



STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA

Administration Center - 630 Florence Avenue – Owatonna, MN 55060

*Steele County's Mission:
Driven to deliver quality services in a respectful and fiscally responsible way.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 4:00 PM
County Boardroom, Steele County Administration Center

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Landfill Charges for Late Hauler Contracts (pg. 2)
3. Fairgrounds Building Project – Steele Saloon (pg. 3)
4. Fairgrounds South Track Project (pg. 8)
5. Other Business

Presentation

SMART (Transit) (pg. 10)
Kirk Kuchera, Transit Manager
Shelly Rockman, Operations Manager

Farmamerica - Looking to the Future (pg. 11)
Jessica Rollins, Executive Director

Adjourn

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Steele County Agenda Item

Request for Board Action

Subject: Landfill Charges for Late Hauler Contracts

Department: Landfill

Committee: Public Works

Committee Meeting Date: February 8, 2024

Work Session Date: February 13, 2024

Board Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Consent Agenda: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Resolution: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Policy Committee Recommendation:

Move to Board for consideration.

Recommendation:

Consider the Hauler's request to relieve the additional landfill charges incurred due to signing their contract after January 1, 2024.

Background (*Including Budget Impact*):

At the Board's direction, each contract hauler was informed to sign and return their 2024-2025 landfill contract by January 1, 2024, or be charged the gate rate for any waste brought to the landfill until they signed the contract. Hard copy contracts were sent out on November 29, 2023.

The contract was sent to seven haulers, five of which returned their signed contracts by the January 1st deadline. One hauler returned their contract one day late and another hauler returned his contract 3 days late. Both haulers have requested consideration of relief from the gate rate.

Relief for the hauler that was one day late amounts to \$615.49. Relief for the hauler that was 3 days late amounts to \$2,724.15.

Attachments:

N/A



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Minnesota's Biggest County Fair

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January 29, 2024

Dear Steele County Board of Commissioners,

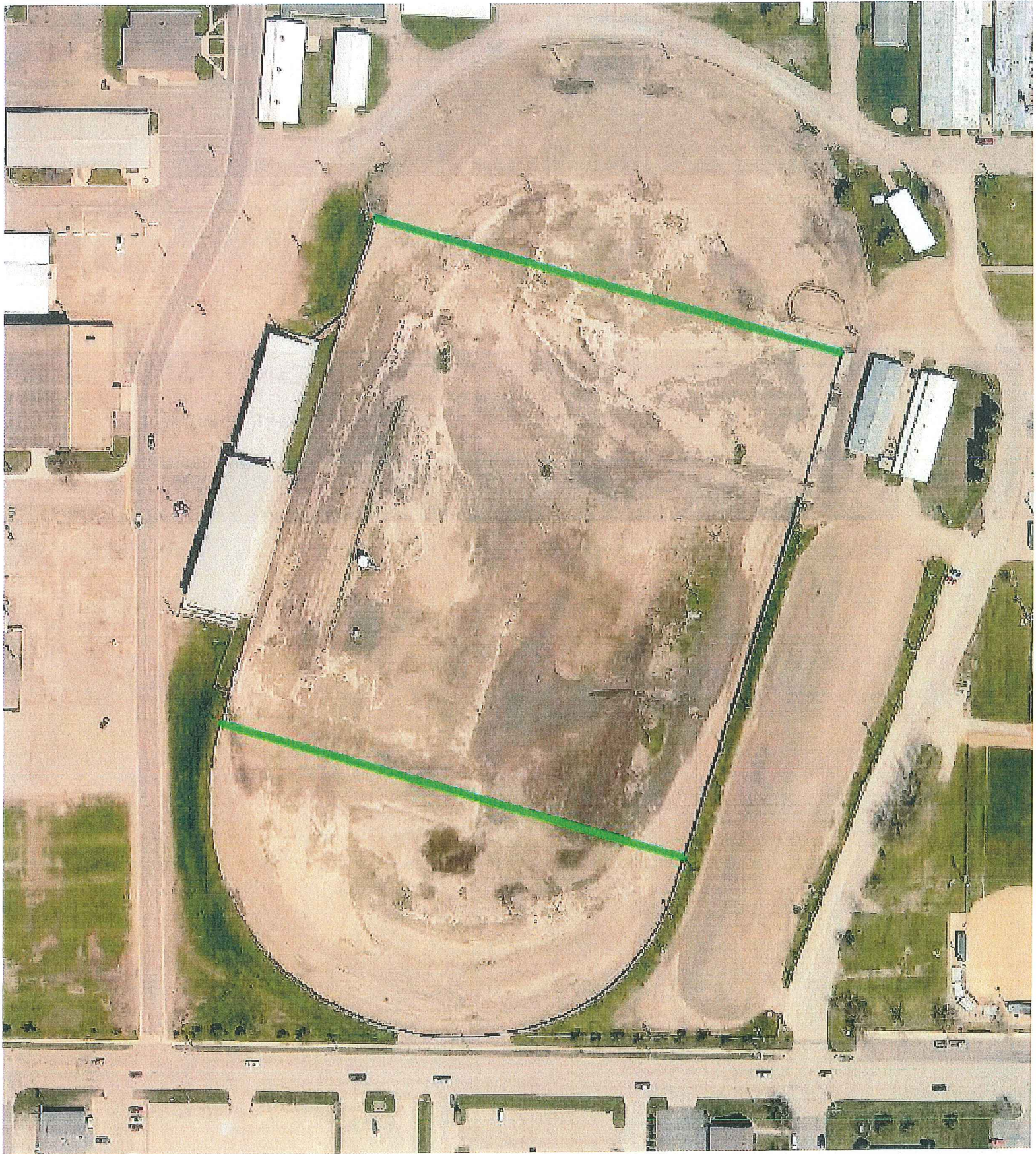
The Steele County Free Fair would like you to grant permission to erect a new building on the Steele County Fairgrounds. This building will replace the temporary Steele Saloon site that was started in 2019. With many generous donations from our great community and the Steele County Free Fair Board of Directors, the funding and support is in place to have this project complete for the upcoming 2024 Steele County Free Fair. I have attached a copy of the plans for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you very much for your partnership and continued support of the greatest fair around, the Steele County Free Fair.


