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# North Shore Management Board

Silver Bay City Hall / MS Teams

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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## Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Welcome
  - b. Approval of February 28th, 2024 Agenda**
- II. Committee Business
  - a. Approval of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
  - b. Resolution: ARDC Staffing invoice from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**
  - c. Voting in new officers**
    - i. Chair :**
    - ii. Vice Chair:**
- III. NSMB Plan Update - Discussion
- IV. Superior Hiking Trail – Planning Process Update – Brief Discussion
- V. Short Term Rentals – Brief Discussion
- VI. Other Business
  - a. Gitchi-Gami Trail Association Update
  - b. North Shore Scenic Drive Council Update
  - c. Other Updates as Identified
- VII. Future Agenda Topics and Discussion
- VIII. Upcoming NSMB Meeting Time and Location
- IX. Adjourn**



## Kickoff

A. Erosion Hazard Zone Layer Project- TAC Meeting had to be rescheduled. Concerns on legality and usability of the data remain. Expectation is to submit the data at end of year with the expectation of implementation discussion moving forward as part of the planning process.

## NSMB Areas of focus

Better Recognize the addition of Grand Portage and the value they bring to the Board.

Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping Data

Model Ordinance Language

Margaret= Buffers on water quality – EPA is proposing to reduce nitrate in Southeastern MN. A lot of literature out and publications by EPA that discuss buffers and model zoning ordinances from coastal areas that we could look at and review. Newest science to look at different kinds of buffers and how they capture pollutants as they head towards the water. More being washed towards the lake.

Follow the links, and printed study .

Modern information on buffers.= widths, and succeed at more than just preventing.

Reservation river has examples on Grand Portage on improvements.

What is different buffers?

Funding is a lot easier to get funding, recognize the issue can be a lot easier.

Grass vs forested vs shrub and how there are different captures of pollutants.

Derrick- MPCA requires a 50' buffer from any public waters. The setback is only 45 (or 40) in Lake and Cook County. What about public water that has a setback that's less, more stringent requirement should apply. So this may be an issue, (construction of impervious).

Conflict of the DNR and MPCA on their rules as well. – General development lake where mPCA sees it as something different.

Tim- Practicality of implementation is difficult since its already developed at the shorter setback.

Nitrates/phosphate loading is another big issue that should be incorporated into this project.\*

Regarding legal defendability should be addressed and actually engage some legal opinion to ensure we have less issues down the line, and individual entities could go about it in a different way.

Not JUST using the erosion as the reason for the setback, we can be more wholistic to bring in water quality protection as a part of it.

County attorney's could be involved in reviewing that as well. County association has

1854 and Fon Du Lac should also be engaged as well.

Practical Difficulty vs Undue Hardship were too different.

Land Use ordinances change over time and we allow a setback until .

NSMB larger lots was the big outcome of the first Go around. Not their first time this has happened.

Need some Technical assistance to bring that along .

Considerations of changes to the S-O boundary/ Erosion Hazard area?

Climate Resilience Planning

Short term Rental – Additional impact of trails within the zone. And trailheads that don't have garbage service or bathroom service. And engaging some of the tourism traffic. A factor with the health of the lake.

Increasing tourism is also a big part of that as well.

issues that may affect implementation,

Raising Dues – In the June Budget is at halfway through the year- Larger picture of the finances. Bring in the financials at the first meeting and then go from there.

Chapter 4:

Future Land Use Goals, Objectives and Actions

Bring a map of the partners. Use the plan update to try to bring them to the table.

Engaging St Louis County.

City of Duluth on the lakeshore – Perhaps they could be involved in the future.

Public input- How do we want to do that?

Engage TAC

Storm Water Management specifically – Only MS4 is Duluth Township – State stormwater management minimum is only another item to review and integrate into.

Use the plans to make improvements along the way.

Easier to push for these improvements.

Build on the 1w1p section to bring in existing ongoing efforts

Lake County starting a Comp Plan update-will feed into this plan as well.

Cost of upsizing the culvert is a great example.

Public –

‘How great of a change we’re making is the biggest decision on whether we need a CAC or not.’

Policy committee can then look at the TAC recommendations on HOW MANY issues we’re looking to make changes on.

PCA- apply for a grant to prepare your community for the impacts of climate change. Christine – will send the link to distribute.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. is available.

IV. **Superior Hiking Trail-** Justin gave a brief presentation

V. **Short Term Rental-**

Cook County –

City of Grand Marais–

Two Harbors – 45 permits identified 53 total available.

Lake county – Dashboard that isn’t public yet but will be. Givs you data, what the cap is, etc.

Silver Bay-

**Other Business**

**Gitchi-Gami Trail Association Update-Provided by Executive Director Michelle Pierson-**

-The GGTA is also partnering with William Kelley School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and helped support a field trip and science lessons on September 27, 2023

-The GGTA is partnering with the Great Expectations Charter School in Grand Marais 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to do a bike education/trail etiquette/habitat invasive species evaluation this fall, with a date to be determined. Students will be engaged in evaluating success of the seed planting that was done in May by their counterparts at Cook Co. School who spread native seeds in areas impacted by drought conditions and stormwater run-off erosion. Great Expectations students have developed a phone app to help identify and report invasive species. Looking to plan a field trip for Great Expectations students in May of 2024

- Oliver Liu, the MnDNR's Trail Coordinator for the Gitchi-Gami, is moving on to new pastures. He will be working for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon focusing on invasive species. His last day was 9/15/2023. He will be very missed but we wish him happy trails. MnDNR received many applications for their posting of this position, more to come soon

- Bridges are currently being constructed that will be placed in the Ski Hill Rd to Arrowhead Electric in Lutsen. It is anticipated that the bridges will be installed yet this fall. It has been decided to delay paving the trail to allow for setting the bridges and further evaluating spring run-off and hydrology impacts. It is expected that paving on the Lutsen Phase 1 segment will occur in late spring 2024.

-Construction from Two Harbors to Superior Shores Rd. will also take place in 2024. New DOT timelines look like they will push their project (which includes a new re-alignment of Park Road near the campground) to 2027 potentially, completing the whole Two Harbors alignment in one project instead of two phases due to the additional appropriations in the 2023 session. DNR is working with DOT to try to ensure the 2024 DNR project will not be constructed only to be ripped up during the DOT project. More on this to come, but it may be that a short portion of the alignment will be gravel to ensure the project won't have to be redone in 2027.

-MnDOT is close to wrapping up their bridge projects at Stewart River and Silver Creek. They have accommodated the trail in both locations, adding about ½ mile of trail from Silver Creek to the newly re-configured access road to the Silver Creek Cliff segment of trail.

-MnDNR has assigned staff and has active requisitions for the projects that were awarded funds in the 2023 bonding bill. Alex Rude, a new Senior Engineer at MnDNR will be leading the Two Harbors to Superior Shores project, and will be developing initial alignment from Silver Bay to Tettegouche State Park, and will be looking at closing the gap in Tofte. Jon Hendrickson will work on the Phase 2 of Lutsen.

Anyone wanting more information about these updates is welcome to reach out to Michelle Pierson at [mpierson@ardc.org](mailto:mpierson@ardc.org) .

**North Shore Scenic Drive Council Update-** Work continues on their History Hikes initiative, George Morrison Memorial Interpretive Panel at the Community Connection project in Grand Marais, and a renewed accessibility focus on waysides and accessory facilities on the byway.

**VII Next meeting and in person discussion-**The next meeting of the North Shore Management Board would be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on a date to be determined by doodle poll, likely in January, held hybrid likely at Silver Bay City Hall and Zoom.

Say goodbye

**VIII Adjourn-**There being no additional business, **a motion to adjourn** was made by LeBlanc/Voss.; passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Chuck Voss, Chair

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Justin Otsea, Recording Secretary

**INVOICE #XXXX**  
**Element #170029-02**

To: North Shore Management Board  
221 W. First Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

Date: 02.28.2024

For: Staffing Services from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Installment 2 of 4

**Total Amount Due: \$3,625.00**

**Please make checks payable to:** Arrowhead Regional Development Commission  
221 West First Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

**Invoice # xxxx**

Update:

- \* Prepare materials in advance of Quarter 2 Meeting
- \* Development of materials and background research for 2023-24 NSMB Plan Update project
- \* Review of Variance, Conditional Use, and Interim Use Applications and provide comment as necessary
- \* Continue collaboration with the CHAOS coastal erosion community of practice

Contract Details to date:

<u>Contracted Amount:</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$</u>
Element: 170029-01	5762	9.30.23	\$ 14,500.00
Element: 170029-02	xxxx	02.28.24	\$ 3,625.00
Element: 170029-03		04.24.24	
Element: 170029-04		6.30.24	
Remaining on Contract			\$ 7,250.00

Thank you. Any questions please contact Michelle Pierson - mpierson@ardc.org or 218.529.7535



# North Shore Management Board

## Resolution

*Authorizing payment to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission for Staffing services from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023*

**WHEREAS**, North Shore Management Board is an authorized Joint Powers Board between the zoning authorities on Minnesota's North Shore of Lake Superior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) is the fiscal agent for the North Shore Management Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the NSMB has contracted with ARDC for staffing services from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, ARDC has provided those services to the North Shore Management Board;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Shore Management Board authorizes the payment to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission in the amount of \$3,625.00 for staffing services for the invoice period of *October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023*.

ATTEST:

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NSMB Officer

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