II. New Business

- 1. Potential Variance Request 900 Belview Road PID 19.10768.0000
- 2. Nuisance Neighbor Complaint 2403 200th Street PID 19.10599.0006
- 3. Variance Application Ryan Voss 18609 Dover Rd PID 19.10749.0000
- 4. Variance Application Dan & Susan Geyen 18573 Dover Rd PID 19.10752.0000
- 5. Spring Road Tour Review
- 6. State Park Road Account Application - Eaglewood Road Grant
- 7. 2025 Stearns Annual Bridge Inspection
- 8. Trailhead Parking on Franklin Road
- 9. PMFL 2026Q1 Filing
- 10. Fire Commission Meeting
- 11. IT Annual Training and Annual Laptop replacement schedule
- 12. Text Notification Systems
- 13. New Phone System
- 14. Clerk Election Training
- 15.

III. Review Building Permits

IV. Review Driveway and Right of Way Permits Issued

V. Planning and Zoning Updates, IT Updates

VI. Review Correspondence

VII. Review Bills and Claims for Approval

VIII. Meeting Dates

- 1. Planning Commission – as needed
- 2. Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.

IX. Adjourn - *Agenda is Subject to Change in Content and/or Sequence

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING IN PERSON
APRIL 6, 2026**

Those present at the Lynden Township Hall were Supervisors Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Todd Voigt, and Scott O’Konek, Clerk Kelli Schuh, and Appointed Treasurer Jean Schermer. James Kantor, Planning Administrator, was also present. Chair Schultz-Ludenia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Schultz-Ludenia asked if there were any changes to the agenda from the Board or public. An inquiry from a township resident regarding the Xcel project in the area of Fulton Circle and Foxtail Court was added. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Board Meeting Minutes: The March 2 Board Meeting Minutes, March 11 Board of Canvass Minutes, and March 24 Reorganizational Minutes were reviewed for approval. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: The report prepared by Appointed Treasurer Schermer was reviewed. Receipts totaled \$1,339.41; Disbursements totaled \$7,959.46; Ending Balance \$958,885.91. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to accept the March, 2026 Treasurer’s report and authorize the board to sign the CTAS forms including the claims list, net pay account distribution, and cash control statements; seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

Subdivision Ordinance No #8 Review: No discussion held on agenda item. Tabled to May.

Township Clean-up Day: Confirmed date of May 16. As noted in the newsletter, we will be accepting garbage and tires, but no e-waste, no scrap metal, and no construction debris. The event will be at our own site at 476 208th Str E. The Board members reviewed the site and discussed plans to prepare it for the event. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed \$50 for refreshments and other incidentals, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed. Duties also assigned.

Waste Management (WM) Recycling Contract: An agreement was reached and Couri has reviewed and approved the Municipal Materials Management Agreement. A five (5) year agreement / contract beginning April 1, 2026, at a rate beginning at \$6.77 per cart and a 5% increase per year CAP was signed by Chair Schultz-Ludenia on March 31, 2026.

Fire Protection Well System: Voigt will continue to research grants. Tabled to May.

Multiple Vehicle Nuisance Complaint 3054 Fulton Circle PID 19.10774.0000: Video of the site will be forwarded to Stearns County Environmental Services for review as this property lies within shoreland.

SCORE Grant: O’Konek confirmed that the application for the SCORE grant has been submitted.

Stearns County Officers Association Semi Annual Meeting: Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to authorize Board Supervisors to attend the Stearns County Officers Association Semi Annual Meeting on April 23 at the Freeport Community Center and to submit their time and mileage for reimbursement, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passes.

Long and Crooked Lake Boat Ramp Maintenance: The DNR reviewed the ramp at the Crooked/Long PWA and have offered to provide guidance regarding improvement. The township will address the repairs that are needed with out local contractor.

Klaverkamp Minor Plat PID 19.10308.0000: Applicant would like to change the number of lots on the plat. This process requires the Planning Commission review. The application is pending with the Lynden Township Planning Commission.

Xcel project in the area of Fulton Circle and Foxtail Court: A township resident inquired about the markings on his property and was concerned that trees in his yard are going to be removed for the project. O’Konek reached out to Xcel Energy to find out if any trees will be removed during the boring operations to install new underground primary cable.

Building permits: 3 building permits were issued by Building Inspector Nancy Scott for the month of March. There are a total of 5 building permits issued in 2026 and 1 new single-family home, with an overall 2026 valuation of \$590,000 per Scott’s report.

Right of Way Work Permits and Driveway Permits: 0 ROW, 0 Driveway, 1 Adjustment to a ROW permit

Planning and Zoning Update: Kantor discussed an email from Stearns County regarding a phishing scam in which criminals impersonate city, township or county planning and zoning officials and request fraudulent permit fees.

Correspondence was reviewed which included:

- WM Update on Customer Service Line and FAQs
- PH 18573 Dover Road, Clearwater MN PID#19.10752.0000
- PH 21044 County Rd 75, Clearwater MN PID#19.10492.0005 & PID#10.10494.0020
- Stearns County Township Officers Annual Meeting April 23rd in Freeport
- 2026 Road Construction request from Stearns County
- 2014 Interim Use Permit Ergen Annual medical statement – PID #19.10898.0000

Review Bills and Claims for Approval:

- Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve bills and claims, utilizing check numbers 9266 through 9287, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Dates:

- Planning Commission – as needed
- Local Board of Equalization and Appeal – April 8, 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – April 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Spring Road Tour – April 23, 8:00 a.m.
- Monthly Meeting – May 4, 7:00 p.m.

