



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

December 3, 2013

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 November 26, 2013

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair

1. CY 2014 Purchase of Service Contract with Duluth Bethel Society [13-506]
2. CY 2014 Purchase of Service Contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc. [13-507]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Joint Powers Agreement Between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County [13-508]
4. Regional Landfill Leachate Field and Pond System Expansion Project Engineering [13-509]
5. Easement Request for Mesabi Trail (Breitung (E), Eagles Nest Township) [13-510]
6. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness [13-511]
7. Special Sale to the City of Gilbert [13-512]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

8. Abatement List for Board Approval [13-513]
9. Release of Reversion Requirement on County Fee Land (Grand Lake Township) [13-514]
10. Utility Easement across County Fee Land to Great River Energy (Fine Lakes Township) [13-515]

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

11. Arrowhead Counties Association Lobbying Services Agreement [13-516]
12. Advertising for St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee Membership [13-517]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Miller, Chair

13. Contract with Anthony Enterprises for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Site Project [13-518]

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 Jewell, Chair

1. **Appointments to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees [13-519]**
Resolution appointing two candidates to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees.
2. **2014 Proposed Legislative Agenda [13-520]**
The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve its agenda for the 2014 Legislative Session.

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

1. 2014 Budget Resolution (*Information to follow*)

Review 2014 budget resolution draft to be considered at the December 17th County Board meeting.

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:

December 17, 2013 Morse Town Hall, 911 South Central Avenue, Ely, MN

January 7, 2014 Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN

January 14, 2014 Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Location: Hibbing City Council Chambers, Hibbing, Minnesota
Present: Commissioners Miller, Forsman, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Dahlberg
Absent: Commissioner Jewell
Convened: Chair Dahlberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Forsman/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0)

- Minutes of November 12, 2013
- CY 2014 Supervised Visitation Service Agreements [13-491]
- Reinstatement of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Timmerman [13-492]
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Fosness [13-493]
- Hibbing Transfer Station Operation and Haulage [13-494]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [13-495]
- Waiver of Ordinance No. 28, Section 11.05 – Billy's (Rice Lake Township) [13-496]
- Statewide Security Monitoring Initiative [13-497]
- Contract for Mine Inspection Services with Itasca County [13-498]
- 2013 Justice Assistance Grant [13-499]
- Authorization to Expend Capital Equipment Note for Crash Truck Purchase [13-500]
- Amend Contract with MENd for Medical Services at the Jail [13-501]

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Works & Transportation

Forsman/Raukar moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase and installation of four dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow plowing equipment from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN for \$453,231.89. The motion passed. (6-0)

Stauber/Forsman moved to award a bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$207,230.95 for project SAP 69-598-044, WO 177716 (Storm), located on CR 266 (Two Harbors Road) between TWP 2406 and CSAH 41 in Alden Township, MN [13-503]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Forsman/Raukar moved to award a bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$239,750.00 for project SAP 69-598-045, WO 177717 (Storm), located on CR 253 between CSAH 41 and CSAH 11 in Alden Township, MN [13-503]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Forsman/Nelson moved to award a bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$195,184.50 for project SAP 69-599-036, WO 177721 (Storm), located on TWP 2406, between CSAH 41 and CR 266 in Alden Township, MN [13-503]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Stauber/Forsman moved to award a bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc., of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$335,500.00 for SAP 69-610-010, WO 177718 (Storm), located on CSAH 10 between CR 293 and CSAH 12 in Lakewood Township, MN [13-503]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Raukar/Forsman moved to award a bid to Dallco, Inc., of Finlayson, MN, in the amount of \$672,056.66 for project SAP 69-598-046, CP 0834-158301, located on CR 834, 0.3 miles south of Junction with CR 837 in Halden Township, MN [13-503]. The motion passed. (6-0)

Raukar/Forsman moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$975,300.00 for project SAP 69-631-009, CP 0031-189212, located on CSAH 31, between CSAH 80 and St. Louis River in Brookston, MN [13-503]. Director, Jim Foldesi, discussed the cost savings related to the Brookston, MN projects. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Raukar/Forsman moved to award a bid to Northland Constructors of Duluth, LLC, of Duluth, MN, in the amount of \$961,161.05 for project SAP 69-631-008, WO 177720R (Storm), located on CSAH 31, 0.1 miles south of Junction CR 861 in Brookston, MN [13-503]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

County Administrator Kevin Gray said the bids awarded today were \$630,000.00 less than the engineer's estimate.

Finance & Budget

Forsman/Nelson moved that the St. Louis County Board declares its support for the 2014 Capital Appropriation request of \$8,567,000 for the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Central Management & Inter-Governmental

Stauber/Nelson moved that the 2012-2014 Investigators' Unit contract is ratified and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Raukar encouraged people to visit the Hibbing Historical Society as they extended their hours today and will be open until 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson discussed Item #10 on today's consent agenda; Commissioner Nelson asked Administration for additional information as to where the crash truck will be placed and asked if the old crash truck could be refurbished and redeployed at a different location within the county.

Commissioner Dahlberg thanked Public Works for their involvement in the Haines Road project. Commissioner Dahlberg said he and Commissioner Jewell attended the Duluth/St. Louis County Days

at the Capital kick-off event at St. Scholastica. Discussions were focused on N.E.R.C.C. and St. Louis County rescue squads.

Commissioner Stauber acknowledged Public Works for the 40th Ave. West project. Commissioner Stauber discussed a meeting held at Midway Township regarding proposed St. Louis County Ordinance #61, Subsurface Sewer Treatment Systems.

Commissioner Nelson asked that consideration be given for doing some type of dedication at the North St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad building to honor the original rescue squad members. Commissioner Nelson said a public hearing regarding ordinance #61 would be held on December 2nd (6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) in the Liz Prebich room at the Northland Office Center. Commissioner Nelson discussed a recent wetlands meeting held in St. Paul. Commissioner Nelson stated that he attended last night's Duluth City Council meeting and discussed the proposed TIF district for the new Maurice's Tower.

At 11:39 a.m., Forsman/Raukar moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. (6-0)

Chris Dahlberg, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 506

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE: CY 2014 Purchase of Service
Contract with Duluth Bethel
Society**

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ann M. Busche, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Parents will be emotionally and financially able to provide for their children.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a purchase of service contract with Duluth Bethel Society for Calendar Year 2014.

BACKGROUND:

St. Louis County has maintained a contract with the Duluth Bethel Society to provide urinalysis collection and drug testing services, and the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) wishes to renew this contract for CY 2014, with the addition of new services to test for Bath Salts and ETG (an alcohol screen). These services meet the needs of two different divisions within PHHS. The Children and Family Services Division pays for these services when the court orders parents to submit to drug testing as part of their obligation under a court order. The Income Maintenance Division pays for these services for individuals who must submit to drug testing as a condition of eligibility for certain benefit programs, including Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Income Maintenance Division proposes to increase its maximum contract amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year because drug testing services are expected to be used more extensively in 2014.

Since there is no reimbursement available from court services, MFIP, SNAP, or other Income Maintenance programs, PHHS pays for the required testing, with little control over the total use and budget for these services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a purchase of service contract with Duluth Bethel Society for drug testing services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for the following services and rates from the identified budgets:

Level 1 screening	\$11.00 per unit
Level 2 screening	\$16.00 per unit
Full screen	\$26.00 per unit
Synthetic drugs	\$26.00 per unit
Bath salts	\$47.00 per unit
ETG	\$26.00 per unit

<u>Service</u>	<u>Annual maximum</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Court-ordered drug testing	\$100,000.00	230-232008-602000
Income Maint. drug testing	\$ 5,000.00	230-231014-629900

CY 2014 Purchase of Service Contract with Duluth Bethel Society

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Clients of the St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) are at times required to submit to drug testing; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has contracted with Duluth Bethel Society for many years to provide required drug testing and wishes to renew its current purchase of service contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a purchase of service contract with Duluth Bethel Society for drug testing services for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for the following services and rates from the identified budgets:

Level 1 screening	\$11.00 per unit
Level 2 screening	\$16.00 per unit
Full screen	\$26.00 per unit
Synthetic drugs	\$26.00 per unit
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<u>Service</u>	<u>Annual maximum</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Court-ordered drug testing	\$100,000.00	230-232008-602000
Income Maint. drug testing	\$ 5,000.00	230-231014-629900

RESOLVED FURTHER, While the Public Health and Human Services Department will do everything possible to stay within the contract maximums, these services are primarily court or legislatively mandated; if the full amount of either Drug Testing budget becomes exhausted before the end of the year, the Department will make the necessary budget adjustments and inform the Board by Board Memo.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 507

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: CY 2014 Purchase of Service
Contract with Arrowhead
Center, Inc.

Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ann M. Busche, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Adults will be self-sufficient, providing for their own welfare and that of their children.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a purchase of service contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc. for Calendar Year 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The Arrowhead Center provides chemical dependency and substance abuse services for people in northern St. Louis County. The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) proposes to renew a purchase of service contract that includes assessment and treatment services, aftercare services, and urinalysis collection and drug testing. The drug testing serves two different divisions within PHHS. Drug testing is sometimes ordered by the court related to the work of the Children and Family Services Division. Also, the Income Maintenance Division is required to obtain drug tests as a condition of eligibility for Minnesota Family Investment Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for those individuals who have been convicted of a felony level drug offense in the last 10 years. The Income Maintenance Division proposes to increase its maximum contract amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year because drug testing services are expected to be used more extensively in 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a purchase of service contract between PHHS and Arrowhead Center, Inc. for the following services and rates for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Annual maximum</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Assessment and Treatment	\$259.22 per person	\$44,585.66	230-232006-608000
Aftercare	\$253.33 per person	<u>\$22,292.34</u>	230-232006-608000
	Combined annual maximum	\$66,878.00	
Court-ordered drug testing	\$35.00 per unit	\$10,000.00	230-232008-602000
Income Maint. drug testing	\$35.00 per unit	\$ 5,000.00	230-231014-629900

CY 2014 Purchase of Service Contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc.

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Arrowhead Center, Inc. provides chemical dependency and substance abuse assessment, treatment, and aftercare services, as well as urinalysis collection and drug testing services; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department wishes to renew its current purchase of service contract with the Arrowhead Center;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a purchase of service contract with Arrowhead Center, Inc. for the following services and rates for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Annual maximum</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Assessment and Treatment	\$259.22 per person	\$44,585.66	230-232006-608000
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Court-ordered Drug Testing	\$35.00 per unit	\$10,000.00	230-232008-602000
Income Maint. Drug Testing	\$35.00 per unit	\$ 5,000.00	230-231014-629900

RESOLVED FURTHER, While the Public Health and Human Services Department will do everything possible to stay within the contract maximums, these services are primarily court or legislatively mandated; if the full amount of either Drug Testing budget becomes exhausted before the end of the year, the Department will make the necessary budget adjustments and inform the Board through Board Memo notification.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 508

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: Joint Powers Agreement
Between the State of
Minnesota and St. Louis
County

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Maintaining and improving forest health and productivity.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County for forest management projects.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 471.59 subd. 10, empowers the State of Minnesota to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County to perform on behalf of the county any service or function which the state is authorized to provide for itself. The State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, and St. Louis County are in need of contractors to implement forest management projects such as aerial seeding for the purpose of enhancement of natural resources management. Both parties require reputable and reliable contractors at the lowest possible cost and this can best be accomplished by awarding the state and county contracts to a single bidder.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County to implement forest management projects on state tax forfeited lands.

