

Summary of Proposed 2017 Superior Days Issues

Title	Summary	Grouping (Not a Rank Order)	Notes	Proposed By	Leg/Ag	Column1	Coding	Coding2	Coding3
Housing Revolving Loan Fund	Need RLF specific for market rate housing to fill funding gaps for small housing development (WHEDA).	1		Table 5 - Jim Caesar	Agency	WHEDA	Development	Housing	
Housing, Gap Financing	Help to aid with gap financing	1		Table 5 - Dave Minor	Legislative		Development	Housing	
Exporting	Help from WEDC with exporting goods to support area manufacturers	2	There are existing resources to help with exporting. There may not be a specific "ask" yet.	Table 5 - Dave Minor	Agency	WEDC	Development		Economic Development
Increase UW-Extension agricultural agent support.		3		Mary Dougherty	Agency	Extension	Education	Extension	
Maintain strong county Extension educator-based presence in northwest Wisconsin.		3	nEXT Gen has established an "area" (Iron, Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas Counties). The rest is TBD. Charlie G. and Mark Abeles-Allison to head.	Mark Abeles-Allison	Agency	Extension	Education	Extension	
Support UW-Extension	Increased support to UW-Extension to keep staffing levels and coverage to our counties.	3		Table 5 - Charlie Glazman	Agency	Extension	Education	Extension	
Superior / Douglas County Crime Rate	Do measures reflect the unique positioning of Douglas County (on major N/S and E/W highways, and as part of the Duluth/Superior metro area)?	4	Notes from Chief Alexander, Sheriff Dalbec, and DA Blank. Recommendation to table.	Table 6	Agency		Other	Public Safety	
City of Superior Entry Ways, US-2	East 2nd Street reconstruction, city entry ways.	5		Table 5 - Dave Minor	Agency	WisDOT	Transportation	Tourism	Economic Development
Widen turning lanes on US Highway 2 and widen State Farm Road off US Highway 2 at entrance to Bayfield County Business Park.		5		Mark Abeles-Allison	Agency	WisDOT	Transportation		
Truck Routes	Better truck routes through Superior	5		Table 5 - Samuel Pomush	Agency	WisDOT	Transportation		
Increase/realign DNR staffing in northwest Wisconsin to enforce water protection regulations.		6		Mary Dougherty	Agency & Legislative	DNR	Water		Environment
Reinstate counties' ability to enact/enforce more strict shoreland zoning ordinance standards.		6	Consider softening language to emphasize "local control"	Bill Bussey & Kathy Wendling	Legislative		Water	Zoning	
Water Resources Protection	Reinstate counties ability to enact/enforce shoreline zoning standards that are more restrictive than state standards.	6		Table 3 - Fred Strand	Legislative		Water	Zoning	
Provide counties with increased regulatory authority to safeguard their water .		6		Jeff Silbert	Legislative		Water		Environment
Better funding and access for mental health services for youth and adults.	Increase level of reimbursement, as WI reimbursement rates are lower than MN. Bottlenecks that may delay youth referrals and those seeking services.	7		Table 8 - Tracy Henegar	Agency & Legislative		Health	Mental Health	
Mental Health Reimbursement Rates	Work with local providers to develop resources to address mental health issues.	7	Pat Schanen to help facilitate a group to work through an appropriate "ask."	Table 2	Agency & Legislative		Health	Mental Health	
Youth Programs	Programs for youth in trouble. Reciprocity with MN or programs in WI such as Woodland Hills.	7	Maybe recognize "Comprehensive Community Services"	Table 6	Agency & Legislative		Health	Mental Health	
Drug Addiction / Rehab Facility	Intensive in-patient and out-patient treatment facility in Douglas County	7		Table 6	Agency & Legislative		Health		
Drug Abuse Resources	NW WI has influx of meth, heroine, coming from Chicago. Resources for law enforcement are needed to help combat drug use in our community.	7		Table 5 - Charlie Glazman	Legislative		Health	Drug Treatment & Prevention	
Drug Treatment Programs	Funding to create effective, affordable treatment programs for drug addiction in Douglas County. * Drug court can't be effective when there is not treatment to support it. * MN will not take WI Medicaid because of reimbursement rate. * Problem is much bigger than where it was when HDC was still open/available/supported in Douglas County. * Cheaper to have treatment options locally compared to jail/prison or closest treatment in state Chippewa Falls.	7		Table 1 - Shelley Faul & Karen C	Legislative		Health	Drug Treatment & Prevention	
Drug Detox Facility / Programs	NW WI lacks facility & drug detox programs to rehabilitate drug users.	7		Table 5 - Charlie Glazman	Legislative		Health	Drug Treatment & Prevention	

