

Council Agenda Item 26-0662R



MEETING DATE: July 27th, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MINNESOTA POWER FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPGRADES FOR THE CHESTER BOWL CHALET PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,373.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Ted Blenkush, Construction Project Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: n/a

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council approved the prime contractor agreement via resolution 26-0273R on April 13th, 2026, which authorized the project to commence.

BACKGROUND: This resolution authorizes a contract with Minnesota Power to perform electric service upgrades to the Chester Bowl Chalet as part of the facility reconstruction project. The service upgrade is necessary to power the facility's electrical needs, including renewed lighting, HVAC systems, and addition of an elevator on the west side to provide accessibility to all floors of the chalet. The service upgrade entails replacement of overhead cables across a steep forested hillside, along with underground boring to connect service to a new transformer.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: This scope of work is a planned expenditure of the Chester Bowl Chalet reconstruction. Funding for the project is received from a \$2.3 million state grant from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, along with over \$1.4 million in contributions from Chester Bowl Improvement Club's fundraising and capital campaign.

OPTIONS: Approving the resolution will authorize a contract with Minnesota Power and enable the service upgrade work to be performed in alignment with ongoing construction of the chalet.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approving the resolution is necessary to authorize a contract and begin electrical upgrades that are required for chalet construction to proceed.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A (proposal)