Joint Powers Agreement Between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.59 subd. 10 empowers the State of Minnesota to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County to perform on behalf of the county any service or function which the state is authorized to provide for itself; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, and St. Louis County are in need of contractors to implement forest management projects for the purpose of enhancement of natural resources management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board hereby authorizes a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota to implement forest management projects on state tax forfeited lands administered by the Land and Minerals Department.

STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

This agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources ("State") and St. Louis County, Minnesota ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

Under Minnesota Statute § 471.59, subdivision 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary. The State and the Governmental Unit are in need of contractors to implement forest management projects for the purpose of enhancement of natural resource management. Both parties require reputable and reliable contractors at the lowest possible cost and this can be best obtained by awarding the State contract and the Governmental Unit contract to a single bidder.

Agreement

1 Term of Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective date:** January 1, 2014, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** December 31, 2018, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

2 Agreement between the Parties

STATE

- 2.1 To include on its forest development (such as but not limited to, aerial seeding) requests for contract work, Governmental Unit sites that fall within the work specifications and requirements, and are located within or reasonably near the area of the State sites.
- 2.2 To develop its own work specifications and requirements, to request bids, open bids, and determine acceptable bid(s) meeting specifications, to award the contract and to administer all business and administrative aspects of the request for bid and the final contract documents.
- 2.3 To monitor and serve as project supervisor on State sites only.
- 2.4 To be responsible for approval of work completed, and to pay the contractor for work completed meeting specifications, on State sites only.

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

- 2.5 To inform the State in writing that they would like to include Governmental Unit sites on a particular State contract.
- 2.6 To provide, in format and quantity as requested by the State, site and other information and/or documentation related to the sites they desire to include on the State's request for contract work, within the time frame requested by the State.
- 2.7 To accept the State's determination on whether or not Governmental Unit sites meet the requirements as stated in item 2.1 above, so as to be included in the State's request for contract work.
- 2.8 To accept the State's determination on whether or not a contract award will be made.
- 2.9 To provide written signed acceptance of the low bid meeting specifications on Governmental Unit sites within 14 working days of bid opening and that said written acceptance binds them to the terms and conditions of the contract awarded by the State, the same as if they had signed said contract.
- 2.10 To monitor and serve as project supervisor on Governmental Unit sites only.
- 2.11 To be responsible for approval of work completed, and to pay the contractor for work completed meeting specifications, on Governmental Unit sites only.

3 Payment

Nothing in this agreement will make the State financially responsible for the Governmental Unit's projects, or the Governmental Unit financially responsible for the State projects.

The total obligation of the State under this agreement will not exceed \$0.00 (no obligation.)

4 Authorized Representatives

The State's Authorized Representative is Rick Klevorn, Silviculture Program Coordinator, MNDNR – Forestry, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155, 651.259.5274, or his/her successor.

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is Mark Weber, Land Commissioner, St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, Duluth Office, 320 West 2nd Street - Room 208, Duluth, MN, 55802, tel. 218.726.2606

5 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete

5.1 **Assignment.** The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.

5.2 **Amendments.** Any amendment to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.

5.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

5.4 **Contract Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Governmental Unit. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

6 Indemnification

In the performance of this contract by the Governmental Unit, or Governmental Unit's agents or employees, the Governmental Unit must indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its agents, and employees, from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the state, to the extent caused by Governmental Unit's:

- 1) Intentional, willful, or negligent acts or omissions; or
- 2) Actions that give rise to strict liability; or
- 3) Breach of contract or warranty.

The indemnification obligations of this section do not apply in the event the claim or cause of action is the result of the State's sole negligence. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Governmental Unit may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligation under this contract.

7 Liability

Each party will be responsible for its own acts and behavior and the results thereof. The Minnesota Torts Claims Act, Minn. Stat. § 3.736 and other applicable laws govern the State's liability. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466 shall govern the County's liability.

8 State Audits

Under Minnesota Statute § 16C.05, subdivision 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this agreement.

9 Government Data Practices

The Governmental Unit and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statute § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Governmental Unit or the State.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Governmental Unit instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

10 Venue

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

11 Termination

10.1 **Termination.** The State or the Governmental Unit may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

10.2 **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Governmental Unit. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Governmental Unit will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Governmental Unit notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

12 E-Verify Certification (In accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.075)

For services valued in excess of \$50,000, Contractor certifies that as of the date of services performed on behalf of the State, Contractor and all its subcontractors will have implemented or be in the process of implementing the federal E-Verify program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State. Contractor is responsible for collecting all subcontractor certifications and may do so utilizing the E-Verify Subcontractor Certification Form available at <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/doc/VerifySubCertForm.doc>. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with Contractor and made available to the State upon request.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statute §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CFMS Contract No. A-_____

2. GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

4. COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

As delegated to Materials Management Division

By: _____

Date: _____

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BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 509

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Regional Landfill Leachate
Field and Pond System
Expansion Project Engineering

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ted Troolin, Director
Environmental Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To pursue efficient and effective waste management programs to enhance services to residents and businesses.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve a contract with Northeast Technical Services (NTS) for Regional Landfill leachate field and pond expansion engineering services including field analysis, project design, bidding assistance, construction management, inspection and certification services.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Services Department provides a comprehensive system of solid waste management for residents and businesses within its Solid Waste Management Area (SWMA) through a network of solid waste transfer facilities and the Regional Landfill. The Landfill is located east of Virginia and is the primary disposal facility for mixed municipal solid waste. Proper leachate treatment and management is integral to the successful ongoing operation of the Landfill. The department will expand the landfill's leachate treatment capacity by developing a new spray irrigation area to expand treatment capacity and develop a new leachate pond which will provide additional storage capacity and enhance the ability to treat leachate prior to land application. In order to accomplish this, the department needs to contract for engineering and geotechnical assistance.

The Solid Waste Subcommittee (SWSC) has monitored ongoing activities associated with the need to improve leachate treatment capacity. This matter was discussed at the most recent meeting on July 23, 2013.

To accomplish the expansion project, the department negotiated an agreement with NTS to develop leachate field and pond development plans and specifications and provide field analysis, bidding, and construction management assistance. In addition, NTS will upgrade its environmental database to improve regulatory compliance and reporting.

The department recommends contracting with NTS for the following reasons:

1. NTS has been the department's leachate system operator and monitoring firm since 1993, and is familiar with the current system and with associated regulatory compliance requirements.
2. NTS is familiar with the Regional Landfill, providing assistance in problem solving and ongoing successful facility operations, and is best suited to interface the proposed upgrades with the current landfill leachate collection system.
3. NTS is a local firm, knowledgeable of local factors and issues. There are also cost savings associated with working with a local firm in that the department can minimize travel costs and focus on shorter but more frequent interactions and inspections.

Total cost of the project is not to exceed \$191,505 payable from Fund 600, Agency 607002 Leachate:

Spray irrigation field expansion	\$124,367
Third Treatment Pond Design and Permitting	\$ 29,664
Third Treatment Ponds Bid Administration and Construction Oversight and Management Services	\$ 29,644
Environmental Data Base Development	\$ <u>7,830</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 191,505

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the appropriate county officials to enter into a contract with Northeast Technical Services of Virginia, MN, for analysis and planning, design, permitting assistance, and bidding and construction management and inspection assistance for the development of a leachate spray irrigation area and an additional leachate treatment pod. Total cost of the project is \$191,505 payable from Fund 600, Agency 607002 (Leachate).

**Regional Landfill Leachate Field and Pond System Expansion Project
Engineering Contract**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County continues to expand and develop its Regional Landfill in Virginia to provide land disposal services to residents of its solid waste service area and continued use of the Regional Landfill will require improvement and expansion of the Regional Landfill's leachate treatment system; and

WHEREAS, The county requires engineering and geotechnical assistance to provide leachate field and pond development evaluation, design, permitting, bidding, and construction management and certification services; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Technical Services (NTS) is qualified to provide engineering, geotechnical, and/or related services as required by the Agreement and are duly registered to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County requested that NTS provide a proposal for leachate field expansion and pond development services for the Regional Landfill, and found it acceptable and meeting the county's needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with Northeast Technical Services, Virginia, MN, to provide site evaluation, design, permitting, bidding, and construction management and certification services for Regional Landfill leachate field expansion and pond construction at a cost not to exceed \$191,505, payable from Fund 600, Agency 607002 (Leachate).

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 510

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Easement Request for Mesabi
Trail (Breitung (E), Eagles Nest
Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a non-exclusive easement to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority to cross tax forfeited land in Section 17, Township 62 North, Range 14 West (Breitung (E), Eagles Nest Township).

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority has requested a non-exclusive easement to use tax forfeited parcels for construction of a 0.5 mile segment of the Mesabi Trail. Exercising this easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts and will not conflict with public use of the land.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a non-exclusive easement on state tax forfeited land to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority conditioned upon payment of \$1,040 land use fee, \$50 administrative fee, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$1,136, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Easement Request for Mesabi Trail (Breitung (E), Eagles Nest Township)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority has requested an non-exclusive easement across state tax forfeited land for the Mesabi Trail; and

WHEREAS, Exercising this easement will not conflict with public use of the land; and

WHEREAS, Minn Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the County Auditor to grant easements for such purchases;

