



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 9:30 A.M.

**County Board Room, Second Floor
St. Louis County Courthouse
100 N. 5th Avenue West
Duluth, Minnesota**

**PETE STAUBER, Chair
Fifth District**

**FRANK JEWELL
First District**

**PATRICK BOYLE
Second District**

**CHRIS DAHLBERG
Third District**

**TOM RUKAVINA
Fourth District**

**KEITH NELSON
Sixth District**

**STEVE RAUKAR, Vice-Chair
Seventh District**

County Auditor
Donald Dicklich

County Administrator
Kevin Gray

County Attorney
Mark Rubin

Clerk of the Board
Phil Chapman

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda, you will be allowed to address the Board when a motion is on the floor. If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

When addressing the Board, please sign in at the podium and state your name and address for the record. Please address the Board as a whole through the Chair. Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M. Moment of Silence
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

TIME SPECIFIC:

11:00 A.M. General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A and 2015B

1. Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota, Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$2,530,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A; Establishing the Terms and Form Thereof; Creating a Debt Service Fund Therefor; and Awarding the Sale Thereof.

2. Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota, Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$5,640,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B; Establishing the Terms and Form Thereof, Creating a Debt Service Fund Therefor; and Awarding the Sale Thereof.

ADJOURNED:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$2,530,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015A; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND FORM THEREOF; CREATING A DEBT SERVICE FUND THEREFOR; AND AWARDING THE SALE THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Authorization.

1.01 Under and pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 (the "Act") and Section 475.67, Subdivisions 1 through 3 and 13 of the Act, the County previously issued its General Obligation Capital Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2006A, dated March 1, 2006 (the "2006 Bonds"), as authorized by a Resolution adopted by the Board on February 28, 2006 (the "2006 Resolution"). The 2006 Bonds were issued to refund, on an advance refunding basis, the 2010 through 2016 maturities of the County's \$14,270,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2001, dated May 1, 2001 (the "2001 Bonds"). The outstanding 2006 Bonds maturing in 2015 and thereafter are subject to prepayment and redemption at the option of the County on December 1, 2014, and on any date thereafter.

1.02 Under and pursuant to the provisions of the Act, specifically Section 475.67, Subd. 1 through 4 of the Act, the County is authorized to issue and sell its general obligation refunding bonds to refund the 2006 Bonds in advance of their scheduled maturities on a current refunding basis, if consistent with covenants made with the holders thereof, when determined by the Board to be necessary or desirable for the reduction of debt service costs to the County or for the extension or adjustment of maturities in relation to the resources available for their payment.

1.03 The Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable, in order to extend and adjust maturities in relation to the resources available for their payment and to reduce debt service costs, that the County issue its \$2,530,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A (the "Bonds"), to provide for the refunding of the 2015 and 2016 maturities of the 2006 Bonds, of which \$2,445,000 in principal amount is outstanding and subject to prepayment and redemption on April 15, 2015 (the "Refunded Bonds") (April 15, 2015 is herein referred to as the "Redemption Date").

1.04 The County has solicited proposals for the sale of the Bonds and has received and considered all proposals presented pursuant to the Terms of Proposal and has determined that the most favorable proposal is that of _____ of _____, _____ (the "Purchaser"), to purchase the Bonds at a cash price of \$_____, and upon condition that the Bonds mature and bear interest at the times and annual rates set forth in Section 2. The County, after due consideration, finds such offer reasonable and proper and the offer of the Purchaser is hereby accepted. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute on the part of the County a contract for the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the Purchaser's proposal. All actions of the Chair, the County Auditor, the Administrator and Springsted Incorporated, independent financial advisor to the County, taken with regard to the sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 2. Terms, Execution, and Delivery of the Bonds.

2.01 A. The Bonds to be issued hereunder shall be dated the date of issuance of the Bonds, as the date of original issue, shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof, in fully registered form and lettered and numbered R-1 and upward. The Bonds shall mature on December 1 in the respective years and amounts stated and shall bear interest at the annual rates as follows:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2015	\$1,250,000	%
2016	\$635,000	%
2017	\$645,000	%

B. The Bonds maturing on December 1 in the year 20__ shall be subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity pursuant to the requirements of this Section 2.01B at a redemption price equal to the stated principal amount thereof plus interest accrued thereon to the redemption date, without premium. The Bond Registrar, as designated below, shall select for redemption, by lot or other manner deemed fair, on December 1 in each of the following years the following stated principal amounts:

For Bonds maturing on December 1, 20__:

Year	Amount
*	

* Final Maturity

C. The County, through the Bond Registrar, will notify The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) of the particular amount of the Term Bond to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant’s interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed. All payments shall be at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest. No more than 60 days and no fewer than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and prepayment of any Bonds, notice of redemption shall be mailed to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, at the address shown on the registration books of the County.

2.02 The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption and prepayment before maturity.

2.03 The interest shall be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 in each year (each referred to herein as an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing December 1, 2015. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Bond Registrar designated below shall make all interest payments with respect to the Bonds by check or draft mailed to the registered owners of the Bonds shown on the bond registration records maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of the business on the 15th day (whether or not on a business day) of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date at such owners’ addresses shown on such bond registration records.

2.04 A. The Bonds shall be prepared for execution in accordance with the approved form and shall be signed by the facsimile or manual signature of the Chair and attested by the manual or facsimile

signature of the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be an officer before delivery of the Bonds, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

B. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, which is to be complete except as to dating thereof and cause the opinion to be printed on or attached to each Bond.

2.05 A. The Board hereby appoints the County Auditor, as registrar, paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent for the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"). The County reserves the right to name a substitute, successor Bond Registrar upon giving prompt written notice to each registered bond holder. The manual signature of the County Auditor on the Bonds shall be conclusive evidence that it has been executed and delivered under this Resolution.

B. The County shall cause to be kept by the Bond Registrar at its principal office, a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the County shall provide for the registration of the Bonds and the registration of transfers of the Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as herein provided. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Bond Registrar or its incapability of acting as such, the bond registration records shall be maintained at the office of the successor Bond Registrar as may be appointed by the Board.

2.06 Book-Entry System.

A. In order to make the Bonds eligible for the services provided by DTC, the County has previously agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations which has been executed by the County and DTC (the "Representation Letter").

B. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, so long as the Bonds shall be in Book-Entry Form, the provisions of this Section 2.06 shall govern.

C. All of the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Payment of interest on and principal of any Bond registered in the name of Cede & Co. shall be made by wire transfer or New York Clearing House or equivalent same day funds by 10:00 a.m. CT or as soon as possible thereafter following the Bond Registrar's receipt of funds from the County on each Interest Payment Date to the account of Cede & Co. on each Interest Payment Date at the address indicated in or pursuant to the Representation Letter.

D. DTC (or its nominees) shall be and remain recorded on the Bond Register as the holder of all Bonds which are in Book-Entry Form. No transfer of any Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be made, except from DTC to another depository (or its nominee) or except to terminate the Book-Entry Form. All Bonds of such stated maturity of any Bonds in Book-Entry Form shall be issued and remain in a single Bond certificate registered in the name of DTC (or its nominee); provided, however, that upon termination of the Book-Entry Form pursuant to the Representation Letter, the County shall, upon delivery of all Bonds of such series from DTC, promptly execute, and the Bond Registrar shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, Bonds of such series to all persons who were beneficial owners thereof immediately prior to such termination; and the Bond Registrar shall register such beneficial owners as holders of the applicable Bonds.

The Bond Registrar shall maintain accurate books and records of the principal balance, if any, of each such outstanding Bond in Book-Entry Form, which shall be conclusive for all purposes whatsoever.

Upon the execution or the authentication of any new Bond in Book-Entry Form in exchange for a previous Bond, the Bond Registrar shall designate thereon the principal balance remaining on such bond according to the Bond Registrar's books and records.

No beneficial owner (other than DTC) shall be registered as the holder on the Bond Register for any Bond in Book-Entry Form or entitled to receive any bond certificate. The beneficial ownership interest in any Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be recorded, evidenced and transferred solely in accordance with the Book-Entry System.

Except as expressly provided to the contrary herein, the County and the Bond Registrar may treat and deem DTC to be the absolute owner of all Bonds of each series which are in Book-Entry Form (i) for the purpose of payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond, (ii) for the purpose of giving notices hereunder, and (iii) for all other purposes whatsoever.

E. The County and the Bond Registrar shall each give notices to DTC of such matters and at such times as are required by the Representation Letter, including the following:

- (i) with respect to notices of redemption; and
- (ii) with respect to any other notice required or permitted under this Bond Resolution to be given to any holder of a Bond.

All notices of any nature required or permitted hereunder to be delivered to a holder of a Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be transmitted to beneficial owners of such Bonds at such times and in such manner as shall be determined by DTC, the participants and indirect participants in accordance with the Book-Entry System and the Representation Letter.

F. All payments of principal, redemption price of and interest on any Bonds in Book-Entry Form shall be paid to DTC (or Cede & Co.) in accordance with the Book-Entry System and the Representation Letter in same day funds by wire transfer.

2.07 The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by the Bond Registrar in such funds as are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America. The County shall pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Bond Registrar for the disbursement of principal and interest.

2.08 If a Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen, or lost, the Bond Registrar will deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date, and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Bond Registrar and the County in connection therewith, including the cost of printing new Bonds; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost, upon filing with the Bond Registrar and the County of evidence satisfactory to it and the County that the Bond was destroyed, stolen, or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Bond Registrar of an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance, and amount satisfactory to it and the County and as provided by law, in which both the County and the Bond Registrar must be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Bond Registrar will be canceled by the Bond Registrar and evidence of such cancellation must be given to the County. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen, or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms, it is not necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

2.09 Delivery of the Bonds and payment of the purchase price shall be made at a place mutually satisfactory to the County and the Purchaser. Executed Bonds shall be furnished by the County without cost to the Purchaser. The Bonds, when prepared in accordance with this Resolution and executed, shall be delivered by or under the direction of the County Auditor to the Purchaser thereof upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest.

Section 3. Form of the Bonds.

3.01 The Bonds shall be printed or typewritten in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BOND,
SERIES 2015A

R-_____ \$_____

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	December 1, 20__	March __, 2015	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: DOLLARS

St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "County"), for value received, promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above, on the maturity date specified above, and to pay interest on said principal amount to the registered owner hereof from the Date of Original Issue, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount is paid or discharged, said interest being at the rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on December 1, 2015. Both principal hereof and interest hereon are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the main office of the County Auditor, as registrar, paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent (the "Bond Registrar"), or at the office of such successor registrar as may be designated by the Board of Commissioners. The Bond Registrar shall make all interest payments with respect to this Bond directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the bond registration records maintained on behalf of the County by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (whether or not a business day) at such owner's address shown on said bond registration records, without, except for payment of principal on the Bond, the presentation or surrender of this Bond, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the County to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal shall be made upon presentation and surrender of this Bond to the Bond Registrar when due. For the prompt and full payment of such

principal and interest as they become due, the full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged.

This Bond is one of a series issued by the County in the aggregate amount of \$2,530,000, all of like date and tenor, except as to number, amount, maturity date and interest rate, pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, Section 475.67, Subd. 1 through 4, and all other laws thereunto enabling, and pursuant to an authorizing resolution adopted by the governing body of the County on February 3, 2015 (the "Resolution"). This Bond is issued for the purpose of providing funds to refund in advance of maturity the 2015 and 2016 maturities of the County's \$7,845,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2006A, dated March 1, 2006 (the "Refunded Bonds"). The County has levied a direct, annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the County which shall be extended upon the tax rolls for the years and in the amounts sufficient to produce sums not less than five percent in excess of the amounts of principal and interest on the Bonds, as such principal and interest respectively come due.

The Bonds maturing in the year ____ shall be subject to mandatory redemption and redeemed in installments as provided in the Resolution, at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for mandatory redemption and prepayment of any Bonds, notice of redemption shall be mailed to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed; however, so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey ("DTC"), notice of redemption shall be given in accordance with the terms of the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations executed by the County and DTC. If any Bond is redeemed in part, upon surrender of the Bond being redeemed, the County shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the registered owner of such Bond, a Bond in like form in the principal amount equal to that portion of the Bond so surrendered not being redeemed.

The Bonds of this series are not subject to optional redemption before maturity.

The Bonds of this series are issued as fully registered obligations without coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Subject to limitations set forth in the Resolution, the County will, at the request of the registered owner, issue one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the registered owner in the aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal balance of this Bond, and of like tenor except as to number and principal amount. This Bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof upon surrender of this Bond for transfer at the principal corporate office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and executed by the registered owner hereof or the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing. Thereupon the County shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate if required by law or the Resolution, and deliver, in exchange for this Bond, one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the transferee, of an authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity, and bearing interest at the same rate. No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange hereinbefore referred to but the County may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

IT IS CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts and conditions required by laws and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota to be done and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the County in accordance with its terms, have been done and do exist in form, time and manner as so required; that all taxable property within the corporate limits of the County is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to the extent needed to pay the principal hereof and the interest thereon when due, without limitation as to rate or amount; and that the issuance of this Bond does not cause the indebtedness of the County to exceed any charter, constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, St. Louis County, Minnesota, by its governing body, has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chair, the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor.

ATTEST:

(form-no signature required)
Clerk of the County Board

(form-no signature required)
Chair

(form-no signature required)
County Auditor

Certificate as to Legal Opinion

I certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the legal opinion rendered by Bond Counsel on the issuance of the Bonds, dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds.

(form-no signature required)
County Auditor

Date of Execution: _____

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This Bond must be registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books to be kept by the County Auditor of St. Louis County, Minnesota, as Bond Registrar. No transfer of this Bond shall be valid unless made on said books by the registered owner or the owner's attorney thereunto duly authorized and similarly noted on the registration books. The ownership of the unpaid principal balance of this Bond and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of the County Auditor in the name of the registered owner last noted below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registered Owner</u>	<u>Signature of County Auditor</u>
__/__/2015	Cede & Co. c/o The Depository Trust Company 570 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 Federal Taxpayer I.D. No. 13-2555119	<i>(form-no signature required)</i>

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Assignee)

Social Security or Other

Identifying Number of Assignee

the within Bond and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

(Bank, Trust Company, member of
National Securities Exchange)

Unless this Bond is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the County or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any Bond issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS

WRONGFUL, inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Section 4. Refunding; Findings; Redemption of Refunded Bonds.

4.01 A. Refunded Bonds Debt Service Fund. Proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of \$2,479,128.13 are hereby irrevocably appropriated to the Debt Service Account within the 2006 General Obligation Capital Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund (the “2006 Bonds Debt Service Account”), which funds and the monies previously appropriated and deposited in the 2006 Bonds Debt Service Account (\$0.00) shall be segregated and shall constitute a separate trust fund to be used for no purpose other than the prepayment and redemption of the Refunded Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2015, on the Redemption Date. Such proceeds, together with the other monies on deposit in the 2006 Bonds Debt Service Account, may be invested only in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to pay the principal of and interest on the entire outstanding Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date.

B. It is hereby found and determined that the proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of \$2,479,128.13, together with funds on deposit in the 2006 Bonds Debt Service Account in the amount of \$0.00, will be sufficient (i) to pay the interest (\$34,128.13) due on the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date; and (ii) to prepay and redeem the outstanding principal (\$2,445,000) of the Refunded Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 2015 on the Redemption Date.

C. The County Auditor or the designee thereof is hereby authorized and directed to send the Notice of Call for Redemption attached hereto as Exhibit A no later than March 16, 2015, to the holders of the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed, in accordance with its terms and in accordance with the Representation Letter.

D. The County Auditor or the designee thereof is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be provided a material event notice regarding the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate of the County dated as of March 1, 2006, and delivered in connection with the 2006 Bonds.

E. There is hereby appropriated any balance of the monies in the 2006 Bonds Debt Service Account to the Debt Service Fund after payment of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 5. Covenants; Accounts and Tax Levies.

5.01 A. Debt Service Fund. For the convenience and proper administration of the monies to be borrowed and repaid on the Bonds and to provide adequate and specific security for the Purchaser and holders from time to time of the Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund to be designated the 2015A General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund (the “Debt Service Fund”) to be administered and maintained by the County Auditor as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. The Debt Service Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until all of the Bonds and interest thereon have been fully paid.

B. To the Debt Service Fund there is hereby pledged and irrevocably appropriated and there shall be credited: (i) any balance remaining after the Redemption Date in the 2006 Bonds Debt Service Account; (ii) all investment earnings on funds in the Debt Service Fund; (iii) accrued interest, if any; (iv) any taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds; (v) any taxes levied and collected for

the 2006 Bonds after the Redemption Date; and (vi) any and all other monies which are properly available and are appropriated by the County to the Debt Service Fund.

The money in the Debt Service Fund shall be used for no purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. If the balances in the Debt Service Fund are ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds, the County Auditor shall nevertheless provide sufficient money from any other funds of the County which are available for that purpose, and such other funds shall be reimbursed from the Debt Service Fund when the balance therein is sufficient.

5.02 A. For the prompt and full payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged. To assure sufficient monies for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied a direct, annual, ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in the County which shall be extended upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of the other general property taxes in the County for the years and in the amounts as follows:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Tax Levy
2014	2015	*\$ _____
2015	2016	\$ _____
2016	2017	\$ _____

* The levy Collection Year 2015 is the levy for the 2006 Bonds and \$_____ from the rounding amount and shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund.

B. The tax levies are such that if collected in full they, together with the accrued interest, if any, will produce at least five percent in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. Such tax receipts shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund. If the tax receipts from such levies are ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest on the Bonds when due, the County Auditor shall, nevertheless, provide sufficient monies from other funds of the County which are available and such other funds shall be reimbursed from such tax collections when received.

C. Such tax levies shall be irrevocable as long as any of the Bonds issued hereunder are outstanding and unpaid; provided, however, that prior to November 30 of each year, while any Bonds issued hereunder remain outstanding, the Board may reduce or cancel the above levies to the extent of the amount on deposit in and which has been appropriated to the Debt Service Fund to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and may direct the County Auditor to reduce the levy for such year by that amount.

5.03 Monies on deposit in the Debt Service Fund may, at the discretion of the County, be invested in securities permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 118A; provided, that any such investments shall mature at such times and in such amounts as will permit for payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due.

