

# **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/CORRECTIONS**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 1, 2023**

## **Addition**

1. Consent Agenda Item 3.1: Personnel / Promotion  
Consider approval of the lateral transfer of Angela Boelman to the vacant case aide position in the Aging and Disabilities unit in Health & Human Services, effective August 2, 2023. Hourly wage will remain unchanged.
2. First Regular Agenda Item: Recognition of County Surveyor and County Surveyor Week  
Recognition of County Surveyor Robin Mathews and July 31, 2023-August 4, 2023 as County Surveyor Week.
3. Regular Agenda Item 9.1: Labor Negotiations  
This portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to M.S. §13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies and development, discussion, and review of labor negotiation proposals pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §179A.01 to §179A.25.

## **Revision**

1. Upcoming Meetings: 9C: August 2, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting CANCELLED

## **Additional Information**

1. Osprey Wilds additional information: Outdoor School for All brochure and Bill



## AGENDA REQUEST FORM

Date of Meeting: 08/01/2023



County Board



Consent Agenda



Regular Agenda

5 mins.

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10 mins.

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15 mins.

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Other

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Personnel Committee

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Other

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Agenda Item: Approve lateral transfer

Department: HHS

*Rebecca Foss*

Department Head signature

### Background information on Item:

Interviews were recently held for a case aide position, left vacant by an internal promotion. The position was offered to and accepted by internal candidate Angela Boelman, contingent on an updated background check and county board approval. If approved, the lateral transfer would take effect on August 2. There would be no change to Angela's current wage as it is a lateral transfer (Grade 5, \$21.41/hour).

### Action Requested:

Approve the lateral transfer of Angela Boelman to the vacant case aide position in the Aging and Disabilities unit in HHS, effective August 2. Angela's hourly wage would remain the same (Grade 5, \$21.41/hour).

### Financial Impact:

This position is contained in the 2023 HHS budget.



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association of County Surveyors has played a vital role in preserving the Public Land Survey System, which defines the boundaries of all properties within Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The dedicated professionals of the Minnesota Association of County Surveyors continue to survey our land, providing the framework for advancing infrastructure development throughout Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The professional land surveyors of the Minnesota Association of County Surveyors provide important services using sophisticated equipment and techniques, including satellite-borne remote sensing devices and automated positioning, measuring, recording, and plotting equipment; and
- WHEREAS: Established in 1983, the Minnesota Association of County Surveyors celebrates its 40th year of promoting the preservation and remonumentation of the Public Land Survey System in Minnesota through education programs facilitated by dedicated members of the surveying profession; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans are encouraged to acknowledge the dedicated service of the professional land surveyors in the Minnesota Association of County Surveyors, and the important work that they do for our communities and state in this time-honored profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 31-August 4, 2023, as:

## COUNTY SURVEYORS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

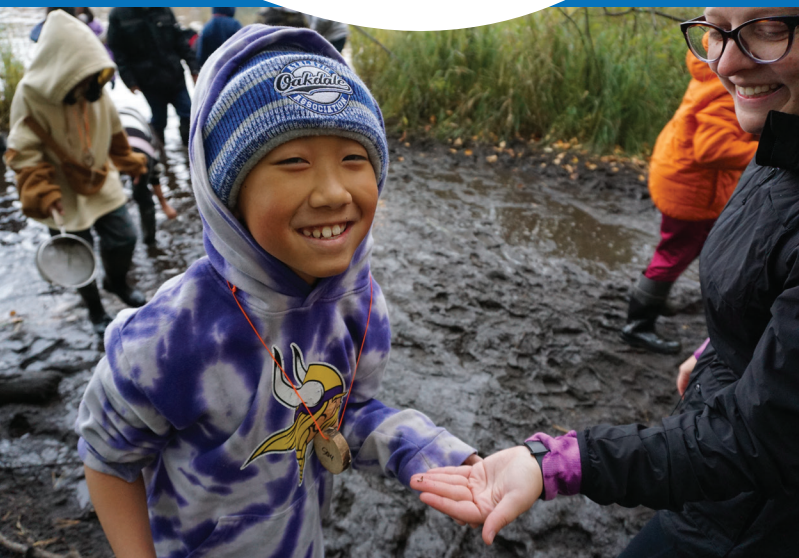
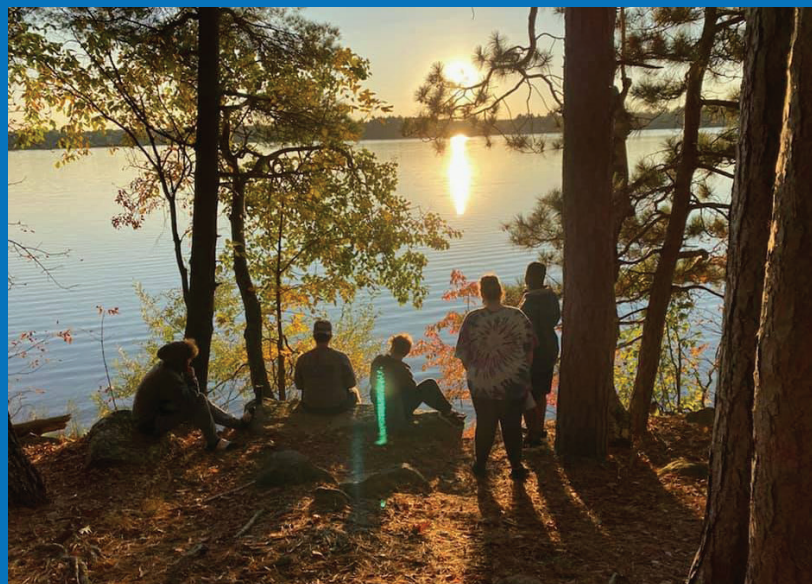


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE





MAKING **IMMERSIVE OUTDOOR**  
**EDUCATION** ACCESSIBLE





# Bringing the power of the outdoors to all Minnesota students.

## About the Bill

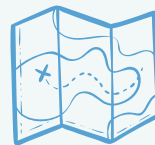
Outdoor School for All Minnesota will establish a state-wide grant program to support immersive, multi-day, accredited overnight outdoor education experiences administered by the Department of Natural Resources for fourth to eighth grade students. This would include all programming fees, transportation and teacher stipends, making these trips possible at no cost to students and schools.

## 2024 Legislative Session Outlook

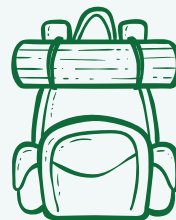
- SF 3347, Chief Authored by DFL Senator Grant Hauschild (Hermantown), and SF 3355, Chief Authored by GOP Senator Jeremy Miller (Winona), were introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session. The eight Co-Authors include three DFL and five GOP Senators.
- HF 3321, Chief Authored by DFL Representative Kristi Pursell (Northfield), was introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session. The Bill has 34 co-authors.
- An additional House bill will be introduced in February 2024 by GOP Representative Dean Urdahl (Grove City) and will have 34 co-authors.
- The Outdoor School for All Minnesota Bills will be the most bi-partisan and widely supported legislative proposals in recent years.



Teacher surveys indicate that lack of **funding** is a top concern for access to Outdoor School programming.



**Only 29%** of Minnesota students are able to access Outdoor School.



According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the typical Minnesota student spends an **average of seven hours of screen time but less than 10 minutes of outdoor activity** each day.



There is the opportunity for **2,759 more schools** throughout Minnesota to attend Outdoor School.



**66% of Minnesota principals** say they need mental health support for students, and spending time outdoors **reduces stress by 30%.**



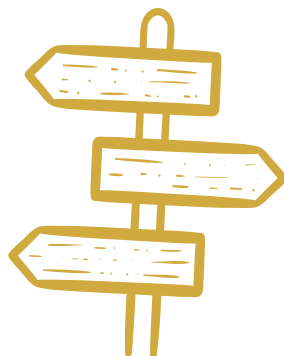


## Sharing Minnesota's Legacy of Outdoor Heritage

Through Minnesota Outdoor School for All, students experience:

- Multi-day immersive outdoor school programming
- Improved academic outcomes in physical education, social studies, and physical and natural science
- Improved social outcomes, like self-esteem, critical thinking, and relationship building

**Outdoor School For All Minnesota will not be a mandate.** Interested schools opt-in to participate in the programming and have the flexibility to choose from any accredited Outdoor School provider.



"Today more than ever, all Minnesota children need these important Outdoor School learning experiences. This bill ensures our rich, shared Minnesota outdoor heritage will continue for future generations."

– House Co-Author Rep. Nathan Nelson, Hinckley

"Our students benefit from an outdoor education experience because they primarily come from low-income families who reside in an urban setting. Many of our families do not have access to such opportunities or trips outside of [Outdoor School]."

– Fifth grade teacher, Minneapolis





# Home to Five Outdoor School Providers

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



Students supported by Minnesota Outdoor School for all grants must attend programming by a program accredited by a state-recognized accrediting agency. Minnesota's five accredited outdoor school providers have met the criteria for educational quality established by the Cognia Global Commission.



