



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Board Meeting

Item 12

10:30 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator

RE: West Jefferson Update

RE: Voting Equipment Grant

RE: Funding Request for MN River Valley Scenic Byway

RE: Dantona Subordination Request

Staff Contact:

January 24, 2018

Robyn Geldner
rgeldner@gmail.com

RE: West Jefferson Lake Sanitary Sewer Collection System
Environmental Summary Response to Comments
Project Number 280366

Dear Robyn Geldner:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has received and reviewed your comments regarding the environmental summary for the proposed Le Sueur County – West Jefferson Lake project.

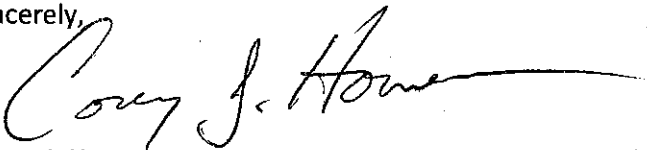
You have expressed concern with the impacts of the moving wastewater out of the watershed and it possibly having an impact to the lake water levels. The MPCA is not aware of any other lake projects that have a collection system that has had any issues with the lake lowering due to removing individual treatment systems. The amount of water is just a fraction of the water in the watershed.

The wastewater that is going to be collected will be domestic strength wastewater. The water will not become higher strength due to the option that is chosen to transport the wastewater. Pumping wastewater is a common practice worldwide and almost all of Minnesota's wastewater is pumped at some point in time during transport or treatment.

Your request for the preparation of an environmental assessment appears to be a request for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). Preparation of an EAW, or requesting an EAW, is not part of the MPCA Environmental Summary process, but is a separate process governed by Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules Minn. R. Chapter 4410. If you have questions regarding the separate process, we encourage you to contact the EQB or staff of the MPCA Environmental review program, at 651-757-2317.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 507-206-2603.

Sincerely,



Corey J. Hower
Engineer
Municipal Wastewater Section
Municipal Division

CJH:jw

cc: Darrell Pettis, Le Sueur County
Jason L. Femrite, P.E., Bolton & Menk, Inc., Mankato
Hailey Gorman, Southeast Wastewater Initiative, Northfield

January 24, 2018

John Bruender
26752 Sioux Trail
Madison Lake, MN 56063

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Dear John Bruender:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has received and reviewed your comments regarding the environmental summary for the proposed Le Sueur County – West Jefferson Lake project.

The following will state the comment received and the MPCA response will follow.

1. *We have been told that this is completely voluntary; no one has to hook up if they don't want too. The following statement is out of the 2015 Minnesota Plumbing Code.*

Building Sewer Installation

- a. *A building sewer starts at two feet outside a building*
- b. *Sanitary building sewer must connect to a public sewer when available (see section 713.4).*

The MPCA will not force anyone to hookup to the West Jefferson project. The funding program is a voluntary program. According to the district the property owners that want to partake in the project must petition into the district. The district can only allow 140 sanitary sewer connections and once that total is met, no further connections will be allowed to connect to this project at this time.

Minn. R. 4714.0713, subp. 3, **Section 713.7** does not pertain to this project because the service connections are limited to 140 connections and will not be a public sewer. It will be the sanitary service districts collection system.

2. *The grant money has not been approved, there has only been a grant application filled out.*

This is a correct statement. Grants and loans from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) require numerous items that need to occur prior to approving grant and loan money. At this point in time the project may qualify for grant and loan money, but the project will depend on how much money is available in the bonding bill and how they rank on the project priority list. This list ranks projects due to environmental need. Currently, West Jefferson is ranked 125 out of 302 projects listed.

3. *According to MPCA when funding sewer projects onsite treatment should be the first choice.*

The subsurface treatment systems option does need to be evaluated to determine if that is viable for homeowners, according to Minn. R. 7077 (the State Revolving Fund program rules). This was completed in early stages of the project and was project proposer's conclusion to select the collection system and interceptor to the city of Cleveland. This was approved by the MPCA during the facility plan review.