O’Konek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Schuh, Clerk

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Chair

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**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
APRIL 08, 2026 6:00 P.M.**

Those present in addition to appellants were Supervisors Jaime Schultz-Ludenia and Scott O’Konek. Stearns County Appraiser for Agriculture, Residential and Shoreland properties in Lynden Township, Mitch Determan; and Kathy Korte, Stearns County Appraiser for Commercial Industrial. Also present is Town Clerk Kelli Schuh.

Chair Schultz-Ludenia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. *Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.01, subdivision 1a* and guidelines regarding the meeting were reviewed. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to grant an appellant five minutes to present their appeal, and grant the Board five minutes to respond, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed. The record should reflect two (2) Supervisors have been certified as having completed the State Dept. of Revenue required training, which was verified by Stearns County records. Specifically, Schultz-Ludenia and O’Konek, whose certifications expire 07-01-2028.

There were 0 scheduled appointments, 0 walk-ins, and 0 written correspondence.

The 2026 Assessment Overview from the Assessor is based on the results of the assessment sales ratio study covering the period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. There were 12 qualified sales during this time period, 6 off water and 6 on water. The sales indicated a median ratio of 96.5% based on sales activities. There was \$3,381,100 of new construction. This is up from \$2,564,700 a year ago.

The results of the Local Board of Appeal for 2026 are as follows:

NAME	PARCEL#	ACTION
No Action taken on any parcel		

The Board acknowledges receipt of Determan’s 04-08-2026, 2026 Assessment Report and waives the reading of it, but will include it as part of these minutes.

Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to adjourn the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, seconded by O’Konek, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Schuh
Lynden Township Clerk
Attached 2026 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Record and Packet

2026 Lynden Township Spring Road Tour

Those present were Supervisors; Scott O'Konek, Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Todd Voigt and Matt & Katie Smart and Jack Schabel. The road tour began at the Lynden Town Hall at 8am on April 23rd, 2026

List of issued raised during the tour are as followed:

Signage:

1. Franklin Rd. All Plum Creek signs missing
2. 200th st missing Plum Creek sign
3. Missing 911 sign 22034 Fairfax Rd
4. 20199 Lake Maria Rd 911 sign laying down
5. 188th st stop sign missing
6. 221st st dead-end sign broke off

Brush Clearing

1. 13th Ave brush at Plum creek crossing in north ditch needs trim
2. Englewood brush in ditches need trim
3. Franklin large branches over hanging need trim
4. Franklin minimum maintenance section needs brush trimmed on first 150' to driveway
5. 222nd oak tree overhanging needs trim
6. 193rd needs brush trimmed near stop sign south side
7. 17th st brush needs trim east side
8. Dunmore circle brush pile needs cleaned up
9. Alder- tree blocking view of corner sign when headed south

Roads Needing Repair

1. 8th Ave- needs gravel added
2. 200th st pot hole at stop sign and 44
3. Edison Circle- shoulder needs fill
4. Franklin – shoulder needs fill
5. Intersection of 19th/216th shoulder needs fill
6. 222nd pot hole repair
7. 22nd- shoulder needs fill
8. 196th-shoulder needs fill
9. 149th st pot hole repair near stop sign

The road tour concluded back at the Lynden Township Hall at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Scott O'Konek, Supervisor

Cash Control Statement

For the Period : 4/1/2026 To 4/30/2026

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Less Deposits In Transit</u>	<u>Plus Outstanding Checks</u>	<u>Total Per Bank Statement</u>
General Fund	\$46,988.73	\$10,168.25	\$19,855.17	\$37,301.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,301.81
Road and Bridge	\$587,047.80	\$0.00	\$21,264.85	\$565,782.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565,782.95
Federal Programs (COVID/ARPA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annandale Fire Fund	\$9,280.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,280.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,280.46
Tarring Fund	\$216,999.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216,999.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216,999.92
Clearwater Fire Fund	\$98,569.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$96,569.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96,569.00
Total	\$958,885.91	\$10,168.25	\$43,120.02	\$925,934.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$925,934.14

<u>Jaime Schultz-Ludenia</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Scott O'Konek</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Todd Voigt</u>	<u>Town Supervisor</u>	<u>Date</u>

Date Range : 5/2/2026 To 5/31/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>
05/02/2026	PERA	May 2026 retirement	50427	\$477.09		
05/02/2026	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	May/ 2026 withholdings	50428	\$96.78		
05/02/2026	IRS	May withholding	50429	\$803.74		
Total For Selected Claims				\$1,377.61		
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Jaime Schultz-Ludenia		Town Supervisor			Date	
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Scott M O'Konek		Town Supervisor			Date	
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Todd Roger Voigt		Town Supervisor			Date	

Lynden Township

Net Pay Account Distribution

4/29/2026

For the payroll period ending: 05/31/2026

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Employee #</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100-41110-103-			384.19
			213.92
100-41425-103-			598.11
			944.28
100-41510-103-	37		944.28
			628.67
100-41910-103-			628.67
	31		69.24
	pc		1,199.03
			69.24
			101.55
100-41110-103			1,439.06
Unallocated (Due to rounding)			\$0.00
			\$3,610.12

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia	Town Supervisor	Date
Scott M O'Konek	Town Supervisor	Date
Todd Roger Voigt	Town Supervisor	Date

Date Range : 5/1/2026 To 5/31/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
05/04/2026	Minnesota Association of Townships	Invoice 115996 - Spring Short Course for Four Staff	2466	\$300.00	100-41110-310- 100-41425-310- 100-41510-310-	Council/Town Board Clerk Treasurer	\$150.00 \$75.00 \$75.00
05/04/2026	Couri & Ruppe PLLP	General - Review of Waste Management contract	2467	\$570.00	100-41610-300-	City/Town Attorney	\$570.00
05/04/2026	St Cloud Stamp and Sign	Ex-Officio Stamp - Kelli Schuh Invoice OE-19802	2468	\$54.54	100-41425-200-	Clerk	\$54.54
05/04/2026	Waste Management	Invoice 7433707-1767-5 Cust #: 34-15028-43007 Service Dates: 04/01/26 - 04/30/26	2469	\$3,826.78	100-43230-384-	Waste (Refuse) Collection	\$3,826.78
05/04/2026	Patriot News MN	Invoice 016158 Ordinance #13	2470	\$462.00	100-41130-351-	Ordinances and Proceedings	\$462.00
05/04/2026	Tri County Humane Society	2026 Q1 Stray Intakes	2471	\$125.00	100-42701-300-	Animal Control Expenditures	\$125.00
05/04/2026	Stearns County Auditor Treasurer	Invoice: 2026-00000025 Truth-in-taxation charge	2472	\$277.00	100-41550-355-	Assessing	\$277.00
05/04/2026	Schabel Enterprise of Central Mn	Inv 2239 - Monthly Service Fee 04-15-26 to 05-15-26, snow removal, salting	2473	\$4,168.75	201-43125-300-	Ice and Snow Removal	\$4,168.75
05/04/2026	Smart Excavating LLC	Invoice 1001 Grading & Brushing	2474	\$24,092.50	201-43122-312-	Unpaved Streets	\$18,525.00

Date Range : 5/1/2026 To 5/31/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
5/04/2026	AlSpec Services, LLC	April 2026	2475	\$10,582.50	201-43110-314-	Road Maintenance	\$5,567.50
					100-42401-300-	Building Inspections Administration	\$10,582.50
Total For Selected Claims				\$44,459.07			\$44,459.07

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia	Town Supervisor	Date
Scott O'Konek	Town Supervisor	Date
Todd Voigt	Town Supervisor	Date

Date Range : 5/1/2026 To 5/31/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Detail</u>
5/04/2026	Minnesota Paid Leave Fund	Employer Account 5293341 2026 Q1	2476	\$95.91	100-41110-355-	Council/Town Board	\$95.91
Total For Selected Claims				\$95.91			\$95.91

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia	Town Supervisor	Date
Scott O'Konek	Town Supervisor	Date
Todd Voigt	Town Supervisor	Date

April 30, 2026

Lynden Township
c/o Kelli Schuh
21259 Co Rd 44
Clearwater, MN 55320

RE: Monthly Billing Statement – April 2026

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

PERMIT #	DATE	OWNER / LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
6-26	4/8/26	Ronald Niebolte 1843 Danforth Circle	Windows	1,000.00
7-26	4/20/26	Michael Haggerty 14182 CR 144	Windows	1,000.00
8-26	4/1/26	Jeremiah & Holly Konz 575 155 th Street	Dwelling & Garage	1,200,000.00
9-26	4/20/26	Brian Gohmann 19462 Lake Maria Road	Windows	1,000.00
10-26	4/24/26	Jessica Anderson 22241 Fairmount Road	Reshingle	1,000.00

Total Permits This Month	5
Total Permits Year-To-Date	10
Total Single Family This Month	1
Total Single Family Year-To-Date	2
Total Valuation This Month	1,204,000.00
Total Valuation Year-To-Date	1,794,000.00

BUILDING PERMIT FEE SUMMARY

April 2026

PERMIT #	PERMIT FEE	PLAN REVIEW FEE	SURCHARGE	TOTAL
6-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
7-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
8-26	7,200.00	4,680.00	600.00	12,480.00
9-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
10-26	25.00	0.00	1.00	26.00
TOTALS	7,300.00	4,680.00	604.00	12,584.00

PLUMBING PERMIT SUMMARY

April 2026

PERMIT #	DATE	APPLICANT / ADDRESS	SURCHARGE	AMOUNT
5-26p	4/30/26	Deans 1033 Belview Rd	1.00	45.00
6-26p	4/30/26	Neighborhood 16855 CR 44	1.00	40.00
7-26p	4/30/26	Precise 575 155 th St.	1.00	254.00
TOTAL			3.00	339.00

MECHANICAL PERMIT SUMMARY

April 2026

PERMIT #	DATE	APPLICANT / ADDRESS	SURCHARGE	AMOUNT
7-26m	4/30/26	Apex 3021 181st Street <i>Not Lynden</i>	1.00	43.00
8-26m	4/30/26	Precise 575 155 th Street	1.00	136.00
TOTAL			2.00	179.00

Planning & Zoning Permits

April 2026

Construction Site Permits

Permit #	Date	Parcel ID#	Owner / Applicant	Address	Project
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Driveway Approach Permits

DAP2604001	4/28/2026	19.10752.0000	Dan & Sue Geyen	18573 Dover Road, Clearwater, MN	Dover Road
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Planning Commission
Lynden Township
Stearns County
State of Minnesota
Minutes

Location: Lynden Township Hall
21367 County Road 44
Clearwater, MN 55320

Date / Time: 20th of April, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Present were: Planning Administrator James Kantor, Commissioners Westrum, John Hoppe, and Gary Stang.