A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; creating Outdoor School for All grant program;  
appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
84.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.**

(a) Minnesota is known for its rich outdoor heritage and ethic. The state prides itself on its close connection to nature through outdoor recreation, appreciation, and conservation and is seen as a leader in the country for its residents' relationship with natural resources. Yet the state's children today are losing their connection to the outdoors like never before, spending up to 44 hours per week in front of a screen and less than 10 minutes each day doing activities outdoors. It is well documented and proven that time outdoors helps children thrive physically, emotionally, and academically, yet over the past few generations, childhood has dramatically moved indoors. For too many kids, access to the outdoors is determined by race, income, ability, and zip code. All children deserve equitable access to outdoor spaces where they can learn, play, and grow, but current access to outdoor educational opportunities is inequitable.

(b) From stress reduction to improved focus and engagement and better academic performance, outdoor-based learning helps kids thrive. Research shows participants in outdoor educational activities have higher graduation rates; improved behavior in school and relationships with peers; higher academic achievement; enhanced critical thinking skills; direct experience in scientific concepts in the field, leadership, and collaboration; and deeper engagement with learning, place, and community. Outdoor educational programs also offer



new opportunities for work-integrated learning in science, natural resources, education, land management, agriculture, outdoor recreation, and other employment sectors.

Outdoor-based learning activities can also be a key element in the larger system of regular outdoor instructional time and outdoor experiences that includes STEM fields, after-school programs, summer camps, 4-H, scouting, and related programs that can spark a lifelong appreciation for the natural world.

(c) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a statewide Outdoor School for All grant program to support immersive, multiday, accredited overnight outdoor education program experiences for students in grades 4 to 8 to address these needs and to ensure that all students have a chance to benefit from outdoor education.

**Sec. 2. [84.9766] OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL; GRANT PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish and administer a program to provide grants to learning centers eligible under subdivision 2 for outdoor education programs serving students in grades 4 to 8.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) The commissioner may award grants under this section to accredited overnight outdoor school providers established under section 84.0875 and to other regional nonprofit learning centers offering similar programming.

(b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, the outdoor education program must:

(1) provide a multiday, residential educational experience that is comprised mainly of outdoor-based learning activities;

(2) provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and the natural world, including field study opportunities for student learning;

(3) use a research-based environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural-resource-based educational curriculum;

(4) be integrated with local school curricula to help students meet academic standards;

(5) provide students with opportunities to develop:

(i) leadership;

(ii) critical thinking;

(iii) self-sufficiency;

(iv) decision-making skills; and

(v) social and emotional skills; and

3.1 (6) address accessibility of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved students,  
3.2 including students with disabilities.

3.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL.**

3.4 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general  
3.5 fund to the commissioner of natural resources for the Outdoor School for All program under  
3.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9766.





## **AGENDA**

### **PINE COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

District 1	Commissioner Hallan
District 2	Commissioner Mohr
District 3	Commissioner Lovgren
District 4	Commissioner Waldhalm
District 5	Commissioner Ludwig

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**Courthouse Board Room  
635 Northridge Drive NW  
Pine City, Minnesota**

*Click the link on the county website ([www.co.pine.mn.us](http://www.co.pine.mn.us)) for more information and to watch a live stream broadcast of the meeting. Click [here](#) to request to participate in public forum prior to the meeting.*

- A) Call meeting to order
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Public Forum. Members of the public are invited to speak. After being recognized by the Chair, each speaker should state his/her name and limit comments to three (3) minutes.
- D) Adopt Agenda
- E) Approve Minutes  
July 18, 2023 county board Minutes and Summary for publication
- F) Minutes of Boards, Reports and Correspondence  
Pine County Surveyor's Monthly Report – July, 2023  
Chemical Health Coalition Minutes – July, 2023
- G) Approve Consent Items

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda is voted on without any discussion. Any commissioner may request an item be removed and added to the regular agenda.

#### **1. Liquor Applications**

Consider acknowledgment of applications and authorize Board Chair and County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the following licenses (all licenses pending approval from the respective townships, county sheriff, county attorney, and State of Minnesota):

##### **A. On Sale, Off Sale & Sunday Liquor Licenses**

- Badland's Entertainment LLC (DBA Maverick's) – Chengwatana Township
- Bear Creek Tavern – Arlone Township
- Countryside Campground – Sandstone Township
- Doc's Sports Bar & Grill – Windemere Township
- Floppie Crappie Lakeside Pub – Pokegama Township
- Nemadji Enterprises (DBA Nickerson Bar & Motel) – Nickerson Township

Lake Appeal – Pokegama Township

Wings North – Pokegama Township

B. **On Sale & Sunday Liquor Licenses**

Moose Lake Golf Club – Windemere Township

Pine City Country Club – Pine City Township

Rocking K Lazy E (DBA Banning Junction Lounge) – Finlayson Township

C. **Off Sale & Sunday Liquor Licenses**

Beroun Crossing Country Store – Pokegama Township

Red's Liquor Box – Pokegama Township

Rocking K Lazy E (DBA Banning Junction Off Sale) – Finlayson Township

2. **Donations**

Accept the following donation:

- A. \$200 donation from New Horizons Thrift Store for the Operation Community Connect event

3. **Contracts / Agreements / Grants**

Consider approval of the following:

- A. 2022 State of Minnesota Emergency Performance Grant and 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant–American Rescue Plan Act and approve Resolution 2023-39 authorizing Pine County Deputy Director of Emergency Management Denise Anderson to sign the grant agreements. Authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the resolution.