4. *What about the 12,000,000 + gallons of groundwater that will go out of the watershed every year? (gone forever)*

I cannot confirm your number of gallons, but 140 homes will convey wastewater to the city of Cleveland's wastewater ponds. Removing this water and treating it to meet water quality standards will eliminate a number of non-complaint subsurface systems that possibly impact Lake Jefferson.

5. *Septic systems do a better job of treating sewage than municipal sewer plans and at a much lower cost.*

The facility plan process determines the best options for treatment and costs. This is required for all facility plans. Individual treatment was reviewed and the conclusion was it was not the most cost effective choice for serving 140 homes.

6. *Page 10 of grant application: Names fecal coliform bacteria as a pollutant, where is the proof of this pollutant and what is the source?*

The MPCA did not write the grant application, but according to the information the MPCA has received, out of 130 homes, 69 homes are considered not to have enough soil separation to groundwater. Thus, this can cause fecal coliform to not be fully treated which impacts groundwater and the lake due to systems being located within 500 feet of the lake.

7. *Page 8 of the Environmental information worksheet M15.111340 submitted by Bolton & Menk quote, "This project will have a positive impact on West Jefferson Lake by reducing the nutrient load from the domestic septic systems." Where is the document to prove this? Lake Washington has had a sewer for over 10 years and the water quality gets worse every year.*

Fixing a portion of the non-compliant Subsurface Sewage Treatment System's will help reduce the nutrient loading to the lake. This is only a small part of the loading that affects lakes in this region of the state of Minnesota. Stormwater runoff from farm and lawns transport sediment and fertilizers into the lake that can have a very large impact to lakes in this region. Not only do updates to the sewage system need to occur but other changes related to nutrient management need to occur to start seeing positive changes to the water quality in the lake.

8. *In the Wenck report the cost of a cluster system is grossly overstated. Cluster systems in the area have been costing in the low \$20,000 range not \$39,000 to \$57,400 + land as stated by Wenck.*

The MPCA concurs with the cost written in the Wenck report. The state has seen many area cluster systems in this range, if not more in cost.

9. *Grinder pumps are expensive and very costly to maintain. A gravity system should be considered.*

Gravity collection has been evaluated in the facility plan. Small diameter force main and grinder pumps is the most affordable way to convey sewage in this project. A number of other lake projects have installed these types of collection systems. Gravity systems can be very expensive to install because the pipes can get very deep into the ground. The deeper the collection pipe is buried the greater the chance of infiltration that can occur (clean water entering the pipe). A small diameter force main with grinder pumps has less chance of ground water intrusion causing possible backups into homes.

10. *Is the cost of wiring each individual grinder pump in the bid?*

According to West Jefferson's consultant, the cost to wire the grinder pump is in the bid.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 507-206-2603.

Sincerely,



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STATE OF MINNESOTA
VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

This grant agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made between the State of Minnesota, (hereinafter, "State") acting through its Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55155-1299 ("State") and LeSueur County, 88 S Park Ave, LeCenter, MN 56057 ("Grantee")

Recitals

- 1 Under Minnesota Laws 2017, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 3, § 17, coded as Minnesota Statutes, § 206.95, the Grantee is empowered to apply for the funds requested in this Agreement, and submitted a grant application under subdivision 3 of that section prior to 4 P.M. Central Time on December 15, 2017, and the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
- 2 Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Agreement to the satisfaction of the State and in accordance with all state laws authorizing this grant. Pursuant to Minn.Stat. §16B.98, Subd.1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.
- 3. The State is in need of assurance that Minnesota elections are conducted on modern voting equipment. Grantee is in need of funds to purchase optical scan counters, assistive voting devices, or electronic roster systems.
- 4. Grantee represents that it has insufficient resources to purchase these counters, devices or systems without the grant amount provided pursuant to this agreement.

