

Resoluitiion #2008-03
Lynden Township - Stearns County, Minnesota

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING POWER LINE CORRIDOR
PLACEMENT INVOLVING THE CAPX2020 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 365.10 Subd. 17 provides that the town board has the authority to promote the health, safety, order, convenience, and the general welfare of the township.

WHEREAS, the Lynden Town Board has adopted the Lynden Township Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter "Comprehensive Plan" for land use in the township, as provided for by Minnesota Statute.

WHEREAS, the Lynden Town Board has reviewed such plans for placement of the power line and has found them to be inconsistent with intent, purpose, and application of the Comprehensive Plan for Lynden Township (Township) in that its placement does not consider the following:

- The Natural Environment issues unique to Lynden Township having its rural character founded in the balance of commercial, agricultural, open space, low density land use including but not limited to hobby farms, alternative and conventional agricultural uses and the general flavor of the country side; and,
- The principal land use in the township is Agricultural and needs to receive special attention in preservation and the maintenance of the township economic viability. Development of such land needs a balance between natural environment and foster continued agricultural activities by use of buffers and open spaces.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan is aimed at promoting complete and expanded use of industrial areas along the existing industrial area of the Interstate 94 corridor or right-of-way. Industrial development within the plan focuses upon economic utility and service delivery consistent with development quality and expectation standards of industrial activities being located in the township.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan describes its land use goals as follows:

- A cohesive land use pattern, which ensures compatibility and functional relationships among activities, is to be formulated and implemented.
- Protect and preserve productive agricultural land and the economic viability of farming operation, including alternative cash crop or livestock operations.
- Ensure efficient utilization and conservation of land.
- Land uses and environmental quality are to be compatible with features of the natural environment and are to be accommodated without destroying environmental features and natural amenities.
- Prevent improper land use development, defined as development that is not accompanied by a sufficient level of supportive services and facilities (utilities, parking, access, etc.)
- Create the opportunity for a range of industrial development within the community and segregate it into harmonious and compatible use types.

WHEREAS, developments that follow planned public improvement corridors or constitute an infilling of development are deemed consistent with the Township growth

strategies as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, unless there is threat to public health or safety, agricultural activities in Lynden Township are not to be limited or curtailed due to impacts on non-agricultural uses, which have or are proposing to encroach into rural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lynden Township Board on behalf of its residents and business community hereby declares the best placement of such CAPX2020 power-line corridor is in and along the Interstate 94 (I-94) right-of-way so as to be consistent with the Lynden Township Comprehensive Plan and is the most cost effective for both the citizens and customers of the CapX2020 project.

Yes No Other

Supervisor Anne Ackerman X _____

Supervisor Jerry Finch X _____

Supervisor Dave Johnson X _____

Adopted this __5th__ day of _____May_____, 2008.

Attest: _____

/s/ Anne Ackerman, Town Chair /s/ Del Moeller, Town Clerk

Original document is on file at the Township Hall.