Westrum called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. as a quorum of the Planning Commission members were present.

Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting from January 19th, 2026 were reviewed. Stang made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Hoppe. All in favor, motion passed.

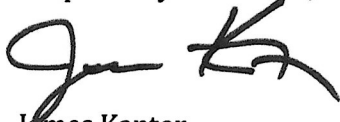
The Planning Commission conducted a site visit at PID 19.10308.0000, 18946 County Road 44, Clearwater, Minnesota for a Plat Application for James Klaverkamp. He would like to give a portion of land to his daughter. The Planning Commission verified ingress / egress for the driveway, the setbacks and the list from Stearns County Ordinance #230, Section 5.3.3. Everything was in compliance. Stang made a motion to approve the Klaverkamp application for a Plat for PID 19.10308.0000, seconded by Kantor. All in favor, motion passed.

The Planning Commission conducted a site visit at 18573 Dover Road, Clearwater, Minnesota with a PID of 19.10752.0000 at the Geyen property for a variance application. The Geyens would like a variance of 5 feet or more from the setback of Stearns County Ordinance #439, Section 9.9.9 for a garage. Discussion was had about the safety of parking a truck in front of the garage however it was noted that parking on the street was worse so the garage and driveway are a better solution. Stang made a motion to approve the Variance Application for 19.10752.0000, seconded by Westrum. All in favor, motion passed.

The Planning Commission conducted a site visit at 18609 Dover Road, Clearwater, Minnesota at the Ryan Voss property for a variance application. Mr. Voss would like an after-the-fact variance of 6 feet from the setback of Stearns County Ordinance #439, Section 9.9.9 because the current property is nonconforming. The property was previously approved for building prior to setbacks in 1993 per the Stearns County DataFi system. With the variance he would like an addition to be built within the buildable area. Discussion was had about sightline and it appears to be still within sightline. Safety is a concern with a car sliding down the driveway however this is at a dead-end road and improving the structure and landscape would help mitigate that. Hoppe made a motion to approve the Variance Application for 19.10749.0000, seconded by Stang. All in favor, motion passed.

At 7:31 p.m., Stang made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kantor. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Kantor', written in a cursive style.

James Kantor
Planning Administrator

Jeff Westrum
Planning Commission Chair

APPROVAL OF NOTICE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Issued: March 9, 2026

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy's Petition for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): G-002/GR-25-356

OAH Docket Number: 21-2500-41419

Background: On October 31, 2025, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's (Xcel Energy), filed a request to increase rates for natural gas service in Minnesota that included a proposed notice to counties and municipalities. In its December 26, 2025, Notice of and Order for Hearing, the Commission delegated authority to the Commission's Executive Secretary to approve notices for the duration of this proceeding. Xcel Energy worked with Commission staff to develop a final revised notice to counties and municipalities.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 1, Xcel Energy is required to give written notice, as approved by the Commission, of the proposed change in rates to the governing body of each municipality and county in the affected areas served. Additionally, Xcel Energy is required to mail copies of the Commission's December 26, 2025, Notice of and Order for Hearing to all municipalities, counties, and local governing authorities within its Minnesota service area. Xcel Energy's revised notice to counties and municipalities, as attached, is approved.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to efile documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants, and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling at:
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling>

Submit Public Comments:

Online: <https://mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments/>, and follow the instructions.

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul MN 55101

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this matter on the Commission's website at:
mn.gov/puc/edockets, select Go to eDockets, enter 25-356 under Docket #s, and select Search.

PUC Docket Number G-002/GR-25-356 & OAH Docket No. 21-2500-41419

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Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Christine Pham, at christine.pham@state.mn.us or 651-201-2249.

Change your mailing preferences: Email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Leesa Norton at 651-201-2246.

To request this document in another format such as large print or audio, call 651-296-0406 (voice). Consumers with a hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.

Attachment

**Notice to Counties and Municipalities
Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, Subd. 1**

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

Xcel Energy asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase in natural gas rates beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The requested increase is approximately 8.2% or \$63.4 million. On average, the proposed final rate change would increase the monthly bill for a typical residential natural gas customer by 8.7% or \$7.11.

The MPUC may either approve, deny, or modify the requested changes, including approving a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fourth quarter of 2026. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will hold six in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on our request. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location
Monday, April 27, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Washington County Heritage Center 1862 Greeley St. S. Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx <i>(see access details below)</i>
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Wyoming Area Library 26855 Forest Blvd. Wyoming, MN 55092
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Great River Regional Library Bremer Room 104 404 W St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301
Monday, May 4, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Winona State University Kryzsko Commons Purple Rooms 247 - 249 500 Huff St. Winona, MN 55987
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Ramsey County Library Community Program Room 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx <i>(see access details below)</i>
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Robert Trail Library Robert Trail Large Meeting Room 14395 S. Robert Trail Rosemount, MN 55068

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled – call (toll free) **855-731-6208** or **651-201-2213** or visit mn.gov/puc.