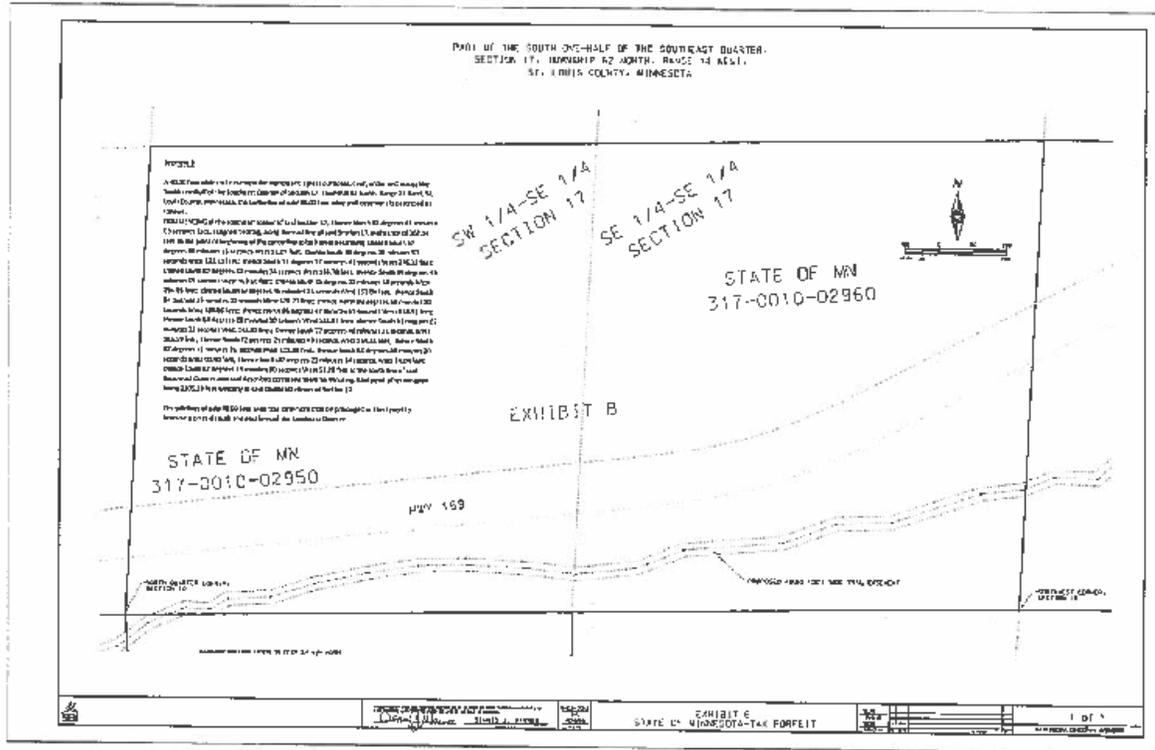
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04 Subd. 4, to grant a non-exclusive easement to St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority described as follows:

A 40.00 foot wide trail easement for ingress and egress purposes, over, under and across the South one-half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 62 North, Range 14 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota, the centerline of said 40.00 foot wide trail easement is described as follows:

COMMENCING at the southeast corner of said Section 17; thence North 02 degrees 47 minutes 03 seconds East, assigned bearing, along the east line of said Section 17, a distance of 362.14 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be herein described; thence South 67 degrees 48 minutes 16 seconds West 11.07 feet; thence South 83 degrees 38 minutes 53 seconds West 122.10 feet; thence South 71 degrees 32 minutes 42 seconds West 276.22 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 24 seconds West 165.78 feet; thence South 69 degrees 43 minutes 05 seconds West 163.60 feet; thence South 85 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds West 294.85 feet; thence South 67 degrees 45 minutes 15 seconds West 151.04 feet; thence South 84 degrees 29 minutes 02 seconds West 178.73 feet; thence North 83 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds West 136.86 feet; thence North 86 degrees 42 minutes 11 seconds West 178.53 feet; thence South 88 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds West 151.01 feet; thence South 81 degrees 02 minutes 32 seconds West 143.91 feet; thence South 77 degrees 48 minutes 11 seconds West 163.59 feet; thence South 72 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West 139.35 feet; thence South 87 degrees 15 minutes 26 seconds West 125.39 feet; thence South 58 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds West 60.40 feet; thence North 87 degrees 21 minutes 34 seconds West 74.04 feet; thence South 67 degrees 19 minutes 00 seconds West 51.20 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter and said described centerline there terminating. Said point of termination being 2505.19 feet westerly of said southeast corner of Section 17.

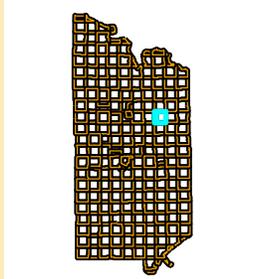
The sidelines of said 40.00 foot wide trail easement shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on said south and east lines of the Southeast Quarter.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$1,040 land use fee, \$50 administration fee, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$1,136, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



Legend

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

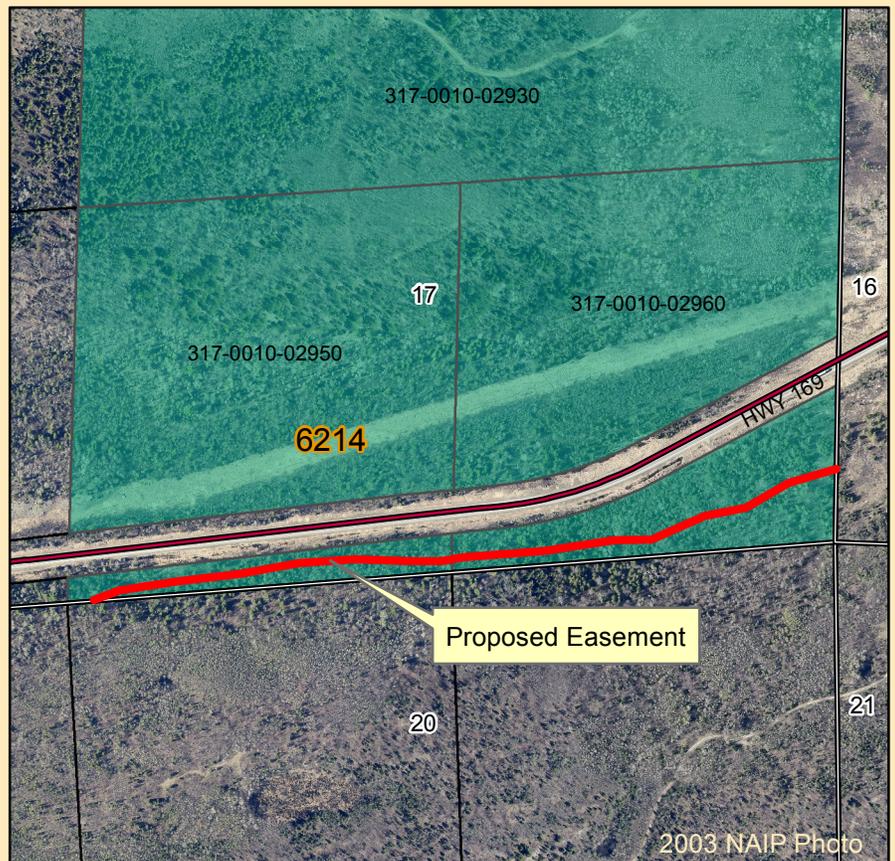


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St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department



BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 511

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land - Meadowlands
Congregation of Jehovah's
Witness

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Land Commissioner
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve an application to repurchase state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest. The property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 30, 2012. The repurchase deadline for this non-homestead property is November 29, 2013. Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of Meadowlands, MN, has made application to repurchase this property and is eligible to repurchase the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase request of Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of Meadowlands, MN. The repurchase fees listed below are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness, Meadowlands, MN

Parcel Code	440-0010-01811
Taxes and Assessments	\$1,107.23
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$3.65
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$1,295.88

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Meadowlands Congregation of
Jehovah's Witness**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of Meadowlands, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF MEADOWLANDS
WLY 440 FT OF LOT 6 EX NLY 373 FT
SEC 14 TWP 53 RGE 19
PARCEL: 440-0010-01811

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of Meadowlands, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$1,107.23, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$3.65, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$1,295.88, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Meadowlands Jehovahs Witness, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statues 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

TOWN OF MEADOWLANDS, WLY 440 FT OF LOT 6 EX NLY 373 FT, Sec 14 Twp 53 Rge 19

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2006 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2007,2008,2009,2010

That pursuant to Minnesota Statues, the total cost of repurchase \$1,295.88 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that:

applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

When the process changed in billing from direct bill from the county for the waste fee to part of the tax statement, it was confused as the tax statement states, "exempt." There was confusion on our part. We have adjusted our processes. Will apologize for our confusion and promise to pay promptly in the future.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate
- There are no wells on this property
- Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): Meadowlands Congregation of Jehovahs Witness

Are you currently in active military service? NO

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 11/18 2013

By: Paul Smith PRES. Jeffrey Johnson Sec. (Signature)

Address: P.O. Box 61
City: Meadowlands State: MN Zip: 55765
Phone: 218-393-6330



**St. Louis County Land Department
Tax Forfeited Land Sales**

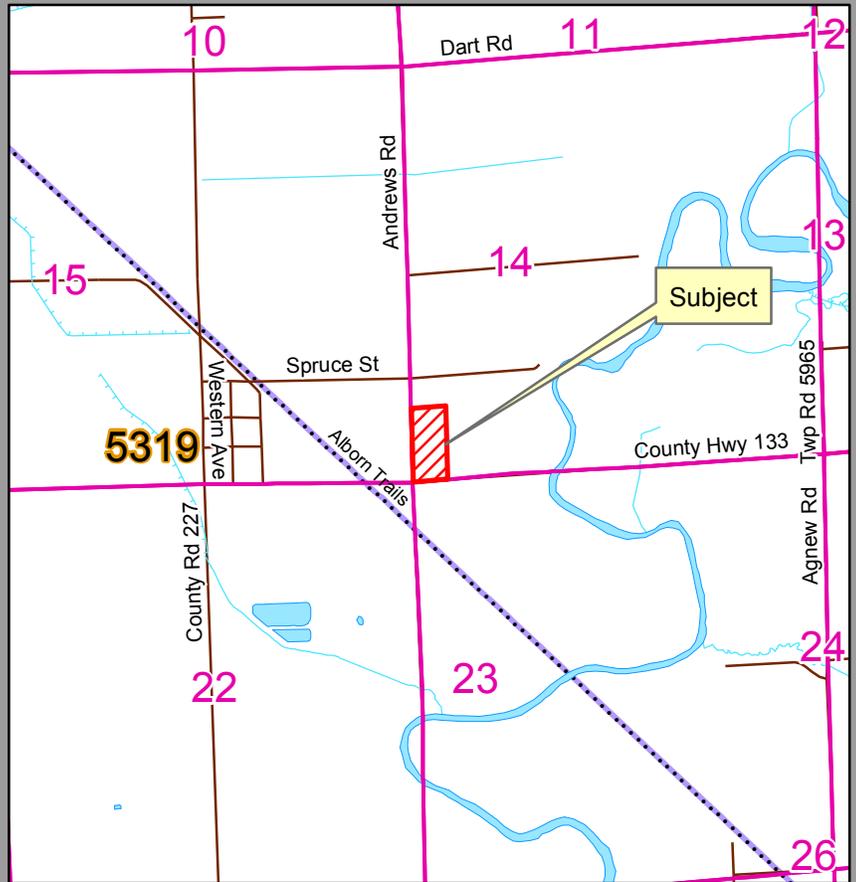
Repurchase of Contract

Legal : TOWN OF MEADOWLANDS
WLY 440 FT OF LOT 6 EX NLY 373 FT
Sec 14 Twp 53 Rge 19

Parcel Code : 440-0010-01811

LDKEY : 117599

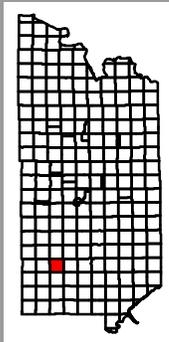
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Town of Meadowlands Sec: 14 Twp: 53 Rng: 19

Commissioner District # 7

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



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**St. Louis County
Land Department**

December 2013



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Special Sale to the City of Gilbert

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The City of Gilbert has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the market value of \$400, plus fees, for the purpose of residential development:

Legal: City of Gilbert
Lot 1, Block 66, Gilbert 2nd Addition
Parcel Code: 060-0030-06790
Acres: 0.007
LDKey: 105161

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1(a) authorizes the sale of state tax forfeited land to an organized governmental subdivision for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8; and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the City of Gilbert for the price of \$400 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$12, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.32, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$484.32, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the City of Gilbert does not purchase the land by January 31, 2014.



