**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**February 18, 2021**

**DUE TO COVID-19 MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rolof called the Special Meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Rolof instructed Clerk Goodreau to take roll call with the following results:

Present via Zoom: Gale Eilola, District 1, Dan Robillard, District 3, Lyle Olsen, District 4, Bill Rolof, District 5. Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Chairman Rolof led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment offered.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Carl Lindquist presented to the Board a proposed land acquisition opportunity being offered to the County. Land in Covington Township, T48N, R34W in Sections 3 and 4 is under consideration. The County would need to apply for a MDNR Trust Fund grant in the 2021 granting cycle. The land owner is donating proceeds from the sale of the property as the 25% match required for the MDNR grant. The County will not have to commit any funds from the General Fund for the acquisition. Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to apply for a MDNR Trust Fund grant to acquire property in Covington Township. A public hearing will be held on March 8, 2021 to receive public comment on the grant application. On Voice Vote, the motion carried. The vote was declared carried by Chairman Rolof.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Members of the Board discussed the benefits to the County to acquire the land in Covington Township for trails, parks, and public access.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to adjourn the meeting. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy J. Goodreau

County Clerk