Virtual Public Hearings

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

April 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. and

May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information" type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Event Number: 2490 656 2535	Event Number: 2489 688 6927
Event Password, if needed: XCEL28	Event Password, if needed: XCEL55

Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a WebEx application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next, you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 1-855-282-6330	Phone: 1-855-282-6330
Access Code: 2490 656 2535	Access Code: 2489 688 6927
Event password: 923528 from phones	Event password: 923555 from phones

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press *3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

Public Hearing and Process Information

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed in the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Please arrive at the beginning of the hearing to ensure you will have time to comment.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or christine.pham@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing.

Comment Period

Comments will be accepted through **May 19, 2026**.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered for the record.

How to Submit a Written Comment

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) fax. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Get Involved" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference MPUC Docket No. 25-356 in the subject line of your comment.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not

edit or delete personally identifying information from comments received.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal will be held on **May 11 – 12, 2026**, starting at **9:30 a.m.** each day. The evidentiary hearings will be held at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via Webex, a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Webex may request an electronic invitation by contacting MPUC staff **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or christine.pham@state.mn.us.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

TO LEARN MORE

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Xcel Energy

414 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis MN 55401

Phone 612-330-5500

Web: xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/rates

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-539-1534

Web: <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us>. Under "eDockets" select "Search Documents" insert "25-356" in the Docket #s field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or need assistance in submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350

St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Anyone with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay.

Please contact the MPUC staff **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or christine.pham@state.mn.us as soon as possible if you need an interpreter or accommodation to attend a public hearing.

Proposed Rate Increases

The table below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for

residential and commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use.

Customer Class	Average Monthly Usage in Ccf (or therms)	Average Monthly Bill - Current Rates	Average Monthly Bill - Interim Rates	Average Monthly Bill - Proposed Rates
Residential	71	\$82	\$88	\$89
Small Commercial	189	\$199	\$211	\$221
Large Commercial	1,303	\$1,235	\$1,300	\$1,315
Small Demand	7,924	\$6,918	\$7,293	\$7,405
Large Demand	17,776	\$15,015	\$15,809	\$16,108
Small Interruptible	6,745	\$4,633	\$4,898	\$5,001
Med. Interruptible	46,220	\$27,353	\$28,555	\$30,196
Large Interruptible	617,483	\$350,615	\$364,315	\$379,449
Large Firm Transport**	75,708	\$19,432	\$22,455	\$24,088
Small Interruptible Transport**	6,745	\$1,729	\$1,998	\$2,097
Med. Interruptible Transport**	118,174	\$19,722	\$22,724	\$26,990
Large Interruptible Transport**	2,119,680	\$88,455	\$99,345	\$88,455

** Transportation classes bill estimates do not include the cost of gas



Stearns County
Minnesota

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387
Phone: (320) 656-3613
StearnsCountyMN.gov

April 13, 2025

Suzanne & Daniel Geyen
18573 Dover RD
Clearwater MN 55320

Re: Variance File No: P-036445

Dear Applicants,

At the meeting of the Stearns County Board of Adjustment on April 9th 2026, the Board of Adjustment made the following decision:

- To **table** the request to construct a 26 foot by 30 foot detached accessory structure 182.8 feet from Long Lake, classified as Natural Environment.

The Board of Adjustment requests the applicant complete the following steps before returning:

1. Apply for a variance from Lynden Township to place detached accessory structure closer to the Right-of-Way of Dover Road than allowed by ordinance.
2. Receive approval from Lynden Township for a road approach for proposed detached accessory structure.
3. Explore alternative to rotate proposed detached accessory structure 90 degrees to reduce the requested setback variance to Long Lake.

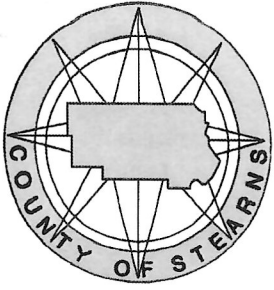
A copy of the variance proceedings will be sent to you after it has been recorded.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact please contact Brian Krippner at brian.krippner@stearnscountymn.gov or by calling 320-656-3613

Sincerely,

Brian Krippner
Senior Environmental Specialist, Environmental Services

CC: Clerk, Lynden Township, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



COUNTY OF STEARNS

Department of Highways

PO Box 246 • St Cloud, MN 56302
(320) 255-6180 • FAX (320) 255-6186

CHRIS BYRD, P.E.
Highway Engineer

MIKE DECKER, P.E.
Asst. Highway Engineer

MATT ZINNIEL
Maintenance Superintendent

April 21, 2026

Certified Mail

Kelli Schuh
Lynden Twp Clerk
212159 Co. Rd. 44
Clearwater, MN 55320

Re: 2025 Annual Bridge Inspection
Stearns County, Minnesota

Dear Kelli,

Stearns County's annual inspection was carried out in the late fall and early winter of 2025-2026. Each bridge requiring annual inspection, was inspected in accordance with the State of Minnesota condition codes and appraisal ratings and is recorded in the Annual Inspection Report.

