

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a special meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Jim Jawaski, Brooks Klinnert, Jamie Rezac, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: Council Member Chris Vedder

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

The special meeting was called to discuss two grants that can be used to pave the trail located along the City's levee system to serve pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users. Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13553-01/2026, "**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE BORDER STATES TRAIL**," and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13554-02/2026, "**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**," and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema and Director of Public Services Neil Crocker were present to discuss the two resolutions.

Neil said that on the Bois de Sioux golf course, on the Breckenridge side, the plan is to pave the top surface all the way from one end to the other, similar to what Wahpeton has done with their levy. Neil thinks that it will make it a better connection to trails and locations than what our trail study was advised. It will save us about half a million dollars by not having to build another bridge.

The funding would not be available until 2029, at the earliest, but the applications must be in no later than this Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. They will announce the selection by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jim asked about the cracks in the dike system and how it would affect this. Neil said that they were small cracks and when they did the inspections, it was super dry and was told not to do anything with it at that time. They do want to get in there and pave it.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously.

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ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator