



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Board of Commissioners, St. Louis County, Minnesota

November 1, 2011

Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Commissioners' Conference Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests, or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

Minutes of October 25, 2011

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth [11-412]
2. Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Ronchetti [11-413]
3. State Tax Forfeited Surface Lease Agreement with Mining Resources, LLC (Balkan Township) [11-414]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

4. Lawful Gambling Application (Unorganized Township 60-18) [11-415]

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

5. Consolidation of Communications Center “Effects Bargaining” Agreement [11-416]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Sweeney, Chair

6. Application and Acceptance of the 2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force Grant [11-417]
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REGULAR AGENDA:

For items on the Regular Agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor.

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

1. **Appointments to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee** [11-418]
Resolution to appoint two individuals to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee.
 2. **Citizen Appointments to the St. Louis County Planning Commission** [11-419]
Resolution to re-appoint two individuals to the St. Louis County Planning Commission.
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COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

At this time, Commissioners may introduce items for discussion or report on past and future activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

November 8, 2011 Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN

November 22, 2011 Hibbing City Council Chambers, Hibbing, MN

December 13, 2011 Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Location: McDavitt Town Hall, Zim, MN

Present: Commissioners O'Neil, Dahlberg, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson and Raukar

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sweeney/Dahlberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Raukar requested separate consideration for the lease agreement with Mining Resources, LLC. Commissioner Forsman requested separate consideration for the purchase of automated vehicle location/global position equipment. Commissioner Nelson requested separate consideration for the agreement with ISD 2142 for advance warning signs. The remainder of the consent agenda passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of October 11, 2011
- State Tax Forfeited Land Lease Agreement – City of Hibbing
- Direction to Pursue the Sale of Tax Forfeited Shoreland Lease Lots
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co.
- Agreement with MnDOT and DMIR for Railroad Crossing Improvements on CR 874 (Grand Lake Township)
- Agreement with MnDOT and DMIR for Railroad Crossing Improvements on CR 452 (Clinton Township)
- Abatement List for Board Approval
- Lawful Gambling Application (Greenwood Township)
- Sale of Markham Public Works Garage (Colvin Township)
- Acceptance of the 2008 Port Security Grant Program Contract Extension
- Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota for Use of the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

REGULAR AGENDA

Dahlberg/Sweeney moved to approve the 2012-2013 VCA/MFIP Biennial Service Agreements. Public Health and Human Service (PHHS) Deputy Director Shelley Saukko said this is a two-year agreement for the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act (VCA) and Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). Deputy Director Saukko said PHHS solicited public input and advertised the public meetings in four newspapers throughout the county. Commissioner Sweeney referred to the performance measures on page five, noting how well the county is doing in most areas yet there is room for improvement in the area of health examinations. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0-1 abstention, Commissioner O'Neil).

Forsman/Sweeney moved to approve a bid for the roof replacement project at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (Depot) to Ray Riihiluoma, Inc., Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$1,269,100.00. Administrator Kevin Gray said there is a mix of funding sources including federal, state and county funds. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Forsman moved to approve without recommendation the purchase of Automated Vehicle Location/Global Position System Equipment. Commissioner Forsman said this item was pulled to recognize the cost savings of this purchase, as well as efficiencies and improved safety. Administrator Gray said this system will track vehicles and determine salt and sand usage. Administrator Gray said the purchase is from Precise Mobile Management Resources, Burnsville, MN, in the amount of \$127,730 plus Minnesota sale tax of \$8,781.44, for a total of \$136,511.44. Commissioner Nelson said this is a win-win project and not only saves money, but also saves the environment. Commissioner Nelson noted this is a result of the leadership and vision of Public Works Director Jim Foldesi and recommended a recognition at the next board meeting. (6-0)

Nelson/Forsman moved to approve an agreement with ISD No. 2142 for advance warning signs on CSAH 47, New Independence Township. Commissioner Nelson said this is a great example of cooperation with other jurisdictions and recognized the good work of Vick Lund with the Public Works Department. (6-0)

Nelson/O'Neil moved to approve the 2012 employee and retiree health and dental plan rates, and the 2012 alternative Medicare supplement rates for Group Senior Gold/MedicareBlue RX coverage. Employee Relations Director Jim Gottschald said St. Louis County is self-insured which means we are responsible for paying claims. Director Gottschald said there is a zero percent increase for both health and dental premiums, noting it has been ten years since the county has seen a flat renewal rate. In response to commissioner questions, Director Gottschald said premiums are based on plan design and it is less expensive to be a self-insured plan, noting if premiums are over the estimated benefit, the funds go back to the county's dedicated health fund. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Sweeney/Raukar moved to approve entering into a state tax forfeited land lease agreement with Mining Resources, LLC for a scam mining processing plant in Balkan South Township. Commissioner Sweeney said this project will reclaim 1 million metric tons of iron ore concentrate from 2.5 million metric tons of tailings each year. Administrator Gray said Mining Resources LLC is a partnership with Steel Dynamics, whose parent company is Mesabi Nugget, and Magnetation. Administrator Gray said there is some urgency as the county only recently found out about this and will ask the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to let us know about this type of request sooner. Commissioner Nelson said he does not believe he has a financial conflict, but said he has a fuel contract with a major subcontractor for all these projects, and wanted to disclose this to the board and public. Commissioner Forsman said his nephew was hired by Steel Dynamics as an engineer, and will start in January. Land Commissioner Bob Krepps said there will be two leases, the first lease is for the physical plant location and the second lease will cover the broader area, adding it is a very complex matter. In response to a question from Commissioner O'Neil, Land Commissioner Krepps said state statute only allows the county to lease the land in an amount up to \$12,000 annually, noting if the amount is more it has to go out for public bid. Commissioner Raukar brought forth concerns including stewardship of the land, road weight restrictions and possible undue wear on roads, and displacement of the Mesabi Trail. Commissioner Raukar said he would like assurances that the Mesabi Trail will be repaired and available for snowmobilers this winter and bicyclists next spring. Mr. Derek Ham, representative from Mining Resources LLC, said they have addressed truck weight restrictions and will use Highway 5 to access the site. Mr. Ham said they have a final plan for relocating the Mesabi Trail, which includes paving the trail, adding they plan to start in the next few weeks.

The board recessed from 11:15 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

Mr. Ham said the length of the project is typically five years, noting they have identified 10-20 years of material to process. They are focusing and getting phase one started and anticipate employing 60 people. Commissioner Nelson said they will use side dumps rather than belly dumps, which will take care of 80% to 90% of the road wear concerns. Land Commissioner Krepps reminded the board that this action only authorizes drafting a lease agreement and he will insure the board's concerns are addressed. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Sweeney said 2nd Avenue West and 4th Avenue West in Duluth recently had de-icing sensors and spigots installed, which will automatically spray those avenues with de-icing material during potentially hazardous conditions. Commissioner Sweeney said this automated system will help make the roads safer, and save time and money.

Commissioner Nelson noted several development projects in the Iron Range. On Monday October 31, 2011, there will a ground breaking for the P & H MinePro plant in north Virginia that will bring approximately 60 manufacturing and engineering jobs to the area. Another project is the reopening of the Essar Steel plant, which will bring 25 jobs to the area. And today is the historic ground breaking for the Virginia Courthouse remodel which will take place at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Nelson said the county has played a role in each of these job creating projects.

Commissioner O'Neil attended a meeting organized by Senator Al Franken on financing options for retrofitting municipal, university, school and hospital buildings. The message is about saving energy and putting people to work. Commissioner O'Neil said there will be more information to follow on this important topic.

At 11:58 a.m., Sweeney/Forsman moved to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting. (6-0)

Steve O'Neil, Chair of the County Board

Patricia Stolee, Clerk of the County Board

Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Duluth

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01a, Subd. 1, upon recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Duluth has requested a free conveyance of state tax forfeited land for park, trail, and utility purposes, legally described as:

Outlot 4
Riverside Duluth
Parcel Code: 010-3970-02090
0.5 Acres
LDKEY: 71475

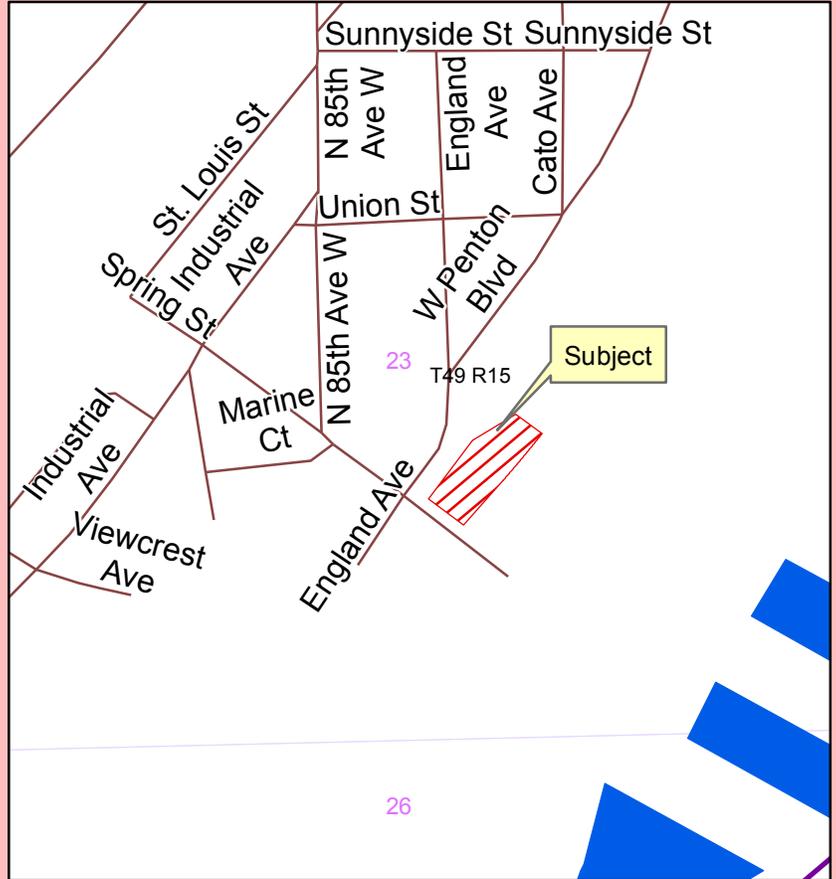
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the above described state tax forfeited land to the City of Duluth for the authorized public use, upon payment of \$250 administrative fee, \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$25 deed fee, \$1.65 deed tax, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$572.65, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Free Conveyance
Parcel

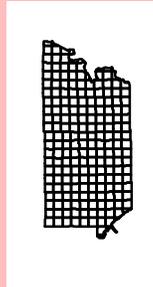
Legal: Outlot 4, Riverside Duluth
City: Duluth
Sec 23 , Twp 49 Rng 15
Parcel Code: 10-3970-2090
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City of Duluth-Riverside Addition Twp 49N Rge 15 W Sec 23

Commissioner District #3

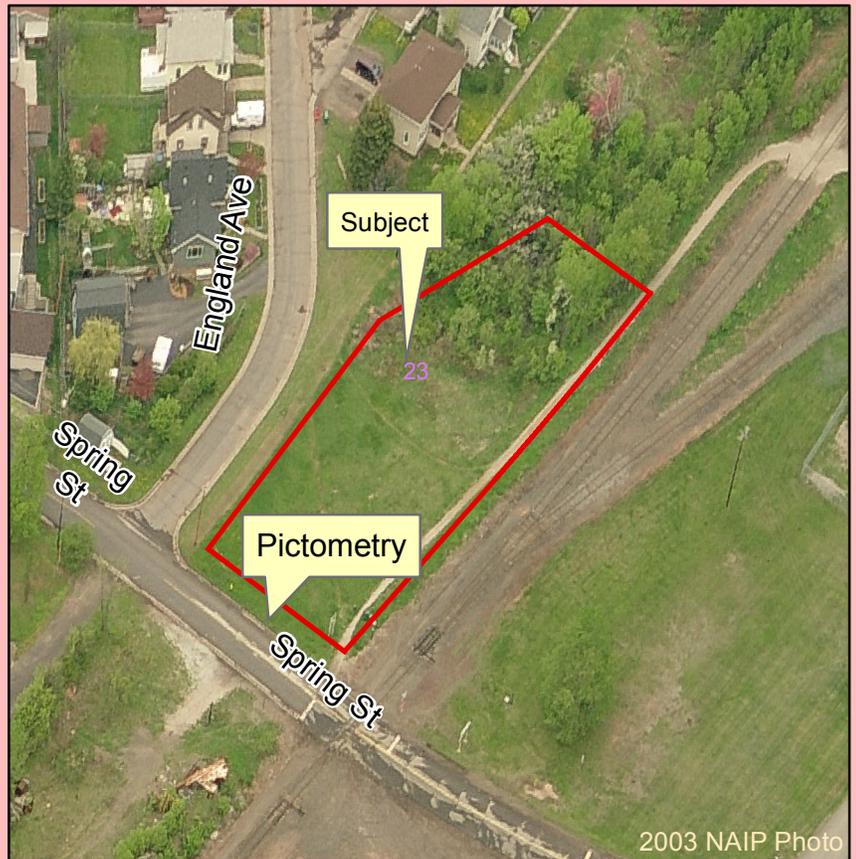
-  State Tax Forfeited Land
-  Water
-  Road
-  Area of Interest
-  Tract



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St. Louis County
Land Department
October 11, 2011



BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 413

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: November 1, 2011 **RE:** Cancellation of Contract for
Purchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Ronchetti

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Robert Krepps
Land Commissioner

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Performing public services; financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to cancel a contract for purchase of state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The County Auditor has attached information in reference to a state tax forfeited land contract which has been entered into under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 282. The purchase agreement has defaulted due to the purchaser's failure to provide proof of insurance. The purchaser, Timothy Ronchetti of Hibbing, MN, has been served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process, but has failed to cure the default.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve cancellation of this contract and authorize the disposal of abandoned personal property that may remain on the site.

Timothy Ronchetti, Hibbing, MN

Legal Description	CITY OF HIBBING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 BROOKLYN C OF HIBBING Parcel Code: 140-0050-00010 C22100080
Purchase Price	\$12,800.00
Principal Amount Remaining	\$11,520.00
Date of Last Payment	10/15/2010
Installment Payments Not Made	\$0.00
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$136.13
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$136.13
Insurance	Failure to provide insurance

Cancellation of Contract for Purchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Ronchetti

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the contract with Timothy Ronchetti of Hibbing, MN, for the purchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for failure to provide proof of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING
LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1
BROOKLYN C OF HIBBING
Parcel Code: 140-0050-00010
C22100080

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of property or by mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the purchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



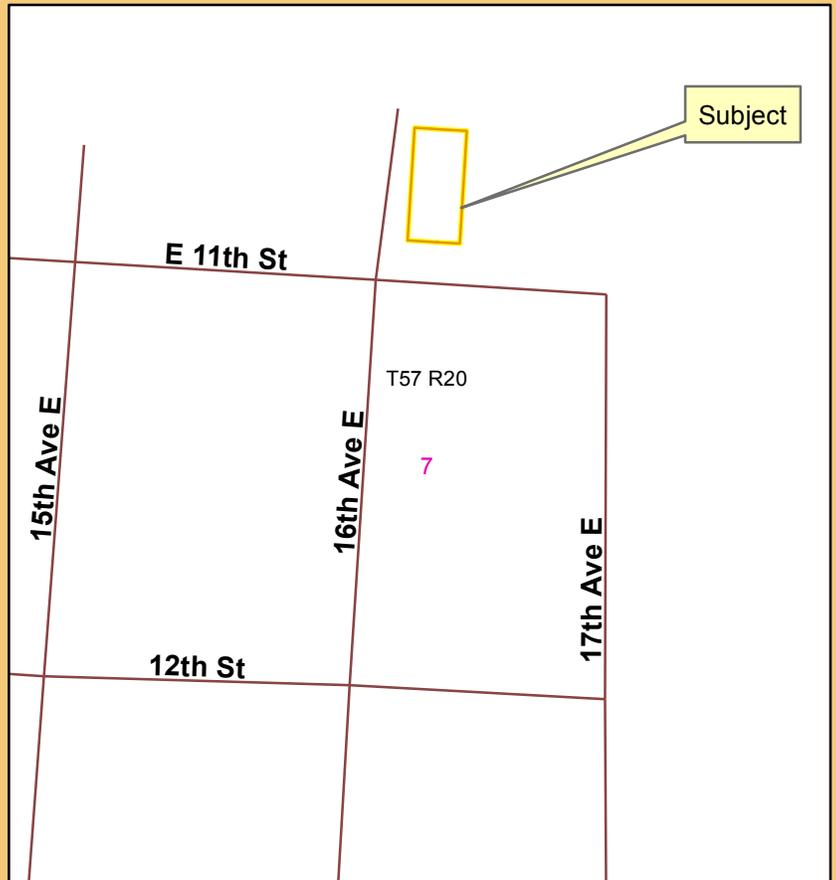
St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Cancellation of Contract

Legal : CITY OF HIBBING
LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1
BROOKLYN C OF HIBBING

Parcel Code : 140-0050-00010

LDKEY : 62538

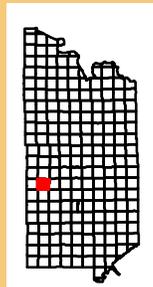


City of Hibbing

Sec: 7 Twp: 57 Rng: 20

Commissioner District # 7

- State Tax Forfeited Land
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- Tract



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Land Department**

November 2011



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BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 414

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: November 1, 2011

RE: State Tax Forfeited Surface Lease Agreement with Mining Resources, LLC (Balkan Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Robert Krepps
Land Commissioner

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Providing raw material for local industry.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a lease agreement with Mining Resources, LLC for a scam mining project.

BACKGROUND:

Mining Resources, LLC wishes to develop a scam mining project in the Duncan, Niles, and Douglas tailings basins near Chisholm, MN. The project will reclaim approximately 1 million metric tons of iron ore concentrate from 2.5 million metric tons of excavated tailings each year. The total production from the site will process 7.8 million metric tons of tailings resulting in approximately 2.5 million metric tons of concentrate. A temporary plant will be constructed onsite to process the tailings into higher grade concentrate suitable for supply to iron ore processors. Nearly all of the surface interest in the 750 acre project area is state tax forfeited.

Mining Resources, LLC is requesting to lease state tax forfeited land in Sections 26, 34, and 35, Balkan Township, for the purpose of constructing and operating an iron ore scam mine and processing plant that will include access roads, electrical transmission lines, and related facilities and equipment. A small percentage of the iron-bearing tailings in the tailings basins came from state tax forfeited mineral interests. Tax forfeited royalties generated from the Department of Natural Resources' mining lease will be apportioned according to statute, with 20% going to the minerals management account and 80% apportioned to local government units in St. Louis County.

Mining Resources, LLC will be subject to the terms and conditions contained within a lease agreement which will include provisions for complete removal of all facilities and equipment at lessee's expense upon termination or expiration of the lease.

Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 1(d) limits the consideration for a lease to \$12,000 per year unless it is first offered at public sale. Due to the short amount of time available, the Land Commissioner recommends an annual lease fee not to exceed \$12,000 for the surface lease of approximately 500 acres. Further analysis of the requirements of the lease will provide a more accurate lease fee determination.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Auditor to enter into a surface lease agreement with Mining Resources, LLC for a scam mining project located on state tax forfeited land for an annual lease fee not to exceed \$12,000 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**State Tax Forfeited Surface Lease Agreement with Mining Resources, LLC
(Balkan Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.04, Subd. 1(d) authorizes the County Auditor, as directed by the County Board, to lease state tax forfeited land to individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state for temporary uses at such prices and under such terms as the County Board may prescribe; and

WHEREAS, Mining Resources, LLC wishes to develop a scam mining project in Sections 26, 34 and 35, Township 58 North, Range 20 West; and

WHEREAS, Mining Resources, LLC is requesting to lease state tax forfeited land for the purpose of constructing and operating an iron ore scam mine that will include a processing plant, access roads, electrical transmission lines, and related facilities on property described as:

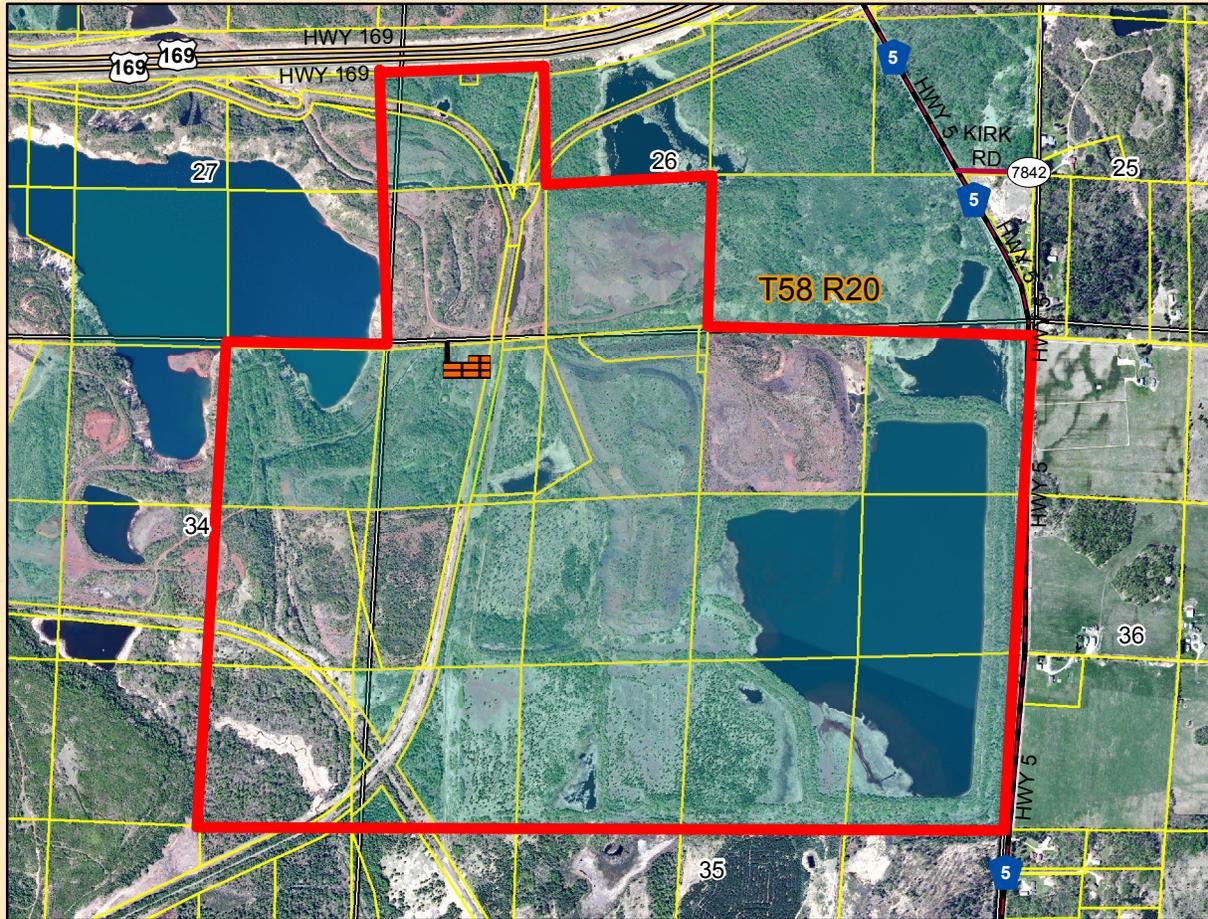
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2. NW1/4 OF NW1/4 EX 12.61 AC E OF RY RT OF WAY & EX RY RT OF W 0.50 AC, SURFACE ONLY, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00460)
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5. THAT PART OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 EAST OF RY SURFACE ONLY, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00475)
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9. SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00480)
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 17. NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00620)
 18. SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00440)
 19. NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 SURFACE ONLY, SEC 35 (PARCEL 141-0030-00410)

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Land Department has reviewed the request and recommends an annual lease fee not to exceed \$12,000 plus timber damages for the scam mining project area for a ten year term or until termination of operations; and

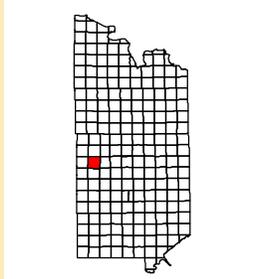
WHEREAS, Mining Resources, LLC shall agree to the terms and conditions set forth in a lease agreement which will include complete removal of all mining facilities and equipment at lessee's expense upon termination or expiration of the lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to lease state tax forfeited land described above to Mining Resources, LLC for a scam mining project under the terms and conditions described within and more specifically set forth in the lease agreement at an annual fee not to exceed \$12,000 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



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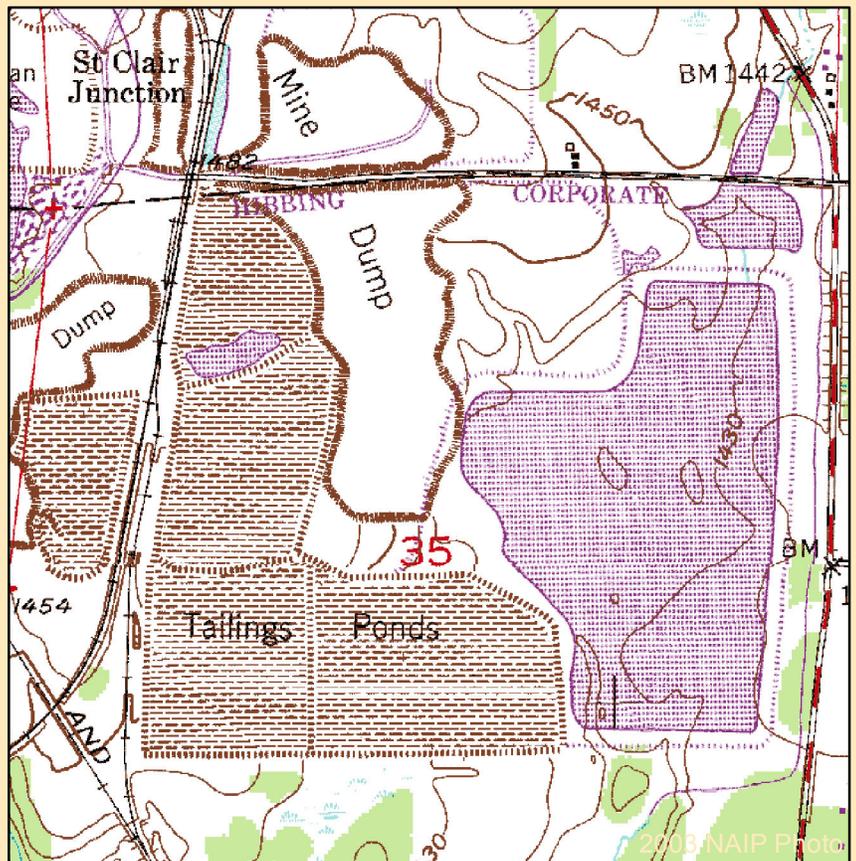
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BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 415

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: November 1, 2011

RE: Lawful Gambling Application
(Unorganized Township 60-18)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide mandated and discretionary licensing services in a timely manner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve a lawful gambling application in Unorganized Township 60-18.

BACKGROUND:

The following Lawful Gambling Application has been reviewed by the members of the Liquor Licensing Committee and is recommended for approval.

Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club to operate out of The Oasis,
Unorganized Township 60-18, 7539 Peel Road, Britt, MN 55710, new.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the above Lawful Gambling application.

**Lawful Gambling Application
(Unorganized Township 60-18)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board approves the following Lawful Gambling License Application (Pull-tabs) on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59219, for the following organization:

Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club to operate out of The Oasis,
Unorganized Township 60-18, 7539 Peel Road, Britt, MN 55710, new.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 - 416

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: November 1, 2011

RE: Consolidation of
Communications Center
"Effects Bargaining"
Agreement

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

James R. Gottschald
Employee Relations Director

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To assist the county to meet and negotiate with employees in appropriate bargaining units and reduce the negotiations to a written agreement.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize execution of the "effects bargaining" agreement with the St. Louis County Association representing the Civil Service Supervisory Bargaining Unit.

BACKGROUND:

The Sheriff's Office has decided to consolidate the Virginia (Midway) and Duluth 911 dispatch centers. In response to the decision to consolidate the 911 centers, the St. Louis County Association requested to engage in bargaining regarding the effects of the decision on bargaining unit members.

County and Association representatives reached an agreement during the effects bargaining process. The agreement contains the following provisions:

1. Members of the Civil Service Supervisory Bargaining Unit who are employed at the Midway and Duluth Communications Centers will be offered full-time employment at the consolidated Duluth center;

2. St. Louis County will respond truthfully to information inquiries from Unemployment Compensation officials. For purposes of this agreement only, and without intent to create precedent, St. Louis County will not contest a claim by a Supervisory Bargaining Unit member employed at Midway that a change of work site location from Midway to Duluth is “good cause attributable to the Employer” for purposes of eligibility for unemployment compensation;
3. A one-time lump sum severance payment in the gross amount of \$1,000 will be provided to a Midway or Duluth Supervisory Bargaining Unit member who, not later than October 24, 2011, provides written notice of their irrevocable intent not to accept a position at the consolidated center; and
4. An allowance of \$29.50 per work day will be paid to Midway bargaining unit members for a period not to exceed 60 calendar days after being permanently scheduled to work at the consolidated center. Any Midway bargaining unit member who relocates their household to Duluth during the 60 calendar time frame must notify their supervisor of the effective date of the relocation. Eligibility for the allowance will end upon the effective the date of household relocation.

The St. Louis County Association has accepted the terms of the “effects bargaining” agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the “effects bargaining” agreement with the St. Louis County Association and authorize the necessary county officials to execute a written agreement consistent with negotiations.

Consolidation of Communications Center “Effects Bargaining” Agreement

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the “effects bargaining” agreement with the St. Louis County Association, representing the Civil Service Supervisory Bargaining Unit, is approved and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.

BOARD LETTER NO. 11 – 417

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: November 1, 2011

RE: Application and Acceptance of
the 2012 Boundary Waters
Drug Task Force Grant

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance public safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize application and acceptance of the 2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force Grant on behalf of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

The Boundary Waters Drug Force, comprised of several governmental units within St. Louis County, is primarily funded by grants from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is a partner/participant, and the county serves as fiscal agent for the task force. There is no allocation of administration dollars available with this grant.

The term of the grant is from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, with a possible one-year extension. The grant, in the amount of \$92,500, will be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12901, Year 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize application and acceptance of the 2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force Grant.

**Application and Acceptance of the
2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force Grant**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force, and the county serves as its fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, is offering a 2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force grant in the amount of \$92,500.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2012 Boundary Waters Drug Task Force Grant in the amount of \$92,500, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12901, Year 2012.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

GRANT NAME: 2012 BWDTF Grant GRANT AMOUNT: \$92,500
 GRANTOR: St. of MN MATCH AMOUNT: _____
 FUND: 100 AGENCY: 129999 GRANT: 12901 GRANT YEAR: 2012
 AGENCY NAME: Sheriff
 CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Sandstrom PHONE: _____
 GRANT PERIOD: BEGIN DATE: Jan 1, 2012 END DATE: Dec 31, 2012
 STATE GRANT AWARD NUMBER OR FEDERAL CFDA #: Not known yet

FILL IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM AND IDENTIFY THE CATEGORY OF THE GRANT FROM THE CHOICES BELOW. ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT OTHER DOCUMENTATION AND ROUTE THE PACKET TO THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED FOR THE TYPE OF GRANT.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPROVAL FORM ON THOSE GRANTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE BOARD RESOLUTION TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES. NO GRANT ACTIVITY WILL BE RECORDED WITHOUT AN ESTABLISHED BUDGET.

GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS

A grant of \$25,000 or less may be applied for and/or accepted by the department without a separate County Board Resolution if it meets the following:

1. The grant fits within the department's functions, and
2. If the grant requires a County match (not to exceed in money or value an amount equal to the actual grant), and if that match is "in kind", that "in-kind" match is part of the ongoing operations, or if the match is monetary, that the department can find the necessary amount within its existing budget.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS OF \$25,000 OR LESS"?

YES NO

If so, this type of grant requires the following review approval:

County Auditor	_____	Date: _____
County Administrator	_____	Date: _____
County Attorney	_____	Date: _____

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this signed approval form and any other pertinent information to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so the budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

NEW GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000

All new grants that exceed \$25,000 and all recurring grants that exceed \$25,000 that contain changes in the grant's requirements which may affect either County resources or the scope of the grant need two (2) board resolutions. One board resolution is required to apply for the grant and a second resolution is required to accept the grant.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY UNDER "GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000"?

YES NO

If this is a new grant greater than \$25,000, it requires the following review approval:

County Auditor _____ Date: _____
County Administrator _____ Date: _____

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this completed approval form and the Board Resolution to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so a budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

RECURRING GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000

A recurring grant greater than \$25,000 that is a repeat of a grant which has been received by the County in past year(s) and that has no changes in the use of County resources or in the scope of the grant, requires one Board Resolution to both apply for and/or accept the grant.

DOES THIS GRANT QUALIFY AS "RECURRING GRANTS GREATER THAN \$25,000"?

YES NO

If yes, this recurring grant greater than \$25,000 requires the following review approval:

County Auditor Nancy Nilson - Chief Deputy Date: 10/26/11
County Administrator [Signature] Date: 26 OCT 2011

The Grant Budget must be entered into the accounting system. Send a copy of the grant, this completed approval form and the Board Resolution to the Auditor's Office-Accounting, so a budget can be entered into the system. Without a budget, no expenditures or revenues will be recorded.

**Appointments to the Community Development Block Grant
Citizen Advisory Committee**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board appoints the following two individuals to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee with a term ending April 30, 2014:

_____ City of Virginia

_____ At-Large Representative

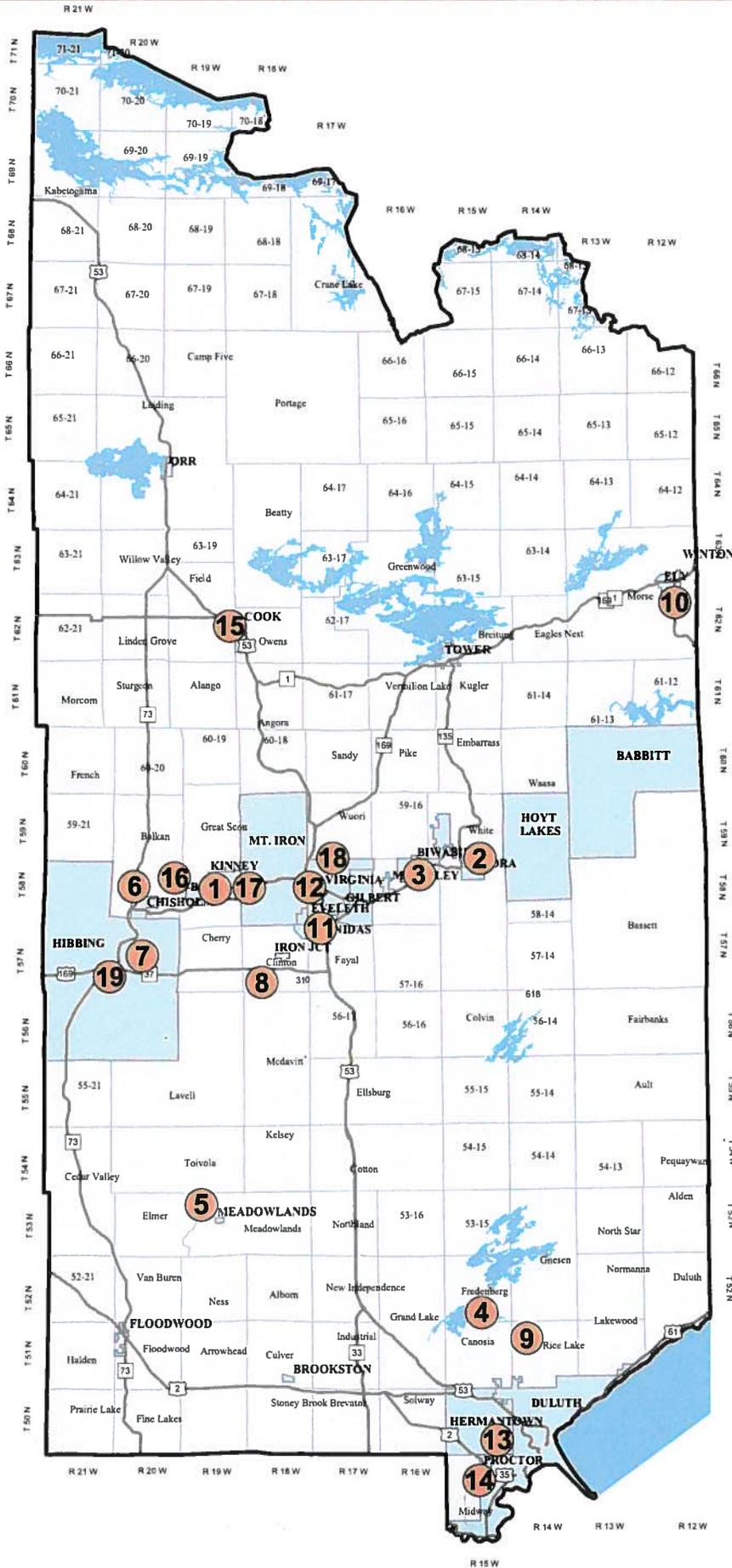
CDBG Advisory Board Members

St. Louis County



CDBG Advisory Board Members

- 1- Ronald Dicklich, Executive Director R.A.M.S.
- 2- James Hofsommer Twp. Officers Assoc.
- 3- Darlene Saumer (Northern Townships)
- 4- Ron Envall (Southern Townships)
- 5- Alan Stanaway (Small Cities)
- 6- Shannon Fay Kishel-Roche (Chisholm)
- 7- Cynthia Hagen (Hibbing)
- 8- Margaret Taylor (At-Large)
- 9- Jeffrey Bachke (Rice Lake Township)
- 10- Jackie Monahan-Junek (Ely)
- 11- William Coombe (Eveleth)
- (Vacant) 12- Charles Baribeau (Virginia)
- 13- Darlene Koski (Hermantown)
- 14- Stephen Anderson (At-Large)
- 15- David Danz (At-Large)
- (Vacant) 16- John Markas (At-Large)
- 17- Janice M. Conklin (At-Large)
- 18- Marlise Riffel (At-Large)
- 19- Melinda K. Ruzich (At-Large)



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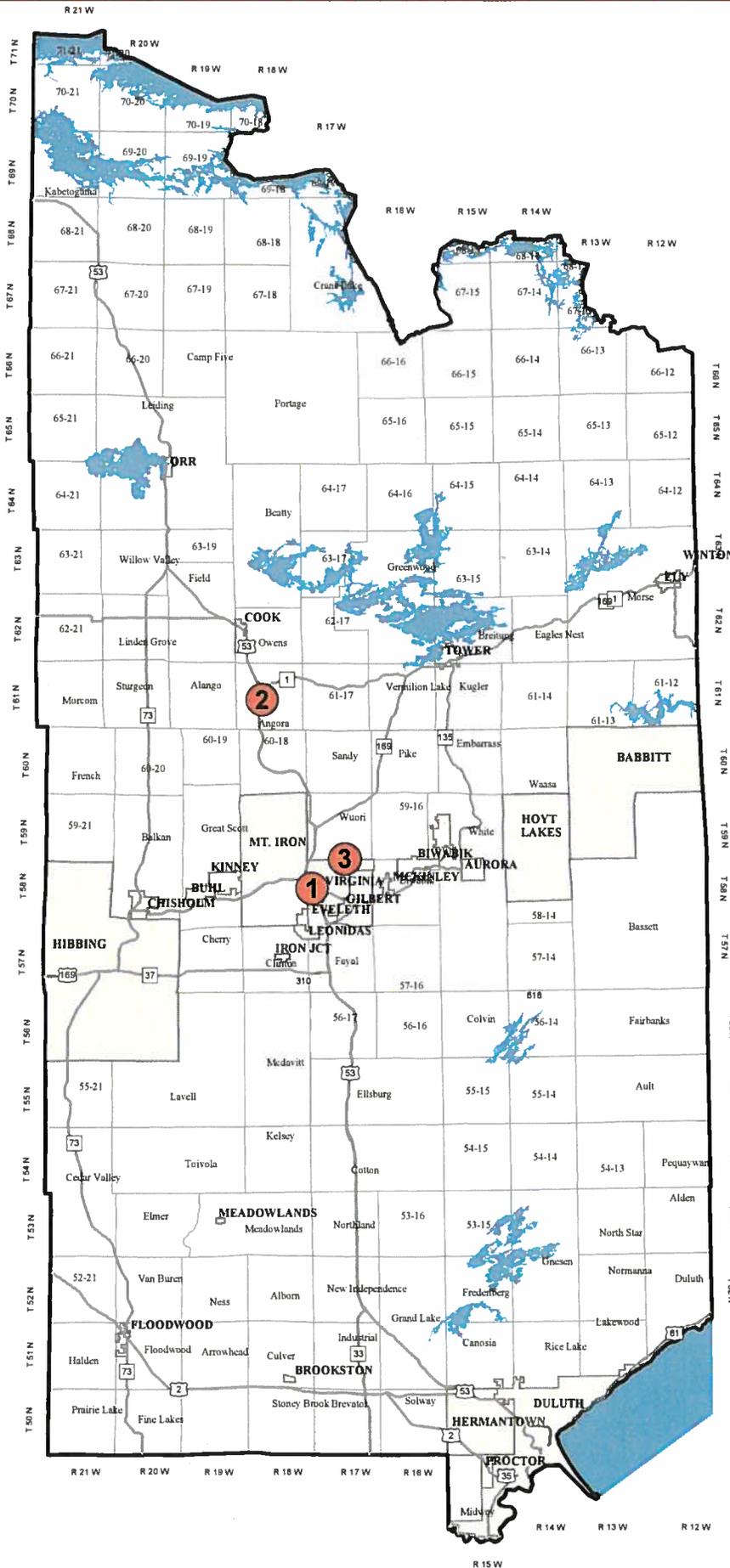
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CDBG Advisory Board Applicants

