

## Meeting: Local Taxes Advisory Task Force Public Meeting

Date: 12/12/2023

Task Force Attendees: Commissioner Paul Chair Marquart (Chair), Members Lisa Bode, Pat Dalton, Jenny Max, Suyapa Miranda, Jill Sims, Michael Williams

Wilder Attendees: Heather Britt and Ananya Matewos

### Agenda

#### Task Force Meeting 1:00-4:00pm – In Person

- Welcome and check-in (Chair Marquart) *(5 min)*
- Expert Panel Department of Revenue Q&A *(20 min)*
- Work Group Activities *(95 min)*
  - Finalize criteria required for projects and regional benefit
  - Finalize authority/entity structure at each stage of tax cycle
- Stakeholder Role Play *(45 min)*
  - To identify gaps in the current proposed pathway – each member will assume the role of a different stakeholder and role play the process
- Debrief *(15 min)*
  - Follow up with Department of Revenue Panel and Parking Lot
  - Adjournment (Chair Marquart)

## Notes

- Welcome and check-in
  - Audel Shokohzadeh: Reminder that this is a public meeting and is being recorded.
  - Chair Marquart: Meeting called to order.
  
- Work Group Activities
  - Capital Projects
    - WR Matewos: Review of tasks and topics for the day. Should only capital projects be allowable in the criteria?
    - Approved
  - Jails
    - Member Williams: Don't agree with jail or prison. Counties get inspected every year, and there are recommendations based on those inspections. In Stearns County, we have been told to explore this for many years. It is supposed to be a collaborative process between the state, county, and Department of Corrections. Jail means different things to different people. I think it should include anything related to the justice system (e.g., courts, justice facilities). To my knowledge, we would rarely have a court order or mandate to build a facility.
    - Member Dalton: I was part of the email exchange discussing this. I'm worried about a carte blanche for county jail or corrections facility.
    - Member Williams: I didn't mean that we would exclude criteria. In my county it would be a regional facility. A court mandate requirement would not work.
    - Member Dalton: There are going to be good projects, that are regional, that we can't approve because regionality is not defined. In my mind, the Legislature will always approve a facility with a court mandate.
    - Member Bode: There's two issues. One is whether there can be a preapproved process, and the second is that there is a court mandate. We could change language to say "court recommended." Also, ambulance/EMS service is too broad. We need to clarify if this is capital costs (facilities) or general cost.
    - [Audio disabled]
    - Chair Marquart: Apologies for audio problems. To me, a true regional jail is involving two or more counties. Each of the state's 87 counties have a jail, so it isn't necessarily regional.
    - Member Dalton: Not saying that a county jail that isn't court mandated, or that a "regional" jail can't be funded, but it should go to the Legislature to decide if the sales tax should fund this project. This is a list of projects that should be automatically approved for funding with local sales tax.
    - Member Williams: Why does a jail have these extra requirements and not the other things on the list? A jail is an integral part of the public safety system. A court order is rare. Are you suggesting that a certain project should not be approved?
    - Chair Marquart: Suggesting that one county might have more of an ability to pay for a jail with sales tax vs another county.
    - Member Dalton: Starting at the top of the list, there might be definitions of regional benefit that are transferable to other projects.
    - WR Matewos: In the homework, we proposed what Member Dalton suggested. An exploration of how each project might meet the criteria for regional benefit.
  - Library
    - WR Matewos: Needs to serve a citywide/regional population, and use by any and all public

