## Watab Township Resolution 2017-16 to Apply for Minnesota Department of Transportation Local Roads Improvement Program Funds To Construct a One-Mile Extension of Fifth Avenue NE

**WHEREAS,** Watab Township owns sixty-six (66) feet of right of way to extend Fifth Avenue NE for one mile between County Road 4 and 85<sup>th</sup> Street NE; and

WHEREAS, the township desires to construct this road to township standards to serve as a second exit for residents of two housing developments: Golf Haven Estates and Oak Hill Estates that contain more than one hundred homes; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the only exit for all the residents in these homes is onto 85<sup>th</sup> St. NE, and the west end of the road terminates at U. S. Highway 10; and

WHEREAS, the Watab Town Board has serious safety concerns for residents entering heavy traffic on U. S. Highway 10, long waits to get on U. S. 10 during rush hour and weekends; and

WHEREAS, having another entrance/exit to these developments would greatly enhance the ability of public safety equipment, especially the fire department, to serve these homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Watab Township will be responsible for all the engineering and development costs for construction of this road; and

WHEREAS, Watab Township is applying for a Minnesota Department of Transportation Local Road Improvement Grant to construct the road and has the full support and agreement of Benton County to serve as the county sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Engineer agrees to be the fiscal agent for the project, assist in preparation of the grant documents, submit the plans, engineer's estimate, and proposal to DSAE, let the project, submit pay requests, communicate with the State Aid Program Engineer, and assist with the project closeout;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Watab Board of Supervisors expresses its full support for the application to fund construction of a one-mile extension to Fifth Avenue NE and to enter into an agreement whereby Benton County will serve as the sponsor for the extension of Fifth Avenue NE and be the conduit for the grant funds.

Watab Township Chairman, Craig Gondeck

Supervisor Todd Waytashek

Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann

Attest: Watab Township Clerk