5.04 Proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of \$_____ shall be used by the County to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 6. Tax Covenants.

6.01 The County covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that the County will (i) take all action on its part necessary to cause the interest on the Bonds to be exempt from federal

income taxes including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds to be subject to federal income taxes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes.

6.02 A. No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued, and (ii) in addition to the above, in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Debt Service Fund (or any other County account which will be used to pay principal and interest to become due on the Bonds) in excess of amounts which under the applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard as to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by the arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable temporary periods of minor portion made available under the federal arbitrage regulations.

B. In addition, the proceeds of the Bonds and money in the Debt Service Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

C. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds, or to cause or permit them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

6.03 The County covenants and certifies to and for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds that no use will be made of the proceeds of the Bonds which will cause the Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

6.04 A. In addition to the Bonds, the County is selling, pursuant to a single offering document and on the same date, its General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B (the "Series 2015B Bonds"). The Bonds will be paid out of substantially the same source as the Series 2015B Bonds; consequently, the Bonds and the Series 2015B Bonds are a single issue under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(c).

B. The bonds issued consisting of the Bonds and the Series 2015B Bonds are a "multi-purpose issue" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation, Section 1.148-9(h) as the Bonds and the Series 2015B Bonds are issued for refunding separate bond issues. For purposes of the arbitrage regulations, where permitted, the Bonds and the Series 2015B Bonds are treated as separate issues.

C. The County expects all proceeds of the Bonds will be spent within six months of the date of closing and delivery of the Bonds and no rebate of arbitrage profits will be required. In the event proceeds of the Bonds are not so spent, the County will compute and cause the payment to the United States of all amounts required under the rebate requirement of Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations issued thereunder.

Section 7. Miscellaneous.

7.01 The County Auditor is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution and such other information as may be required, and to provide to bond counsel a certificate stating that the Bonds herein authorized have been duly entered on his register.

7.02 The officers of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to bond counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds, as such facts appear from the official books and records in the officers' custody or are otherwise known to them. All such certified copies, Bonds, and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, constitute representations of the County as to the correctness of the facts recited therein and the action stated therein to have been taken.

7.03 The Chair and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Official Statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the Official Statement.

7.04 In the event of the absence or disability of the Chair or the County Auditor, such officers as in the opinion of the County Attorney may act in their behalf shall, without further act or authorization, execute and deliver the Bonds, and do all things and execute all instruments and documents required to be done or executed by such absent or disabled officers.

Section 8. Continuing Disclosure. The County acknowledges that the Bonds are subject to the continuing disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12) (the "Rule"). The Rule governs the obligations of certain underwriters to require that issuers of municipal bonds enter into agreements for the benefit of the bondholders to provide continuing disclosure with respect to the bonds. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Bonds and the security therefor and to permit underwriters of the Bonds to comply with the Rule, which will enhance the marketability of the Bonds, the Chair and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form of the Certificate currently on file in the office of the County Auditor.

Section 9. Post-Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedures. The Board has previously approved a Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures which applies to qualifying obligations to provide for compliance with all applicable federal regulations for tax-exempt obligations or tax-advantaged obligations (collectively, the "Policy and Procedures"). The Board hereby approves the Policy and Procedures for the Bonds. The County Auditor continues to be designated to be responsible for post-issuance compliance in accordance with the Policy and Procedures.

Adopted: February 3, 2015.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF CALL FOR REDEMPTION

\$7,845,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds,
Series 2006A
of St. Louis County, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by order of the Board of Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "Board"), there have been called for redemption and prepayment on

April 15, 2015

all outstanding bonds of the County designated as the \$7,845,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2006A, dated March 1, 2006, which mature on the following dates:

Number	Maturity Date (December 1)	Principal Amount*	Interest Rate	CUSIP Number**
R-6	2015	\$1,200,000	3.75%	791230 NF8
R-7	2016	\$1,245,000	3.75%	791230 NG6

The Bonds are being called at a price of par plus accrued interest to April 15, 2015, on which date they will cease to bear interest. Holders of the Bonds hereby called for redemption should present their Bonds for payment at the office of the County Auditor, St. Louis County, Minnesota, 100 North 5th Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

It is recommended that you mail your Bond registered or certified mail to guard against loss.

Important Notice: In compliance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, federal backup withholding tax will be withheld at the applicable backup withholding rate in effect at the time the payment by the redeeming institutions if they are not provided with your social security number or federal employer identification number, properly certified. This requirement is fulfilled by submitting a W-9 Form, which may be obtained at a bank or other financial institution.

* Indicates full call of stated maturity.

** Neither the Issuer nor the Bond Registrar shall be responsible for the selection of or use of the CUSIP number, and no representation is made as to its correctness indicated in the Notice of Call for Redemption. CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of the Holders.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance of the \$2,530,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, dated March 4, 2015 (the “Obligations”). The Obligations are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Issuer dated February 3, 2015 (the “Resolution”). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. (a) Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Obligations and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule (defined below). References in this Disclosure Certificate to holders of the Obligations shall include the beneficial owners of the Obligations. This Disclosure Certificate constitutes the written understanding under the Rule.

(b) Filing Requirements. Any filing under this Disclosure Certificate must be made solely by transmitting such filing to the MSRB (defined herein) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) System at www.emma.msrb.org in the format prescribed by the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by the identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” means any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Audited Financial Statements” means the Issuer’s annual financial statements, which are currently prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental units as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and which the Issuer intends to continue to prepare in substantially the same form.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Dissemination Agent” means such person from time to time designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“IRS” means the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury.

“Listed Events” means any of the events listed in Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, whose current address is 1900 Duke Street, Suite 600, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

“Official Statement” means the Official Statement, dated January 15, 2015, delivered in connection with the original issuance and sale of the Obligations, together with any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Obligations required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Obligations.

“Rule” means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor to its functions governing state and municipal securities.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than 270 days after the end of the fiscal year (presently December 31), commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, provide to the MSRB, filed in accordance with Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate, an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the Audited Financial Statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date; provided, however, unaudited financial information will be provided and the Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to the MSRB when and if available. The Issuer may provide the Annual Report by specific reference to documents previously provided to the MSRB or filed with the SEC; provided, however, that if the document so referenced is a final official statement within the meaning of the Rule, such final official statement must be available from the MSRB.

(b) Not later than 15 days prior to the date specified in subsection (a) for providing the Annual Report to the MSRB, the Issuer shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if the Issuer is not the Dissemination Agent).

(c) If the Issuer is unable or fails to provide an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall send in a timely manner a notice of such fact to the MSRB in the format prescribed by the MSRB, as described in Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Issuer’s Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the Audited Financial Statements and updates of the following sections of the Official Statement to the extent such financial information and operating data are not included in the Audited Financial Statements:

(a) County Property Values

- (b) County Indebtedness
- (c) County Tax Rates, Levies and Collections

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The Issuer shall give, or cause to be given notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Obligations, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (3) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, if any, or their failure to perform;
- (5) adverse tax opinions or the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability or of a Notice of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB);
- (6) tender offers;
- (7) defeasances;
- (8) rating changes; or
- (9) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer.

(b) The Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Obligations, *if material*, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (1) non-payment related defaults;
- (2) unless described in (a)(5) above, other notices or determinations by the IRS with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Obligations, or other events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Obligations;
- (3) modifications to rights of holders of the Obligations;
- (4) bond calls;
- (5) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Obligations;

(6) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms; or

(7) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee.

(c) For the purposes of the event identified in subsection (a)(9), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan or reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer.

(d) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event under subsection (b), the Issuer shall as soon as possible determine if such event would constitute material information for holders of Obligations.

(e) Unless otherwise required by law, the Issuer shall submit the information in the format prescribed by the MSRB, as described in Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Obligations.

Section 7. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. If at any time there is not any other designated Dissemination Agent, the Issuer shall be the Dissemination Agent.

Section 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertaking herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule.

Section 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 10. Default.

(a) The Issuer has never failed to comply in all material respects with any previous undertakings under the Rule to provide annual reports or notices of material events.

(b) In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any holder or beneficial owner of the Obligations may take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Obligations.

Section 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Obligations, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 13. Reserved Rights. The Issuer reserves the right to discontinue providing any information required under the Rule if a final determination should be made by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Rule is invalid or otherwise unlawful or, subject to the provisions of Section 8 hereof, to modify the undertaking under this Disclosure Certificate if the Issuer determines that such modification is required by the Rule or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Dated as of March 4, 2015.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By _____
Chair

By _____
County Auditor

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$5,640,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015B; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND FORM THEREOF; CREATING A DEBT SERVICE FUND THEREFOR; AND AWARDING THE SALE THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Authorization.

1.01 Under and pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 (the "Act"), the County previously issued its \$11,380,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008B, dated October 21, 2008 (the "2008 Bonds"), to finance certain capital improvements pursuant to the County's Capital Improvement Plan, and as authorized by a Resolution adopted by the Board on October 7, 2008 (the "2008 Resolution").