St. Louis County



CDBG Advisory Board Applicants

- 1- Laurence A. Cuffe
Virginia
- 2- Leone E. Snyder, PhD
Angora
- 3- Rudy F. Semeja
Virginia

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**CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS
TWO (2) VACANCIES – 3-YEAR TERM**

Cuffe, Laurence A.	717 Bourgin Rd., Virginia	Virginia
Snyder, PhD, Leone E.	8728 River Rd., Angora	Angora
Semeja, Rudy F.	1106 18 th St. N., Virginia	Virginia

Application

Citizen Advisory Committee, Commission, or Board
St. Louis County

Return Application to:
Clerk of the County Board
100 N. 5th Avenue West, #214
Duluth, MN 55802-1293

Note: Please mail or deliver your completed application to the Clerk of the Board at the adjacent address. Your application will be on file for approximately one year.

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Application For: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN ADVISORY Bd.**

Please list the committee, commission, or board for which you are applying

Applicant Name: **SEMEIA** **RUDY** **F** Mr. Mrs. Ms.
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address: **1106 15th ST. N**
Street

VIRGINIA **MN** **55192**
City State Zip

Telephone/Fax/ **218-741-2600**
E-Mail: **SEMEIAS@mchsi.com** Home Work Fax E-mail Address

1. How long have you lived in St. Louis County? **ALL MY LIFE**

2. List other community groups, boards, committees, or commissions for which you are, or have been a member?

ST. LOUIS COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD - PRESENT
169 HWY. IMPROVEMENT BOARD - CHAIRMAN "
PAST:
SEE ATTACHED NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

3. What interests you about becoming a member of the committee, commission or board for which you are applying?

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTEREST IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
I HAVE A GOOD REPOIRE WITH OUR POLITICMNS (LOCAL AREA)

4. Please describe your education, employment, areas of interest, and expertise.

MAT, 37YRS EDUCATION - H.S. + COLLEGE
FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING
COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT

5. Please provide additional information you believe is important in considering your application?

I HAVE WORKED IN MANY AREAS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. Please list two references including name, address, and telephone number.

RAY TOUTLOFF, LAKEVERMILION, TOWER, MN 55790 218-253-8051
MAYOR ROGER SKRABA, 1033 E. HARVEY ST., ELY, MN 55731 218-365-5982

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if appointed.

Signature:

Date

Sept 29, 2011

THANK YOU!

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Appointment Date

Date Entered

Term End Date

Commissioner District

Retention Date

Appointed: Yes No

Committee/Board/Commission

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Editorial Comments

To Rudy Semeja: thanks and farewell

The Ely area will soon lose a tremendous asset, one of its biggest boosters and a most dedicated public servant.

Rudy Semeja is moving to Virginia later this summer, a departure that will create a sizeable void on the Ely political scene.

Over the course of the last decade, there have been few - if any - local residents who have worked harder and with more passion to make the Ely area a better place to live.

For nearly 10 years, Semeja served on the Ely School Board, including a three-year run as board chairperson.

Throughout his tenure, Semeja has looked out for the best interests of Ely's kids and never backed away from the tough questions, tough issues or tough decisions.

Declining enrollment and ongoing budget difficulties haven't made it easy to be a school board member, but Semeja was a tireless advocate for the district and never relented in his search for an angle or opportunity that would help the school's bottom line and enhance opportunities for local youth.

That's probably a big reason why Semeja has given the Ely district a formidable presence in economic development circles.

Semeja has been the district's representative on the Ely Area Joint Powers Board since its inception. He has frequently attended Ely Area Development Association meetings and represented the Ely area on an Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board advisory group.

When the Joint Powers group or EADA have veered off on tangents, more often than not it has been Semeja who has attempted to steer those organizations toward what he believed was their primary mission: bringing more livable wage jobs to the community, which in turn might result in more families in the area and more students in the Ely schools.

But Semeja's influence and energy have extended far beyond the school district and economic development.

Semeja took an active interest in township politics, serving as a member of the road committee in the Town of Morse.

And one can't talk about Rudy Semeja without talking about the project that may be his lasting legacy: the proposed improvements to Highway 169.

Semeja led the task force that recommended millions of dollars in upgrades

between Ely and Soudan, and he made sure the work of the task force wasn't done in vain.

He prodded state transportation officials, lobbied state lawmakers, threatened letter-writing campaigns and wouldn't take no for an answer from Congressional aides.

It looks - unless state highway officials play politics with a federal appropriation and refuse to provide matching funds - that Semeja's long sought improvements may finally take place. And we'll owe Semeja our hearty thanks for continuing to press forward when prospects seemed bleak.

Semeja had a distinguished career as an educator and coach at Vermillion Community College, but he continued to contribute to Ely well into his retirement years.

And now, as Rudy and Donna Semeja get set to move, it's time to say goodbye and thank you to good neighbors and good friends.

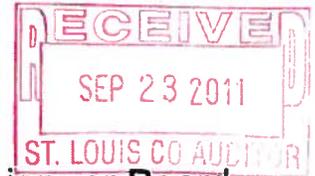
Whether you hoist a beverage in tribute to Rudy at his farewell party next Saturday at Dee's Bar, or whether you see him around town, we hope you join us in thanking him for his extraordinary service to the community.



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Application For: CBDG
Please list the committee, commission, or board for which you are applying

Applicant Name: Cuffe Laurence A Mr. Mrs. Ms.
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address: 717 Bourgin Road
Street
Virginia Mn 55792
City State Zip

Telephone/Fax/ E-Mail: 218-749-0736 218-780-9941 LACUFFE2@mchsi.com
Home Work Fax E-mail Address

1. How long have you lived in St. Louis County? 18 years

2. List other community groups, boards, committees, or commissions for which you are, or have been a member?

Virginia City Council
Virginia Area E.D.A.
V.E.E.D.A.
Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Community Fund
ELKS Lodge #1003 Board of Trustees
Regional Radio Board - 800 mhz.

3. What interests you about becoming a member of the committee, commission or board for which you are applying?

To promote and develop opportunities to improve the Economic + Infrastructure of the City of Virginia and Surrounding Communities

4. Please describe your education, employment, areas of interest, and expertise.

Retired St. Louis Co. Criminal Investigator
Wide Range of Management, Administrative + Supervisory Programs + Seminars. Main interest in this venue is to provide funding sources for Commercial + Residential Community Revitalization

5. Please provide additional information you believe is important in considering your application?

Currently serving as a City Councilor for the City of Virginia
Active in the area of Economic development
Serving on the VEDA + VEEDA Boards.

6. Please list two references including name, address, and telephone number.

Louis Russo - Virginia City Councilor
St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if appointed.

Signature:



Date

9.05.2011

THANK YOU!

