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To: Legislators

From: Charity Brault, Executive Director

Re: HRA Levy

Date: March 2023

Attached please find information on the HRA levy legislation request. The Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA is asking the legislature to extend the HRA levy authority that began in 2008 and if approved will sunset with taxes payable in 2034.

As you can see from the attached information and letters of support the levy is well received in our northwest region. The levy creates economic, housing and community development funding opportunities by leverage competitive funding resources.

Thank you for you past support and considering our request to extend the HRA levy legislation.

Please email me at charity@nwmnhra.org or call 218-280-0436 with any questions.

NW MN Multi-County HRA Celebrating 50 Years of Service



50 years have brought a lot of growth and change to the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

The HRA's first Director, Bill Seeger, coordinated the efforts of six northwest Minnesota counties with financial assistance from the Inter-County Community Council to form the NW MN Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in 1972.

Seeger felt so strongly that the smaller communities in northwest Minnesota deserved a voice in obtaining both State and Federal housing grants and loans that he took on the daunting task of forming a "first in the nation" HUD rental assistance program implemented in a multi-county setting. Since that concept was unknown to most HUD personnel at that time, it took extra effort to prove that such a unique format would indeed work. That initial persistence has developed in a program that now provides essential monthly rental assistance to over 900 households in northwest Minnesota.

Seeger's next undertaking was to develop numerous public housing units to serve the needs of low-income seniors and families. Today the HRA owns and operates 103 public housing units within five counties, playing a vital role in the northwest Minnesota rental market.

Over the years the HRA has initiated a wide variety of community and economic development activities, working with federal, state, and local government agencies, private companies, and non-profit organizations. From a successful down payment assistance loan pool in 8 counties, to collaborations with a variety of agencies to rehab well over 1500 homes, businesses, and apartments in 17 communities, creating a huge economic boost to the region, and improving the lives of low- and moderate-income residents. The HRA also operates two non-profits which allow more flexibility in serving the evolving housing needs of our region.

The HRA would not be successful without the dedication of board members and staff, as well as a score of public officials whose ongoing support has allowed the HRA to serve our region for the past 50 years. The HRA has been guided by the vision and foresight of three Executive Directors: Bill Seeger, Lee Meier, and currently, Charity Brault, who work in tandem with our Board of Directors, each representing the specific needs of a county in northwestern Minnesota: Mark Finstad, Polk County; Marilyn Gustafson, Kittson County; Kermit Genereux, Pennington County; Tammy Johnson, Marshall County; John Lerohl, Red Lake County; and Jack Swanson, Roseau County.

With this team's robust support, the HRA will continue to take a leadership role in addressing the housing, community, and economic development needs in our region. We look forward to serving northwest Minnesota for many more years.

Board Chair
Kermit Genereux

Executive Director
Charity Brault

Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority



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To: Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Red Lake, Pennington and Polk County Commissioners

In 2008, 2013 and 2019 the MN Legislature voted to approve and with the Governors' Pawlenty, Dayton and Walz signature on the bill Multi County HRA has been able to levy taxes. The legislation allows the HRA board of commissioners to approve up to 25% of the allowable levy in the respective counties. The HRA board has one member per county, in the 6-county area, appointed by the respective County Commissioners.

At our July 2022 HRA board meeting we discussed the HRA levy, and that the legislation will sunset in taxes payable 2024. The HRA is moving forward to again ask for a 10-year extension in the 2023 legislative session. The HRA levy legislation continues to be supported by area legislators. If approved in the 2023 legislative session the levy authority would be extended through 2033.

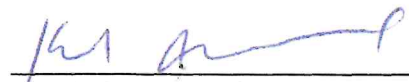
The HRA board has a desire to continue in creating housing and economic development opportunities in our region and believe the HRA levy is the tool that will accomplish that desire. HRA levy funds can assist in attracting dollars from funding resources and help with business opportunities in our northwest Minnesota region. In addition with limited funds available the HRA levy funds have been a valuable tool to assist with housing rehab grants, community centers and commercial rehab projects and other community and economic development activities.

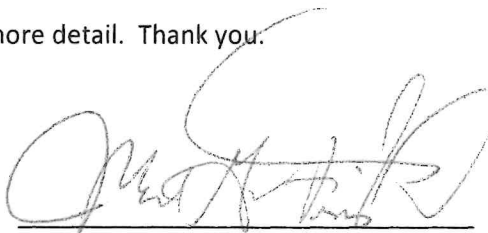
Our HRA board takes seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of public funding and believe the HRA tax levy benefits the region in long term economic development. When appointed by the county commissioners of their respective counties the HRA board members agreed to serve the best interests of the region.


The HRA board approved unanimously to move ahead with pursuing an extension to the HRA tax levy and we ask for your support in that effort.

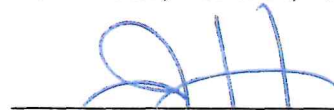
Feel free to contact us to discuss this issue in more detail. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kermit Genereux, Chair, Pennington County


Mark Finstad, Vice Chair, Polk County


Tammy Johnson, Secretary, Marshall County


Jack Swanson, Member, Roseau County


John Lerohl, Member, Red Lake County


Marilyn Gustafson, Member, Kittson County

RESOLUTION
Kittson County Board of Commissioners
Hallock, Minnesota 56728

Date September 20, 2022 Resolution No. #22-27
Motion by Commissioner Gillie _____ Seconded by Commissioner Kraulik _____

**SUPPORT FOR MN MULTI-COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (HRA) TAX LEVY AUTHORITY**

BE IT RESOLVED by **THE KITTSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** hereby supports the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority's efforts to receive a 10-year extension on its tax levy authority. If approved by the state legislation in 2023, the levy authority will be extended through 2033

VOTING AYE

Commissioners Kraulik X Gillie X Johnson X Olson X Younggren X

VOTING NAY

Commissioners Kraulik _____ Gillie _____ Johnson _____ Olson _____ Younggren _____

ABSTAINING

Commissioners Kraulik _____ Gillie _____ Johnson _____ Olson _____ Younggren _____

State of Minnesota
County of Kittson

I, Brian E. Buhmann, County Administrator, of the County of Kittson, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Kittson County Board of Commissioners held on the 20st day of September, 2022.

Witness my hand and official seal at Hallock, Minnesota the 20th day of September, 2022.

(Seal)



Brian E. Buhmann
County Administrator



Board of Commissioners

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Roseau, MN 56751

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October 3, 2022

Board of Directors
NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA)
P O Box 128
Mentor, MN 56736

Dear Board Members:

The Roseau County Board of Commissioners, at their September 27, 2022, meeting unanimously passed motion to offer our support of the 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. The legislation would grant a much needed 10-year extension to the levy authority currently granted to the HRA.

The Board supports this legislation as it will allow the HRA to continue to play an instrumental role within the region in helping to create housing and stimulate economic development. Housing availability and affordability are two issues that area manufacturers, businesses, and individuals feel are essential to meet their labor force needs and provide an attractive quality of life for all residents of the region.

In addition, Roseau County recognizes that HRA levy dollars generate opportunities to leverage other funding resources for new and rehabilitated housing, infrastructure improvements, and commercial rehabilitation efforts. In short, these dollars allow the HRA to successfully carry out its mission, which is to improve lives through affordable housing and community development.

HRA's efforts are a critical part of providing a good quality of life and quality of place for the region, and the Roseau County Board strongly support those efforts. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Falk".

Roger Falk
Chair, Roseau County Board of Commissioners

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9/21/22

To: Charity Brault – NW MN Multi - County HRA

From: Marshall County Board of Commissioners/Scott Peters

RE: Letter of Support

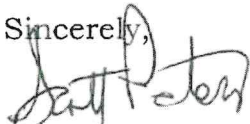
Dear Ms. Brault/HRA Board;

Please be advised that at the Marshall County Board of Commissioners meeting held September 20, 2022, the Marshall County Board unanimously passed a motion to offer their support once again to the NW MN Multi-County HRA to request that the state legislature extend the existing levy authority they presently have in place for ten years.

The many benefits Marshall County residents receive from the HRA with housing needs is exceptional and well utilized. Being able to continue helping our County residents in the manner that is provided by the HRA with housing needs is identified as a major importance to Marshall County. The extension of this levy authority will help provide the means that enable the HRA to do their job in an effective manner.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Scott Peters
Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer

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Red Lake County Board of Commissioners

September 6, 2022

SEP 12 2022

Charity Brault/HRA Board
NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
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Re: HRA Levy Support

Please accept this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met on August 23, 2022. Red Lake County supports this legislation as it will be beneficial to the Northwest Minnesota area and beyond. The legislation, if passed, can support and promote both community and economic benefits to the region. The passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue in its efforts to create housing and community development in the region and creating economic benefits for the residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and to share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,



Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor



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September 13, 2022

NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
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Re: HRA Levy Support

Charity Brault/HRA Board,

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners, at their September 13, 2022 meeting approved this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. Pennington County supports this legislation as it will be beneficial to the Northwest Minnesota area and beyond. The legislation if passed can support and promote both community and economic benefits to the region. We believe the passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue in its efforts to create housing and community development in the region and creating economic benefits for the residents.

We appreciate the work you do in Pennington County and the region that assists low and moderate income residents to meet their housing needs. If anything else is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Herzberg
Pennington County Auditor-Treasurer

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October 4, 2022

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NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
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Re: HRA Levy Support

Charity Brault/HRA Board,

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If anything else is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles S. Whiting", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles S. Whiting
Polk County Administrator

CW/vb
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August 22, 2022

NW MN Multi-County HRA
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Dear Board Members,

Inter- County Community Council (ICCC) is a private non-profit Community Action Organization that was established in 1965. ICCC would like to offer its support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation.

Our agency has had a long term interest in providing adequate housing to the people in our service area. ICCC has adopted the following activity: To assist low-income participants to secure meaningful employment, adequate housing, education and nutrition and to improve human performance, motivation, and productivity to improved conditions under which low-income people live, learn, and work. We have worked closely with NW MN Multi-County HRA over the years who have been a leader in providing available and affordable housing in the counties that they serve.

Inter- County Community Council recognizes the difficult economic climate and is very conscious of low income households in our communities. With times being so tight every increase and fee is felt by the households whose budgets are already stretched thin. However we recognize that the levy dollars are essential to leveraging other funding resources necessary to keeping our communities vital. For this reason ICCC would be supportive of the Extension of the Levy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if anything else is needed and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

Catherine Johnson, LISW
Executive Director



NORTHWEST

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

August 16, 2022

NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
PO Box 128
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Re: HRA Levy Support

Charity Brault/HRA Board,

Please accept this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. The Northwest Regional Development Commission (NWRDC) fully supports your mission and your pursuit of a 10-year extension to the HRA Tax Levy.

The NW MN Multi-County HRA continues to be a valued partner through their contributions to the economic and community development in the region. The NW Multi-County HRA is a key player in the efforts to create housing opportunities along the entire housing spectrum. NW Minnesota continues to face varying levels of housing challenges, especially with workforce housing in the major employment centers, and NW Multi-County HRA plays an important role in assisting communities with their housing development and redevelopment needs.

The passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue its work creating housing opportunities and supporting community and economic development efforts in northwest Minnesota.

NWRDC supports your pursuit of a legislative extension of the levy to continue these important efforts. Please contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Darla Waldner
Executive Director



8/11/2022

NW MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
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If anything else is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

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August 3, 2022

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Re: HRA Levy Support

Charity Brault/HRA Board,

Please accept this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. I support this legislation as it will be beneficial to the Northwest Minnesota area and beyond. The legislation if passed can support and promote both community and economic benefits to the region.

Northwest Community Action, Inc. is working with home owners and commercial property owners on rehabilitation projects. During this process, owners may be able to utilize levy dollars to maximize grant dollars available to them through NWCA. Our agency has active programs throughout Northwest Minnesota including the communities of Alvarado, Argyle, Badger, Greenbush, Grygla, Lake Bronson, Middle River, and Warren.

NWCA often refers businesses and homeowners to Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA. We encourage them to inquire and possibly utilize these Levy funds when we are currently unable to serve them within one of our programs.

The passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue in its efforts to create housing and community development in the region and creating economic benefits for the residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

Sharon Millner, Executive Director
Northwest Community Action, Inc.
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SEP 30 2022

Wynne Consulting, Inc.

PO Box 33
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September 27, 2022

Board of Commissioners
NW Minnesota Multi-County HRA
PO Box 128
Mentor, MN 56736

Dear Board Members:

Four years ago the Minnesota Legislature re-granted levy authority to the NW Minnesota Multi-County HRA. This authorization, which is soon ending, permits the HRA to levy up to 25% of the allowable maximum levy for the county.

The HRA has used this levy to bring about a number of significant community development and economic development related projects. Levy funds were used to assist in the planning, development and application preparation phases of these projects as well as supplementing the construction costs. The utilization of these levy funds, since the inception of the levy in 2008, has successfully leveraged over \$15,000,000 in funding from outside funding sources (primarily Federal) in Roseau and Marshall Counties.

In Roseau County these projects were broad in scope and have included:

- The rehabilitation of substandard single family houses countywide
- The conversion of a former church building into rental units in Warroad
- The construction of a community center and an arena in Wannaska and Badger
- Acquiring essential firefighting equipment for the Badger Fire Department
- The rehabilitation of owner occupied housing in Badger, Greenbush, Roosevelt, Roseau and Warroad
- The rehabilitation of commercial properties in the cities of Badger, Greenbush, Roosevelt, Roseau and Warroad
- The establishment of a revolving loan pool for business development
- The installation of an arsenic removal system at a mobile home park
- The installation of a warning siren in Badger
- Funding of the Crime Victim Services Program
- Renovating the CNN Depot in Warroad
- Energy efficiency improvements at the Warroad Library
- Initiation and ongoing operation of a Drug Free Communities Program

- Securing Broadband Grants to assist the county's internet providers
- A comprehensive improvement project (housing and commercial rehab) in Roosevelt.
- Securing funding to rehabilitate the Warroad Townhomes and rehabilitate single family dwellings in Warroad

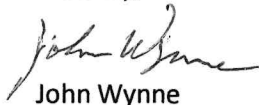
Other Roseau County projects for which funding applications are being prepared or have been submitted and are currently under review include a countywide housing rehab project.

In Marshall County, as in Roseau County, levy funding has assisted in the planning of community development projects and the preparation of applications for funding. These projects have included:

- The rehabilitation of owner occupied houses in Alvarado, Argyle, Middle River, Newfolden, Oslo, Stephen and Warren
- Comprehensive improvements - commercial rehab, housing rehab (owner and rental) in Newfolden
- Sanitary sewer treatment system repairs (lagoon) in Middle River
- Water system improvements in Oslo
- Flood prone property (housing) buyouts in Marshall County
- The establishment of a revolving loan pool for business development in the City of Grygla and countywide
- Comprehensive improvements - commercial rehab and owner occupied housing rehab in Stephen and Argyle
- Comprehensive improvements - commercial rehab and owner occupied housing rehab in Warren
- Steve Holmes multi-purpose trail in Middle River
- Comprehensive project (owner housing, rental housing and commercial) in Oslo

Levy funding has been a critical "piece" in bringing about these projects and I believe that a strong potential exists for this success to continue. I strongly encourage the NW Minnesota Multi-County HRA Board of Commissioners to seek reauthorization of this levy.

Sincerely,



John Wynne

Wynne Consulting, Inc.

[Date] 9/22/2022

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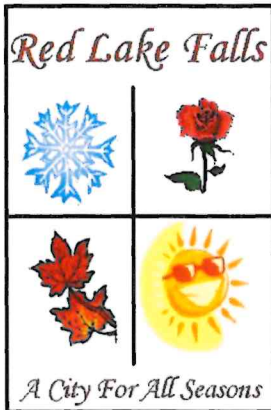
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If anything else is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wilde



City of Red Lake Falls AUG 02 2022

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Briana Ingraham, Council Member at Large

August 1, 2022

Charity Brault, Executive Director
NW MN Multi County HRA
PO Box 128
205 Garfield Ave
Mentor, MN 56736

Dear Charity:

Please accept this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation on behalf of the City of Red Lake Falls. We support this legislation as it will be beneficial to the Northwest Minnesota area and beyond. The legislation if passed can support and promote both community and economic benefits to the region. The passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue in its efforts to create housing and community development in the region and creating economic benefits for the residents.

