

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026
10:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Special Session on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Jackson Purfeerst, Jayme Knapp, Sandy Farder, and Robin Sylvester. Council Member Bob Heales was absent. Also present were City Administrator Lori Conway, City Clerk Char Nelson, and Parks & Recreation Director TJ Graumann. DNR Staff Sarah Wennerberg and Monica Weber attended viz Zoom. There were three people in the audience.

Mayor Purfeerst called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Lori Conway reported that staff were made aware of a conflict with legislative language between MMB and LCCMR. This conflict affects the funding from LCCMR, with a potential loss of a \$2.8 million grant, which makes a deficit to the full funding of the Loon Center. Ms. Conway stated that the City's responsibility is to be the fiduciary for the funds and the City should have some type of assurance that the Loon Center has alternate means to make up the difference of \$2.8 million, should it default or close its doors. Ms. Conway stated that due to recent communication with the MMB and because the ground lease is valued at just over \$703,000, should the city be placed in a position to sell the ground lease, the obligation to pay back the State would be the market value of the \$703,000.

John Mobeck of the Loon Center addressed the Council and said that if they lose the funding from the State (LCCMR), the project will continue with private donations or adding the costs to the construction loan.

Sandy Farder asked if there was any contention with State officials. Mr. Mobeck replied that they are just abiding by the law and doing what they have to do.

Robin Sylvester asked when the funds had to be used. John Mobeck stated that the deadline is June 30 and they have already incurred all those costs.

Jayme Knapp noted that there were many pending donations and asked when those would be received. John Mobeck stated that he expected the donations to be paid by November.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk