



House Capital Investment Committee



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2023 Asset Preservation
\$16.8 Million

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- How much is spent/encumbered?
- How much of the unspent is obligated in terms of projects that are planned and in procurement/contracting?
- What projects do you have queued up for completion?

Lakeside Plaza Project



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2023 Capital Funding
\$1.225 Million

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- What is the project timeline for each line-item building project (not AP) in 2023 appropriations?
 - Animal Hospital Design
 - Pre-design complete.
 - Seeking **urgent** apporporation so we can begin construction as soon as design is complete.



2024 Recommendations
\$4.089 Million

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- What will the Governor's asset preservation amount fund?

Project	Estimated Cost
Bridge decking/safety railings	\$750,000
Obsolete HVAC + Life Support Systems [constant/ongoing]	\$850,000
Masonry/roofs – safety concerns	\$1.4 M
Roads, pathways, and parking lots	\$1.25 M

**Subject to change based on what is needed to support Zoo operations.*



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2024 Recommendations

\$4.089 Million

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- **When will the asset preservation amount be expended?**
 - ½ could be obligated in first 6 months
 - Rest obligated within the year
 - All projects completed within two years



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2024 Recommendations

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- What is the project timeline for each line-item building project (not AP) in 2024 recommendations?



New Animal Hospital Conceptual Design

Current Animal Hospital



MISSION CRITICAL EMERGENCY PROJECT

Current Animal Hospital



Dilapidated
Animal Holding



Unloading Dock
serves as
"ambulatory garage"



Critical
System Failures



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New Hospital Conceptual Rendering





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Minnesota Zoo Animal Hospital...statewide impact



Joining in our request for full funding:



Minneapolis, MN



Duluth, MN



Ely, MN



Ely, MN



Prior Lake, MN



Duluth, MN



Attract, Educate, and Retain



Vet crisis is statewide, national — and urgent

This affects many sectors, and the health of our animals, and ourselves, depends on resolving the shortage.

By Laura Molgaard JULY 11, 2023 — 5:30PM



Persian cat with veterinarian doctor at vet clinic

"The veterinarian workforce shortage threatens the health of not only animals but also people" says CVM Dean Laura Molgaard, pointing out that the shortage impacts the nation's meat production and food-providing animals. Read the entire story by KARE 11 here: <https://lnkd.in/gzVajAca>



Veterinarian shortage persists across Minnesota and U.S., leading to calls for action
kare11.com • 6 min read

Rural vet shortage requires solutions

A Blue Earth, Minn., veterinarian tried to give away his practice. That didn't work, illustrating the need for state and federal remedies.

By Editorial Board Star Tribune | JULY 1, 2023 — 6:00PM



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A winter scene in downtown Blue Earth, in the bottom tier of counties along the Iowa border in south-central Minnesota.

Veterinarian shortage has local impact

BY JANEAN SORRELL, jpsorrell@hutchinsonleader.com Sep 27, 2023 Updated Sep 27, 2023



Dr. John Froring makes phone calls to owners to advise them of lab results. Froring considers this break time as it's the only time in the day when he gets to sit down.
Staff photo by Geneva Barrett

According to the USDA, in 2023, the shortage of rural veterinarians has reached an all-time high, with 500 counties in 46 states [including Minnesota] deemed as having a critical shortage of large animal vets.

2024 Bonding Request – HF 3629



- Animal Hospital Project - \$35 million [**continues to be a critical emergency project for the Minnesota Zoo**]
 - THANK YOU for planning dollars last session
 - Funded by public/private dollars
- Asset Preservation
 - To address 50-year-old Zoo campus needs
 - \$10 million

Total Request: \$45 million



Thank You