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Special Sale of Property

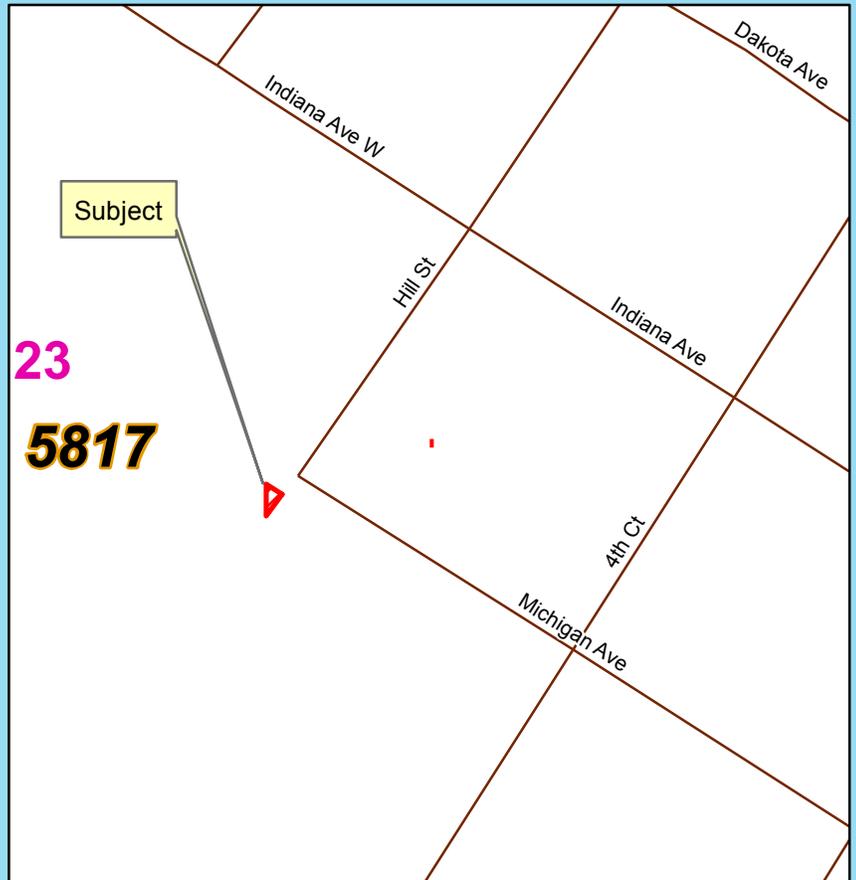
Legal : CITY OF GILBERT
LOT: 0001 BLOCK:066
GILBERT 2ND ADDITION

Parcel Code : 060-0030-06790

LDKEY : 105161



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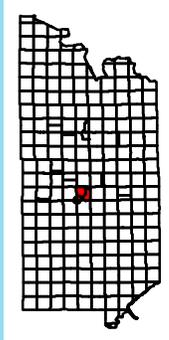


City of Gilbert

Sec: 23 Twp: 58 Rng: 17

Commissioner District # 6

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



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Land Department**

December 2013



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BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 513

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Abatement List for Board Approval

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Monacelli, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

The County Assessor will meet all state mandates for classifying and valuing taxable parcels for property tax purposes as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 270 through 273.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the attached abatements.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of abatements is to provide equitable treatment to individual taxpayers while at the same time exercising prudence with the tax monies due to the taxing authorities within St Louis County. Abatements are processed in conformance with St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 861, dated November 30, 1993, outlining the Board's policy on abatement of ad valorem taxes. This Policy provides direction for the abatement of: 1) Current year taxes; 2) Current year penalty and costs; 3) Past year taxes; and 4) Past year penalty, interest, and costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the attached list of abatements.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 59577.

11/25/2013
10:41:04AM

Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board
on 12/17/2013

<u>PARCEL CODE</u>	<u>AUD NBR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPRAISER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REDUCTION</u>
10 400 780	0 14981	CENTRAL VILLAGE, LLC	R	City of Duluth	County Auditor	PENALTY & INTEREST	2013	6,375.51

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 514

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Release of Reversion
Requirement on County Fee Land
(Grand Lake Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

 Tony Mancuso, Director
 Property Management

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Facilitate county fee land purchase, sale and easement activities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a release from reversion clause requirement of land owned by Grand Lake Township.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Board conveyed a depleted gravel pit by Quit Claim Deed Document No. 561213 to Grand Lake Township on November 17, 1992. Grand Lake Township has developed soccer fields on a portion of this property. The deed contains a reversionary clause that requires that the property revert back to the county in the event it is no longer used for public recreational purposes. Grand Lake Township has requested a release from this reversion requirement for a portion of the property to allow its sale to an adjoining owner. The original parcel contained 20.66 acres. The parcel requested to be released is 0.88 acres in size. The county will receive the fair market value of \$3,200 for the purchase of this parcel.

The County Attorney's Office and Property Management staff have reviewed this request and have no objections.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the release of a portion of property from the reversion requirement contained in Quit Claim Deed Document No. 561213. Purchase amount of \$3,200 payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583100.

Release of Reversion Requirement on County Fee Land (Grand Lake Township)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Grand Lake Township has requested a partial release from a reversion clause contained in Quit Claim Deed Document No. 561213 to allow the sale of a portion of this property to an adjoining owner. The parcel is described as follows:

The South 255.74 feet of the north 1000.00 feet of the West 150.00 feet of the East 900.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 51 North, Range 16 West, St. Louis county, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will receive \$3,200 for the value of this portion of the larger parcel;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County releases the above legally described parcel from the reversion clause contained in Quit Claim Deed Document No. 561213;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That payment of \$3,200 is payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583100.

Mark Hudson - Grand Lake Township Property

From: Kim Brzezinski <Keb@northernlawyers.com>
To: "hudsonm@stlouiscountymn.gov" <hudsonm@stlouiscountymn.gov>, "mancusot@s...
Date: 10/1/2013 11:30 AM
Subject: Grand Lake Township Property

Mark and Tony,

Our office represents Grand Lake Township with respect to encroachment upon the Township's property by an adjacent property owner, Gordon J. Mehling. The Township and Mr. Mehling have reached an agreement for the Township to sell a portion of its property to Mr. Mehling to remedy the encroachment. The portion of property being sold by the Township is legally described as follows:

The South 255.74 feet of the North 1000.00 feet of the West 100.00 feet of the East 900.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 51 North, Range 16 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

The Township obtained this property (as part of a larger parcel) from St. Louis County (by Document No. 561213). The deed from the County to the Township contained a restriction on the use of the property, causing reversion to the County "in the event that the property is no longer used for public recreational purposes."

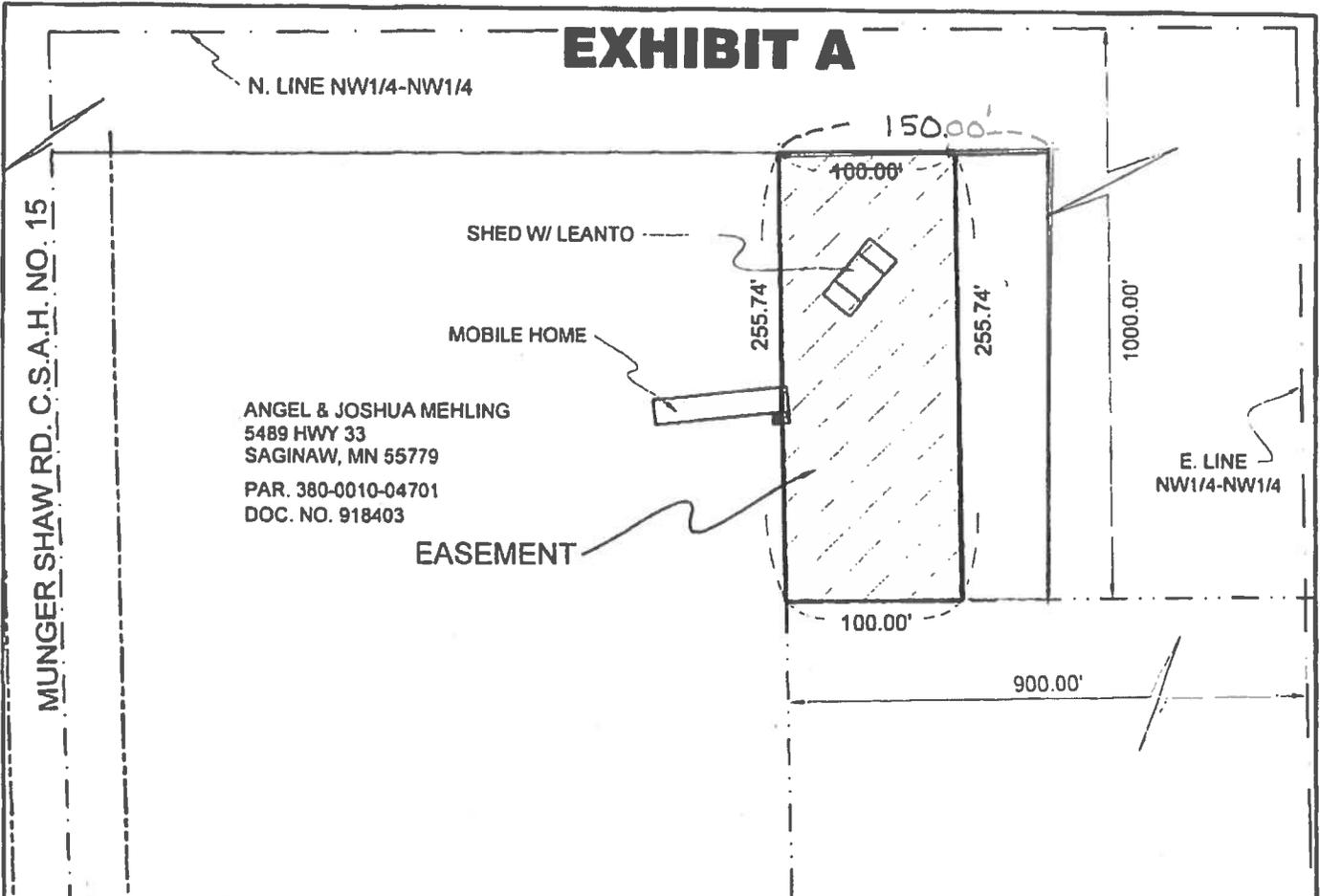
It is my understanding that the County previously agreed to accept \$3,200.00 to release the above-described portion of the property from the restriction on public recreational use (my client was previously represented by attorney Ken Butler, who spoke with the County some time ago about this matter). Can you confirm that the County is willing to accept \$3,200.00 in exchange for releasing this portion of the property from the restriction? Thank you.

Kimberly E. Brzezinski, Attorney
MSBA Certified Real Property Specialist

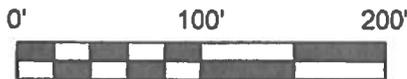
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EXHIBIT A



ANGEL & JOSHUA MEHLING
 5489 HWY 33
 SAGINAW, MN 55779
 PAR. 380-0010-04701
 DOC. NO. 918403



EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:

The South 255.74 feet of the North 1000.00 feet of the West ~~400.00~~^{150.00} feet of the East 900.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 51 North, Range 16 West, Saint Louis County, Minnesota.

0.88 acres
 0.58 acres

GRAND LAKE TOWNSHIP
 5297 Highway 53
 Saginaw, MN 55792
 Pt. of NW1/4-NW1/4, Sec. 23
 T.51N., R.16W., ST. LOUIS CO., MN

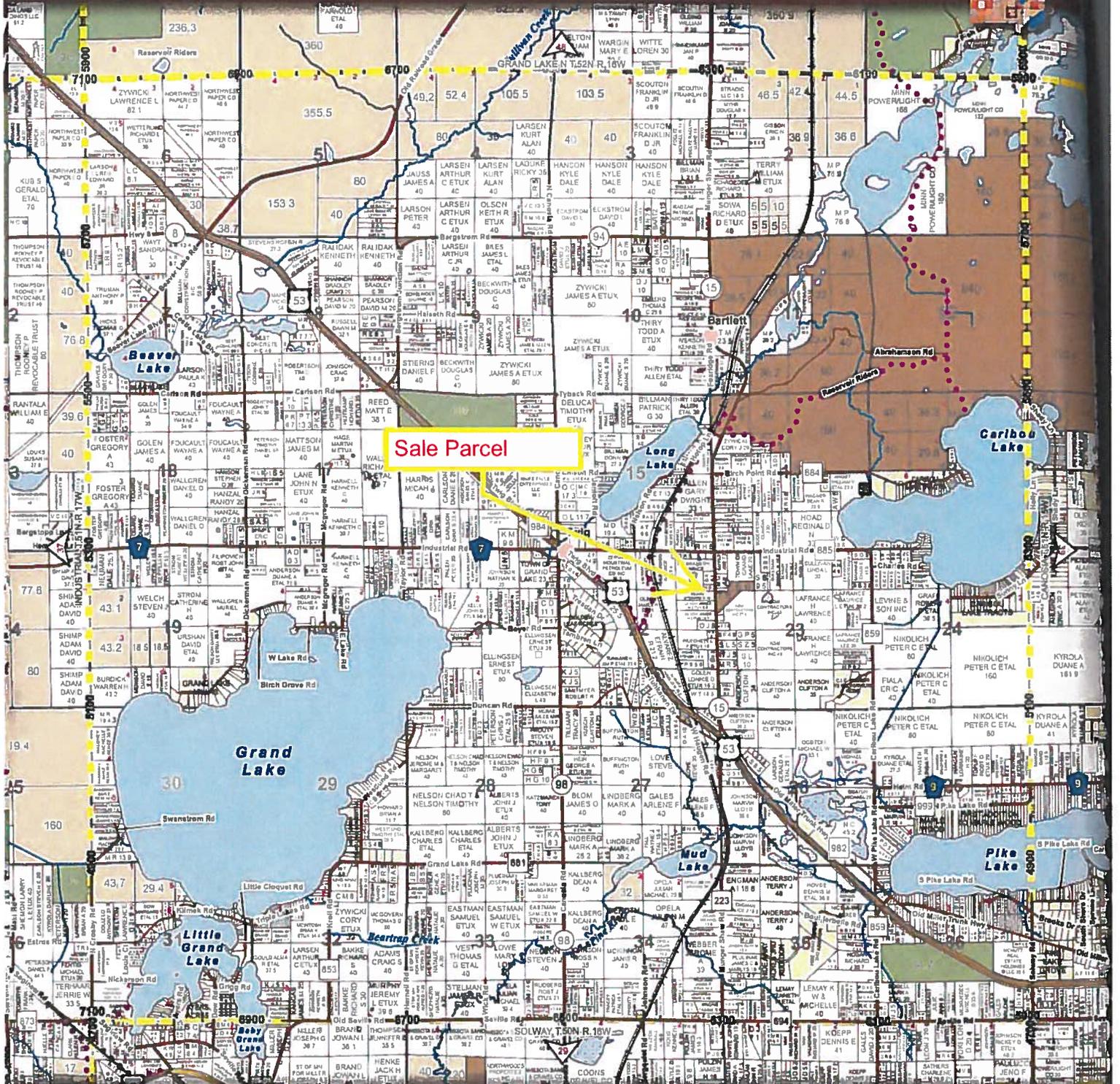
Livgard Surveying, Inc.
 Registered Land Surveyors
 1507 Tower Ave. Suite 303
 Superior, WI 54880
 Tele: 715-395-6787
 Cell: 218-390-6787

I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
 Norman B. Livgard, MN License Number 10725

 Date: 3-10-11

GRAND LAKE (S)

T.51N-R.16W



Sale Parcel

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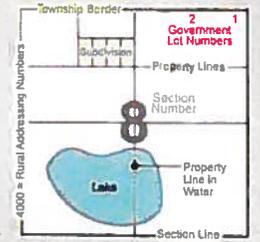
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- PRIVATE
- SUBDIVISION
- TOWNSHIP
- SECTION
- COUNTY
- MUNICIPALITY
- LAKE
- PIT LAKE
- DRY LAKE BED
- RIVER/STREAM
- VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK
- RESERVATION
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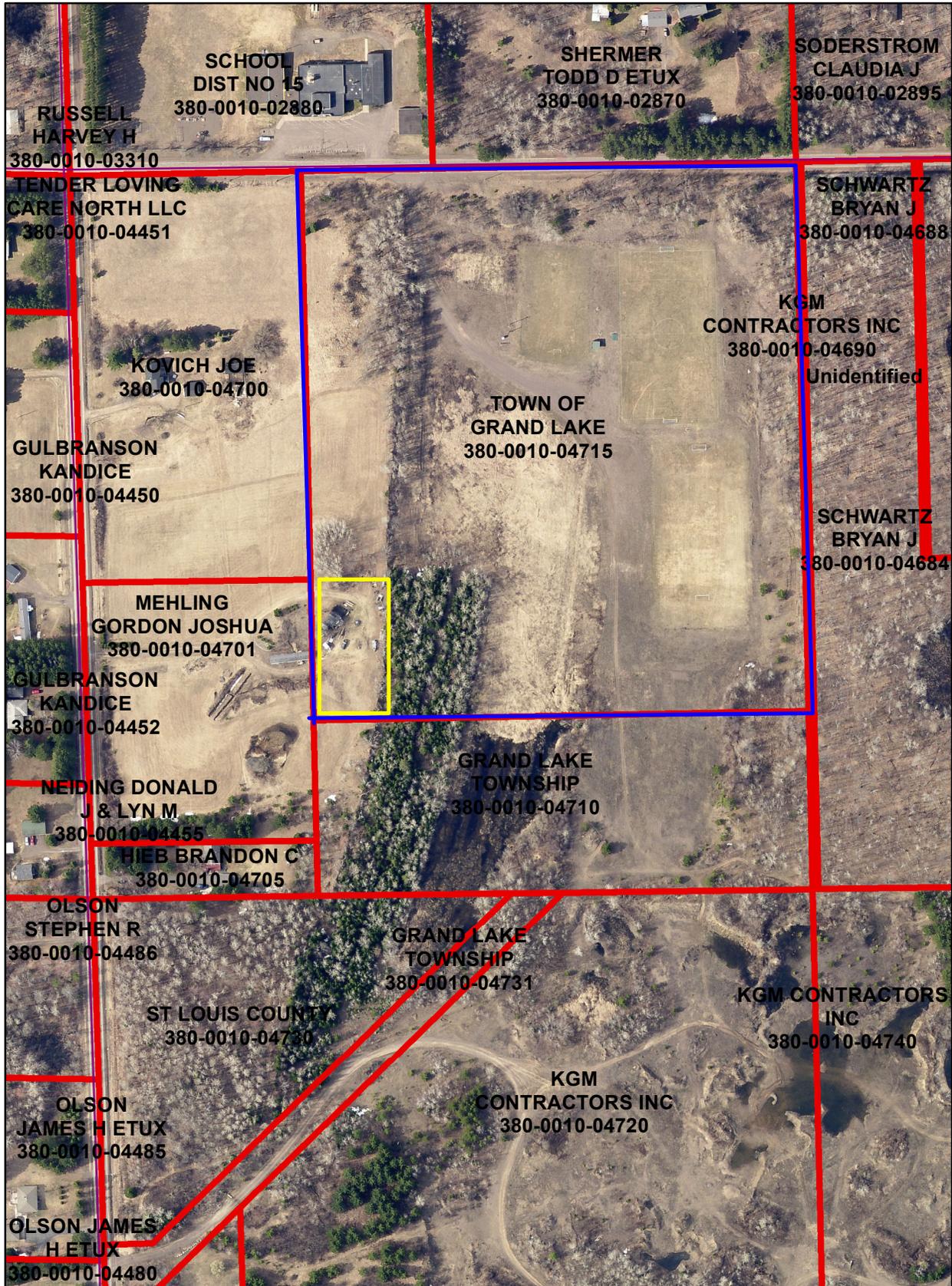
OWNERSHIP ABBREVIATIONS
 ETAL = ESTATE AND OTHERS
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 TR = TRUST
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 PRTN = PARTNERSHIP

ROAD NAME ABBREVIATIONS
 AVE = AVENUE
 BLVD = BOULEVARD
 CIRCLE = CIRCLE
 COURT = COURT
 DRIVE = DRIVE
 LOOP = LOOP
 EXP = EXPRESSWAY
 HWY = HIGHWAY
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 PLACE = PLACE
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 ST = STREET
 TERRACE = TERRACE
 TRAIL = TRAIL
 WAY = WAY



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Grand Lake Township Release Request
Section 23, T51N, R16W
Original Conveyance Shown in Blue (20.66 Acres)
Area to be released shown in Yellow (0.88 Acres)



BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 515

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 10

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Utility Easement across County
Fee Land to Great River Energy
(Fine Lakes Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Tony Mancuso, Director
 Property Management

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Facilitate county fee land purchase, sale and easement activities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an electrical transmission line easement across county fee owned property.

BACKGROUND:

Great River Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation, is upgrading the transmission lines in the Fine Lakes Township area and is requesting additional easements adjacent to a small fee owned gravel pit. This gravel pit is 2.85 acres in size and has also been developed further on the surrounding tax forfeit property. Great River Energy staff worked with both the Public Works Department and Land and Minerals Department staff to ensure that the electric utility line will not have an adverse effect on the use of county fee owned land or the gravel pit operation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a utility easement across St. Louis County fee owned land to Great River Energy for the consideration of \$450 for land use fee to be deposited in Fund 100 Agency 128014 Object 583100.

