



STEELE COUNTY STEELE COUNTY BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

Steele County Board Room - 630 Florence Avenue -
Owatonna, MN 55060

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM
County Boardroom, Steele County Administration Center

Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Glynn at 4:00 pm. Members present were James Brady, John Glynn, Joshua Prokopec, James Abbe, Greg Krueger. Also present were Robert Jarrett, Renae Fry, and Rebecca Kubicek.

2. Steele County Master Gardener Presentation
Lorrie Rugg, Master Gardener Program Coordinator
Lisa Dierks, Regional Director

Lorrie Rugg provided an update on the Master Gardener program, highlighting partnerships with the Blooming Prairie Library and activities such as "Bloom with Books." She reported on community projects including planning support for the Children's Cemetery garden and multiple youth-focused educational events. The largest Fundraising efforts were successful, with the Fall Plant Sale raising \$600 in one day and the Spring Plant Sale generating over \$5,000 for programming. Ongoing projects include the Pollinator Garden, the Blue Ribbon Learning Garden enhancements, and a fully subscribed Community Garden, which continues to show growing public demand.

3. 2026 County Highway Project Update Presentation

Main St. reconstruction plans have been submitted to MnDOT, with bidding and award expected this summer. The CSAH 28 reconstruction received its Findings of Fact and Negative Declaration with an advertisement and award anticipated this fall. Countywide resurfacing projects are in final design, with construction planned for summer/fall 2026. Several bridge and culvert projects are also moving forward and the 18th Street roundabout, previously delayed by railroad work, is expected to have its east leg completed before the school year starts in the fall.

4. Steele County Cannabis Ordinance Amendment

The minor term changes were reviewed, with the updates intended to clarify the original document. The church setback terms were discussed and will be forwarded to the Board meeting as a general

item for a vote.

5. 2026 Non-Profit Community Partner Award Recommendations

Item was moved to the Board Meeting for discussion and vote.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
ADMINISTRATOR