Beginning in 1996, according to Minnesota law, many bridges meeting certain criteria may be inspected on a bi-annual basis, and many culverts can be inspected on a four-year cycle. We will be sending you copies of the annual inspection report for only those bridges which were done this year.

We would like to pass on to you any deficiencies which were found on the bridge(s) in your township so that appropriate action may be taken. The following deficiencies were found:

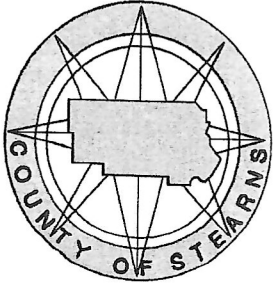
1. L9896-Replace the end treatment on the SW corner of the guardrail due to impact damage. Also remove the beaver dam present at the inlet side of the culvert.
2. L9966-None

Also, enclosed along with the inspection forms is a map indicating the location of your township bridges. **Please notify our office by phone or email at highway@stearnscountymn.gov when the recommended maintenance procedures have been completed.** If you would like some guidance on the recommended repairs, we are more than happy to meet on site. If you have any other questions, please call our office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Byrd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Byrd" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Byrd, P.E.
County Engineer



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CHRISTOPHER R. BYRD, P.E.
Highway Engineer

MICHAEL DECKER, P.E.
Asst. Highway Engineer

MATT ZINNIEL
Maintenance Superintendent

Date: April 25, 2026
To: Residents Adjacent to County State Aid Highway 44
Located between CSAH 46 and CR 143
RE: Reinstallation of Mailboxes

The resurfacing on the above referenced project may necessitate a new swing away style mailbox support if you presently have a mailbox. If you have an existing swing away support, it will be determined if it needs replacement. The new support will be installed 5" higher to accommodate the resurfacing of the road. To minimize the need of coordination of their removal with you, the owner, the county maintenance forces will install your new support prior to construction. Construction is expected to be approximately May-July but can vary based on contractor's schedule.

After this it will be your responsibility to fasten your mailbox onto the new support within one week. After one week our county maintenance forces will then remove your old support and it becomes your property to dispose of as you wish. Failure to transfer your mailbox to the new support will result in undeliverable mail. These procedures are a policy adopted by resolution through the Stearns County Board of Commissioners and a copy is provided for your reference. It should be noted that the support unit shall become your property and thus future maintenance and repairs will be at the owner's expense. It is our goal that the mounting procedures will facilitate easy access by the mail carrier, provide a safer support for vehicles, and yet permit efficient snow removal by maintenance forces.

If you have an existing concrete driveway, the concrete will be removed approximately to the right of way line and replaced with bituminous to allow for the change in slope due to raising of the road.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact this office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Byrd, P.E.
Stearns County Engineer

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.072, passed in 1994, declare certain mailbox supports to be a public hazard and authorizes local road authorities to remove these mailbox supports and replace them, and

WHEREAS, Stearns County recognizes that replacing all hazardous mailbox supports along Stearns County highways at the same time would be a fiscal burden, and

WHEREAS, replacement mailbox supports shall be in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 8818, of the Minnesota Rules, and

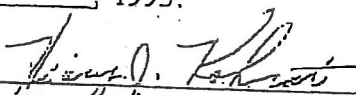
WHEREAS, mailboxes are the property owner(s) responsibility and must conform with U.S. Postal Service requirements.

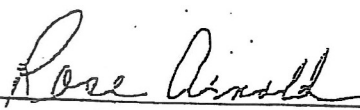
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Stearns County will provide and install at the County's expense conforming mailbox supports within the limits of all Stearns County highway reconstruction and highway resurfacing projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in all circumstances, the mailbox support shall be the property of the property owner upon completion of installation and any further repair or replacement will be at the owner(s) expense.

Adopted by the Stearns County Board of County Commissioners this 21st day of February, 1995.

ATTEST:

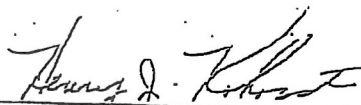

Henry J. Kohorst


Rose Arnold
Chair of the Board of
County Commissioners

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners of said county on the 21st day of February, 1995.

