

**Statement and Determination of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of
the Scott County Community Development Agency Regarding Conducting
Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means**

As Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Scott County Community Development Agency (the "CDA"), I find as follows:

a. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and how it spreads.

b. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.

c. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order triggered activation of the Scott County's (the "County") emergency management plan and enabled the County to exercise its emergency powers.

d. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the County adopted Resolution No. 2020-052; Declaring a State of Emergency in Scott County Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

e. The Minnesota Department of Health has provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancellation of events that do not allow social distancing of at least six feet per person, which may not be practical to achieve in the meeting room of the CDA Board of Commissioners.

f. Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 authorizes counties and other public bodies to meet by telephone or other electronic means if the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer determines that meeting in person or by interactive television is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency has been declared. The County Attorney and the County Administrator of the County have been consulted with respect to this Statement.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Until further notice, all meetings of the CDA may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means in a manner satisfying the requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. Individual members of these bodies may participate in meetings by telephone or other electronic means even if some members of the body are able to be physically present at the regular meeting location.

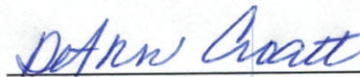
2. If the determination is made that in-person attendance is not feasible due to the health pandemic and the emergency declaration, meetings must be held exclusively by telephone or other electronic means or cancelled or postponed as necessary. If a meeting is held exclusively by telephone or other electronic means, no person shall be present at the meeting room location,

including any member of the public, member of the CDA Board of Commissioners, the Executive Director, the CDA staff, and the CDA Attorney or other consultants.

3. As is practical and feasible, the CDA will provide notice of how the public may listen to or view meetings as they are being conducted.

4. All votes occurring at meetings in which all or some of the members are participating by telephone or electronic means will be conducted by roll call.

Dated: April 2, 2020.



DeAnn Croatt, Board Chair
Scott County Community Development Agency