Agreement

1 **Effectiveness of Agreement**

- 1.1 **Effective date:** February 1, 2018, or the date all required signatures, including those required by Minnesota Statutes, § 16B.98, Subd. 5, have been affixed to the agreement by Grantee and State, whichever is later. Per Minnesota Statutes, §16B.98, Subd. 11, the grantee submitted and the State approved a work plan and budget. Per, Minnesota Statutes §16B.98 Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant agreement is fully approved and executed, and Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative that they are in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** August 31, 2019, or when all funds applied for and provided to Grantee by State have been expended, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the fulfillment of this grant agreement: 4. Conditions; 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices; 12. Property Insurance; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 14. Data Disclosure.

2 **Grantee's Duties**

2.1 **Activities.** The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through Minn.Stat. §16B.97, Subd. 4 (a) (1) and will use all funds provided as a result of this Agreement for the purchase of optical scan counters, assistive voting devices, or electronic roster systems in the manner described in this Agreement and as set forth in the Grant Application previously submitted by Grantee and attached hereto. As Chief County Election Official, the County Auditor or Election Director is responsible for fulfilling all requirements of Grantee under this agreement. Grantee will use the funds awarded only for the procurement of the voting equipment set forth in the Grant Application except as set forth in paragraph 2.4 of this Agreement.

Grantee is hereby awarded \$50,166.38⁴ for the purchase of O.S. Counters/Assistive Voting Devices. Grantee must match this grant with \$50,166.38 of local funds.

Grantee will expend all funds granted by this Agreement as well as the required match pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 206.95, no later than August 1, 2019, or will return all unspent grant funds to the State by August 31, 2019, for potential redistribution.

2.2 **Reporting Requirements.** Grantee shall report to the State as specified in this Agreement.

- (1) **Progress Reporting.** Grantee shall submit, by January 7, 2019, a financial reporting form to the State utilizing the format identified by the State, stating the amount spent in calendar year 2018 for the

purchase of each kind of voting system, how many were purchased, and how much of the grant award remains to be spent, if any.

- (2) **Final Reporting.** Grantee will submit a final report, no later than August 15, 2019, or 30 days after the grant amount has been fully expended, whichever comes first, including all items listed in 2.2 (1) above as well as cancelled checks, invoices and paid bills, agreement and sub award documents, and records sufficient to detail history of procurements. These records must prove the total expenditure of the Grant Amount and the required total match pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 206.95, subdivision 4, or if less than all grant funds were expended, the total of the expended grant funds and the proportionate match required by Minnesota Statutes, § 206.95, subdivision 4.
- (3) **Other Requirements.** Subgrantee must maintain financial records for each grant sufficient to satisfy audit standards and must transmit those records to the secretary of state upon request of the secretary of state.
- (4) **Evaluation.** State shall have the authority, during the course of this grant period, to conduct an evaluation of the performance of Grantee.
- (5) **Requirement Changes.** State may modify or change all reporting forms at their discretion during the grant period.
- (6) **Special Requirements.** The State reserves the right to append to the Agreement terms, at any time before all grant funds have been expended, special administrative requirements deemed necessary to assure Grantee's successful implementation of the program. The State will notify the Grantee in writing of any special administrative requirements.

2.3 Accounting Requirements - Fiscal Control and Accounting Procedures.

Grantee's fiscal control and accounting procedures must be sufficient to:

- (a) Permit preparation of reports required by this Agreement,
- (b) Permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditures adequate to determine that funds have not been used in violation of this agreement, and
- (c) Support accounting records through source documents, such as: cancelled checks, invoices and paid bills, agreement and sub award documents, and records sufficient to detail history of procurements.

2.4 Alterations in Spending Plan.

Grantee may not spend funds granted for electronic roster systems for other equipment, nor may Grantee spend funds granted for other than electronic roster systems on electronic roster systems.

Grantee may spend funds granted for the purchase of optical scan counters on assistive voting devices, and granted for the purchase of assistive voting devices on optical scan counters, or in either case for combinations thereof, if the change is reported in the next financial report due after the purchase.