Scott Kozelka
SCFF Manager

Adventures to Explore in 2024

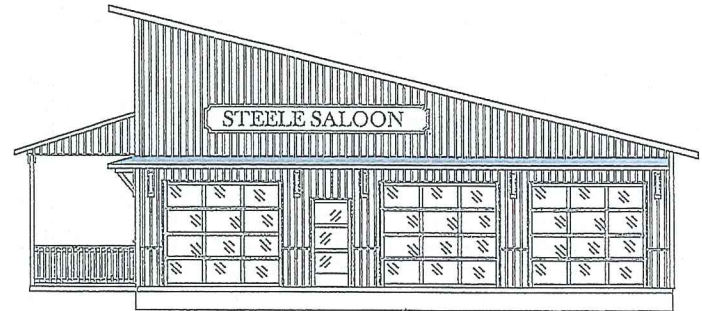
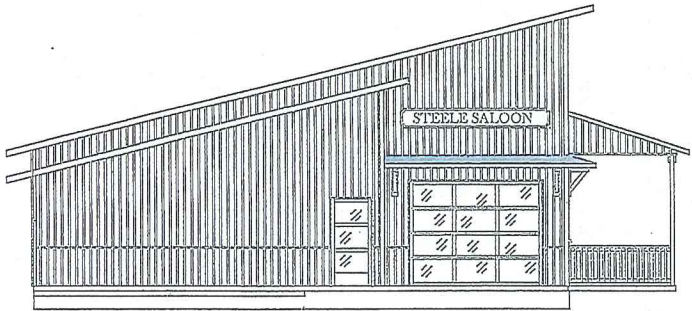
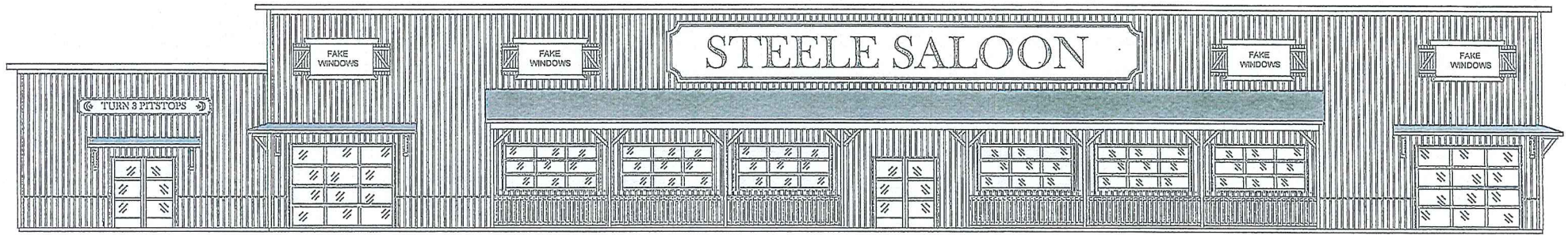
August 13-18