- Member Dalton: In MN Statute, there is a definition of regional public library system [read statute 134.001 subd. 4].
- Member Bode: Lake Agassiz regional library system is spread over seven counties. Moorhead library is the headquarters. Your definition of the library system is good, but what if another community would like to start a library with a sales tax?
- Member Dalton: Approval from the regional library system could be sought prior to this.
- Member Williams: It would open up the opportunity for a small community library.
- Member Dalton: We could add the approval from the regional library system to the criteria, and approved by the regional library board.
- WR Matewos: Called for vote on library with approval from regional library board and regional public library system.
  - Approved
- Aquatic Center and Sports Complex
  - Member Dalton: Aquatic center, sports complex, and community center should all have the same criteria since they are often co-located.
  - Chair Marquart: Should consider if the facility hosts regional tournaments or leagues, sectional events, etc. This would demonstrate regionality.
  - Member Bode: This would make sense at the high school level, but there are other entities that have events of regional significance. I would consider economic development as part of the criteria.
  - Member Max: Aquatic center and sports complexes could be together, but the community center might be different. In my experience, in smaller cities they are very different.
  - Member Dalton: Suggestion to apply to all of these--there can't be a differentiation between access and fees for residents and non-residents.
  - Member Williams: Clarify that this isn't a convention center?
  - Member Dalton: Yes, this wouldn't include convention centers. Doesn't have to have free access, but it should be equal access. Example of how Edina city pool works.
  - Member Williams: This is addressing the equity issue.
  - Member Dalton: There should be a geographic measurement. If there is a pool within a certain geography, should we allow them to build one?
  - Chair Marquart: Clarification that they can build one, but they would have to make an appeal to the Legislature rather than have an automatic approval process.
  - Member Dalton: 30 miles? There's one in Woodbury and one in Blaine, if they want to build another one in metro area, have to go to Legislature.
  - Member Sims: Does that count for existing facilities? Minneapolis has good public pools systems, vary quite a bit. Is it existing or new? A lot of sports/aquatic may need repairs, within 10 miles of one currently.
  - Member Dalton: Minneapolis pools are paid by property tax, Edina by property tax. This tends to be more of an issue in outstate.
  - Member Williams: I get the concept, but not sure it's the right way to measure it.
  - Member Dalton: Second option- you have to have a resolution from % of surrounding communities (or geographical area). Need to have a majority- 75% within 25 mile radius have to approve a supporting resolution. Residents will be paying sales tax.
  - Chair Marquart: If taking Legislature out of this, it creates benefits for cities/counties, and can set their own schedule. I'd rather see limited projects, and can go to Legislature if it doesn't fit.
  - Member Bode: In terms of sports complexes and not items we have other definitions for.

Your city may want a library. Cooperation may be an issue- there are politics.

- Member Dalton: I'm not thinking of libraries or parks and trails. For aquatic centers and sports complexes there may be a way to get buy-in from surrounding community. Their residents will be paying some of the tax.
- Member Sims: Prefer approval from city rather than geographic area.
- Member Miranda: This committee is talking about communities that we are not a part of. Do those communities have a vehicle, transportation options? A 10-20 mile radius is not preferred. What if this is a senior citizen community and they don't want to see teens and pools? It's hard to know geographically what is happening in those spaces. I used to manage a community council, and they would say "not in my neighborhood". I get a little nervous about surrounding communities approval if it's what the specific community needs.
- Member Dalton: That's what I'm trying to get at with city councils/town boards with a resolution. Their elected officials have to say it is a good idea.
- Member Williams: Cities aren't going to jump in unless they know it's a regional project. They look at impact. When we did the aquatic center in St. Cloud we made sure there would be enough usage to make it worthwhile just like the airport, convention center, library.
- Member Dalton: Having resolution support demonstrates it. How do you differentiate between a sports complex and doing two ball fields?
- Chair Marquart: Aside from aquatic center and sports complex, would you apply that to any others?
- Member Dalton: I would think of community centers. I know that may not be popular here. You can fund with property tax. If you are going to fund with sales tax, it has to serve more than your city.
- Chair Marquart: Majority approval or more, and then leave to Legislature to decide what that is?
- Member Bode: I want to see a clear definition and develop the concept a bit- cities/counties, adjacent/contiguous? We need to be crystal clear on what we require.
- Member Dalton: Every township/city that is adjacent and contiguous have to approve.
- Chair Marquart: Townships are so small and may not have as many people, but will count as a vote. It's not going to be equal.
- WR Britt: Let's pull offline and come back next week with specific options.
- Chair Marquart: Are we in support of general approval?
- Member Bode: Approval or "not rejection" from surrounding communities. Does it have to be affirmative?
- Member Max: Ensure there is transparency in what is happening in public hearings and direct communication. Ensure everyone is on the same page and communicate.
- Chair Marquart: To truly be regional, to not to go Legislature, maybe they have to do an outreach to the communities and not get a negative reaction? Have to sell to surrounding communities. Something that isn't a rejection.
- Member Sims: Would that be process for pursuing these and not the criteria. Municipalities are doing these studies. They are published and there is time for community input. Can it go into process side?
- Member Bode: Maybe it's a public comment period, but then someone has to evaluate if that is positive or negative.
- Member Dalton: Problem is you can have all surrounding community say they don't like it,