1.02 Under and pursuant to the Act and Section 475.67, Subdivisions 1 through 3 and 13 of the Act, the County is authorized to issue and sell its general obligation refunding bonds to refund obligations and the interest thereon before the due date of the obligations, if consistent with covenants made with the holders thereof, when determined by the County to be necessary or desirable for the reduction of debt service cost to the County or for the extension or adjustment of maturities in relation to the resources available for their payment.

1.03 The Board hereby finds and determines it is necessary and desirable, in order to reduce debt service costs, that the County issue, sell and deliver its general obligation refunding bonds, as hereinafter provided, for the refunding, on an advance refunding basis, of the 2018 through 2023 maturities of the 2008 Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds"), and for payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, as hereinafter described.

1.04 The Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable, in order to reduce debt service costs, that the County issue its \$5,640,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B (the "Bonds"), to provide for the refunding of the 2018 through 2023 maturities of the 2008 Bonds, of which \$5,420,000 in principal amount is outstanding and subject to prepayment and redemption on December 1, 2017 (the "Refunded Bonds") (December 1, 2017 is herein referred to as the "Redemption Date").

1.05 The County has solicited proposals for the sale of the Bonds and has received and considered all proposals presented pursuant to the Terms of Proposal and has determined that the most favorable proposal is that of _____ of _____, _____ (the "Purchaser"), to purchase the Bonds at a cash price of \$_____, and upon condition that the Bonds mature and bear interest at the times and annual rates set forth in Section 2. The County, after due consideration, finds such offer reasonable and proper and the offer of the Purchaser is hereby accepted. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute on the part of the County a contract for the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the Purchaser's proposal. All actions of the Chair, the County Auditor, the Administrator and Springsted Incorporated, independent financial advisor to the County, taken with regard to the sale of the Bonds are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 2. Terms, Execution, and Delivery of the Bonds.

2.01 A. The Bonds to be issued hereunder shall be dated the date of issuance of the Bonds, as the date of original issue, shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof, in fully registered form and lettered and numbered R-1 and upward. The Bonds shall mature on December 1 in the respective years and amounts stated and shall bear interest at the annual rates as follows:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2018	\$910,000	%
2019	\$915,000	%
2020	\$930,000	%
2021	\$945,000	%
2022	\$960,000	%
2023	\$980,000	%

B. The Bonds maturing on December 1 in the years 20__ and 20__ shall be subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity pursuant to the requirements of this Section 2.01B at a redemption price equal to the stated principal amount thereof plus interest accrued thereon to the redemption date, without premium. The Bond Registrar, as designated below, shall select for redemption, by lot or other manner deemed fair, on December 1 in each of the following years the following stated principal amounts:

For Bonds maturing on December 1, 20__:

Year	Amount
*	

* Final Maturity

C. The County, through the Bond Registrar, will notify The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant’s interest in such Term Bond to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed. All payments shall be at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest. No more than 60 days and no fewer than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and prepayment of any Bonds, notice of redemption shall be mailed to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, at the address shown on the registration books of the County.

2.02 The Bonds shall not be subject to redemption and prepayment before maturity.

2.03 The interest shall be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 in each year (each referred to herein as an “Interest Payment Date”), commencing December 1, 2015. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Bond Registrar designated below shall make all interest payments with respect to the Bonds by check or draft mailed to the registered owners of the Bonds shown on the bond registration records maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of the

business on the 15th day (whether or not on a business day) of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date at such owners' addresses shown on such bond registration records.

2.04 A. The Bonds shall be prepared for execution in accordance with the approved form and shall be signed by the facsimile or manual signature of the Chair and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be an officer before delivery of the Bonds, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

B. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, which is to be complete except as to dating thereof and cause the opinion to be printed on or attached to each Bond.

2.05 A. The Board hereby appoints the County Auditor, as registrar, paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent for the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"). The County reserves the right to name a substitute, successor Bond Registrar upon giving prompt written notice to each registered bond holder. The manual signature of the County Auditor on the Bonds shall be conclusive evidence that it has been executed and delivered under this Resolution.

B. The County shall cause to be kept by the Bond Registrar at its principal office, a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the County shall provide for the registration of the Bonds and the registration of transfers of the Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as herein provided. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Bond Registrar or its incapability of acting as such, the bond registration records shall be maintained at the office of the successor Bond Registrar as may be appointed by the Board.

2.06 Book-Entry System.

A. In order to make the Bonds eligible for the services provided by DTC, the County has previously agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations which has been executed by the County and DTC (the "Representation Letter").

B. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, so long as the Bonds shall be in Book-Entry Form, the provisions of this Section 2.06 shall govern.

C. All of the Bonds shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Payment of interest on and principal of any Bond registered in the name of Cede & Co. shall be made by wire transfer or New York Clearing House or equivalent same day funds by 10:00 a.m. CT or as soon as possible thereafter following the Bond Registrar's receipt of funds from the County on each Interest Payment Date to the account of Cede & Co. on each Interest Payment Date at the address indicated in or pursuant to the Representation Letter.

D. DTC (or its nominees) shall be and remain recorded on the Bond Register as the holder of all Bonds which are in Book-Entry Form. No transfer of any Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be made, except from DTC to another depository (or its nominee) or except to terminate the Book-Entry Form. All Bonds of such stated maturity of any Bonds in Book-Entry Form shall be issued and remain in a single Bond certificate registered in the name of DTC (or its nominee); provided, however, that upon termination of the Book-Entry Form pursuant to the Representation Letter, the County shall, upon delivery of all Bonds of such series from DTC, promptly execute, and the Bond Registrar shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, Bonds of such series to all persons who were beneficial owners thereof

immediately prior to such termination; and the Bond Registrar shall register such beneficial owners as holders of the applicable Bonds.

The Bond Registrar shall maintain accurate books and records of the principal balance, if any, of each such outstanding Bond in Book-Entry Form, which shall be conclusive for all purposes whatsoever. Upon the execution or the authentication of any new Bond in Book-Entry Form in exchange for a previous Bond, the Bond Registrar shall designate thereon the principal balance remaining on such bond according to the Bond Registrar's books and records.

No beneficial owner (other than DTC) shall be registered as the holder on the Bond Register for any Bond in Book-Entry Form or entitled to receive any bond certificate. The beneficial ownership interest in any Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be recorded, evidenced and transferred solely in accordance with the Book-Entry System.

Except as expressly provided to the contrary herein, the County and the Bond Registrar may treat and deem DTC to be the absolute owner of all Bonds of each series which are in Book-Entry Form (i) for the purpose of payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond, (ii) for the purpose of giving notices hereunder, and (iii) for all other purposes whatsoever.

E. The County and the Bond Registrar shall each give notices to DTC of such matters and at such times as are required by the Representation Letter, including the following:

- (i) with respect to notices of redemption; and
- (ii) with respect to any other notice required or permitted under this Bond Resolution to be given to any holder of a Bond.

All notices of any nature required or permitted hereunder to be delivered to a holder of a Bond in Book-Entry Form shall be transmitted to beneficial owners of such Bonds at such times and in such manner as shall be determined by DTC, the participants and indirect participants in accordance with the Book-Entry System and the Representation Letter.

F. All payments of principal, redemption price of and interest on any Bonds in Book-Entry Form shall be paid to DTC (or Cede & Co.) in accordance with the Book-Entry System and the Representation Letter in same day funds by wire transfer.

2.07 The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by the Bond Registrar in such funds as are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America. The County shall pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Bond Registrar for the disbursement of principal and interest.

2.08 If a Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen, or lost, the Bond Registrar will deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date, and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Bond Registrar and the County in connection therewith, including the cost of printing new Bonds; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen, or lost, upon filing with the Bond Registrar and the County of evidence satisfactory to it and the County that the Bond was destroyed, stolen, or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Bond Registrar of an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance, and amount satisfactory to it and the County and as provided by law, in which both the County and the Bond Registrar must be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Bond Registrar will be canceled by the Bond Registrar and

evidence of such cancellation must be given to the County. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen, or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms, it is not necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

2.09 Delivery of the Bonds and payment of the purchase price shall be made at a place mutually satisfactory to the County and the Purchaser. Executed Bonds shall be furnished by the County without cost to the Purchaser. The Bonds, when prepared in accordance with this Resolution and executed, shall be delivered by or under the direction of the County Auditor to the Purchaser thereof upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest.

Section 3. Form of the Bonds.

3.01 The Bonds shall be printed or typewritten in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BOND,
SERIES 2015B

R-_____ \$_____

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
_____%	December 1, 20__	March __, 2015	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ DOLLARS

St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "County"), for value received, promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above, on the maturity date specified above, and to pay interest on said principal amount to the registered owner hereof from the Date of Original Issue, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount is paid or discharged, said interest being at the rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on December 1, 2015. Both principal hereof and interest hereon are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the main office of the County Auditor, as registrar, paying agent, authenticating agent and transfer agent (the "Bond Registrar"), or at the office of such successor registrar as may be designated by the Board of Commissioners. The Bond Registrar shall make all interest payments with respect to this Bond directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the bond registration records maintained on behalf of the County by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (whether or not a business day) at such owner's address shown on said bond registration records, without,

except for payment of principal on the Bond, the presentation or surrender of this Bond, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the County to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal shall be made upon presentation and surrender of this Bond to the Bond Registrar when due. For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as they become due, the full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged.

