

## EDA

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going to be today, six months from now, a year from now, we can lock into long-term contracts with consumers,” Carman said.

The electricity at the facility would be provided through solar power, Carman said, and the solar array would fit on the roof. Heat would be provided by a boiler and forced furnace powered by biomass consisting of wood chips or wood pellets. Geothermal cooling will be used to cool the facility in the summer.

Water for the facility will be captured from snow melt or rain, he said, so the facility won’t have to buy water from the city to fill the troughs. They need potable water for processing, so they will need some water from the city for that purpose.

“To grow the products we have not had to purchase water,” Carman said.

**Production**

The facility could produce 2,000 fish per month, or 4,000 pounds, Carman said. It would also produce 8,000-9,000 heads of lettuce per week, he said, which is just short of one semi-truck trailer load. Food distributors serving the area could fill their trucks before they leave town following their deliveries.

“It’s about growing it here, and then finding the distribution network already in place to backhaul it to Wadena, backhaul it to Cloquet, Northfield, Minneapolis,” Carman said.

Duluth and southern St. Louis County consume 400,000 heads of lettuce per year, Carman said, so there’s a market and a demand for the lettuce the facility would produce. They could also ship the produce into Canada, Rognerud said, because of the unique way it’s grown.

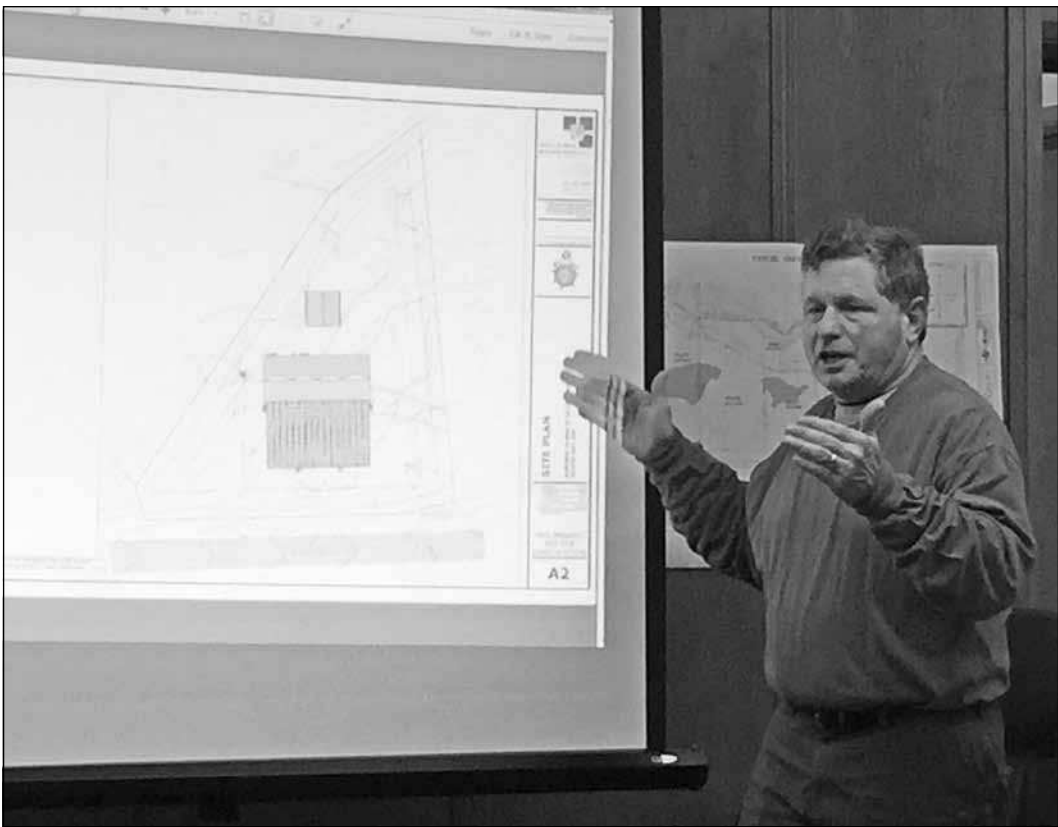
Mariner Farms works to identify ecosystems where different plants and seafood can grow in harmony, Carman said. The tilapia system can produce lettuce, basil, tomatoes and peppers, as well as algae and duckweed. They’re also looking at systems that would incorporate shrimp, lobster, clams, kelp and plankton.

**Education**

There’s an educational component to the project because Mariner Farms needs educated, qualified people to work in the facility, Carman said. The company has aligned with RRCC to educate students to work in the facility, and to provide a learning opportunity to students through paid internships at the facility.

“It’s not just anybody off the street who can understand the biology, and the relationships between the fish and the plants, and the balance,” Carman said. “It’s a balancing act, it’s not just clear-cut science.”

Helland said RRCC has



Bruce Carman of Mariner Farms, LLC, addresses the International Falls Economic Development Authority during a public hearing Monday.

some of the core courses for the program in place, and the college would need to add an aquaponics component to the program via an online course. The faculty have been meeting with Carman, she said, and believe the college could roll the program out quickly because many of the courses are already offered.

There’s a potential to expand the proposed facility, Carman said, which is why the development agreement between Mariner Farms and the EDA gives Mariner Farms the right of first refusal on the 1.5 acres adjacent to the proposed facility. The expansion could be for research and development, he said.

**Board response**

EDA member Paul Eklund said he’s gotten a lot of questions from people about the project, and community support and interest has been prevalent throughout the process.

“This is a very exciting thing, this is cutting-edge,” Eklund said. “This community needs a win, we need to have a win, we need something positive.”

Selling the land for \$1 isn’t an unusual practice, Eklund said, and the taxes on the property will pay back what the EDA has invested in the land in a few years.

“Nobody’s asking us to pay the taxes,” Eklund said. “They want to pay taxes to us.”

It’s important for a developer to show confidence in coming to International Falls, EDA member Pete Kalar added.

“We need confidence in our community,” Kalar said. “It could start a domino effect, not only for the multimodal district but all over town it could draw businesses.”

Sustainable agriculture is the wave of the future, EDA member Cynthia Jaksa said, and a project like this puts International Falls at

jail. The DOC determined action taken to correct the issues had been inadequate for at least the past three years.

Montpetit and other Sieben Carey staff who participated in the lawsuit were named earlier this month by “Minnesota Lawyer” one of its “2014 Attorneys of the Year” for their work on the case.

Recipients are selected based on leadership in the profession and involvement in major cases, said the magazine.

the forefront of the movement.

“I really want to thank you, Bruce, because to have faith in our community in coming here,” Jaksa said.

“You could have gone to other cities.”

EDA member Bob Anderson said they need to thoroughly review the project because past projects that

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Koochiching County**  
SAP 036-332-001, Aggregate Base, Bit. Surface, Storm Sewer and Conc. Curb & Gutter  
BIDS CLOSE: **Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm, local time**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:** Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Koochiching County, Int'l. Falls, Minnesota until **Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 2:00 pm, local time** at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer in the Koochiching County Courthouse 715 4th Street Int'l. Falls, Minnesota 56649 at which time they will be opened and read publicly for the following:

**Project Designation:** SAP 036-332-001, Aggregate Base, Bit. Surface, Storm Sewer and Conc. Curb & Gutter

**Project Location:** CSAH 332 - between TH 11/T.H. 71 Going East appx. 3 Miles to T.H. 53

**Major Project Quantities include:**  
--appx. 78,086 CU YD Common Excavation  
--appx. 25,879 CU YD Aggregate Base Class 5  
--appx. 109,641 CU YD Select Granular Borrow  
--appx. 28,328 TONS Bituminous  
--appx. 8,387 LIN. FT. Storm Sewer  
--appx. 27,347 Concrete Curb & Gutter

**Project Completion Date:** All work required under this Contract, including turf establishment, shall be completed **prior to September 1, 2015**, unless modified by the Engineer with a written Contract Extension.

**Proposals, Plans and Specifications are available at:**  
Koochiching County Highway Department  
715 4th Street; Int'l. Falls, MN 56449  
Phone 218 283 1184

**Cost for Plans:** Cost of 1 set of plans and proposals is \$75 (Minnesota State Sales Tax Included). There is no cost for electronic plans/proposals; electronic plans/proposals are available at <https://egram.co.koochiching.mn.us> or (218) 283-1184 or email to [joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us](mailto:joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us).