**Utility Easement across County Fee Land to Great River Energy
(Fine Lakes Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Great River Energy, a Minnesota cooperative corporation, will be upgrading a transmission line between Tower and Orr to improve the electrical delivery system in this area of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Great River energy has requested that the St. Louis County Board grant a transmission line utility easement across St. Louis County fee owned property; and

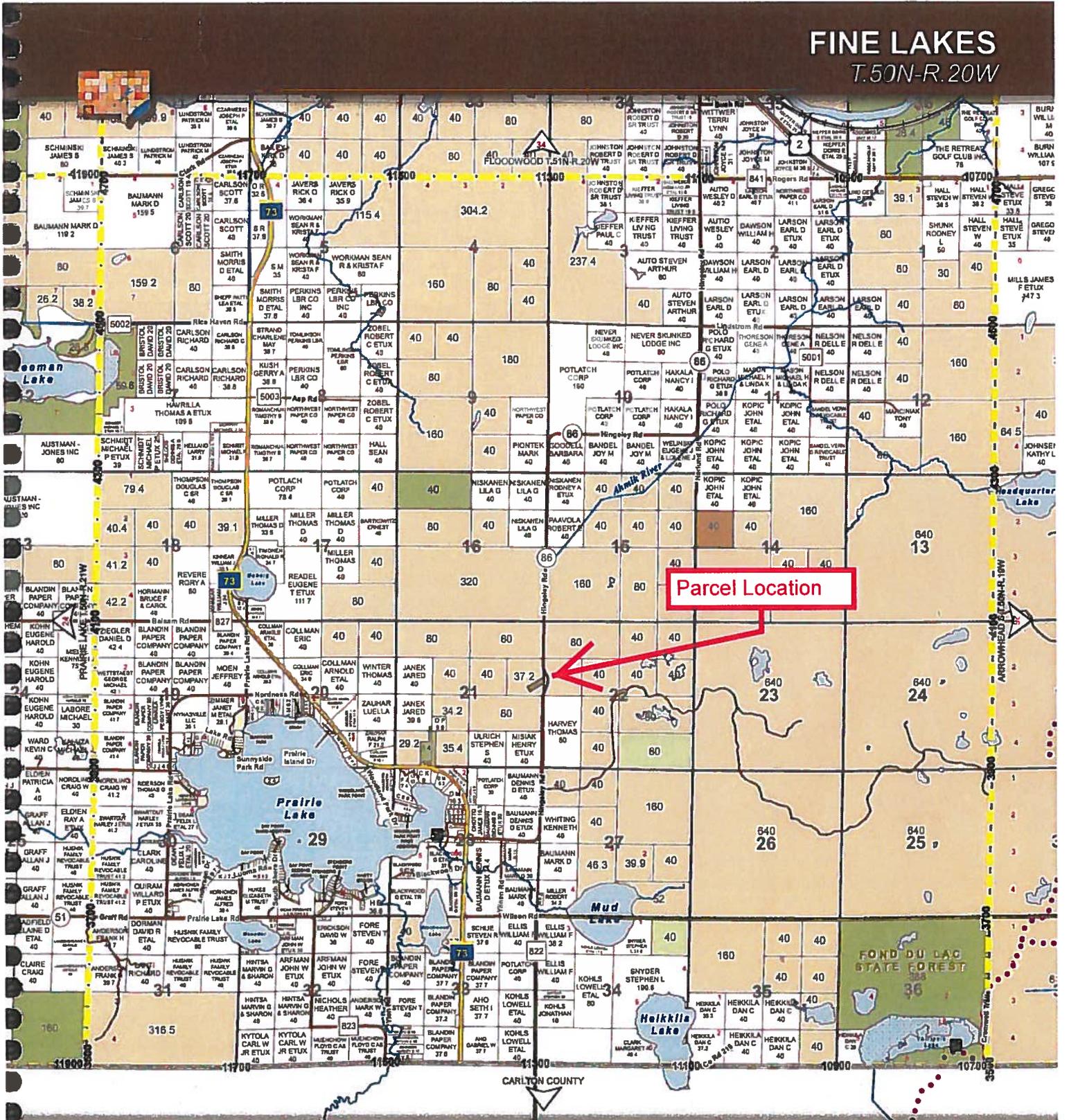
WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subd. 1(4), authorizes the County Auditor and the Chair of the St. Louis County Board to sell, lease, and convey real estate owned by the county;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01 Subd. 1(4), the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute a transmission line utility easement to Great River Energy as described in Easement No. LC-CSX-076, Exhibits A and B, on file in the Property Management Department.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$450 land use fee, to be deposited in Fund 100 Agency 128014 Object 583100.

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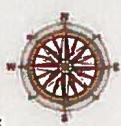
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Parcel Location

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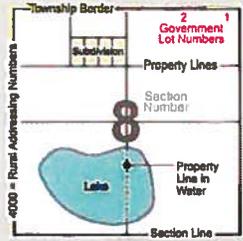
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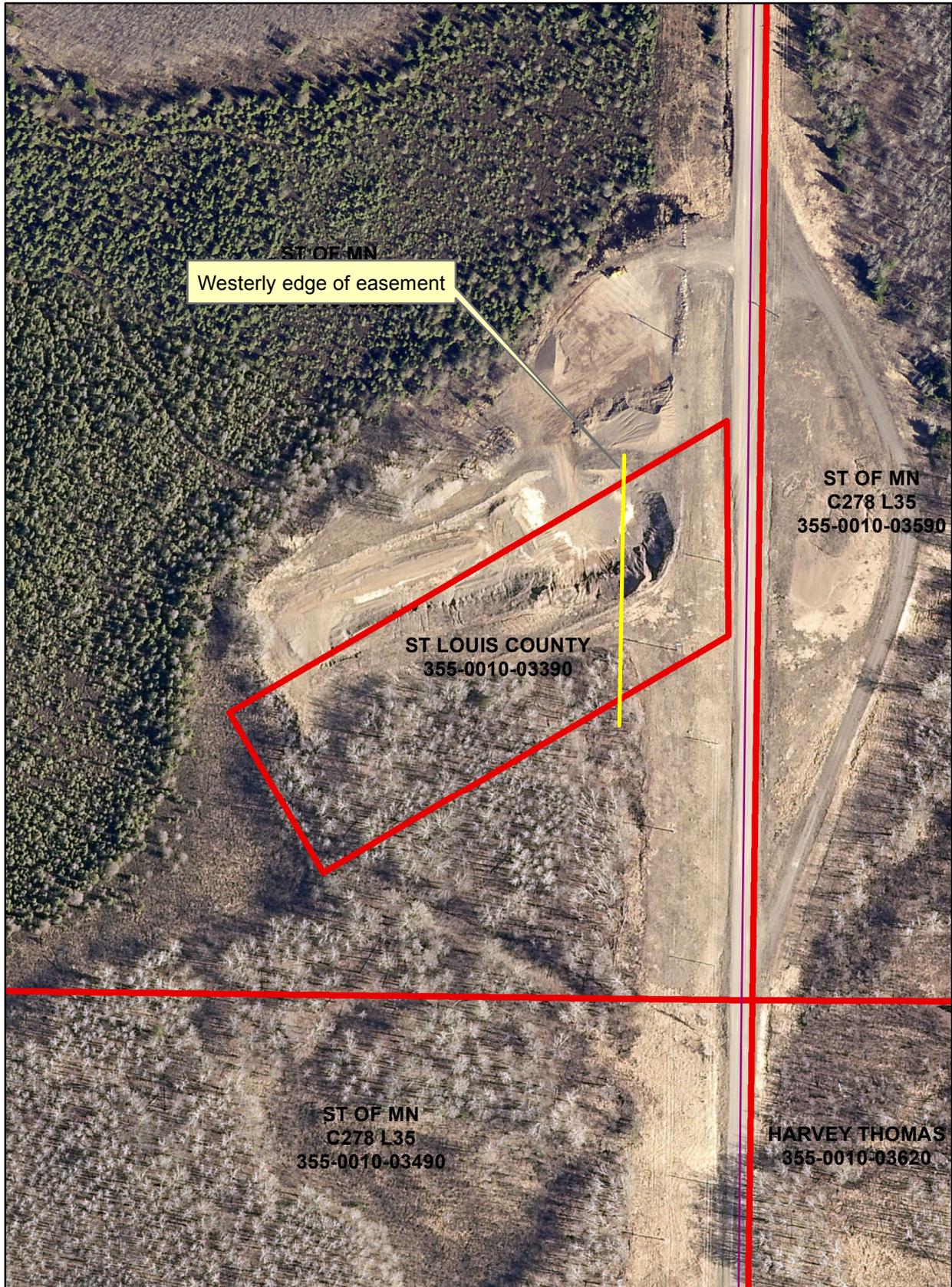
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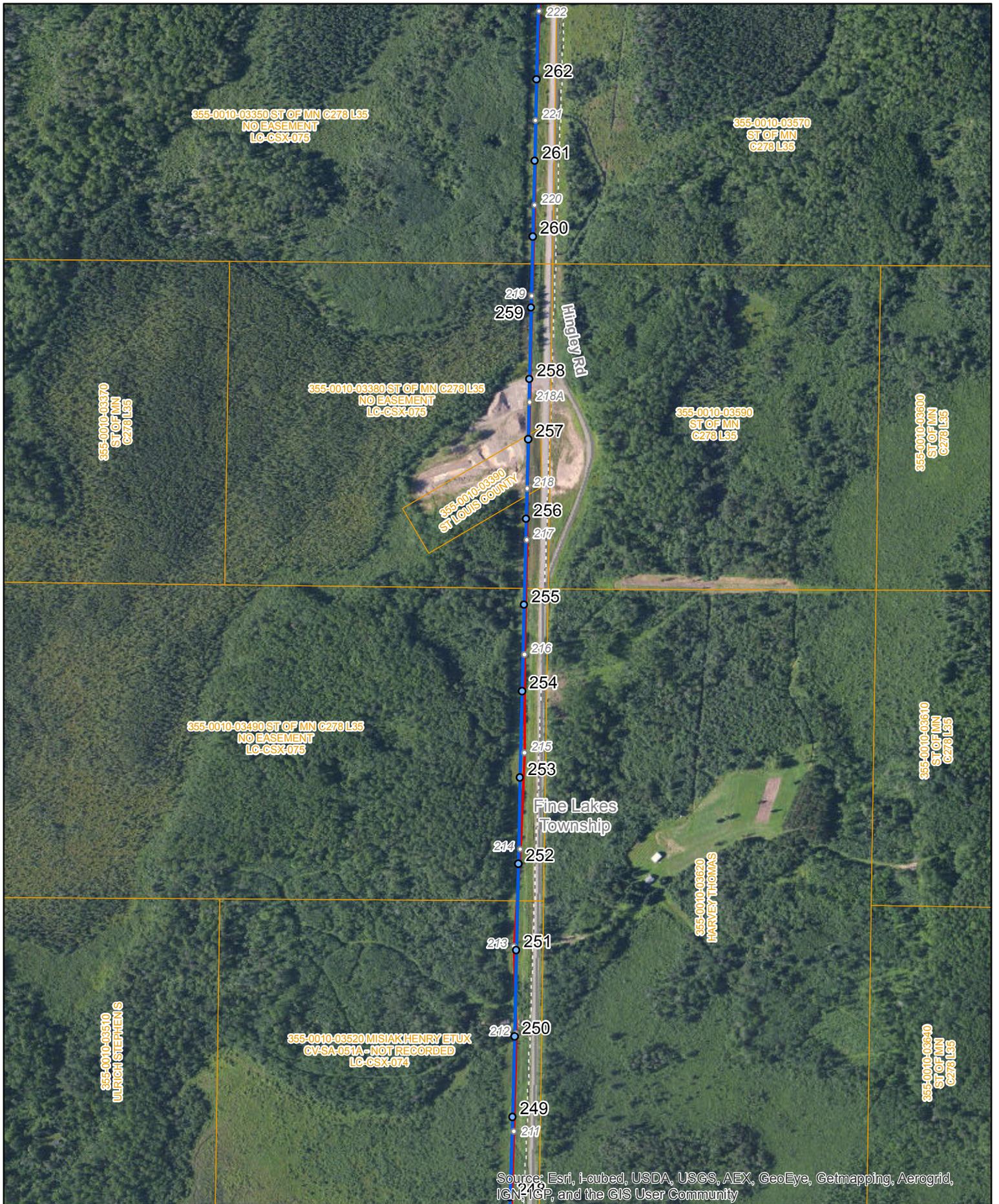
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 ETVR= AND HUSBAND REV TR= REVOCABLE TRUST
 PRTM= PARTNERSHIP IRREV TR= IRREVOCABLE TRUST