This Bond is one of a series issued by the County in the aggregate amount of \$5,640,000, all of like date and tenor, except as to number, amount, maturity date and interest rate, pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, Section 475.67, Subd. 1 through 3 and 13, and all other laws thereunto enabling, and pursuant to an authorizing resolution adopted by the governing body of the County on February 3, 2015 (the "Resolution"). This Bond is issued for the purpose of providing funds to refund in advance of maturity the 2018 through 2023 maturities of the County's \$11,380,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008B, dated October 21, 2008 (the "Refunded Bonds"). The debt service on the Bonds is payable through December 1, 2017 (the "Redemption Date"), solely out of the Escrow Account in the County's 2015B General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund, and after the Redemption Date from ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property within the County. Reference is hereby made to the Resolution for a full statement of rights and powers thereby conferred.

The Bonds maturing in the year ____ shall be subject to mandatory redemption and redeemed in installments as provided in the Resolution, at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for mandatory redemption and prepayment of any Bonds, notice of redemption shall be mailed to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed; however, so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey ("DTC"), notice of redemption shall be given in accordance with the terms of the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations executed by the County and DTC. If any Bond is redeemed in part, upon surrender of the Bond being redeemed, the County shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the registered owner of such Bond, a Bond in like form in the principal amount equal to that portion of the Bond so surrendered not being redeemed.

The Bonds of this series are not subject to optional redemption before maturity.

The Bonds of this series are issued as fully registered obligations without coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Subject to limitations set forth in the Resolution, the County will, at the request of the registered owner, issue one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the registered owner in the aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal balance of this Bond, and of like tenor except as to number and principal amount. This Bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof upon surrender of this Bond for transfer at the principal corporate office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and executed by the registered owner hereof or the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing. Thereupon the County shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate if required by law or the Resolution, and deliver, in exchange for this Bond, one or more new fully registered Bonds in the name of the transferee, of an authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity, and bearing

interest at the same rate. No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange hereinbefore referred to but the County may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

IT IS CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts and conditions required by laws and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota to be done and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the County in accordance with its terms, have been done and do exist in form, time and manner as so required; that all taxable property within the corporate limits of the County is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to the extent needed to pay the principal hereof and the interest thereon when due, without limitation as to rate or amount; and that the issuance of this Bond does not cause the indebtedness of the County to exceed any charter, constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, St. Louis County, Minnesota, by its governing body, has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chair, the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor.

ATTEST:

(form-no signature required)
Clerk of the County Board

(form-no signature required)
Chair

(form-no signature required)
County Auditor

Certificate as to Legal Opinion

I certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the legal opinion rendered by Bond Counsel on the issuance of the Bonds, dated as of the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds.

(form-no signature required)
County Auditor

Date of Execution: _____

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This Bond must be registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books to be kept by the County Auditor of St. Louis County, Minnesota, as Bond Registrar. No transfer of this Bond shall be valid unless made on said books by the registered owner or the owner's attorney thereunto duly authorized and similarly noted on the registration books. The ownership of the unpaid principal balance of this Bond and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of the County Auditor in the name of the registered owner last noted below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registered Owner</u>	<u>Signature of County Auditor</u>
__/__/2015	Cede & Co. c/o The Depository Trust Company 570 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, New Jersey 07310 Federal Taxpayer I.D. No. 13-2555119	<i>(form-no signature required)</i>

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Assignee)

Social Security or Other

Identifying Number of Assignee

the within Bond and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

(Bank, Trust Company, member of
National Securities Exchange)

Unless this Bond is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the County or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any Bond issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS

WRONGFUL, inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Section 4. Escrow Agreement; Escrow Agent.

4.01 U.S. Bank National Association of St. Paul, Minnesota, which is a suitable financial institution within the State of Minnesota whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation whose combined capital and surplus is not less than \$500,000, is hereby designated escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") with respect to the Bonds and the Refunded Bonds.

4.02 On or prior to the delivery of the Bonds, the Chair, the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") with the Escrow Agent in substantially the form now on file with the County Auditor. The execution and delivery of the Escrow Agreement by the Chair, the Clerk of the County Board and the County Auditor, in the form presented to the Board with such changes, omissions, insertions and revisions as the Chair and the County Auditor deem advisable is hereby approved, and the execution by such officers shall be conclusive evidence of such approval. All essential terms and conditions of the Escrow Agreement, including payment by the County of reasonable charges for the services of the Escrow Agent, are hereby approved and adopted and made a part of this Resolution, and the County covenants that it will promptly enforce all provisions thereof in the event of default thereunder by the Escrow Agent.

Section 5. Covenants; Accounts; Tax Levies and Costs of Issuance.

5.01 A. Debt Service Fund. For the convenience and proper administration of the monies to be borrowed and repaid on the Bonds and to provide adequate and specific security for the Purchaser and holders from time to time of the Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund to be designated the 2015B General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund (the "Debt Service Fund") to be administered and maintained by the County Auditor as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. The Debt Service Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until all of the Bonds and interest thereon have been fully paid. There shall be maintained in the Debt Service Fund two separate accounts, to be designated the Escrow Account and the Debt Service Account.

B. Debt Service Account. To the Debt Service Account there is hereby pledged and irrevocably appropriated and there shall be credited: (i) any balance remitted to the County upon termination of the Escrow Agreement; (ii) any balance remaining on the Redemption Date in the General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008 Debt Service Fund created in the 2008 Resolution after the Redemption Date; (iii) all investment earnings on funds in the Debt Service Account; (iv) accrued interest, if any, received from the Purchaser upon delivery of the Bonds to the extent not required to fund the Escrow Account (the "Accrued Interest"); (v) any amount of additional interest permitted by Section 475.56 of the Act paid by the Purchaser (the "Additional Interest"), to the extent not required to fund the Escrow Account; (vi) all taxes pledged to repayment of the 2008 Bonds collected after the Redemption Date which levies shall not be cancelled except as permitted by Section 475.61, Subdivision 3 of the Act; (vii) any taxes levied to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds; (viii) any and all other monies which are properly available and are appropriated by the County to the Debt Service Account; and (ix) all investment earnings on funds in the Debt Service Account.

The money in the Debt Service Account shall be used for no purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. If the balances in the Debt Service Account are ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds, the County Auditor shall nevertheless provide

sufficient money from any other funds of the County which are available for that purpose, and such other funds shall be reimbursed from the Debt Service Account when the balance therein is sufficient.

C. Escrow Account.

(i) To the Escrow Account there is hereby pledged and irrevocably appropriated and there shall be credited: (a) the proceeds of the Bonds received from the Purchaser in the amount of \$_____ ; (b) Accrued Interest in the amount of \$0.00; (c) Additional Interest in the amount of \$0.00 [amounts referenced in clauses (a), (b) and (c) are herein referred to as the "Proceeds"]; (d) funds of the County in an amount sufficient to meet the requirements of the Escrow Account (the "Funds"); and (e) investment earnings on such monies referenced in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d), for the payment and redemption on the Redemption Date of the Refunded Bonds and for payment of the interest to become due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date.

(ii) The Escrow Account shall be maintained with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and this Resolution. The Escrow Account shall be invested in accordance with the Act, the Escrow Agreement and this Section, in securities specified in Section 475.67, Subdivision 8 of the Act or in an investment contract or similar agreement with a bank or insurance company meeting the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 118A.05, Subdivision 5, which investments will provide sufficient funds together with any cash or other funds retained in the Escrow Account to pay when due the interest to accrue on each Bond to and including the Redemption Date, and to pay on the Redemption Date, the principal amount of each of the Refunded Bonds then outstanding.

(iii) From the Escrow Account there shall be paid: (a) all interest paid or to be paid on the Bonds to and including the Redemption Date; and (b) the principal of the Refunded Bonds due by reason of redemption on the Redemption Date.

(iv) The Escrow Account is irrevocably appropriated to the payment of the interest on the Bonds until the monies therein are applied to prepayment of the Refunded Bonds. The monies in the Escrow Account shall be used solely for the purposes herein set forth and for no other purpose, except that any surplus in the Escrow Account may be remitted to the County all in accordance with the Escrow Agreement. Any monies remitted to the County upon termination of the Escrow Agreement shall be deposited in the Debt Service Account.

(v) Securities purchased for the Escrow Account shall be purchased simultaneously with the delivery of and payment for the Bonds. The Chair and County Auditor or their designee are authorized and directed to purchase such securities.

5.02 A. For the prompt and full payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds coming due after the Redemption Date, the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged. There is hereby levied a direct annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in the County which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County. Said levies are for the years and in the amounts as follows:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Tax Levy
2017	2018	
2018	2019	
2019	2020	
2020	2021	
2021	2022	
2022	2023	

B. The tax levies are such that if collected in full, they will produce at least 5% in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds after the Redemption Date.

C. The tax levies shall be irrevocable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid; provided, however, that on November 30 of each year, while any Bonds issued hereunder remain outstanding, the Board shall reduce or cancel the above levies to the extent of funds available in the Debt Service Account to pay principal and interest due during the ensuing year.

5.03 Proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of \$_____ shall be used by the County to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 6. Refunding of 2008 Refunded Bonds; Findings; Redemption of Refunded Bonds.