3 Time

Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this Agreement. In the performance of matters funded pursuant to this Agreement, time is of the essence.

4 Consideration and Payment

4.1 **Consideration.** The State will make an award to Grantee under this Agreement as follows:

- (1) **Grant Award.** The Subgrantee will be awarded the amount listed for the Grantee in paragraph 2.1 of this Agreement.
- (2) **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State to Grantee under this grant agreement will not exceed the amount stated in paragraph 2.1 of this Agreement.

4.2 **Fiscal Requirements.** Grantee shall report to the State as provided by paragraph 2.2 of this Agreement.

- (1) **Financial Guidelines.** Grantee's eligible expenditures under this grant agreement must be specifically incurred by Grantee. Grantee will report on all expenditures pertaining to this grant agreement as provided in paragraph 2.2.
- (2) **Records.** Grantee shall retain all financial records for a minimum of six (6) years after the date of submission of the final financial report, or until completion of an audit which has commenced before the expiration of this six-year period, or until any audit findings and/or recommendations from prior audit(s) have been resolved

between the Grantee and State, whichever is later, and comply with all other Retention and access requirements for records provided in the jurisdiction's retention schedules.

4.3 **Payment Invoices.** State will pay the grant amount to an account of Grantee within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreement.

4.4 **Conditions.**

- (3) Payments under this Agreement will be made from funds appropriated by Laws 2017, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 1, § 6. Grantee is responsible for compliance with all requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for any requirements imposed by the Grantee's failure to comply with statutory or grant agreement requirements.
- (2) Grant funds must be used only to increase the funds that would, in the absence of this grant, be made available for procurement of the equipment set forth in paragraph and operating expenses as defined by law.
- (3) Grantee assures that equipment to be acquired with these grant funds is required because Grantee has need of the equipment, and has insufficient funds for that purchase. Grantee also assures that equipment purchased with grant funds will be used for all elections as required by law. Grantee agrees that it will only purchase optical scan counters, or assisted voting devices, certified under M.S. 206.57, or electronic rosters that the jurisdiction determines meets requirements of M.S. 201.225.
- (4) Grantee, for five full years following the purchase of equipment with grant funds, may dispose of that equipment only after first offering the equipment to Minnesota jurisdictions using the same type of equipment. During that five year period, Grantee may only sell the equipment at or below a price equal to the amount of the funds initially expended by Grantee for the equipment purchase, excluding the grant made pursuant to this agreement. If the funds so expended, or any part thereof, were initially received from the Help America Vote Act, funds from the sale of the equipment must be returned to the jurisdiction's Help America Vote Act (HAVA) account and must be retained and expended only for the purposes of HAVA.

5 **Satisfaction**

All duties required and agreements or assurances provided by Grantee in this Agreement must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

6 **Authorized Representative**

The State's Authorized Representative is Gary Poser, Director of Elections, 180 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55155-1299, 651-556-0612, or his successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and compliance with this Agreement.

Grantee's Authorized Representative is Carol Blaschko, Finance Director, 88 S Park Ave, LeCenter, MN 56057, cblaschko@co.le-sueur.mn.us, 507-357-8223

Grant payment will be made to:
LeSueur County
Federal ID Number: 41-6005828

Grantee must be registered as a vendor in the SWIFT system, or must provide a W-9 form with this executed agreement, in order for State to register Grantee in the SWIFT system.

If Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time before the funds provided for in this Agreement are fully expended, Grantee must immediately notify the State.

7 **Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Complete**

7.1 **Assignment**

Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract, or their

successors in office.

7.2 Amendments

Any amendments to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.3 Waiver

If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.

7.4 Grant Contract Complete

This grant contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8 Liability

Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the expenditures of the funds provided by this Agreement by Grantee or Grantee's agents or employees.

9 State Audits

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 16C.05, subd. 5, and 16B.98, subd. 8, Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

10 Government Data Practices

Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by Grantee under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes, § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either Grantee or the State.

If Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Subgrantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

11 Workers' Compensation

Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

12 Property and Casualty Insurance

Grantee is required to maintain a property and casualty insurance policy covering "All Risk" (or equivalent) of direct physical loss or damage, including, but not limited to, the perils of transit (if applicable), theft, and flood for the counters, devices or systems acquired using funds granted under the Agreement. The insurance limit shall be equal to the replacement cost of the election equipment. Any deductible shall be the sole responsibility of Grantee.

13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

14 Data Disclosure

Under Minnesota Statutes, § 270.66, and other applicable law, Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security

number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Subgrantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any, or pay other state liabilities.

15 Termination.

The State may immediately terminate this grant contract with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee.

16 Grantee Procurement

Grantee certifies that it will use the procurement processes applicable in Grantee's jurisdiction in purchasing equipment with funds subject to this Agreement.

1. ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes, §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: *Jeanette King*

Date: 1/24/18

Grant Agreement No. 137028/23161

3. STATE (Office of the Secretary of State)

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: Director of Elections

Date: _____

2. GRANTEE (Local Jurisdiction)

Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant agreement on behalf of Grantee as required by applicable resolutions or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:

Grantee
State's Authorized Representative



Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Tourism Information

New Ulm Chamber of Commerce
1 North Minnesota Street
PO Box 384
New Ulm MN 56073-0384
1-888-463-9856

Administrative Information

Upper Minnesota Valley RDC
323 West Schlieman Ave
Appleton MN 56208
320-289-1981 x106
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www.mnrivervalley.com

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UMVRDC Staff & Byway Coordinator



Dear Partners, Members and Discovery Sites,

Being chairperson for this organization is an honor. This 287-mile National Scenic Byway stretching along the beautiful Minnesota River includes -over 100 discovery sites and things for everyone – from scenic vistas and canoeing opportunities to museums and shopping in historic districts.

Kristi Fernholz, the MRVMSB Coordinator, worked hard this year leading several core byway projects. We're lucky to have her guidance and expertise. Together with other Alliance members, the MRVMSB had a very busy and productive 2017.

MRVMSB completed a Heritage Partnership grant through Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grants Program to work towards adding Dakota content to our website. Grants have been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008.

MRVMSB received a generous grant from Explore Minnesota Tourism to promote the videos produced in 2016 on our Social Media via FACEBOOK and sites hosted by MRVMSB. Find and share them on social media or at <http://www.mnrivervalley.com>.

The MRVMSB visitor guide was distributed throughout Minnesota and is going to be redesigned for 2018. Byway continues to grow in memberships, one of the ways the Byway is funded. We're committed to increasing our presence and communication with byway members and partners through email and social media.

The Byway continues to be active in conferences. Kristi attended the Explore Minnesota Tourism state conference in February 2017. Alliance members Terri Dinesen, Mary Gillespie, and Kristi Fernholz attended the byway conference in November in Duluth.

I'd like to especially thank the Byway's 32 members. Your support and passion keep us going, and benefit all who live and work along the Minnesota River. And if you are not yet a member, I invite you to join us! We appreciate everyone who stopped at a destination site, supported a local business, camped at a park or paddled the Minnesota River in 2017. I'm looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,

Nicole Elzenga, 2017 Byway Chairperson

The Mission of the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance is to cooperatively enhance the Minnesota River Valley as a travel destination and raise awareness of its nationally important stories in order to provide economic benefits and preserve the intrinsic qualities of the byway.



Tourism Works For MN! *

Annually, travel and tourism in Minnesota generates :

- \$13 billion in leisure & hospitality gross sales
- \$4.5 billion in wages
- \$840 million in state sales tax
- The gross sales in the leisure and hospitality industry in just the 15 byway counties totals over \$846 million!
- The total jobs in the leisure and hospitality industry in just the 15 byway counties totals 18,748!

* Minnesota Dept. of Revenue 2013 data

Local Results for the Minnesota River Valley**

A recent survey in the Minnesota River Valley showed the average spending per party was \$444.13 per trip.

The people surveyed said the top activities they took part in were:

- Scenic byway/ touring 41%
- State & national parks 35%
- Historic Sites 33%
- Museums 19%
- Shopping 18%

**Courtesy of Western MN Prairie Waters

Visitors come to the Minnesota River Valley***

Twenty-three of the high attendance attractions along the byway report 2.7 million visitors ANNUALLY!

***Courtesy of the MN River Valley Interpretive Plan

All members get the following:

- E-mail updates and notices
- The opportunity to help further the projects listed in this brochure
- Listing of your business, organization, or name on the byway website
- A new Byway Window Cling!



At the level of \$150 or more, we'll add both your listing and link on the byway website!

Why do we need your support?

The byway's goal is to strengthen communities in the Minnesota River Valley through tourism based economic development by the promotion of the river valley's exceptional historical, scenic, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

What is the Alliance?

The Alliance is made up of business, chamber, museum, agency, citizen, city and county volunteers. This group meets monthly to work toward the objectives of the byway. Accomplishments of this group include:

- A corridor management plan
- Distribution of Byway Visitors Guide
- www.mnrivervalley.com updates
- Promotional photo DVD
- New road signs
- Ads in tourism publications
- National case study for rural tourism
- Selected as a National Scenic Byway in 2002

What is the byway working on?

Some of the specific projects the Alliance will be working on in 2018 include:

- Maintain Byway website
- Add Dakota content to our website
- Promote new Byway Videos
- Distribute Byway Visitors Guide
- Geocache project with state parks
- Corridor Management Plan update
- Work on new Interpretive Panels
- Marketing of our byway

How will your contribution be used?

Your membership goes to help pay for general byway awareness, advertising and updating the website. The more membership dollars we have, the more advertising we can do!

Thank you for your support in 2018!



Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance

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 320-289-1981 x6
 kristi.fernholz@umvrdc.org

FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2018

Please consider supporting the MN River Valley Scenic Byway!

Bill To:	Date: 1/22/2018
LeSueur County Attn. County Coordinator 88 South Park Ave Le Center, MN 56057 507-357-8201 Your email address: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Add me to your email list for updates! Your website: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT list this on your website Business FACEBOOK Page @ _____ Please update any of the incorrect and/or missing information above. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to be a Byway Alliance Member	

2018 Funding Request	\$ 100
<i>Or Fill in the amount you want to give</i>	
Balance Due	\$ 100

Make check payable to MRVSBA to:

MN River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance
 323 West Schlieman Ave
 Appleton MN 56208
 888-463-9856
 www.mnrivervalley.com

2018 Membership levels:	
Member:	\$50
Supporter:	\$100
Partner:	\$150
Sustainer:	\$300

(For office use only) Membership: NEW / CURRENT

Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Check #: _____

- Added to website (over \$150 also gets a hotlink)
- Added / Updated on email list
- Sent a Byway Cling (new members)

(Top 3 inches reserved for recording data)

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT
by Business Entity

DATE: _____, 20____

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the undersigned hereby subordinates the lien on real property in Le Sueur County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 9, Block 2, Lake and Links Subdivision, Le Sueur County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder, Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

which is evidenced by a Note and Septic Lien dated December 19, 2014, and recorded on December 29, 2014, as Document Number 396466, in the Office of the County Recorder Registrar of Titles of Le Sueur County, Minnesota, to a subsequent lien evidenced by a Mortgage from THOMAS A. DANTONA and JANET AQUINO-DANTONA to EMBRACE HOME LOANS, INC., its successors and/or assigns as their interests may appear, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$388,000.00) and recorded on _____, as Document Number _____, in the Office of the County Recorder Registrar of Titles of Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

Note: Remainder of page left blank, signature page follows.

LE SUEUR COUNTY

By: _____

Its: _____

State of _____, County of _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ 20____, by _____, as _____, of **LE SUEUR COUNTY**.

(Stamp)

(signature of notarial officer)

Title (and Rank): _____

My commission expires: _____
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