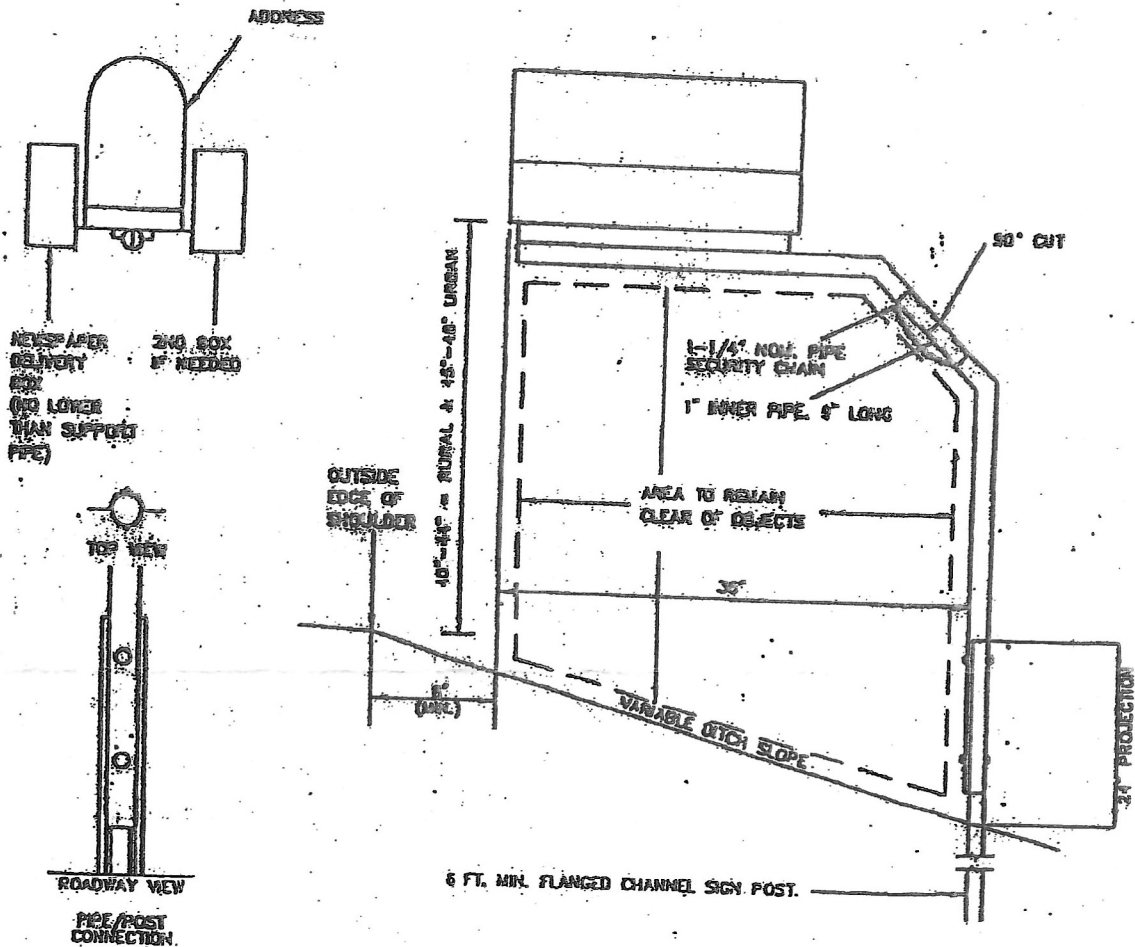
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Henry J. Kohorst
County Auditor

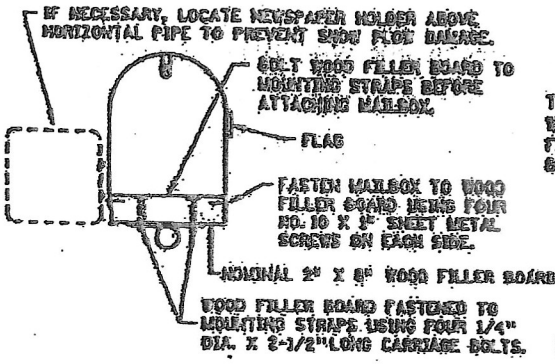
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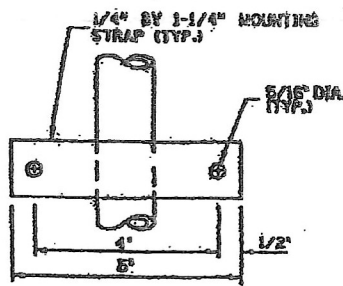
MAIL BOX SUPPORT DETAIL : SWING AWAY STYLE



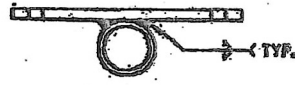
NOTES:
CONTACT Gopher State ONE CALL 48 HOURS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION FOR
LOCATING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES CALL 1-800-252-1166
ADJACENT SUPPORTS TO BE INSTALLED NO CLOSER THAN 30 INCHES