4. **New Hire**

Consider approval of the hiring of:

- A. Full-time Corrections Officer Kurt Olson, effective August 2, 2023, \$26.00 per hour, Grade 7, Step 3
- B. Full-time Corrections Officer Chantal Schumacher, effective August 2, 2023, \$25.05 per hour, Grade 7, Step 2
- C. Full-time Corrections Officer Zachary Yerke, effective August 2, 2023, \$24.11 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1
- D. Part-time Corrections Officer Jackson Workman, effective August 2, 2023, \$25.05, Grade 7, Step 2.
- E. Part-time Corrections Officer Kailyn Bethke, effective August 2, 2023, \$24.11 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1.
- F. Part-time Corrections Officer Henry Randa, effective August 2, 2023, \$24.11 per hour, Grade 7, Step 1.
- G. Full-time Deputy Ellena Sundet, effective on or before October 1, 2023, at \$27.19, Grade 10, Step 1, contingent upon successful completion of license test.

5. **Training**

Consider approval of the following:

- A. Human Resources Manager Jackie Koivisto to virtually attend the 2023 Minnesota Public Employer Labor Relations Association (MPELRA) Summer Conference, August 9-11, 2023. Registration: \$150. Funds are available in the 2023 Administrator's budget.

**REGULAR**

1. **Osprey Wilds Presentation**

Bryan Wood, Executive Director will present.



**2. Land/Zoning Advisory Committee Report (Minutes attached)**

The Land/Zoning Advisory Committee met on July 24, 2023. The Land/Zoning Advisory Committee made the following recommendations:

- A. Approve the public land sale terms and conditions and parcel listing, the adjoining landowner terms and conditions and parcel listing, and the township conveyance requests. Approve the following Resolutions and authorize Board Chair and County Administrator to sign:
  - i. Resolution 2023-35: 2023 Pine County Tax-Forfeit Land Auction Sale Terms and Conditions.
  - ii. Resolution 2023-36: Resolution for Tax-Forfeit Land Auction Limited to Adjoining Property Owners.
  - iii. Resolution 2023-37: Arna Township Conveyance.
  - iv. Resolution 2023-38: Pokegama Township Conveyance.
- B. Authorize the demolition of the Henriette Gas Station at a cost of up to \$20,000 and to continue to solicit interest in a sale or partnership on the Finlayson Creamery and not demolish at this point.

Other items are informational only.

**3. Cannabis Update – Public Use Ordinance**

- A. Set a public hearing for September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable at the Pine County Courthouse, Pine City, to consider an ordinance regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public spaces.
- B. Consider any related policy changes for county business properties.

**4. Joint Powers Agreement for the Implementation of the Snake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

Consider approval of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Implementation of the Snake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) and authorize the board chair and county administrator to sign the JPA.

**5. Presentation of Employee Survey Results**

**6. Summary of Conclusions of County Administrator Performance Evaluation**

**7. Commissioner Updates**

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe meeting  
Snake River Watershed Management Board  
Snake River Policy Committee-1W1P  
Land and Zoning Advisory Committee  
Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership  
Cancelled: Technology Committee  
Cancelled: NLX  
Housing Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Authority (HRA/EDA)  
Schools-County-PTCC meeting  
Other

**8. Other**

**9. Upcoming Meetings (Subject to Change)**

- A. Pine County Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Board Room, Courthouse, 635 Northridge Drive NW, Pine City, Minnesota
- B. Pine County Fair, August 2-6, 2023
- C. Facilities Committee, Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
- D. Labor Negotiations, Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
- E. County Government 201 Training, Thursday, August 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Park Event Center, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- F. Personnel Committee, Monday, August 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Conference Room, Courthouse, Pine City, Minnesota
- G. Soil & Water Conservation District, Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m., 1602 Hwy 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota
- H. Kettle River Policy Committee, Thursday, August 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
- I. Law Library, Thursday, August 10, 2023, 12:00 p.m.
- J. East Central Solid Waste Commission, Monday, August 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m., 1756 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mora, Minnesota
- K. East Central Regional Library, Monday, August 14, 2023, 9:30 a.m., location to be determined.
- L. Pine County Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m., North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy. 23 No., Sandstone, Minnesota

**10. Adjourn**