ROAD NAME ABBREVIATIONS
 AVE= AVENUE EXP= EXPRESSWAY ST= STREET
 BLVD= BOULEVARD HWY= HIGHWAY TER= TERRACE
 CL= CIRCLE LN= LANE TR= TRAIL
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**GRE Easement Request
Parcel 355-0010-03390
Overhead Transmission Line**



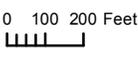


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Great River Energy

- New Transmission Centerline
- New Structure Locations
- Existing 69-kV Transmission Line
- Existing Structure Locations

- XXXX Bird Diverters on PWI Water Crossings
- GRE Transmission Line Easement



GREAT RIVER ENERGY
Updated: 9/12/2013 A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



GIS data sources vary from MNDNR, MNDOT, MNGEO, and Great River Energy. Parcel Information from St. Louis County. Aerial Photography from ESRI Basemap

Cromwell-Savanna-Cedar Valley Map 19

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 516

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 11

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: Arrowhead Counties Association
Lobbying Services Agreement

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide efficient and effective government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize an agreement with Arrowhead Counties Association for lobbying services for the 2014 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

The Arrowhead Counties Association, comprised of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis Counties, annually enters into an agreement with St. Louis County for lobbying services. The agreement for the 2014 Legislative Session is in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the appropriate county officials to sign the lobbying services agreement, payment to be deposited into Fund 100-105001, Intergovernmental Affairs.

Arrowhead Counties Association Lobbying Services Agreement

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute the lobbying services agreement with Arrowhead Counties Association, on file in County Board File No. _____, which would use the services of St. Louis County's Director of Intergovernmental Relations to further the Arrowhead Counties Association's lobbying activities at the State Legislature during the 2014 Legislative Session not to exceed \$11,000 to be deposited into fund 100-105001, Intergovernmental Affairs.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2013 by and between the COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS a body corporate and politic existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as “the County”), through the St. Louis County Board; the ARROWHEAD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”), by and through its Chairman.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County employs John Ongaro as its Intergovernmental Relations Director (IR Director); and

WHEREAS, legislative goals of the County and the Association are similar on many issues and;

WHEREAS, the Association wishes to use the services of the County IR Director to further its legislative activities at the Minnesota State Legislature during the 2014 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees that the legislative activities of the IR Director can be used towards common objectives, without hampering or diluting the activities of the IR Director specifically for St. Louis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Association, for good and valuable mutual consideration, agree as follows:

1. The term of this agreement shall be from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014.
2. That in addition to legislative activities for St. Louis County, the IR Director will undertake legislative activity and efforts on behalf of the Arrowhead Counties Association during the 2014 Legislative Session, the scope of such activity to be determined by the mutual consent of the Arrowhead Counties Association and St. Louis County.
3. That the Association will reimburse the County for these services in an amount, not to exceed, Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000).
4. That the County will reimburse the IR Director, consistent with current County policies on reimbursement of expenses and required documentation, for the following anticipated costs related to 2014 legislative services from the funds specified in paragraph 3 above:
 - a. During the Legislative Session, meal expenses and incidentals will be reimbursed on a per diem basis following the Federal Maximum Per Diem Rates for CONUS (Continental United States) as allowed by St. Louis County and deemed necessary to carry out the duties for the Association.
 - b. Lodging and storage costs reimbursed upon presentation of receipts for lease payments, storage fees, and/or hotel accommodations; additional expenses including, but not limited to parking fees, office supplies HS internet, cable TV, legislative channels, postage, mileage, telephone, presentation materials, and any other related expenses deemed necessary to carry out legislative duties for the Association; provided however,

that the total remuneration under this Agreement, including expenses, shall not exceed the amount set forth in Paragraph 3.

- 5. That in seeking reimbursement of expenses, the IR Director will submit expenses to the St. Louis County Auditor which, if approved by the Auditor, shall be submitted for payment to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC), which has been appointed fiscal agent for the Association.
- 6. That at the conclusion of the 2014 Legislative session, the IR Director will report to both the St. Louis County Board and to the Arrowhead Counties Association regarding the status of his legislative efforts on behalf of the Arrowhead Counties Association and submit a written report.

ARROWHEAD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

BY: _____
Chair, Arrowhead Counties Association

BY: _____
Chair, County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

Date: _____

BY: _____
County Administrator

Date: _____

BY: _____
County Auditor

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM & EXECUTION:

BY: _____
Assistant County Attorney

Date: _____

DAMION No.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 517

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 12

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: Advertising for St. Louis County
Cooperative Extension
Committee Membership

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To connect community needs and University of Minnesota resources to address critical issues in St. Louis County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to advertise for three new citizen members on the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee (CEC).

BACKGROUND:

The County Cooperative Extension Committee is comprised of six citizen appointees, two County Commissioners and the County Auditor. The term of three citizen members of the CEC will expire on December 31, 2013. Jan Dzwonkowski, Jennifer Lipke, and Douglas Hoffbauer have completed their service on the CEC with three consecutive three year terms. According to the St. Louis County Extension Committee by-laws, the maximum term of membership for citizens serving on the committee shall be three 3-year terms, which is consistent with other county committees.

Citizen members must be appointed by the County Board. Appointees must have knowledge of Extension programs and be interested in the development of educational programs for the public of St. Louis County.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Auditor to advertise for three new members on the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2016.

**Advertising for the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension
Committee Membership**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee; and

WHEREAS, currently there are three citizen vacancies on the County Cooperative Extension Committee with terms beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board attempts to appoint citizen members who represent a geographical balance across the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to advertise for applications to fill three citizen member vacancies on the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee for three year terms beginning January 1, 2014 and expiring December 31, 2016.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 518

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 13

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013

RE: Contract with Anthony
Enterprises for the U.S. Forest
Service Ely Site Project

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
County Sheriff

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance public safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a contract with Anthony Enterprises of Duluth, Minnesota, for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Site Project.

BACKGROUND:

On February 7, 2012, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No.12-69 authorizing acceptance of the 2011 Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant. St. Louis County has worked with the U.S. Forest Service to identify projects that will promote the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant objective. Anthony Enterprises, Duluth, MN, was awarded the project in the amount of \$69,000 for the Ely Site Project. The project consists of creating a Home Ignition Zone to national standards of 200 feet around structures, reduce hazardous fuels and fire risk on private lands, and improve forest health on a landscape level on approximately 66 acres.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a contract with Anthony Enterprises, Duluth, MN, for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Site Project in the amount of \$69,000, to be accounted for in Fund 290, Agency 290999, Grant 29003 Year 2013.

Contract with Anthony Enterprises for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Site Project

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On February 7, 2012, the St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No.12-69 authorizing acceptance of the Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has worked with the U.S. Forest Service to identify projects that will promote the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant objective, including the Ely Site Project; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Enterprises, of Duluth, MN, was awarded the project in the amount of \$69,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a contract with Anthony Enterprises, Duluth, MN, for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Site Project in the amount of \$69,000, to be accounted for in Fund 290, Agency 290999, Grant 29003, Year 2013.

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 519

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: December 3, 2013 **RE:** Appointments to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To ensure compliance with state statutes.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board, acting as the Silica township board, is requested to appoint John Hagberg and Joseph Wivoda to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND:

Minnesota Statute §424A.04 (Volunteer Relief Associations; Board of Trustees) states that a relief association that is directly associated with a municipal fire department must be managed by a board of trustees consisting of nine members. Six trustees must be elected from the membership of the relief association and three trustees must be drawn from the officials of the municipalities served by the fire department to which the relief association is directly associated.

Since the Silica fire department is not located in an organized municipality, state law requires that the two municipal trustees be appointed from the fire department service area by the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Hagberg and Mr. Wivoda have indicated an interest in serving on the trustee board and have submitted applications.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board appoint John Hagberg and Joseph Wivoda to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees.

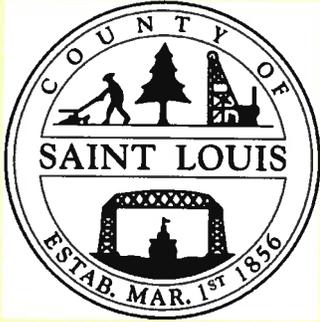
Appointments to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 424A.04 (Volunteer Relief Associations; Board of Trustees) states that a relief association that is directly associated with a municipal fire department must be managed by a board of trustees consisting of nine members. Six trustees must be elected from the membership of the relief association and three trustees must be drawn from the officials of the municipalities served by the fire department to which the relief association is directly associated; and

WHEREAS, The Silica fire department is not located in an organized municipality, state law requires that the two municipal trustees be appointed from the fire department service area by the county board of commissioners;

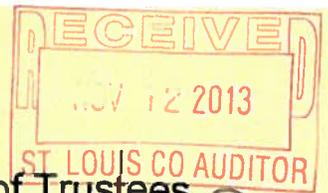
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Silica Township Board, appoints John Hagberg and Joseph Wivoda to the Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees.



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Application

Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees
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.

OR e-mail at: chapmanp@stlouiscountymn.gov

Application For:

SILICA FIRE RELIEF ASSOC.