SECTION A-A



TOP VIEW



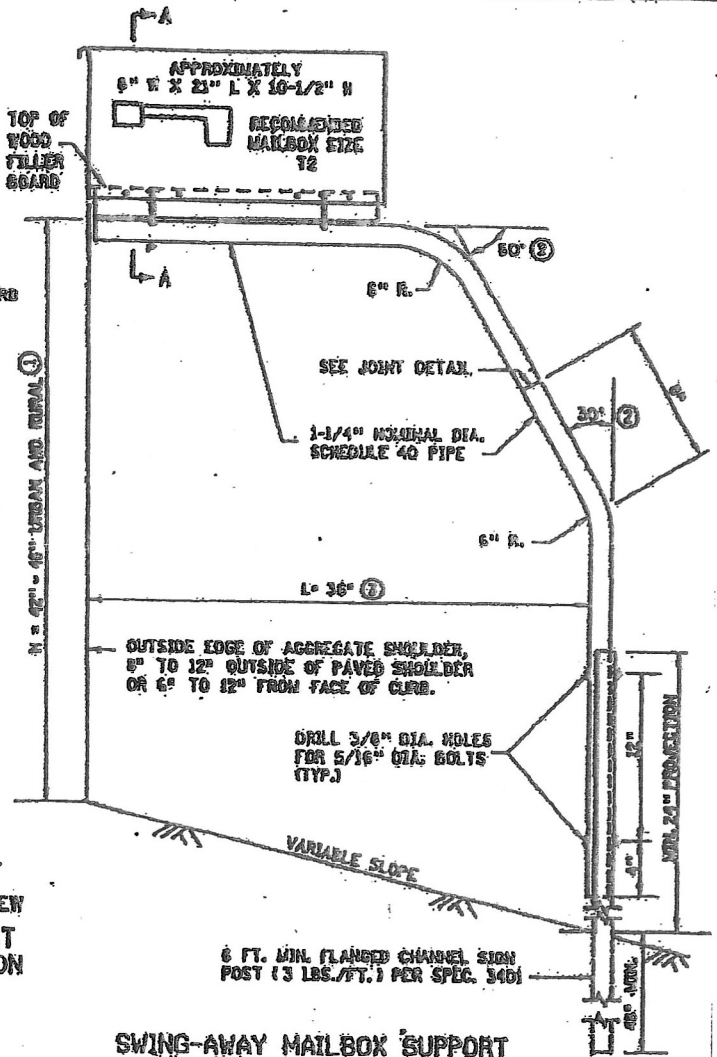
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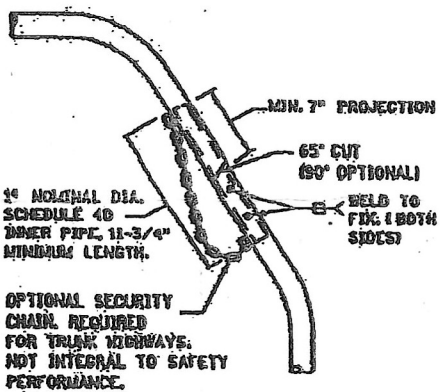
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ROADWAY VIEW
PIPE/POST
CONNECTION



SWING-AWAY MAILBOX SUPPORT



JOINT DETAIL

NOTES

MAILBOX LOCATIONS SHOULD BE STAKED BEFORE INSTALLATION FOR PROPER HEIGHT AND DISTANCE FROM THE ROADWAY. ONCE STAKED, THE INSTALLER MUST NOTIFY THE ENGINEER AND THE POST OFFICE. THE ENGINEER AND THE POSTMASTER SHALL APPROVE THE STAKED LOCATIONS PRIOR TO FINAL INSTALLATION.


THE MINIMAL SPACING (CENTER TO CENTER) BETWEEN MULTIPLE MAILBOX SUPPORTS SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE HEIGHT OF THE MAILBOX SUPPORT.

OTHER MAILBOX SUPPORT DESIGNS MAY BE USED IF THEY SATISFY NCHRP REPORT 350 CRITERIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH FHWA ACCEPTANCE LETTER, MEET MINNESOTA RULES 8616 AND U.S. POST OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH MSDOT REQUIREMENTS WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (REQUIRED ON TRUCK HIGHWAYS):

PIPE SHALL CONFORM TO SPEC. 3362, SCHEDULE 40 OF ASTM A53/AS3M.
ALL FASTENERS SHALL CONFORM TO SPEC. 3391.
PIPES, POST AND OTHER STEEL COMPONENTS SHALL BE GALVANIZED PER SPEC. 3392.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SEND THE SHOP DRAWINGS TO THE ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING DESIGN ELEMENTS AND BREAKAWAY FEATURES, CONTACT THE DESIGN STANDARDS UNIT.

- ① ANY CHANGE IN HEIGHT (H) MUST BE APPROVED BY LOCAL POSTMASTER.
- ② 45° BENDS MAY BE USED AS AN OPTION.
- ③ A 40° OR 53° CANTILEVER LENGTH (L) MAY BE USED AS AN OPTION FOR NON-TRUCK HIGHWAY USE.

APPROVED <u>JUNE 1, 2007</u>	STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	SPECIFICATION REFERENCE	STANDARD PLATE NO.
 STATE DESIGN ENGINEER	MAILBOX SUPPORT SWING-AWAY TYPE	3362 3391 3392 3401	9350A



April 30, 2026

Township officers:

I am excited to share that the Minnesota Association of Townships Board of Directors has appointed Ellsburg Township Supervisor John Upton to represent District 10 on the MAT Board. He is an engaged member who has participated in many programs and events over the years, as well as an accomplished professional and experienced nonprofit leader.

In addition to his responsibilities as a township supervisor, John is currently the division manager for Public Works and Utilities for the City of Duluth. He's also president of the City of Duluth Supervisors Association Executive Board, which negotiates labor contracts, memorandums of understanding, and any labor disputes from grievances to binding arbitration. These experiences demonstrate John understands the fiduciary duty and mission-oriented leadership that nonprofit organizations like ours need. Please join me in welcoming him to the MAT Board!

In accordance with our bylaws, the MAT Board of Directors has several options for filling director vacancies. Two years ago, in an election with more votes than any in our history, our members overwhelmingly approved updating the MAT bylaws to clarify the Board's role in appointing qualified directors to fill unexpected vacancies, which is consistent with the approach of many nonprofits.

The MAT Board collectively decided to appoint a new director to ensure effective, representative governance that allows us to remain focused on our mission to support and promote township governments like yours. We will also consider the same approach to identify and appoint a new director for the vacant District 3 seat.

We remain committed to serving our members and the townships you represent. Thank you for your continued leadership.

Tammy Carlson
President, Minnesota Association of Townships Board of Directors