

# Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District

Rice County, Minnesota  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
6:00 pm  
Official Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Glen Castore called the meeting to order at 6:00pm  
**Members present:** Charlie Peters, William Malecha, Glen Castore, Lori Noreen
2. **Approval of April 19, 2023, meeting minutes**  
Charlie Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2023, William Malecha seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
3. **Update on CORE X Partners (formerly RLS) project in Bridgewater**
  - a. Glen Castore provided an update on the company (Core X Partners, formerly RLS) explaining the reasoning behind the name change.
  - b. It was discussed that the Environmental Assessment Worksheet in in the Public Comment time period, which will end on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Once the period has ended it will come back to Bridgewater Township's Planning & Zoning Committee, then to the Board to review. Once approved, permits and variance can be acted on.
  - c. It is expected Bridgewater Township will receive permit and variance applications within the next week to two weeks for review.
  - d. It was noted that the EAW covers the first two phases of the project.
  - e. It was asked if the land for the facility has been purchased, with the response that it has not yet but Core X is working with Ed Koltavy to do so.
    - i. It was noted that Ed Koltavy is planning on using the proceeds of the sale of land to build a solar array in which Core X would possibly purchase.
  - f. Glen Castore described the process the Township and Core X has been going through to obtain Steele Waseca as the electric provider over Xcel. The property is located in Xcel territory.
    - i. Glen Castore explained he has been in meetings with the attorneys to obtain Steele Waseca.
    - ii. Glen Castore stated the reasoning Core X and the Township would like to utilize Steele Waseca over Xcel is that it offers better rates, has better back up as it can tie in to 3 sub stations around the area as well as because Steele Waseca is a Coop it has the ability to offer grant monies and 0% interest loans.
  - g. There was a question regarding location and need of natural gas with the response that Core X does not need it.

- h. It was stated that Core X is looking to break ground yet this fall if everything works out accordingly.
  - i. It was noted that as soon as the company buys the land there will be an announcement to make the project visible to the community.
- i. Glen Castore discussed that the Township is working with Stantec regarding a form of septic system.
- j. It was discussed the rail road spur has been designed but the go ahead has not yet been approved.
- k. Glen Castore provided an idea of what type of traffic the area will incur.
  - i. There was discussion regarding paving 140<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - 1. Glen Castore stated that he is going to attend a meeting regarding a local road improvement program in hopes to aid in the cost of improving the road.
- l. There was discussion of the quantity of job opportunities the project will create

#### **4. Next Meeting Date**

- a. It was decided to cancel the meeting scheduled to be held in October and have the next meeting in November.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Lori Noreen, Clerk, Forest Bridgewater Joint Powers Development District.