- and if there is no resolution, there is no way for anyone to audit if there is support from the region. I'm not saying go to a vote, that's a lot, but have elected officials say it's a good idea.
- WR Matewos: Decide contiguous piece? And put % approval? Can you simplify it?
  - Member Max: This is a robust list of projects. I have priorities and we could have a short list of criteria. What are everyone's priorities to see where we align? What projects would we reduce?
  - Member Dalton: I agree with Member Max- shorter list is better. Can we figure out a regionality measure? Which do we think are important enough that are generally regional that we want to include. Overtime, the Legislature will add to this list. Give them a short list with well-defined regional criteria. It gives them a blue print for the future.
- Watersheds
    - Chair Marquart: I would say remove watersheds. Assess individually as cities, and general dollars that come from property taxes.
    - Member Bode: They can access who benefits. There is another way to tax it.
    - Approve
    - Member Dalton: remove ambulance, never have funded with sales tax, I'm not saying there isn't a need, but we would need the Legislature to discuss policy of doing it.
      - Approved
  - Hospitals and Clinics
    - Member Dalton: Only one hospital was built this way in Cook County. Not sure if anyone is building government owned hospitals. If we removed it, they would just have to go to Legislature. Cook County was capital and operations- whole Boundary Waters area.
      - Approved
  - Airports
    - Member Dalton: St. Cloud, Baxter/Brainerd area funded airports. They aren't funded often. No one wants to build one unless it's going to serve a region. I think you can leave it. There are operating costs, especially in rural Minnesota.
    - Member Bode: I was at conference in Thief River Falls. They have a large airport and there is economic benefit.
    - Member Williams: St. cloud airport had 6 cities with sales tax and funded a couple projects.
      - Approved they are eligible
  - Community Center & Convention Center
    - Chair Marquart: What is the difference between a convention center and a community center? Convention is regional versus a community center?
    - Member Bode: Morehead's project is a library community center. A lot of people have a different idea of what community center is (i.e. rec, gym, aquatics). Ours is a playground, a walking track for health benefits, free and open to public. It will have some regional attraction when hockey tournaments in town.
    - Chair Marquart: A convention center brings in meetings?
    - Member Max: Community centers seem to be an interest that are successfully approved, so it might be a good fit.
    - Member Dalton: They made the case that there wasn't a place to hold weddings, and it was smaller cities that got community centers. It supported others to have parties, and they often do senior citizens programs. If we go with community centers as aquatic or sports complex, you have to get support from surrounding communities. In rural

- Minnesota, seniors from surrounding townships go for meals.
  - Chair Marquart: Regional support on community centers like aquatic and sports complexes?
  - Member Miranda: I would use community input.
  - Chair Marquart: Regional community support?
  - Member Bode: People in immediate vicinity will vote on it.
  - Member Dalton: To the extent that people from surrounding area will pay tax, it is important to get their input.
  - Chair Marquart: What about convention center?
  - Member Dalton: Define convention center.
  - Member Sims: It typically generates revenue.
  - Member Dalton: It's not profitable.
  - Member Sims: Goal is to sell the space, make revenue and trickle down economy.
  - Member Bode: Majority of people are external, like a sports tournament. There is regionality in what a convention center does. It's not where you hold city council or Lion's meeting.
  - Member Dalton: How big does a convention center have to be before it's not a community center. Can we define that?
  - Member Max: Merriam Webster definition for convention center- a building or set of buildings for people to hold meetings.
- Parks & Trails
  - Member Dalton: There are 2 groups, Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission that determines if there is regional significance for state grant funding. They have criteria, and the commissioner must determine based on their strategic plan: "1.) a park must provide a natural resource-based setting, outdoor recreation facilities and multiple activities that are primarily natural resource-based; 2.) a trail must serve more than a local population and where feasible connect to existing or planned state or regional parks or trails; 3.) a park or trail must be utilized by a regional population that may encompass multiple jurisdictions; and 4.) a park may include or a trail may pass unique natural , historic or cultural features or characteristics." Piggy back on them- if approved by them to have regional significance in Greater Minnesota.
  - Member Williams: I'd like to see that myself. How do the trails fit into it?
  - Member Dalton: It needs to be close to community and connect to other areas. MN Statute 85.536. The Metropolitan Parks and Space Commission has MN Statute 473.121. "“Regional recreation open space” means land and water areas, or interests therein, and facilities determined by the Metropolitan council to be of regional importance in providing for a balanced system of public outdoor recreation for the metropolitan area, including but not limited to park reserves, major linear parks and trails, large recreation parks, and conservatories, zoos, and other special use facilities.” These are determined by the Met Council.
  - Member Max: There are significant gaps in what would be considered regional versus parks and trails that actually exist. Definition is helpful but extremely limiting to build parks and trails. If it doesn't already exist, then we are saying it can't become that? I'd like to see this included.
  - Member Dalton: In Greater Minnesota, there are six regional parks and trail districts. Each has a plan. We completed this trail, but now we need to add this to link people further into community. Good starting definition, already groups going yay or nay for regionality, and