— Future Fence Location

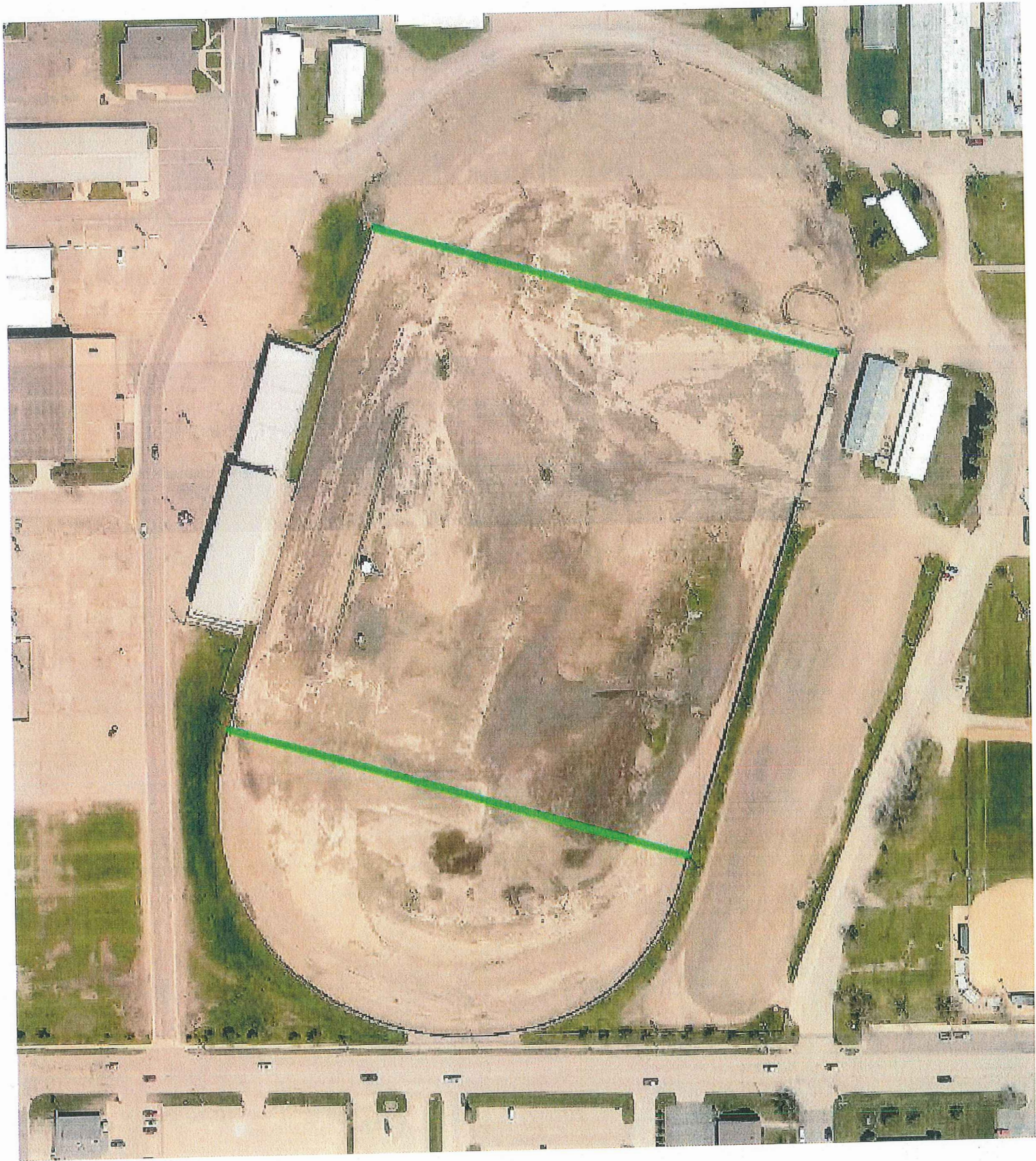






Fairgrounds South Track/Proposed Trail Area Project

- City of Owatonna trail project is initiating the discussion of this work at this time
- Trail is scheduled to be completed by Fair time 2024
- City will be requesting a right-of-way easement resolution from the County
- City, County, Fair Board representatives met on 1/30 to discuss the project scope, cost, schedule, and collaborations/contributions to the work effort
- Project will commence soon and Fair Board would like it completed before May when there is a grandstand show
- Scope of project includes removing south end of track fence, concrete wall, retaining wall, fill material, hauling away excavated fill material, purchasing new fence/using existing fence, installing fence, and purchasing/hauling in class 5 material
- Project Cost Estimates and Contributions
 - **\$40,000 of in-kind services (\$20,000 City, \$20,000 County)**
 - County and City equipment (excavators, trucks, dozers, graders skid steer, pay loader) and labor
 - **Fence (material cost) - \$40,000 new, \$36,000 reuse**
 - **Class 5 material cost - \$10,000**
- **Issue to resolve – County and Fair Board cost sharing contributions for in-kind services (\$20,000), fence material (\$40,000), and class 5 purchase (\$10,000) – the Fair Board asked for this to be included in the County’s 2024 budget but it wasn’t included in the final approved budget**



— Future Fence Location



SMART Celebrates 10 Years of Public Transit Service in Your Community!

As SMART celebrates 10 years of commitment to those in need, we look back at some milestones over the years:

- Started as a consolidation of three other agencies in January of 2014
- Reached one million trips in October, 2018; two million trips in March, 2023
- Ridership in 2014 was just over 161,000 trips, and nearly 270,000 in 2019
- Staffing has increased from 42 staff in 2014 to nearly 70 at present time
- During COVID, SMART assisted with delivery of over 62,000 meals to seniors
 - o Planned and created routes across three counties
 - o Delivered over 2,000 meals in one day; avg. of nearly 900 meals a day
- Transit Agency of the Year in 2016 (MPTA State Transit Awards)



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- Delivered nearly 475,000 passengers in last ten years
- Traveled nearly 1.7 million miles
- Work closely with area preschools, businesses, and community partnerships to help those in need: elderly, people with disabilities, low income, etc.