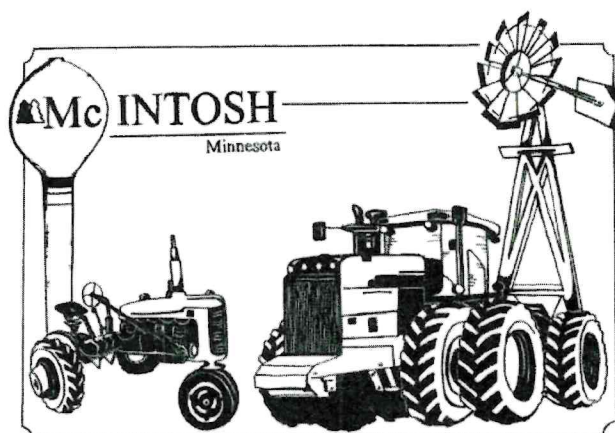
We feel there is a great need to preserving the existing owner-occupied housing in the City of Red Lake Falls. HRA levy funds and SCDP funds have been very successful in reducing blight and rehabilitating existing substandard homes in the counties that are served by your agency. However, the housing stock in Red Lake Falls and other small communities continues to age and additional funds are needed to continue their efforts to improve communities like ours in northwest Minnesota.

Your agency does an excellent job leveraging the limited HRA levy funds available to attract outside grant funds that make a major impact on homes and businesses in northwest Minnesota.

Again, the City of Red Lake Falls supports your efforts to renew the HRA levy authorization and looks forward to working with you and your agency in the future to enhance the quality of homes in our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator
City of Red Lake Falls



Into the Future, Celebrating the Past.

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9/22/2022

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Sincerely,

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Melissa Finseth
McIntosh Clerk/Treasurer



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July 26, 2022

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Sincerely,

Cassie Heide
City Administrator

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Roy Dufault

Charlie Anderson
George Bosselman

City Administrator
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Director of
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July 26, 2022

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Sincerely,

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Angie Shimpa

Clerk/Treasurer

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Certified Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 08.183.22: 2023 HRA Levy Legislation

Following discussion, Councilmember Steve Narverud introduced Resolution No. 08-183-22, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

WHEREAS, The HRA is a public non-profit entity serving the counties of Kittson, Polk, Marshall, Pennington, Roseau and Red Lake in Northwestern Minnesota. Their mission includes creation and operation of housing programs, along with community and economic development. In addition, they have contracted with various cities and counties to manage programs, such as the Small Cities Housing Redevelopment Program for the City of Thief River Falls on numerous occasions.

WHEREAS, The HRA has had the ability to levy for funds to carry out their mission and leverage several outside funding sources. This ability was established in 2008 for five years and extended five more years in 2013. This legislation was part of a larger bill in 2018 that was vetoed by the Governor. It was approved by the state legislature for another five-year extension in 2019 that will sunset with taxes payable in 2024. The HRA is asking the cities and counties they serve to approve resolutions of support as they approach the legislature for a proposed ten-year extension that will take them through 2033.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve a resolution supporting legislative action to extend the current HRA levy through 2033.

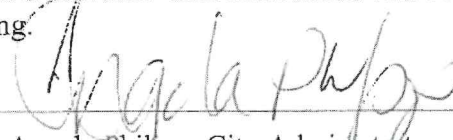
On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

CERTIFICATION

I, Angela Philipp, City Administrator, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 08-183-22 is a true and exact copy as approved by the City Council on 8/16/2022. This Resolution will be approved as part of the proceedings at the 09/06/2022 Council Meeting.

7-31-22

Date


Angela Philipp, City Administrator



August 8, 2022

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Charity Brault/HRA Board,

Please accept this letter as support of 2023 HRA Tax Levy Legislation. The Roseau City Council supports this legislation as it will be beneficial to the Northwest Minnesota area and beyond. The legislation, if passed can support and promote both community and economic benefits to the region. The passing of the HRA Tax Levy Legislation 10-year extension will allow the HRA to continue in its efforts to create housing and community development in the region and creating economic benefits for the residents.

If anything else is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me and share this letter with our legislators.

Sincerely,

Todd Peterson
Roseau Community Development Coord.