we don't have to define regionality.

- Member Bode: We have a regional trail system. We didn't when we started. Bought property along river, had a master plan process, and now we have developed that trail from north to south city limits, and have some parks that are semi-regional.
- Chair Marquart: We want cities to do that and create a system.
- WR Britt: Member Max you are saying there is gap between those 2 commissions. There may be a step before to do this without legislative approval?
- Member Max: The City of Nisswa there is a draw to the lakes area, great events throughout summer, local resort or camp ground. How can we improve that facility to expand to help people? We aren't at the regional level, but we want to be able to provide better services and amenities.
- Member Williams: The definition is out there so they can be funded with existing sales tax. It's legacy funding those parts, and then we are saying they can use local sales tax on those projects that are already funded? I don't know if that makes sense.
- Member Dalton: You are right, but there isn't enough legacy funding in the system to support the need. If they can't get money from the State because they are down the list, then they get another option to fund that park/trail.
- Member Williams: Yes, that is a statewide tax, but we are talking about local. If eligible for state funding, I'm not understanding.
- Member Dalton: This is a group that doesn't need to come to the Legislature because another group has already determined it is regional.
- Member Bode: According to the strategic plan for Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission. Regional trail typically owned by county or city, a 1 hour- recreational trail that terminates at or near a tourist area with a low/medium ride experience.
- Member Max: Maybe we can compromise- the trails, that seems pretty logical connecting those, but parks has a range, and maybe if some flexibility there for community to come up with project.
- Chair Marquart: So separate trails and parks, and have parks use the sports, community support option. We are saying now for the first time, basically cities/counties, giving you a new avenue to general fund. The more we can limit it, and then big question coming up for equalization. What is going to equalize the sales tax that we are looking at?
- Member Bode: Needs to be 100 acres with use. This is from a June 2007 report to Legislature. It looks like it's from a regional parks conference. It has to have regional clientele, recreation offered, primarily resource based, camping, boating, special features, unique feature, historical sites, scarcity of recreational resources. Who makes the definition of regional park in this one. Is it Department of Natural Resources? Then we piggy back on that?
- [10 minute break]
- WR Matewos: Before we begin, don't forget the principles and don't focus on speed. What about the burden? Do you want to split park and trail? Where is the 2007 report from?
- Member Bode: The 2007 report may have been updated.
- WR Matewos: So split trails and regional parks?
  - Approved
- Member Dalton: One is for the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission or Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissions. One is for Greater Minnesota and one is for the metro area. If either approve, then they don't have to go to Legislature.
- Matewos: Is everyone comfortable with these being guiding statutes?

