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DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR MEETINGS OF
THE LAKE COUNTY ETSB & COMMITTEES TO
BE HELD BY AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

To: Lake County ETSB Members

- 1) The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. Considering such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:
 - a) In-person meetings of the Lake County ETSB (the "Board") and all of the Board's committees, including special committees, ad hoc committees and subcommittees (the "Committees"), or meetings of the Board and its Committees conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, are not practical or prudent because of such disaster.
 - b) Public attendance at the regular meeting location of the Board and the Committees is not feasible, due to the fact that minimum area to conduct a meeting and maintain social distancing is inadequate and does not allow for six foot social distancing. There is also less than adequate room to allow one person to pass another and maintain a six foot distance in certain areas. The public will be able to attend the meetings through a link provided on the agenda.

Neither the Members, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer will be physically present at the regular meeting location, as it is unfeasible due to the disaster and reasons already cited in section b) above. The number of people in attendance could possibly exceed the number allowed to gather under the law.
- 2) Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) during the pendency of the Governor's current declaration of disaster:

Meetings of the Board and all its Committees will be conducted exclusively by audio or video conference, without the Members physical presence at the regular or any alternate meeting.

Dated as of the 29th of July 2020

David Dato, Chair
Lake County ETSB