Mental Health Resources	NW WI needs resources to address mental health issues in our community. We lack facilities and programs to aid those with these issues, to keep them out of our jails.	7		Table 5 - Charlie Glazman	Legislative		Health		Mental Health
Mental Health Facility	Funding for mental health facility both in-patient and out-patient care. Health issues related to veterans, youth, and drug use.	7		Table 6	Legislative		Health		Mental Health
Increased Access to Drug Treatment Facilities	Drug cases are increasing and treatment options are limited in NW V	7		Mark Fruehauf	Legislative		Health		
Broadband	Increased broadband access out of populated areas (notes from meeting)	8		Table 5 - Sam Pomush	Agency & Legislative	PSC	Other		Broadband Economic Development
Broadband	Additional grant and pilot funds to make it more cost effective for high speed access in Douglas County and NW Wisconsin.	8		Table 7	Agency & Legislative	PSC	Other		Broadband Economic Development
Increase state funding targeted at expanding broadband service in northwest Wisconsin.		8		Fred Strand	Legislative		Other		Broadband Economic Development
Modernization of 9-1-1 System	Provide grant funding for a statewide 911 system and provide grants to local communities to purchase equipment. See recommendations of the WI Interoperability Council		Ask Emergency Management Coordinators to update existing write-ups	9	Table 3 - Keith Kesler, Andy Lisz	Agency & Legislative		Other	Public Safety
Modernization of 9-1-1 System	Modernize technology and dispatching, see 2015 issue or	9		Jan Victorson	Agency & Legislative		Other		Public Safety
State Approval and Funding for More Prosecutors	Based on the case load the Douglas County office is short three pros		Request more information from Mark and Dan, Samuel Pomush (County Public Safety Cmt.)	10	Mark Fruehauf	Agency & Legislative		Other	Public Safety
State Approval and Funding for More Prosecutors	Request additional budget and hiring for prosecutors in the DA's office. All NW Wisconsin counties are short staffed, except Iron County based on a statewide independent workload analysis.	10		Daniel Blank	Agency & Legislative		Other		Public Safety
Tourism Attraction, Natural Resources	Capitalize on opportunities to attract visitors to our natural resources. Maintain and improve Wisconsin Point for greater usage. Improve signage to places like Pattison Park and Amnicon Falls.	11		Table 2	Agency & Legislative	Tourism & DNR	Recreation		Tourism
Completion of the North Country National Scenic Trail in WI	Wisconsin (DNR) has a unique partnership with the National Park Service for development of this National Scenic Trail. Continues DNR technical assistance is needed to fill gaps in the trail and move forward - completing this recreation asset.	12	Peter Nordgren		Table 3 - Peter Nordgren	Agency & Legislative	DNR	Recreation	Tourism
State Support for Non-Motorized Trails	Wisconsin's support for state and local non-motorized trails is inadequate to maintain existing trail assets. A 2009 legislative study committee identified this deficit. As the states fiscal situation improves, this shortfall should be revisited. Hiking is the #1 outdoor recreation activity nationally, and silent sports continue to grow as a northern Wisconsin tourism attraction.	12	Further define non-motorized... hiking, biking, snow shoe, X-Country Skiing, horseback riding...		Table 3 - Peter Nordgren	Agency & Legislative	DNR	Recreation	Tourism
Increased Support for Silent Sport Trails Development	Seek additional support for recreational trails, and enhanced trails within the City of Superior, specifically trails that connect the new exposition district area with downtown, and a heritage trail that promotes the history of Superior and provides recreational access.	12		Daniel Blank	Legislative		Recreation		Tourism Economic Development
High Bridge Replacement	Plan for eventual rebuilding or replacement of Blatnik Bridge.	13		Table 5 - Dave Minor	Agency	WisDOT	Transportation		
Local Transportation Aids	Increase transportation aids to counties, towns, villages, and cities by redirecting state revenues from the manufacturing and agricultural tax credit program (\$20 million going to 11 people) as per draft LRB-5045	13.1		Table 3 - Fred Strand	Legislative		Transportation		Funding
1/2% sales tax for county road maintenance		13.2		Table 6	Legislative		Transportation		Funding
Pass local option sales tax legislation for transportation funding.		13.2		Mark Abeles-Allison	Legislative		Transportation		
1/2% Sales Tax for Roads	Support for 1/2% sales tax	13.2		Table 5 - Sam Pomush	Legislative		Transportation		