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Application For: Citizen Advisory Committee - Block Grants
Please list the committee, commission, or board for which you are applying

Applicant Name: Snyder, PhD Leone E. Mr. Mrs. Ms.
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address: 8728 River Road
Street
Angora MN 55703
City State Zip

Telephone/Fax/ E-Mail: 218-254-5433 218-254-5433 dr.lsnnyder@yahoo.com
Home Work Fax E-mail Address

1. How long have you lived in St. Louis County? 2 years currently; grew up in SLC

2. List other community groups, boards, committees, or commissions for which you are, or have been a member?

Township Supervisor, Sturgeon Township, St. Louis County (currently);
Neighborhood Revitalization Committee (Hale, Page, Diamond Lake neighborhood),
South Minneapolis, Minnesota; North Minneapolis Elders County, Stairstep
Foundation, North Minneapolis, Minneapolis (current); Advisory Council, North
Minneapolis Campus, Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN, Vice President, Upper
Midwest Chapter, United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) - currently;
President - State Chapter, MN Association of Continuing Education.

3. What interests you about becoming a member of the committee, commission or board for which you are applying?

I am interested in representing the interests of rural communities of northeast St. Louis County. My interests are in community building, and assisting the region of Northeast St. Louis County in providing new options for its area residents.

4. Please describe your education, employment, areas of interest, and expertise.

My professional background is in education. I've served as a teacher, principal, and higher education administrator and educator. Currently, I am a fulltime employee of Capella University, an online university. I work in the School of Education graduate programs and work fulltime at a distance, living in northeastern Minnesota. My work involves fulltime online work. I have a PhD in Education and am have expertise in focus group research and all aspects of education face to face and online

5. Please provide additional information you believe is important in considering your application?

I live fulltime in rural northeast Minnesota, and have great interest in building the community to support growth and online education and commerce. I am involved in the community since returning to the area where I grew up.

6. Please list two references including name, address, and telephone number.

Dr. Liz Bruch, 621 Hickory Road, Hudson, WI 54016 (715) 386-6483

Dr. Socorro Woodbury, 664 11th Ave. NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250-1618 (712) 441-6111

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if appointed.

Signature:

Lisa E. Snyder

Date

September 29, 2011

THANK YOU!

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Appointment Date

Date Entered

Term End Date

Commissioner District

Retention Date

Appointed: Yes No

Committee/Board/Commission:

Citizen Appointments to the St. Louis County Planning Commission

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the St. Louis County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Planning Commission currently has two individuals whose terms expire December 31, 2011, and are eligible for reappointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board reappoints the following citizens to the St. Louis County Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2014:

Sonya Pineo

William Thomas Coombe

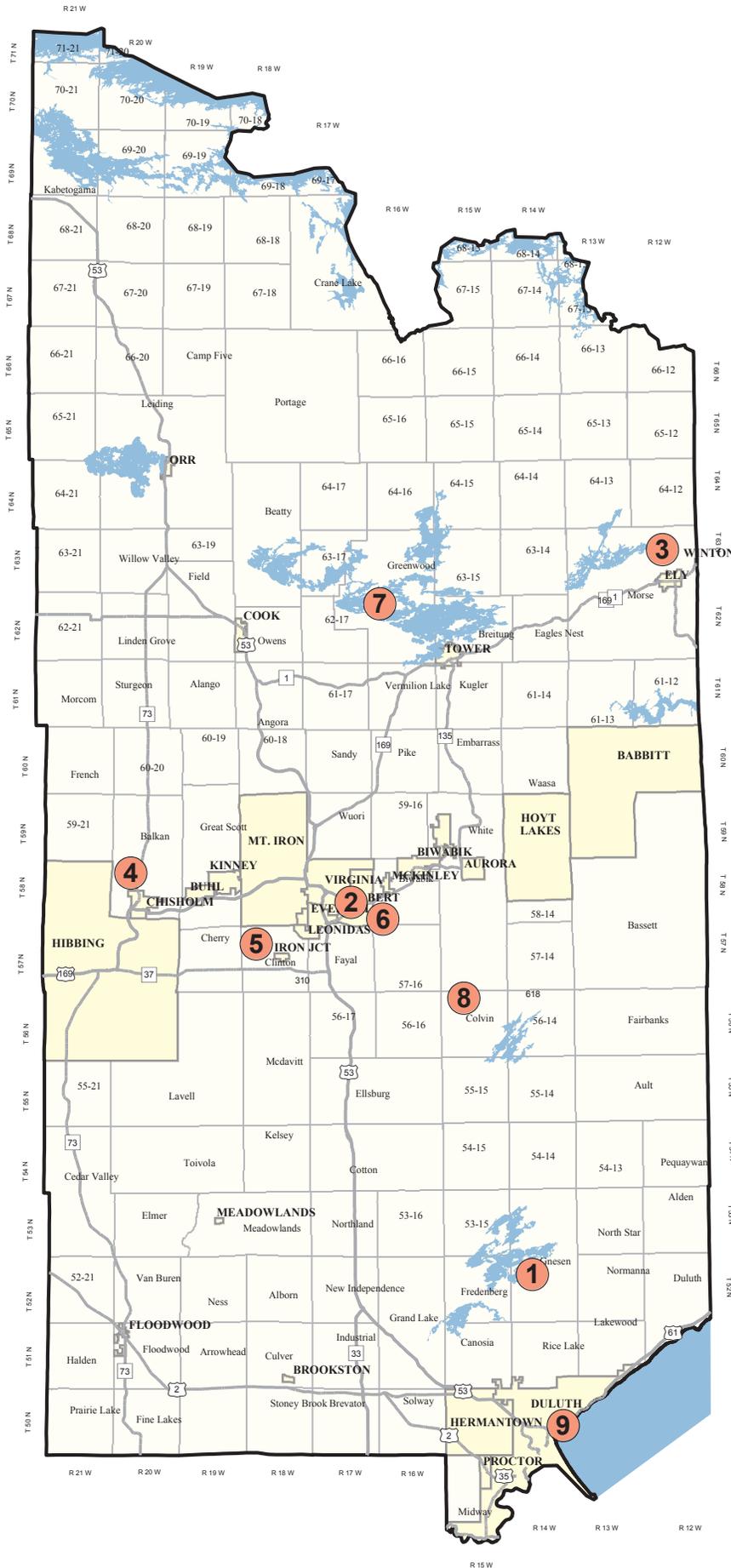
Planning Commission Members

St. Louis County



County Planning Commission Members

- 1- John K. Lukan
6683 Schultz Lake Road
Duluth, MN 55803
- 2- William Thomas Coombe
4213 Miller Trunk Rd.
Eveleth, MN 55734
- 3- Roger J. Skraba
1033 East Harvey St
Ely, MN 55731
- 4- Don Nienas
801 Third Avenue NW
Chisholm, MN 55719
- 5- Raymond J. Svatos
8597 Kapla Lake Road
Iron, MN 55751
- 6- Jack Huhta
5004 Pine Lane
Gilbert, MN 55741
- 7- Sonya Pineo
3635 Fectos Rd
Tower, MN 55790
- 8- Darlene Saumer
3322 Vermilion Trail
Makinen, MN 55763
- 9- Chris Dahlberg, County Commissioner
100 N 5th Ave W
Duluth, MN 55802



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