6.01 A. It is hereby found and determined, based upon information presently available from the County’s financial advisers, that as of the Redemption Date, the issuance of the Bonds will result in a reduction of debt service cost to the County on the Refunded Bonds. In accordance with Section 475.67 of the Act, as of the Redemption Date, the present value of the dollar amount of the debt service on the Bonds, computed to their stated maturity dates, after deducting any premium, is lower by at least three percent than the present value of the dollar amount of debt service on the Refunded Bonds, exclusive of any premium, computed to their stated maturity dates. (Present value of the dollar amount of debt service means the dollar amount of debt service to be paid, discounted to the nominal date of the Bonds at a rate equal to the yield on the Bonds.)

B. It is hereby found and determined that the Proceeds and Funds available and appropriated to the Escrow Account will be sufficient, together with the permitted earnings on the investment of the Escrow Account, to pay all of the principal of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date, and all interest coming due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date.

C. The proceeds of the 2008 Bonds have been fully expended for the governmental purposes for which such bonds were issued.

6.02 A. The County Auditor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to provide, or cause to be provided, a material event notice regarding the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate of the County dated October 21, 2008, and delivered in connection with the 2008 Bonds.

B. The Refunded Bonds shall be redeemed and prepaid in accordance with: (i) their terms; (ii) with the terms and conditions set forth in the form of Notice of Call for Redemption attached to the Escrow Agreement; and (iii) with the terms and conditions of the Representation Letter, all of which terms and conditions are hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference. The County Auditor shall send such Notice of Call for Redemption to DTC within 30 days of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 7. Defeasance.

7.01 When all Bonds and all interest thereon have been discharged as provided in this paragraph, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the holders of the Bonds shall cease, except that the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall remain in full force and effect. The County may discharge all Bonds which are due on any date by depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full. If any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with an escrow agent a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The County may also at any time discharge and cause defeasance of the Bonds in their entirety by complying with the provisions of Section 475.67 of the Act, except that the funds deposited in escrow in accordance with said provisions may (to the extent permitted by law) but need not be, in whole or in part, proceeds of bonds as therein provided, without the consent of any bondholders.

Section 8. Certificate of Proceedings.

8.01 The County Auditor is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution and such other information as may be required, and to provide to bond counsel a certificate stating that the Bonds herein authorized have been duly entered on the Auditor's register.

8.02 The officers of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to bond counsel certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County relating to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds and other affidavits and certificates as may reasonably be requested to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as such facts appear from the official books and records of the officers' custody or otherwise known to them. All of such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, constitute representations of the County as to the correctness of facts recited therein and the actions stated therein to have been taken.

8.03 The Chair and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Official Statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the Official Statement.

8.04 In the event of the absence or disability of the Chair or the County Auditor, such officers or members of the Board as in the opinion of the County's attorney may act in their behalf shall, without further act or authorization, execute and deliver the Certificates, and do all things and execute all instruments and documents required to be done or executed by such absent or disabled officers.

Section 9. Tax Covenants.

9.01 The County covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that the County will (i) take all action on its part necessary to cause the interest on the Bonds to be exempt from federal income taxes including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds to be subject to federal

income taxes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes.

9.02 A. No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued, and (ii) in addition to the above, in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Debt Service Fund (or any other County account which will be used to pay principal and interest to become due on the Bonds) in excess of amounts which under the applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard as to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by the arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable temporary periods of minor portion made available under the federal arbitrage regulations.

B. In addition, the proceeds of the Bonds and money in the Debt Service Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

C. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds, or to cause or permit them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

9.03 The County covenants and certifies to and for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds that no use will be made of the proceeds of the Bonds which will cause the Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

9.04 A. In addition to the Bonds, the County is selling, pursuant to a single offering document and on the same date, its General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A (the "Series 2015A Bonds"). The Bonds will be paid out of substantially the same source as the Series 2015A Bonds; consequently, the Bonds and the Series 2015A Bonds are a single issue under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(c).

B. The bonds issued consisting of the Bonds and the Series 2015A Bonds are a "multi-purpose issue" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation, Section 1.148-9(h) as the Bonds and the Series 2015A Bonds are issued for refunding separate bond issues. For purposes of the arbitrage regulations, where permitted, the Bonds and the Series 2015A Bonds are treated as separate issues.

9.05 A. The Board covenants and certifies to and for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds that no use will be made of the proceeds of the Bonds, which will cause the Bonds to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148(a) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. Pursuant to such covenant, the Board hereby agrees to comply throughout the term of the issue of the Bonds with the requirements of Section 148 of the Code and any Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder; to this end, the Board shall:

(1) maintain records identifying all "gross proceeds" (as defined in Section 148(f)(6)(B) of the Code) attributable to the Bonds, the yield at which such gross proceeds are invested, any arbitrage profit derived therefrom (earnings in excess of the yield on the Bonds) and any earnings derived from the investment of such arbitrage profit;

(2) make, or cause to be made as of the end of each Bond Year, the annual determinations of the amount, if any, of excess arbitrage required to be paid to the United States by the County (hereinafter, the “Rebate Amount”);

(3) pay, or cause to be paid, to the United States at least once every five Bond Years the amount, if any, which is required to be paid to the United States, including the last installment which shall be made no later than 60 days after the day on which the Bonds are paid in full;

(4) not invest, or permit to be invested, “gross proceeds” in any acquired non-purpose obligations so as to deflect arbitrage otherwise payable to the United States as a “prohibited payment” to a third party;

(5) retain all records of the annual determinations of the foregoing amounts until six years after the Bonds have been fully paid; and

(6) in order to comply with the foregoing paragraph, the Board shall determine the Rebate Amount within 30 days after the close of each Bond Year and upon payment in full of the Bonds; upon each such determination, the Board shall deposit in the Rebate Fund the Rebate Amount so determined; the Board shall separately account for the earnings from the investment of the Rebate Amount and such earnings shall become part of the Rebate Amount.

B. For purposes of this Section, “Bond Year” shall mean the 12-month period beginning on the date of issuance of the Bonds or such other 12-month period designated by the Board which is permitted by the Code or any Treasury Regulation promulgated thereunder.

Section 10. Continuing Disclosure. The County acknowledges that the Bonds are subject to the continuing disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12) (the “Rule”). The Rule governs the obligations of certain underwriters to require that issuers of municipal bonds enter into agreements for the benefit of the bondholders to provide continuing disclosure with respect to the bonds. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Bonds and the security therefor and to permit underwriters of the Bonds to comply with the Rule, which will enhance the marketability of the Bonds, the Chair and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form of the Certificate currently on file in the office of the County Auditor.

Section 11. Post-Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedures. The Board has previously approved a Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures which applies to qualifying obligations to provide for compliance with all applicable federal regulations for tax-exempt obligations or tax-advantaged obligations (collectively, the “Policy and Procedures”). The Board hereby approves the Policy and Procedures for the Bonds. The County Auditor continues to be designated to be responsible for post-issuance compliance in accordance with the Policy and Procedures.

Adopted: February 3, 2015.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance of the \$5,640,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B, dated March 4, 2015 (the “Obligations”). The Obligations are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Issuer dated February 3, 2015 (the “Resolution”). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. (a) Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Obligations and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule (defined below). References in this Disclosure Certificate to holders of the Obligations shall include the beneficial owners of the Obligations. This Disclosure Certificate constitutes the written understanding under the Rule.

(b) Filing Requirements. Any filing under this Disclosure Certificate must be made solely by transmitting such filing to the MSRB (defined herein) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) System at www.emma.msrb.org in the format prescribed by the MSRB. All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by the identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” means any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Audited Financial Statements” means the Issuer’s annual financial statements, which are currently prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental units as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and which the Issuer intends to continue to prepare in substantially the same form.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Dissemination Agent” means such person from time to time designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“IRS” means the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of the Treasury.

“Listed Events” means any of the events listed in Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, whose current address is 1900 Duke Street, Suite 600, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

“Official Statement” means the Official Statement, dated January 15, 2015, delivered in connection with the original issuance and sale of the Obligations, together with any amendments thereto or supplements thereof.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Obligations required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Obligations.

“Rule” means Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor to its functions governing state and municipal securities.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than 270 days after the end of the fiscal year (presently December 31), commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, provide to the MSRB, filed in accordance with Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate, an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the Audited Financial Statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date; provided, however, unaudited financial information will be provided and the Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to the MSRB when and if available. The Issuer may provide the Annual Report by specific reference to documents previously provided to the MSRB or filed with the SEC; provided, however, that if the document so referenced is a final official statement within the meaning of the Rule, such final official statement must be available from the MSRB.

(b) Not later than 15 days prior to the date specified in subsection (a) for providing the Annual Report to the MSRB, the Issuer shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if the Issuer is not the Dissemination Agent).

(c) If the Issuer is unable or fails to provide an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall send in a timely manner a notice of such fact to the MSRB in the format prescribed by the MSRB, as described in Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Issuer’s Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the Audited Financial Statements and updates of the following sections of the Official Statement to the extent such financial information and operating data are not included in the Audited Financial Statements:

(a) County Property Values

- (b) County Indebtedness
- (c) County Tax Rates, Levies and Collections

Section 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The Issuer shall give, or cause to be given notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Obligations, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (3) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, if any, or their failure to perform;
- (5) adverse tax opinions or the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability or of a Notice of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB);
- (6) tender offers;
- (7) defeasances;
- (8) rating changes; or
- (9) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer.

(b) The Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Obligations, *if material*, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event:

- (1) non-payment related defaults;
- (2) unless described in (a)(5) above, other notices or determinations by the IRS with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Obligations, or other events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Obligations;
- (3) modifications to rights of holders of the Obligations;
- (4) bond calls;
- (5) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Obligations;

(6) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms; or

(7) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee.

(c) For the purposes of the event identified in subsection (a)(9), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan or reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer.

(d) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event under subsection (b), the Issuer shall as soon as possible determine if such event would constitute material information for holders of Obligations.

(e) Unless otherwise required by law, the Issuer shall submit the information in the format prescribed by the MSRB, as described in Section 1(b) of this Disclosure Certificate.

Section 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Obligations.

Section 7. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. If at any time there is not any other designated Dissemination Agent, the Issuer shall be the Dissemination Agent.

Section 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertaking herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule.

Section 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

Section 10. Default.

(a) The Issuer has never failed to comply in all material respects with any previous undertakings under the Rule to provide annual reports or notices of material events.

(b) In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any holder or beneficial owner of the Obligations may take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Obligations.

Section 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Obligations, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 13. Reserved Rights. The Issuer reserves the right to discontinue providing any information required under the Rule if a final determination should be made by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Rule is invalid or otherwise unlawful or, subject to the provisions of Section 8 hereof, to modify the undertaking under this Disclosure Certificate if the Issuer determines that such modification is required by the Rule or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Dated as of March 4, 2015.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By _____
Chair

By _____
County Auditor

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ESCROW AGREEMENT

between

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

and

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
St. Paul, Minnesota**

as Escrow Agent

Dated as of March 4, 2015

Relating to

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

**GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
BONDS, SERIES 2008B
Dated October 21, 2008**

This Escrow Agreement, dated as of March 4, 2015 (the “Escrow Agreement”), is between St. Louis County, Minnesota, a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the “Issuer”), and U.S. Bank National Association in St. Paul, Minnesota, a national banking association (the “Escrow Agent”).

BACKGROUND:

WHEREAS, the Issuer has heretofore issued its \$11,380,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008B, dated October 21, 2008 (the “2008 Bonds”), of which \$5,420,000 in principal amount maturing on December 1 in the years 2018 through 2023 is outstanding and is subject to redemption and prepayment on December 1, 2017 (the “Refunded Bonds”) (December 1, 2017 is herein referred to as the “Redemption Date”); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution adopted by the Issuer pursuant to which the 2008 Bonds were issued, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit E (the “Refunded Bonds Resolution”), provides for the redemption of the Refunded Bonds at a price equal to the principal amount plus accrued interest after notice of the call for redemption is given in accordance with the terms of the Representation Letter, as hereinafter defined, so long as the 2008 Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co.; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined to provide, by the issuance of its \$5,640,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B, dated March 4, 2015 (the “Bonds”), funds which will be used for the purpose of prepaying the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds and the 2008 Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”); and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Bonds and the 2008 Bonds eligible for the services provided by DTC, the Issuer has agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations executed by the Issuer and DTC (the “Representation Letter”); and

WHEREAS, proceeds of the Bonds along with certain other moneys to be delivered to the Escrow Agent are to be used to purchase certain federal securities hereinafter specified, which together with an initial cash balance are to be held in escrow by the Escrow Agent and are to be set apart and irrevocably segregated in a special trust fund sufficient to ensure the payment of interest due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date and the principal of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Authority. The Issuer has, in accordance with a resolution of its governing body, adopted on February 3, 2015 (the “Resolution”), issued and sold the Bonds for the purpose of funding the Escrow Account in the 2015B General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund established in the Resolution (the “Escrow Account”), from which shall be paid interest coming due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date, and the principal of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date, and has authorized the call for redemption of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. Directions to Escrow Agent.

- A. In order to fund the Escrow Account, the Issuer directs the Escrow Agent that:
- i. the proceeds of the Bonds in the amount of \$_____; plus
 - ii. additional interest allowed by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.56, in the amount of \$_____; plus
 - iii. accrued interest paid by the purchaser of the Bonds in the amount of \$0.00 [the amounts set forth in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) are herein referred to as the "Proceeds"]; plus
 - iv. the Issuer's funds in the amount of \$0.00 ("Funds");

be applied as follows:

- a. to the purchase of obligations of the United States of America described in Exhibit B (the "Federal Securities");
- b. to establishing a beginning cash deposit in the Escrow Account (the "Cash Balance"), all as set forth on Exhibit A;
- c. to be retained by the purchaser of the Bonds as listed on Exhibit A;
- d. to the payment of costs of issuing the Bonds as listed on Exhibit C, by the Issuer;
- e. to redeeming the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Call for Redemption attached hereto as Exhibit D (the "Notice"); and
- f. to payment of interest on the Bonds.

B. The Issuer further directs that the Federal Securities and Cash Balance, together with interest to be earned thereon, shall be used to pay interest due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date and to pay the principal of the Refunded Bonds outstanding on the Redemption Date.

Section 3. Escrow Account.

A. The Escrow Agent acknowledges receipt of the Federal Securities and Cash Balance and agrees that it will hold such Federal Securities and Cash Balance in the Escrow Account, which shall be a special, segregated and irrevocable Escrow Account in the name of the Issuer.

B. The deposit made to the Escrow Account constitutes an irrevocable deposit for the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds. The Federal Securities, together with any interest earned thereon and the Cash Balance in the Escrow Account shall be held in trust and shall be applied solely in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Resolution.

C. The Escrow Account created hereby shall be unconditional and irrevocable (except with the written consent of the holders of all outstanding Refunded Bonds), and the holders of the Refunded

Bonds shall have an express lien on the Federal Securities and Cash Balance in the Escrow Account until paid out, used and applied in accordance with this Escrow Agreement and the Resolution.

D. It is recognized that title to the Federal Securities and Cash Balance and other amounts held in the Escrow Account from time to time shall remain vested in the Issuer, but subject always to the prior charge and lien thereof of this Escrow Agreement and the use thereof required to be made by the provisions of this Escrow Agreement. The Escrow Agent shall hold all such Federal Securities, Cash Balance and other monies in a special trust fund separate and apart from all other funds and securities of the Escrow Agent, and shall never commingle such Federal Securities or Cash Balance with any other monies.

E. Except as set forth herein, or as may be directed by the Issuer if accompanied by a legal opinion of nationally-recognized bond counsel in form and substance satisfactory to the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall have no power or duty to invest any monies held hereunder or to make substitutions of the Federal Securities held hereunder or to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the Federal Securities acquired hereunder, except to collect the principal thereof at maturity and the interest thereon as the same become due and payable. In the event the Escrow Account is reinvested, such reinvestment shall comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 13.

Section 4. Escrow Verification Report. The Issuer and the Escrow Agent acknowledge receipt of a report of _____ of _____, _____, certified public accountants (the "Escrow Verification Report"), attached as Exhibit F, verifying that the Federal Securities, together with the interest to be earned thereon and the Cash Balance in the Escrow Account, will be sufficient to pay all of the interest due on the Bonds through the Redemption Date, and the principal of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date.

Section 5. Issuer Covenants.

A. The Issuer covenants that it will not repeal or amend the Refunded Bonds Resolution or the Resolution.

B. The Issuer covenants that upon receipt of notice from the Escrow Agent pursuant to Section 6.E. of this Agreement that monies on hand in the Escrow Account and available for payment of interest on the Bonds and principal of the Refunded Bonds will not be sufficient to make any payment when due to the holders of any of the Bonds or the Refunded Bonds, the Issuer will forthwith deposit in the Escrow Account, but only from monies on hand and legally available for such purpose, such additional monies as may be required to pay fully the amount so to become due and payable, and the Issuer recognizes its obligation under Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property over which the Issuer has jurisdiction to the extent required to produce the monies necessary for this purpose.

C. The Issuer covenants that any monies held in trust by the Escrow Agent for the payment and discharge of any of the Refunded Bonds which remain after the Redemption Date and are returned to the Issuer in accordance with this Agreement, will be utilized in accordance with the Resolution.

Section 6. Duties of the Escrow Agent.

A. The Escrow Agent agrees with respect to the notice of redemption for the Refunded Bonds that as the Refunded Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, it will send the Notice to DTC at the location shown in Section 15 of this Escrow Agreement, in a secure fashion (that is, a legible facsimile transmission, registered or certified mail, or overnight delivery service) and verify the timely receipt by DTC of the Notice not more than 60 days nor less than 32 days prior to the Redemption Date. (Notice to DTC required hereunder will be deemed sufficient if given in accordance with the then-applicable DTC Operational Arrangements.)

B. The Escrow Agent agrees with respect to payment of interest coming due on the Bonds on and prior to the Redemption Date that it shall remit from the Escrow Account to the bond registrar and paying agent for the Bonds (the County Auditor for the Issuer), the money required for payment of all of the interest due on the Bonds on each interest payment date through the Redemption Date.

C. The Escrow Agent agrees with respect to payment of the outstanding principal amount of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date that it shall remit, from the Escrow Account directly to the bond registrar and paying agent for the Refunded Bonds (the County Auditor for the Issuer), the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date.

