TOWNSHIP OF CREDIT RIVER SCOTT COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Township Board for the Township of Credit River hereby ordains:

Section 1. Establishment of Planning Commission.

A Township Planning Commission is hereby established under the authority of Minnesota Statutes §§ 462.354 through 462.358 for the purpose authorized by such statutes consistent with the terms of this Ordinance. Other powers and duties may be delegated to the Planning Commission by the Township Board, consistent with Minnesota Statutes. All decisions of the Commission are subject to approval by the Township Board.

Section 2. Composition and Terms of Office of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission shall consist of those persons lawfully occupying the office of Town Board Supervisor. Said persons shall remain on the Planning Commission only so long as they hold the office of Town Board Supervisor, and as new persons are elected or appointed to the position of Town Board Supervisor, such new persons shall become a Planning Commission member under the authority of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Organization and Record Keeping.

The Planning Commission shall create and fill the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its own membership. The Township's Zoning Administrator or Planning Consultant, if any, shall act as advisor to the Planning Commission. Unless the Town Board appoints a Secretary, the Town Clerk shall act as Secretary to the Planning Commission and shall prepare or supervise the preparation of the minutes of the Planning Commission and be responsible for record keeping. The Planning Commission may adopt rules for the conduct of hearings and the transaction of business as necessary.

Section 4. Planning Agency.

The Planning Commission shall be the planning agency and shall have the powers and duties given such agencies generally by Minnesota Statutes §§ 462.651

through 462.365 only with regard to recommending adoption and amendment of the Township's Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance unless other powers and duties are specifically delegated to the Planning Commission by the Town Board, consistent with Minnesota Statutes.

Section 5. Public Hearings.

No Land Use Plan shall be adopted by the Township Board until a public hearing has been held thereon by the Planning Commission.

Section 6. Establishment of a Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

The Township Board shall serve as the "governing body" and "board of appeals and adjustments" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes §§ 462.357 and 462.358. The Board shall have all of the powers contained in Minnesota Statutes §§ 462.351 to 462.364.

Section 7. Repealer.

All prior ordinances to the extent that they are inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed repealed after the effective date of this Ordinance with regard to those inconsistent terms and provisions.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication in the official Township newspaper.

Passed by the Town Board for the Township of Credit River this 6th day of July 2020.

Chris Kostik, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Karen Donovan, Clerk