- Approved
  - WR Matewos: So we agree on the regional criteria for parks and the 2007 report?
  - Member Max: Conceptually yes, but it was read to us. I want to look at it too.
  - Member Williams: Trails too.
  - Matewos: We can also provide it in the report draft.
  - Chair Marquart: We can bring things back for consideration.
  - Matewos: Regional parks
    - Approved
- Return to Community Center, Convention Center, Aquatic Center, and Sports Complex
  - Chair Marquart: Convention center, let's look at definition, for the others regional support/input. We have discussed it a lot today. Let's take it back, research a bit more, and think about it.
  - Member Williams: It should be support or input.
  - Shokohzadeh: Let's clarify that a vote of approved is to include it in the report for review.
- Return to Jail
  - WR Matewos: Let's Look at jail. State mandates, also protects region, provide a public good that benefits an area beyond jurisdictional boundaries.
  - Chair Marquart: Let's come back to it. I'm not sure if every county has a jail.
  - Member Dalton: A jail can be a public safety facility, have courts, sheriff or police, detox, human service. There are a lot of things that are in this, and I'm not sure we can define what it is.
  - Member Sims: Department of Corrections makes the recommendations- if they have made a capital improvement recommendation for the city.
  - Member Williams: The recommendation doesn't have to do with regionality here, but it might fit somewhere else.
  - Member Dalton: There are counties without regional centers, county under 5,000 population.
  - Member Sims: Put a population on it?
  - Member Dalton: I don't know. Should a county with 5,000 have to go together with other counties?
  - Member Williams: It's unlikely they will build their own.
  - Member Sims: Recommendation for Legislature to think about. Could we have a recommendation and not a final approach?
  - Chair Marquart: I think I'm hearing we should move it to another week.
  - Member Miranda: Recommend we stay away from the word "jail", maybe public safety facility. We need to consider how we use our wording.
- Recommended Allowable Maximum, Minimum, Stepped Tax Rates
  - Member Max: Each municipality- 1%
  - Member Bode: No tax over 8% sales tax, would need to coordinate with others.
  - Member Dalton: 1% at .5 cent or 1 cent, counties are limited to 1% total including transportation total. Max would be 2%, in .5 cent intervals for convenience.
  - Member Sims: 1% for municipality, and I agree with Member Dalton on .5 cent, one for city, one for county
  - Member Dalton: Law requires 6-month notice before it can be imposed, start on calendar quarter, and end on calendar quarter. Certified service providers need to have definite dates. Don't want to change those.



- Member Bode: April 1 is the first you can impose.
- Member Miranda: I'm just listening to others recommendations.
- Member Williams: 1% is reasonable.
- Member Dalton: I don't want to do what the Twins tax did.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ , that causes confusion.
- Member Sims: Do a .25 instead of .5?
- Williams: We did odd numbers. We didn't want to tax more than we needed.
- Member Dalton: But then you do a shorter administration
- Chair Marquart: .5 across the board. Is this for anyone coming in?
- Member Bode: I can come in and ask for another .5 cent?
- Member Dalton: I don't want someone to come in with another one. 1.5 cent if doing...want to put maximum on each city and county.
- Chair Marquart: If you have a current one, you can come in for another one?
- Member Dalton: I think you can only have one.
- Member Sims: Bloomington had 3 projects on one tax.
- Member Dalton: They had to have a question on each of those projects too. There was limit on the total tax. Only one rate.
- Member Williams: Would food/bev and county transportation be included with the calculation?
- Member Dalton: They would have the 1%.
- Member Bode: I'm thinking of the role playing. A tax payer throughout state and how much that individual has to pay in every jurisdiction. Not always community goals, but from consumer perspective.
- Chair Marquart: That's why you are saying 8% max, Member Bode?
- Member Bode: Yes, that's the consumer part.
- Chair Marquart: How many are over 8% right now?
- Member Max: The cap feels artificial. Based on projects we are considering, what would be the maximum opportunity your county could have? If existing are completed and roll off, then it will balance out with the new parameters.
- Member Sims: Current local, you may not request a new one without going to the Legislature for approval.
- Member Dalton: Maybe get some of the .5 cent off.
- Member Bode: No tax should be over 8% total (if over 8% counties and cities would need to coordinate).
- Member Max: Each city and county would have a maximum of 1%.
- Chair Marquart: If they currently have .5%, then they can get another .5%?
- Member Max: Yes.
- Member Sims: Do we count the county transit in that? Not all counties are using transportation tax. Maybe they would use 1% for something else. 50 counties have it.
- Chair Marquart: Counties have ability to do another .5 cent. If they use it on transportation they can take it off at any time.
- WR Matewos: Do you want increments?
- Member Sims: I like the increments.
- Chair Marquart: .5 and 1.0. I don't know if we need .25.
- Member Dalton: .25 increment