1/2% Sales Tax for Roads	Authorize Douglas County voters to vote on a referendum, which would impose a 1/2% sales tax. The proceeds of which would be dedicated to funding highway improvements.	13.2	Table 1 - Jim and Katie Paine, V	Legislative	Transportation			
1/2% Sales Tax for Roads	Support local communities/counties to seek referendum for this tax.	13.2	Table 5 - Dave Minor	Legislative	Transportation			
Local Options Sales Tax	Allow Douglas County to be eligible for a pilot project that would allow the county to impose a 1/2% sales tax to be used for transportation. The revenue collected would be divided between county, villages, towns, and the City of Superior.	13.2	Table 3 - Andy Lisak	Legislative	Transportation			
1/2% Sales Tax (referendum)	1/2% would be used for highways.	13.2	Table 2	Legislative	Transportation			
Pass legislation (LRB 17-5045) repealing the Manufacturers and Agricultural tax credit program and allot the funding from this tax credit program to counties and local communities for transportation programs.		13.3	Sen. Bewley has or intends to introduce repealing legislation to help fund road improvements. See article.	Fred Strand	Legislative	Transportation		
Pass a 5-cent per gallon state gas tax increase to fund transportation.		13.4		Kathy Wendling	Legislative	Transportation		
Veterans Issues: Mental Health and Homelessness	Returning veterans need resources and assistance sooner (more timely) rather than later (sometimes 6 months or more) before receiving services (like counseling)	14		Table 2 - Pat S. & Pat R.?	Agency	Veterans		
Highway 2, 4 lane to Ashland	Because of commerce and trucks, this highway needs to be 4-lanes. Past successes include: increased passing lanes, and resurfacing and restoring.	14		Table 1 - Warren Bender	Legislative	Transportation		
Grant local governments the ability to make rental housing inspections without having to first obtain a warrant.		15		Debra Lewis	Legislative	Development	Housing	
Exposition District, Better City Superior	When it passes referendum, we will need support from the state to move forward with the expo district.	16	Pending results of 11/8 election	Table 1 - Jim and Katie Paine, Warren Bender	Legislative	Development	Tourism	Economic Development
Better City Superior	Support exposition district	16		Table 5 - Dave Minor	Legislative	Development	Tourism	Economic Development
Better City Superior	Support exposition district	16		Table 5 - Sam Pomush	Legislative	Development	Tourism	Economic Development
Exposition District, Better City Superior	Ability to create a local food/beverage, hotel/motel, and care rental tax. Funding to be used in the creation of an exposition district. Current legislation doesn't work for small communities.	16		Table 2	Legislative	Development	Tourism	Economic Development
Better City Superior	Supporting the Better City Superior process to educate the state legislature of the benefits to Superior, and the need for exposition language for small communities. Informing the legislature about the importance of the tax approval for the City of Superior to thrive and be competitive for tourism. Bring the results of the referendum vote to the state to discuss next steps for putting this into action.	16		Table 7 - Anne Porter	Legislative	Development	Tourism	Economic Development
Support for UWS and WITC		17	Need to refine message. Daniel Fanning, Charlie,	Table 5 - Dave Minor	Legislative	Education	Workforce Dev	Economic Development
Increase the state payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) for county forest lands.		18		Mark Abeles-Allison	Legislative	Other	Funding	
Restore Shared Revenue Formula	Restore the formula that determines how much shared revenue each community needs to create state wide tax payer equity. A community like Wausau with higher and richer population pays less per tax payer for police/fire/etc.	19		Table 1 - Jim Paine	Legislative	Other	Funding	
Shared Revenue	Increase in shared revenue for NW Wisconsin.	19		Table 6	Legislative	Other	Funding	
Allow cities and counties more flexibility on levy limits	Counties in NW Wisconsin are not growing as fast as other parts of Wisconsin.	20	Mark Abeles-Allison, Andy L, and Doug Finn to craft.	Table 2 - Doug Finn	Legislative	Other	Funding	
Oppose legislation that would allow seven-day rentals without obtaining a local permit. (AirBNB, Bayfield concern)		21	Concern comes from City of Bayfield over services like AirBNB	Gordon Ringberg	Legislative	Other	Tourism	Housing

Clothing Sales Tax Exemption within 30-miles of MN	To help increase retail sales in WI, allow for a sales tax exemption on clothing for communities within 30-miles of MN.	Gov. Walker plans to include in his two-year budget. 22 WPR article will be posted in Superior Days website.	Daniel Blank	Legislative	Other	Tourism	Economic Development
Youth Labor / Professional Educating our Future Workforce	We see a drain of our labor force. Do we educate our youth about the excellent, challenging, and diverse job opportunities northern Wisconsin? We offer unique careers in forestry, transportation, ports, coal, shipping, rail. Young career bound people should be educated in these opportunities both within Douglas County and throughout the state.	99	Table 7 - Anne Porter	Agency & Legislative	Education	Workforce Dev	Economic Development
Forest Industry Sustainability	If we support incentivize forest products in the north woods we can activate our ports and professional labor force.	99	Table 7 - Krista Pascoe	Agency & Legislative	Education	Workforce Dev	Economic Development
Port Sustainability and Growth with Support and Potential Incentivizing	Port utilization could be grown for shipping within the great lakes and container (potential) smaller ocean-bound vessels for WI manufacturers. How can we make our port serve the market of the great lakes sustainably? Expand beyond coal and grain dependencies? How can we incentivize the use of our port to be attractive and overcome seaway costs and use the port as a viable shipping/receiving port for many industries? Expanding shipping to Canadian market?	99	Table 7 - Sarah Mayne	Agency & Legislative	Transportation	Shipping	
Expand the state room tax law's definition of "tourism promotion and tourism development" to permit expenditures on recreational facilities.		Dave Minor is checking on and will get back to Debra Lewis to see if the 30% the city can retain 99 meets the City of Ashland's needs.	Debra Lewis	Legislative	Other	Tourism	
Income Tax Reciprocity with MN		99 Viewed as a non-starter legislatively.	Table 6	Legislative	Other		

99 - Recommend to table at this time.