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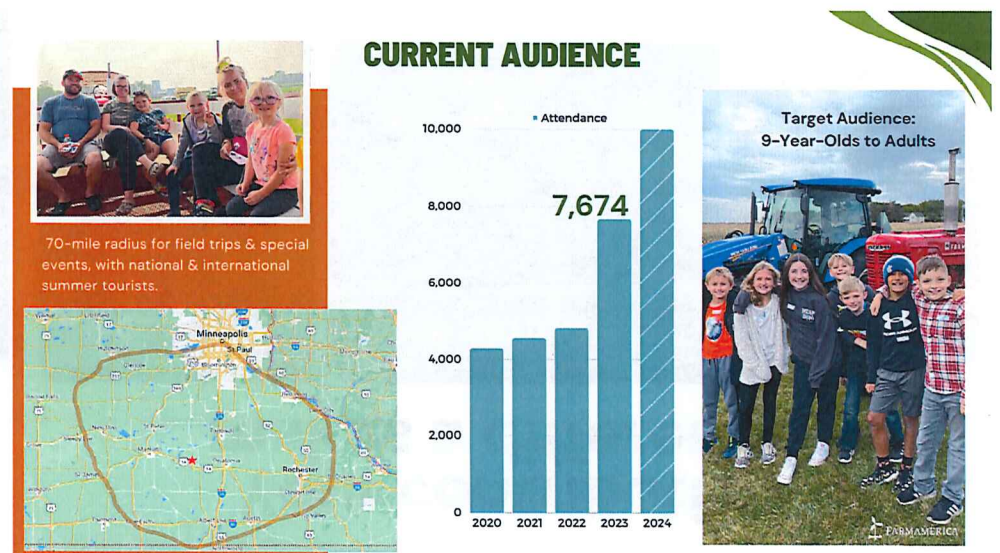
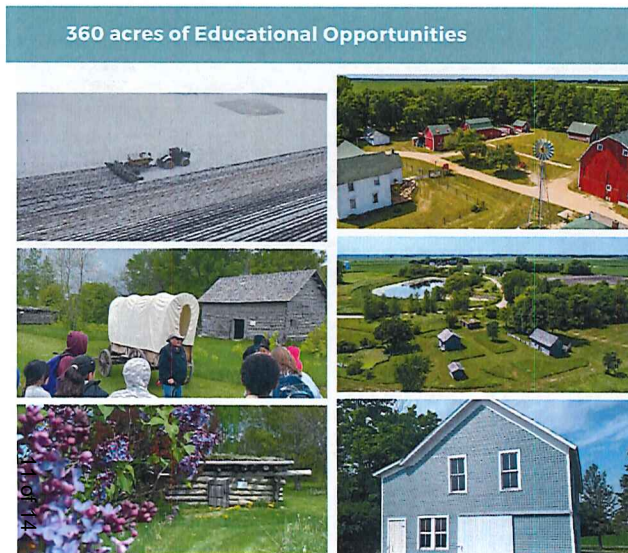
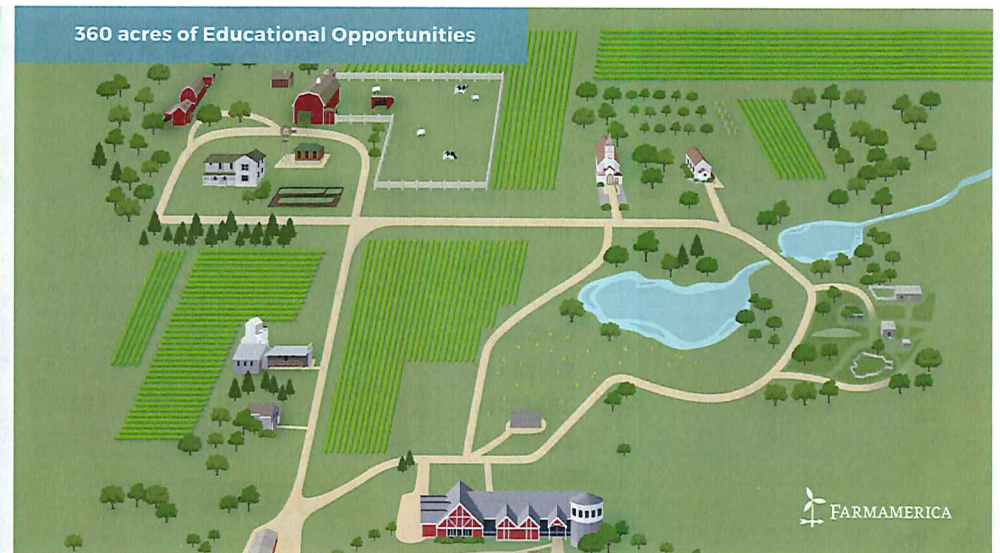
Looking to the Future

MISSION: To connect Minnesotans to the evolving story of agriculture through hands-on educational experiences, partnerships, and community engagement

VISION: Minnesotans and consumers view agriculture as part of the solution to our food, fiber, energy, and environmental challenges

Jessica Rollins // Executive Director
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Thank You

for your commitment!

[\$500 per year since 1999]



Your contribution makes a difference!

372

Steele County students in 2023

5 schools

- Blooming Prairie
- Lincoln
- Owatonna Christian
- St. Mary's
- Washington

2

programs

- Ag Evolution
- Ag Career Exploration



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MILESTONES

2017 - Started strip-tilling 200+ acres

2022 - Water Quality Certified Farm
2022 - Opened Ag Discovery Center

2023 - Discovery Farms MN site
2023 - 962 visitors at our fall fest
2023 - Featured on KSTP AM Show

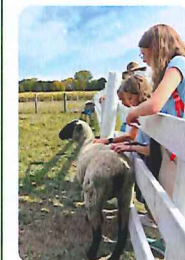
2024 - NEW!