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

Applicant Name:

HAGBERG JOHN R

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address:

1726 JANET PARK DRIVE

Street

HIBBING

MN

55746

City

State

Zip

Telephone/Fax/
E-Mail:

218 2633445

pamhibbing@aol.com

Home

Work

Fax

E-mail Address

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

61 yrs

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

SILICA ATHLETIC CLUB - TREASURER 10+ yrs

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

HELP MY NEIGHBORS

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

HIGH SCHOOL, SOME COLLEGE, TECH SCHOOL GRAD, 32+ YRS SHEET METAL WORKER-LOCAL 10 RETIRED, BOARD MEMBER JOINT APPRENTICESHIP - RETIRED

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

I HAVE LIVED IN THE SILVER AREA FOR 15+ YRS. I ENJOY THE AREA & THE PEOPLE. I GENERALLY VOLUNTEER 120+ HRS A YEAR WITH S.A.C., BUILDING REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

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

KIM HANSON 1746 JANET PARK DR HIBBING 262-0044
BOB WINKEL 1732 JANET PARK DR. HIBBING 263-9308

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

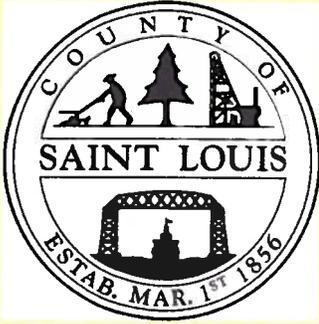
Signature: John Stogberg

Date 11/9/13

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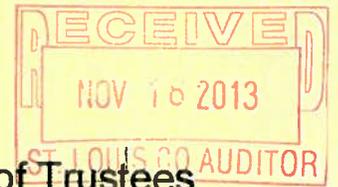
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Application

Silica Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees
St. Louis County



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OR e-mail at: chapmanp@stlouiscountymn.gov

Application For:

Silica Fire Relief Assoc Board of Trustees

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

Applicant Name:

Wivoda Joseph J

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address:

1842 County Road 944

Street

Hibbing MN 35746

City State Zip

Telephone/Fax/
E-Mail:

218-969-0097 218-262-9999 joe@wivoda.com

Home Work Fax E-mail Address

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

9 years

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

Hibbing Planning Commission 2002 - 2005 (approx)
Ramsey Planning Commission 1994 - 1999 (approx)

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

I am a fire fighter for Silica Volunteer Fire department and I would like to help my community to ensure the relief association is run in a sustainable manner.

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

I have BS & MS in physics, and a doctorate in business administration. I work in healthcare information technology.

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

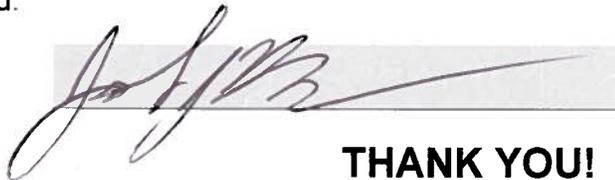
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6. Please list two references including name, address, and telephone number.

Vic Kylochko 2214 Stuart Road, Hibbing 218-263-9308
Terry Hill 600 E Superior Street #404, Duluth 218-727-9390

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

Signature:



Date

11-8-13

THANK YOU!

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Appointment Date

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Date Entered

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Commissioner District

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Retention Date

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Appointed: Yes No

Committee/Board/Commission:

[Committee/Board/Commission box]

2014 Proposed Legislative Agenda

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The County Board was presented with a draft of legislative priorities for the 2014 Legislative Session at its Committee of the Whole meeting on December 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro discussed each item with commissioners and received input in finalizing the list of priorities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the "2014 St. Louis County Legislative Priorities" as found in County Board File No. _____, and directs its Intergovernmental Relations Director to work to achieve these outcomes during the 2014 Legislative Session.

St. Louis County (Preliminary) Legislative Priorities

1. NERCC- \$4 Million request.

- Located immediately north of Duluth in Grand Lake Township, this 3200 acre workfarm/correctional facility is a Depression-era relic that's received few improvements since the 30's. These dollars will be used for a variety of structural, energy and technology improvements to the 42 outbuildings on the Workfarm.
- NERCC puts the word "Work" into the correctional Workhouse concept. Instead of our inmates sitting around watching TV all day, we have them out "working." Working in the fields- farming, haying, raising chickens-turkeys-pigs, etc. Also, we have them working in the carpentry, welding, and mechanic shops, and the greenhouse and food processing facility.
- As a result of our "work first" approach to correctional programming, NERCC has the lowest recidivism rate of any correctional facility in the state (At least 15% lower than all other facilities).

2. Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad Building Storage Facilities- \$837K

- Remodel and upgrade the North and South St. Louis County Rescue Squad Buildings.
- Our Volunteer Rescue Squad is a group of 65 people who help the Sheriff with land and water related emergency response, search and recovery. Rescue Squad members annually volunteer over 23,000 hours, including searching for missing persons, drowning recovery operations, motor vehicle extrication, etc.
- This project will renovate existing buildings into both operational headquarters and for storage of Rescue Squad vehicles and equipment.

3. Additional Regional (County-related) Bonding Projects

- \$8.5 M to the Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Project- construction of sanitary sewage treatment facilities for treating and cleaning the waters flowing into the Voyageur's National Park and the BWCA.
- \$10M for the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency's proposed new office building in Virginia.

4. Governor's "UnSession" Item(s)

- "If I could wave a magic wand and eliminate all this duplication, redundancy, excessive paperwork and reporting, that would do more to restore citizens' faith in government than just about anything else I can think of," Dayton said. (Star Tribune interview 11/17/13)
- St. Louis County's #1 Submittal: "Streamlining the Environmental Review Process for Transportation-related projects." All of the aforementioned problems (identified by the Governor) occur with this environmental permitting process.

5. Further Amend the State Minerals Management Account (MMA)

- Two years ago, we amended this same law and got county tax forfeited trust lands included as an additional Public Land Trust now eligible to receive mineral royalty payments (besides State School Trust lands and Permanent University lands). This statutory change has already resulted in a very handsome financial return for the taxpayers of St. Louis County.
- 20% of the MMA account is reserved for the DNR to use for administrative purposes. And, once this 20% exceeds \$3 Million, any amount over that cap gets distributed proportionately back to the land trusts which created it. The DNR is distributing this portion of the tax-forfeited trust to counties using the same formula used to distribute the other 80% of the MMA: 3/9ths to each of the taxing districts.
- We propose to amend this statute by requiring the DNR to distribute this money through the same formula that distributes the proceeds from tax forfeited land sales. (M.S. 282.08). This allows counties to deduct all of our administrative costs first, before we begin any distribution to the other taxing districts. Provided that taconite production stays strong, this should net the county hundreds of thousands of additional dollars.

6. Cross Town Trail Tunnel at Haines Road/State Reimbursement

- This last legislative Session when the Omnibus Parks and Trails Legacy Bill passed into law. One section of the new law included special funding (in excess of \$500M) to pay for a variety of projects, including, the cost of building a pedestrian/bike/snowmobile tunnel under Haines Road. Post Session, a drafting error was discovered in the bill and a technical change is needed to fix it. Until then, none of the 10 funded projects in this section of the bill can receive their funding.
- The Haines Road Tunnel needed to be built this construction season in conjunction with our Haines Road Reconstruction Project, and so we could not wait until next Session's legislative fix. If we waited until next year, it wouldn't have made any sense to then tear up what was just built and then have to rebuild that section of Haines Road, again. So, we went ahead and built the tunnel and will appeal to the legislature to still fund our tunnel project (as they clearly intended to), but to do so on a reimbursement basis. This will be a much heavier lift, now, but one which is very worthy of pursuing.

7. Little Stone Lake Dam/Transfer Dam and its Liability to the DNR

- This structurally deficient dam is on land that recently went tax forfeit and therefore, it now becomes our problem to own and maintain.
- Legally, the DNR is the Dam Authority for the entire state. We propose to transfer this tax forfeited parcel and the Dam that sits on it to the DNR so that they instead own and maintain it. By so doing, we are simply fulfilling the statutory intent of the DNR being the State Dam Authority.

8. The Lands Bill and Park Point Tax Forfeited Parcels

- This is our usual and annual laundry list of special sales of tax-forfeited land parcels. There is one section of our bill, however, which will be rather different than all its other provisions: the Park Point tax forfeited parcels.
- Our draft legislation reads: "Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subdivision 7a, tax forfeited land located on Minnesota Point, Duluth, MN which cannot be improved because of noncompliance with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape, frontage or access may, at the discretion of the county auditor, be offered and sold by the county auditor to any single, specific adjoining or adjacent landowner without notifying or offering to sell to all adjoining or adjacent landowners."
- The critical difference with this legislation compared with our usual procedure used with special sales of tax forfeited land is: these parcels will not be offered to be sold to "all" adjacent property owners. If we did offer to sell these properties to all adjacent owners, we would likely end up with some situations where certain adjacent owners adjoining the front or back side of the land to be sold, would suddenly find themselves without any access to water, roads or improvements. By leaving the specifics of any sale to the discretion of the County Auditor, both the Land & Minerals Department and Auditor will work together to carefully structure any sale so that no land owner will lose future access to water, roads or improvements.

9. Wetlands

- Northeast Minnesota Wetland Mitigation Legislation. The State Board on Water and Soil Resources just issued "The Siting of Wetland Mitigation in NE Minnesota Report." The focus of the report is the presentation of various options and solutions to the unique wetland mitigation challenges faced by this region.
- In reaction to this report, legislation will likely be introduced from various interested parties, including from members of our own legislative delegation. The ultimate impact of any proposed legislation on St. Louis County government and our region's economic future is considerable. It is crucial, therefore, that we take an active role in helping to shape any final legislation.
- Finally, we have an excellent opportunity next Session to conduct an informational and educational hearing with the Environmental Committees in both the House and Senate. Specific focus would be on our recent efforts towards streamlining the Environmental Review process for transportation-related projects. Our Public Works Department has developed a very powerful presentation on this issue and we need to share it with as many key policymakers as possible.

10. Expand Local Government Sales Tax Exemption to include - Tandem trucks used exclusively for highway maintenance.

- Township government currently enjoys this exemption and cities and counties believed it was covered in their 2013 exemptions, too. Unfortunately, the Department of Revenue recently ruled that it isn't covered.
- For counties as large as St. Louis, financially, this exemption would be a big deal. We estimate that it would save us between \$75-150,000 yr., depending on the number of trucks purchased.
- State revenue loss from this statewide change is expected to be in the \$5-10M range. It is not a loss to the General Fund; instead, it would be a loss to the MVEST Fund.

Other possible legislative issues, including several statewide county initiatives.

- Local Gov't Sales Tax Exemption-Expand to include Joint Powers Boards, especially those exclusively consisting of local county or city officials.
- Repeal/Amend Warehouse Tax for publicly owned facilities
- Statewide Transportation Funding & Possible CSAH changes
- Shoreline Management-possible new DNR proposed regulations
- PILT Reform-Phase II. Require Legacy Fund Land Acquisitions to pay counties PILT
- Greater Transparency/Flexibility of Correctional Grants to Counties
- County of Financial Responsibility requirements expanded to include ancillary services. Recent progress in implementation of the Olmstead Decision along with Mn Choices helps neutralize this need.
- Support Rice Lake Township Bonding Legislation and/or State Public Facilities Authority application for repairs/replacement of leaking water main.
- Other