D. The Escrow Agent shall collect the matured principal of and interest on the Federal Securities as they become due and payable.

E. The Escrow Agent shall immediately notify the Issuer if at any time it shall appear to the Escrow Agent that the monies on hand in the Escrow Account and available for payment of interest on the Bonds and principal of the Refunded Bonds will not be sufficient to make any payment when due to the holders of any of the Bonds or the Refunded Bonds.

F. The Escrow Agent shall return to the Issuer any monies held in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Refunded Bonds which remain after the Redemption Date.

Section 7. Reliance by Escrow Agent. As to the existence or nonexistence of any fact or as to the sufficiency or validity of any instrument, paper or proceeding, the Escrow Agent shall be entitled to rely upon a certificate signed on behalf of the Issuer by the Chair or the County Auditor as sufficient evidence of the facts therein contained. The Escrow Agent may accept a certificate of the County Auditor of the Issuer to the effect that a resolution in the form therein set forth has been adopted by the Issuer as conclusive evidence that such resolution has been duly adopted and is in full force and effect.

Section 8. Limitation of Escrow Agent Liability. It is understood and agreed that the responsibilities of the Escrow Agent under this Escrow Agreement are limited to: (a) the safekeeping and segregation of the Federal Securities, Cash Balance and other monies deposited in the Escrow Account; (b) the collection of and accounting for the principal and interest payable with respect thereto; (c) the application of money in the Escrow Account as herein provided; and (d) providing the notices of redemption as required by Section 6.A. herein; provided, however, that no provision of this Escrow Agreement herein contained shall be construed to require the Escrow Agent to keep the identical monies, or any part thereof, received for the Escrow Account on hand, but monies of an equal amount (except to the extent such are represented by investments permitted under this Escrow Agreement) shall always be maintained on hand as funds held by the Escrow Agent as trustee, belonging to the Issuer and a special account shall at all times be maintained on the books of the Escrow Agent, together with such investments. In the event of the Escrow Agent's failure to account for any money or obligations held by

it in the Escrow Account, such money and obligations shall be and remain the property of the Issuer, and if for any reason such money or obligations cannot be identified, all other assets of the Escrow Agent shall be impressed with a trust for the amount thereof, and the Issuer shall be entitled to a preferred claim upon such assets.

Section 9. Fees of Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent also acknowledges receipt of the sum of \$2,750.00 set forth as the escrow agent fee on Exhibit C hereto which shall be used for the payment of the fees and expenses of the Escrow Agent in connection with and for services rendered by it pursuant to this Escrow Agreement as also set forth on Exhibit C. The Escrow Agent shall have no lien whatsoever upon, and hereby expressly waives any such lien or any claim against, any of the Federal Securities and monies in the Escrow Account for the payment of said fees and expenses. If the fees or expenses are less than estimated, the Escrow Agent shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, return the unused monies to the Issuer. The Issuer agrees to reimburse the Escrow Agent for the cost of publication of the Notice to the holders of the Refunded Bonds, pursuant to Section 6.A herein.

Section 10. Concerning the Bondholders. This Escrow Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Issuer and the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and assigns. In addition, this Escrow Agreement shall constitute a third-party beneficiary contract for the benefit of the holders of the Refunded Bonds. Such third-party beneficiaries shall be entitled to enforce performance and observance by the Issuer and the Escrow Agent of the respective agreements and covenants herein contained as fully and completely as if such third-party beneficiaries were parties hereto. Any bank into which the Escrow Agent may be merged or with which it may be consolidated or any bank resulting from any merger or consolidation to which it shall be a party or any bank to which it may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its corporate trust business shall be a successor escrow agent without the execution of any document or the performance of any further act.

Section 11. Term. This Escrow Agreement shall terminate when the Refunded Bonds have been paid in accordance with the provisions of this Escrow Agreement. If any Refunded Bonds are not presented to the bond registrar and paying agent for the Refunded Bonds for payment when due and payable, the nonpayment thereof shall not prevent the termination of this Escrow Agreement.

Section 12. Severability. If any one or more of the covenants or agreements provided in this Escrow Agreement on the part of the parties to be performed should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, such covenant or agreement shall be deemed and construed to be severable from the remaining covenants and agreements herein contained and shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Escrow Agreement.

Section 13. Counterparts. This Escrow Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all or any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as one original and shall constitute and be but one and the same instrument. This Escrow Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Section 14. Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meaning given in the Resolution.

Section 15. Notices. Unless otherwise provided by the respective parties, all notices to each of them shall be addressed as follows:

To the Issuer: St. Louis County, Minnesota
 Attn: County Auditor
 100 North 5th Avenue West - #214
 Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1293

To the Municipal Advisor: Springsted Incorporated
 380 Jackson Street, Suite 300
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

To Bond Counsel Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.
 Attn: Robert E. Toftey
 302 West Superior Street, Suite 700
 Duluth, Minnesota 55802

To the Escrow Agent: U.S. Bank National Association
 Attn: Diane Johnson, Corporate Trust Services
 Mailcode: EP-MN-WS3C
 60 Livingston Avenue
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55107-2292

To the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds and the Refunded Bonds: St. Louis County Auditor
 100 North 5th Avenue West - #214
 Duluth, Minnesota 55802

To DTC: The Depository Trust Company
 Attn: Call Notification Department, 4th Floor
 570 Washington Blvd.
 Jersey City, New Jersey 07310

Section 16. Exhibits. The Exhibits to this Escrow Agreement are as follows:

Exhibit A Sources and Uses of Funds
 Exhibit B Federal Securities
 Exhibit C Issuance Costs
 Exhibit D Notice of Call for Redemption of Refunded Bonds
 Exhibit E Refunded Bonds Resolution
 Exhibit F Escrow Verification Report

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Escrow Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

By _____
Chair

Attest:

By _____
Clerk of the County Board

By _____
County Auditor

The Issuer acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or any other regulatory entity grant the Issuer the right to receive brokerage confirmations of the security transactions as they occur, the Issuer specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Escrow Agent will furnish the Issuer with periodic cash transaction statements that include the detail for all investment transactions made by the Escrow Agent for all current and future accounts.

IMPROTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity, we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By _____
Its _____

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[Signature page to Escrow Agreement Between St. Louis County, Minnesota and U.S. Bank National Association, as Escrow Agent, dated as of March 4, 2015]

EXHIBIT A

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Par Amount of the Bonds	
Reoffering Premium	
Accrued Interest	
TOTAL	

USES OF FUNDS

Federal Securities	
Cash Balance	
Costs of Issuance	*
Underwriter's Discount	**
Rounding Amount	*
TOTAL	

* *Issuer shall retain \$_____ from the good faith deposit for costs of issuance. Purchaser to wire to Issuer \$_____ for balance of costs of issuance, except for \$2,750.00 for Escrow Agent Fee, and the rounding amount (which shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund for the Bonds).*

** *Amounts withheld by Purchaser of the Bonds.*

EXHIBIT B

Federal Securities
(U.S. Treasury)

EXHIBIT C

ISSUANCE COSTS

U.S. Bank National Association (Escrow Agent Fee)	
<hr/> (Escrow Verification)	
Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. (Bond Counsel Fee)	
Standard and Poor's Rating Services (Rating Agency)	
Springsted Incorporated (Municipal Advisor)	
Springsted Incorporated (POS/Official Statement and Misc.)	
TOTAL	

EXHIBIT D

NOTICE OF CALL FOR REDEMPTION

\$11,380,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008B
Dated October 21, 2008
of St. Louis County, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by order of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "Issuer"), there have been called for redemption and prepayment on

December 1, 2017

the outstanding obligations of the Issuer designated as the \$11,380,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008B, dated October 21, 2008 (the "Bonds"), which mature in the following years:

NUMBER	MATURITY DATE (December 1)	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT*	INTEREST RATE	CUSIP NUMBER**
R-10	2018	\$ 805,000	4.35%	791230 PB5
R-11	2019	840,000	4.50%	791230 PC3
R-12	2020	880,000	4.60%	791230 PD1
R-13	2021	920,000	4.75%	791230 PE9
R-14	2022	965,000	4.75%	791230 PF6
R-15	2023	1,010,000	5.00%	791230 PG4

Such maturities of the Bonds are being called at a price of par plus accrued interest to December 1, 2017, on which date they will cease to bear interest. Holders of the Bonds hereby called for redemption should present their Bonds for payment at the office of the County Auditor, St. Louis County, Minnesota, 100 North 5th Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

It is recommended that you mail your note registered or certified mail to guard against loss.

Important Notice: In compliance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2008, federal backup withholding tax will be withheld at the applicable backup withholding rate in effect at the time the payment by the redeeming institutions if they are not provided with your social security number or federal employer identification number, properly certified. This requirement is fulfilled by submitting a W-9 Form, which may be obtained at a bank or other financial institution.

* Indicates full call of stated maturity.

** Neither the Issuer nor the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall be responsible for the selection of or use of the CUSIP number, and no representation is made as to its correctness indicated in the Notice of Call for Redemption. CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of the Holders.

EXHIBIT E
REFUNDED BONDS RESOLUTION

EXHIBIT F
ESCROW VERIFICATION REPORT