**Bidder's Bond:** Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the Treasurer of Koochiching County in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

Bid shall be plainly marked on the exterior of the containing envelope: **“CSAH 332 Grading 2015, Letting Date, 2:00 pm on Wednesday January 21, 2015”.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interests of Koochiching County.

Dated at International Falls, Minnesota.....  
**December 10, 2014.**

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Email: [joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us](mailto:joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us)

## More information

For more information on Mariner Farms, LLC, and to view a video of the Silver Bay facility, visit [www.marinerfarms.com](http://www.marinerfarms.com).

weren’t vetted thoroughly promised jobs that never came to fruition.

“When you create that expectation and it never comes about, and that has happened in the past with this EDA,” Anderson said. “Citizens get kind of down in the mouth.”

Carman said he understood Anderson’s concerns, and that Silver Bay had the same concerns in 2008-2009 when that project was in its infancy.

“We wanted something that would mean something to the local residents, the local community,” Carman said. “Affordable, quality food is an important aspect of that.”

## DINNER

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also new volunteers. Without people to help, he said the annual feast wouldn’t be possible.

“We had a tremendous kitchen crew,” he said. “Without them, it would have been tough to pull this all together. New volunteers came, worked hard and were here to see things through right to the end. Cooperation is part of a true community and I think it’s terrific that they do that on Christmas Day. I owe a big thanks to everybody to helped out. They are what make this thing come together.”

## Independent School District #361

Koochiching County International Falls, MN

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AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monday, January 5, 2015  
Falls High School Cafeteria  
5:00 p.m.

### PRELIMINARIES:

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

#### 2.0 ROLL CALL

Gordon Dault _____	Toni Korpi _____
Michelle Hebner _____	Heather McBride _____
Michael Holden _____	Kevin Grover _____
Tom Holt _____	Gary Harala _____

#### 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 4.0 INSTALLATION AND OATH OF OFFICE

#### 5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried/failed by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

#### 6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- 6.1 **Chairperson: Call for nominations (3 times)**  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Chairperson. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ motion carried/failed \_\_\_\_\_
- Vice Chairperson: Call for nominations (3 times)**  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Vice Chairperson. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, motion carried/failed \_\_\_\_\_
- Clerk: Call for nominations (3 times)**  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Clerk. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, motion carried/failed \_\_\_\_\_
- Treasurer: Call for nominations (3 times)**  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of Treasurer. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, motion carried/failed \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7.0 MEETING DATES & TIMES

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the regular school board meetings on the third Monday of each month with meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m. If the meeting coincides with a legal holiday it will be moved to Tuesday. Motion carried/failed by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

#### 8.0 SET BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Administrative Salary Committee: (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Local 510 Negotiations Committee: (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Local 331 Negotiations Committee: (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Local 4798 Negotiations Committee: (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Recreation Commission: (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- F. MSBA Legislative Representative: (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- G. MSHSL Representative: (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Continuing Education Committee: (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Community Education Advisory Board: (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Meer & Confer: Committee as a whole
- K. Grievance Committee: (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- L. Finance Committee: Board as a Whole
- M. Facility Committee: (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Labor Management Committee: (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate for 331 Salary Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.1 **Programs**
- 9.1.1 For the period of January 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016 designate Bremer Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, both of International Falls, the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF), and PMA with Associated Bank as official depositories.
- 9.1.2 Designate The Journal as the official publication for the school district.
- 9.1.3 Designate Ratwick, Rosak & Maloney as the district’s legal counsel for the January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- 9.1.4 Appoint Kevin Grover, Superintendent and Stacy Frederickson, Business Manager with authority for wire transfers for the district’s financial operations.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the program consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried/failed by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

**10.0 NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETING OF THE WHOLE:**  
The Board will be meeting with a representative from the Minnesota School Board’s Association on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Falls High School Library as part of the strategic planning process. No formal action will be conducted. The meeting is open to the public.

**11.0 NOTIFICATION OF COACH’S HEARING:** The Board will conduct a hearing for potential termination of Dawnn Taylor, Head Boys’ Swim Coach on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Falls High School Cafeteria. Hearing will be open or closed to public based on Coach’s request and pursuant to M.S. 122.40.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT:**  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. Motion carried/failed by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote.

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