RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RICE LAKE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is currently working on the development of the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project, located within the cities of Duluth and Rice Lake; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this project are to improve traffic operations and traffic safety while supporting future residential and business development along the Rice Lake Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, Rice Lake Road and Vermilion Trail, collectively known as County State Aid Highway No. 4, is a significant regional route because it connects the East Iron Range to the Twin Ports Metropolitan Area which includes the cities of Duluth, Hermantown and Rice Lake; and

WHEREAS, the future success of Rice Lake Road is expected to economically benefit the East Iron Range; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is seeking funding for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project through the RAISE Grant (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) which is grant program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Babbitt supports St. Louis County's vision for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Council of the City of Babbitt supports St. Louis County's funding application to the RAISE Grant for the Rice Lake Road Corridor Project.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to adopt the foregoing resolution on this 7th day of November, 2023, by the following roll call:

Ayes: Councilor Anderson, Hoheisel, Lassi, White, and Mayor Lossing

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Duane Lossing, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Powell, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer