

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA)
PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m., by Chair Steve Raukar in the County Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Duluth, MN, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Chris Dahlberg, Mike Forsman, Pete Stauber, Keith Nelson, and Chair Steve Raukar - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Forsman, moved to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2014, HRA meeting; seven yeas, zero nays.

Chair Raukar, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to approve the HRA 2015 budget in the amount of \$358,940 with \$208,940 funded from the levy and \$150,000 funded from HRA existing fund balance; and further, the HRA Board certifies the 2015 levy for the HRA in the amount of \$208,940 and recommends that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners certify the levy at this amount. St. Louis County HRA Executive Director Barb Hayden discussed the budget. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 14-188.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Stauber, moved to authorize \$100,000 in 2014 funds to the Subsurface Septic Treatment Systems (SSTS) Abatement Program; and further, the HRA Executive Director and County Attorney are authorized to amend the existing memorandum of understanding with the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto. Funds as needed are to be transferred from HRA fund balance. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 14-189.

Chair Raukar, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to authorize \$50,000 in 2014 funding for the Blight Removal and Redevelopment Program; and further, the HRA Executive Director and County Attorney are authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Louis County HRA and the Land and Minerals Department, along with all the necessary documents related thereto. Funds as needed are to be transferred from the HRA fund balance. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 14-190.

HRA RESOLUTION No. 14-188

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and proposed 2015 levy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the HRA Board does hereby approve the HRA 2015 budget in the amount of \$358,940 with \$208,940 funded from the levy and \$150,000 funded from HRA existing fund balance;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the HRA Board certifies the 2015 levy for the HRA in the amount of \$208,940 and recommends that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners certify the levy at this amount.

Unanimously adopted September 2, 2014.

HRA RESOLUTION No. 14-189

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Environmental Services Department will seek St. Louis County Board approval for application to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund for funding to the SSTS Abatement Program to assist low-and-moderate-income homeowners with deferred loans to replace failed subsurface septic treatment systems (SSTS) identified as Imminent Threats to Public Health; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County HRA funding will expand the program, provide required leverage to the BWSR grant, and benefit home owners in the St. Louis County HRA area of operation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County HRA has the authority to provide funding for housing rehabilitation programs pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 469.012, Subd. 6, and has funding available for such projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the HRA authorizes \$100,000 in 2014 funds to the SSTS Abatement Program;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the HRA Executive Director and County Attorney are authorized to amend the existing memorandum of understanding with the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds as needed be transferred from HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001 to the St. Louis County Deferred Septic Loan Program Fund 616, Agency 616999.

Unanimously adopted September 2, 2014.

HRA RESOLUTION No. 14-190

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and Land and Minerals Department desire to facilitate the return of blighted, tax forfeit property to generating property tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County HRA and Land and Minerals Department have identified blight removal from targeted properties as a barrier to their sale and return to the tax base; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County HRA has the authority to provide funding for blight removal and redevelopment activities pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 469.001 and 469.002, Subd. 11 and Subd. 12, and has funding available for such projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County HRA authorizes \$50,000 in 2014 funding for the Blight Removal and Redevelopment Program;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the HRA Executive Director and County Attorney are authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Louis County HRA, and the Land and Minerals Department, along with all the necessary documents related thereto;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds as needed be transferred from the HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001.

Unanimously adopted September 2, 2014.

At 11:31 a.m., September 2, 2014, Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Dahlberg, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Steve Raukar, Chair of the St. Louis County HRA



Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board