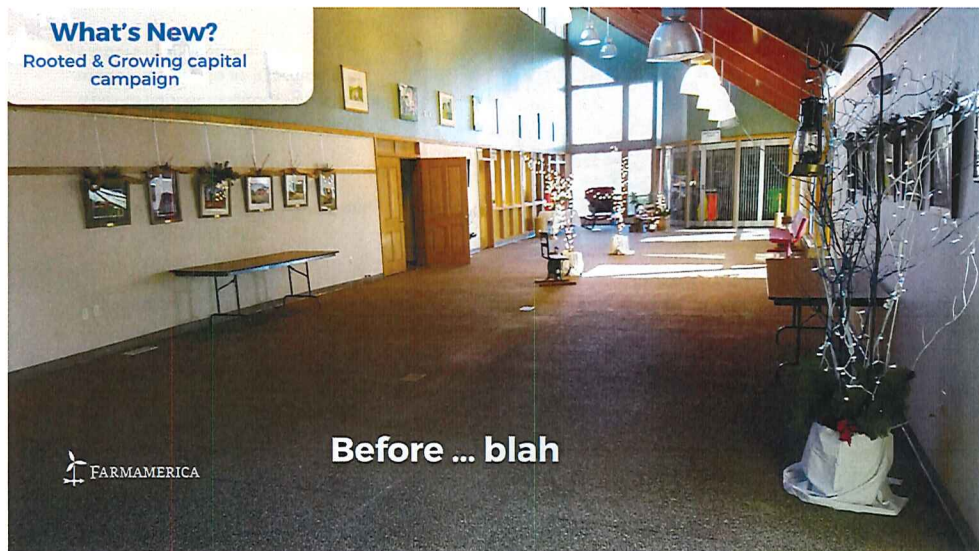
- Farm to Fork series
- AGCO Farm Life exhibit
- Adding inclusive tour experiences for multi-lingual and diverse learners
- Fundraise \$175k for immersive learning through social game

EXPERIENCES



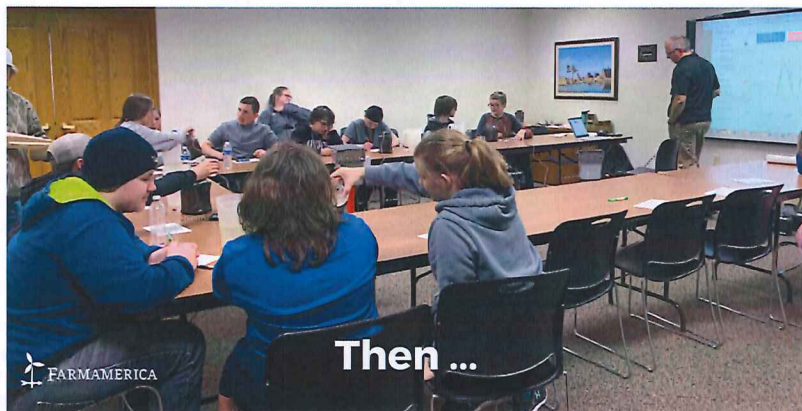
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FARM TO FORK





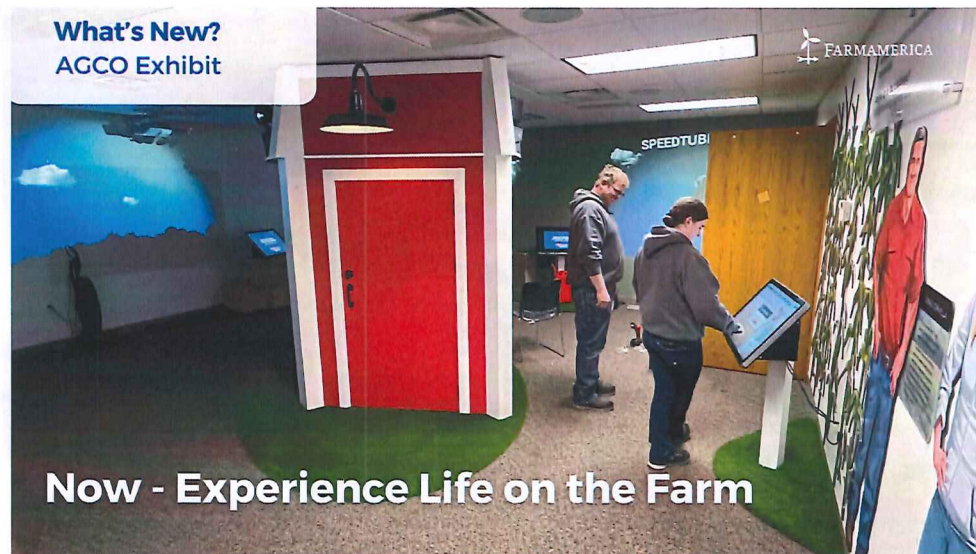
What's New?

REPURPOSING Boardroom



What's New?

AGCO Exhibit



What's Next?

Gamification
Raise \$175k

ARCADE ARENA

A unique social gaming experience
to engage with a missing audience

MISSING AUDIENCE

- 18-35-year-olds
- Influencers, Decision-makers,
Future workforce

Interactive, team games on touch-screen
walls to connect visitors to products
made from ag, life as a farmer, and
careers in agriculture.




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QUESTIONS

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