- Chair Marquart: Can we vote on it. Maximum of 1% total for county or city in increments of .25 cent. Can't do anything if over 1%
        - Approved
- Entity Support for Equalization Evaluation
  - Member Dalton: That is a legislative prerogative. We could suggest recommendation that sales tax base should be included as one of the ability to pay measures in LGA programs. We won't tell them how to include it. Agreed if going for regionality, then equality for local services isn't as big a deal.
  - Chair Marquart: Sales tax base for LGA formula would be taking some LGA away. Rather than take it away, we add it, and took money out of the local sales tax, and took a portion of the dollars of the local sales tax that would go into an equalizing fund of some sort.
  - Member Dalton: But if it is truly a regional project, do we need to equalize?
  - Member Bode: LGA is for basic services
  - Chair Marquart: I don't know if that matters. Cities/counties have another revenue stream, like with property. We equalize statewide through property. Is it just regional anymore or a statewide equalization?
  - Member Dalton: If you wanted to take out of property, that's a fiscal disparities program. Not sure how you do that. Fiscal disparities for metro area and iron range where they share commercial/industrial tax base that goes into fund and is redistributed.
  - WR Matewos: Who does the redistribution?
  - Member Dalton: Anoka county, Representative Weaver presented it and is from Anoka.
  - WR Matewos: Under Legislature, don't have to decide how, but who should do that.
  - WR Britt: I recommend that Legislature consider equalization broadly.
  - Chair Marquart: We need to talk about a retail sales tax base.
  - Member Dalton: That is a prerogative that they have to solve.
  - Chair Marquart: Isn't that the equalization we want?
  - Member Dalton: To the extent if these are limited to regional projects, then there isn't an equalization issue. We aren't letting local sales taxes be used for nuts and bolts of government services.
  - Chair Marquart: Even if it's regional, how do we help Traverse County? They have little opportunity to pay for a project.
  - Member Bode: City of Floodwood wanted a small project and the Legislature gave them LGA because it doesn't feel like a good project for sales tax because of size and ability to raise revenue.
  - WR Matewos: If projects are not regional, then the Legislature needs to consider equalization broadly as part of the state aid and other tax bases.
- Entity Authority for Local Tax Audits
  - Chair Marquart: They will have to come up with a resolution saying they don't have to go to Legislature. Department of Revenue would administer this, but that wouldn't be the enforcement.
  - Member Dalton: Let's look at state auditor- more money may need to go to state auditor, but they area already going to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) projects. No one is checking local sales tax to make sure they are being used correctly.
  - Member Bode: Aside from city auditor.
  - Member Williams: State auditor- not sure they are re-checking, go ahead or authorization. TIF we just follow the law, no pre-approval of what we are doing.

- Member Max: How does county transportation tax work now? Approved at county and tax begins following criteria. Is there a verification step or mirror process?
    - Chair Marquart: Transportation .5 cent. Outline project, but no entity that approves it before you take it any further.
  - Entity Authority for Application Review & Approval
    - Member Bode: Department of Revenue, two-part submission, but January 31st of year you intend to impose the tax, and follow-up with all supporting documentation. That way you can verify the current tax. There will have to be an evaluation to ensure it meets the criteria. Two part with Department of Revenue for pre-approved activities instead of Legislature ?
    - Chair Marquart: Does Department of Revenue staff do anything before vote right now?
    - Josh Sisterman (Department of Revenue): Currently, nothing we have to do. We review documents and let locals know if they have missed anything, specifically with county transportation staff, but no legislative requirement to review before it goes to vote.
    - Member Dalton: If there is community input, would have to present the resolution to someone. It's checking the criteria. It is an objective measure if we do our criteria correctly. State Auditor is used to dealing with those things, but sounds like Department of Revenue is also doing it for transportation tax.
    - Chair Marquart: I'm not in favor of Department of Revenue doing it, so just state auditor. They have county finances and do TIF right now.
    - Member Max: Looking for state auditor to pre-approve and audit to ensure criteria is met?
    - Member Sims: Let's look at turnaround time later.
    - Member Bode: If you file by a certain date, it moves forward. They aren't approving it.
    - Member Dalton: They have done the checklist.
    - Member Williams: Local government will bear the cost of the auditor.
    - Member Dalton: 1% of all revenue will go to state auditor
    - WR Matewos: Proposal- percentage of applications go to state auditor for preapprovals?
      - Not approved
- Debrief
  - Parking Lot:
    - The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails strategic plan- this is the [2007 report](#) referenced by Member Bode. Report was based on research from 2007 conducted by the Department of Natural Resources. The adoption date was 6/25/2014, it is the commissions intent that this is a working document that will evolve over time, and the adopted plan was used for FY2016 planning purposes.
    - The most recent Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails [strategic plan](#) was adopted in April 2021.
    - Add MN Statute [473.121](#) and MN Statute [85.536](#) to the report.
    - Look for definitions of Community Center, Convention Center, Aquatic Center, and Sports Complex
  - Chair Marquart: Meeting adjourned.