



AGENDA

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

Tuesday, June 9, 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**

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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.

9:40 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-310, dated May 26, 2015, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Gruben Holdings, LLC d/b/a Gruben's Marina and Village, Greenwood Township. **{15-254}**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Approve use of reserved "Prevention and Innovation Fund" balance in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) budget for a two-year (2015-2016) Housing Access Center pilot program. **{15-245}**

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Rukavina, Chair

2. Adopt the County Forest Road Map to record county forest road prescriptive easements on state tax forfeited lands. **{15-246} [Without recommendation.]**
3. Grant from the St. Louis County Environmental Trust Fund to the Sand Lake Association to assist in its control of native aquatic plants. **{15-253} [Without recommendation.]**

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

4. Support for the 2016 Capital Appropriation request of \$34 million for the St. Louis County/Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center new office facility; and further, designate this as the Board's first priority bonding project for the 2016 Legislative Session. **{15-249}**

ADJOURNED:

**Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License
(Greenwood Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Gruben Holdings, LLC d/b/a Gruben's Marina and Village, Greenwood Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota, has applied for an off-sale intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 340A.405, Subd. 2(d), requires that a public hearing be held prior to the issuance of an off-sale intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on June 9, 2015, at 9:40 a.m., in the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the off-sale intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, With regard to the application for said license, Gruben's Marina and Village has complied in all respects with the requirements of Minnesota Law and St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28; and

WHEREAS, The Liquor Licensing Committee of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has considered the nature of the business to be conducted and the propriety of the location and has recommended approval of the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License shall be issued to Gruben Holdings, LLC d/b/a Gruben's Marina and Village, Greenwood Township, located in Area 3, and in accordance with the St. Louis County Fee Schedule the annual fee of \$500;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said liquor license shall be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon payment of real estate taxes when due;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon proof liquor liability insurance;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if named license holder sells the licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of license fee to the license holder.

City of Duluth in helping to fund a re-created Housing Access Center, since homeless prevention is a major goal of St. Louis County and its human services mission. The concept was referred to the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) for consideration and discussion of compatibility with the Department's core programs. It was determined that a two-year pilot program could be supported with a \$25,000 allocation for 2015 and another \$25,000 for 2016 to be secured from the Department's Public Health & Human Services Prevention and Innovation Fund balance. This funding level is within the authority of the Department Director, but requires County Board action to refer funding to the Department's operating budget.

This commitment was conveyed to the City of Duluth with the understanding that when, and if, the city would commit to reviving the Housing Access Center, St. Louis County would become a partner in the joint endeavor at this funding level. On May 26th, the Duluth City Council unanimously supported the re-creation of the Housing Access Center by resolution allocating \$40,000 for its immediate start-up. During his remarks, Councilor Joel Sipress praised St. Louis County, the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority and local philanthropists for working with the city to piece together about \$100,000 to reopen the center, but stressed the importance of continued performance evaluation saying, "One of the provisions of this resolution is that there will be a program review required in eight months, because no matter how good something looks on paper, if we're going to make a long-term commitment toward a program, we need to make sure that it's working in practice."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the use of reserved "Prevention and Innovation Fund" balance in the Public Health and Human Services Department budget for use in a two-year (2015-2016) Housing Access Center pilot program, and authorize the transfer of \$25,000 for each year from this fund to the PHHS operating budget for this purpose.

It is further recommended that the pilot program be reviewed during the two year period to determine if the HAC has helped reduce the approximately 500 eviction filings per year in St. Louis County and the mediation efforts aimed at resolving tenant and landlord disputes.

Budget Reference:

Prevention and Innovation Reserved Funds:	230-999999-311405
Operating Budget:	230-232001-629900

Housing Access Center Pilot Funding

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2014, nearly two hundred housing advocates, service providers, community leaders, business representatives, elected officials, and homeless and formerly homeless people, gathered at the “Community Summit on Homelessness,” to review progress of St. Louis County’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Attendees determined that re-creating the Housing Access Center (HAC) was the top priority and most cost-effective way to facilitate housing stability among people at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Before reduced federal funding forced its closure in 2009, the Housing Access Center offered a broad range of free services to landlords and tenants including ready to rent classes, landlord trainings, emergency assistance referrals, updated lists of rental housing, one-on-one mediation, and served as a resource for social workers and law enforcement officers seeking assistance and advice in mediating disputes and preventing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Because of the important role it played in housing stability and its high rate of success in preventing evictions, HAC was named as a key partner in the original St. Louis County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has sought the partnership of St. Louis County in helping to fund the Housing Access Center, since family homeless prevention is a major goal of St. Louis County and its human services mission, and the Public Health and Human Services Department has determined that funding the HAC is compatible with the Department’s core programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of reserved “Prevention and Innovation Fund” balance in the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) budget for a two-year (2015-2016) Housing Access Center pilot program, and authorizes the transfer of \$25,000 for each year from the fund to the PHHS operating budget for this purpose;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Housing Access Center (HAC) pilot program must be reviewed according to appropriate criteria during the two year period to determine if the HAC has helped to reduce the approximately 500 eviction filings each year in St. Louis County through mediation efforts aimed at resolving tenant and landlord disputes;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any future funding from St. Louis County levy or grant funds applied for by St. Louis County must be approved by the St. Louis County Board.

Budget Reference:

Prevention and Innovation Reserved Funds: 230-999999-311405

Operating Budget: 230-232001-629900

Housing Access Center Re-Creation

November 6, 2014

In May 28, 2014, nearly two hundred housing advocates, service providers, community leaders, business representatives, elected officials, and homeless and formerly homeless people gathered to review progress on the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness (now in its 8th year). They identified action steps for 2014 to complete the plan and to make sure that everyone in Duluth and across St Louis County have a safe and affordable place to call home. The number one priority was to re-create the Housing Access Center.

Before it closed in 2009, the Housing Access Center offered a broad range of free services to landlords and tenants in the Duluth area, including ready to rent classes, landlord trainings, emergency assistance referrals, updated lists of rental housing, and one-on-one mediation. HAC also served as a resource for social workers and law enforcement officers seeking assistance and advice in mediating disputes and preventing homelessness. Because of the important role it played in housing stability and its high rate of success in preventing evictions, HAC was named as a key partner in the original 10 Year Plan.

Attendees at the 2014 Community Summit on Homelessness determined that re-creating the Housing Access Center was the most cost-effective way to facilitate housing stability among people at risk of homelessness. Increasingly, housing providers are noticing that many renters have barriers that keep them from obtaining and maintaining stable housing. Those barriers include low incomes, lack of ability or knowledge to appropriately advocate for oneself, criminal backgrounds, bad credit, limited or less than fair rental history, and mental health challenges. In addition to these internal barriers, tenants and prospective tenants face the challenges of securing rental housing in a market with extremely low vacancy rates, high rents relative to Duluth's low incomes, conversion of many single family units to student housing, and the oldest housing stock in the state, much of which is in substandard condition. These market realities allow some landlords to conduct minimal maintenance and still command market rents, leaving vulnerable tenants in increasingly precarious housing situations.

This background is not meant to disparage landlords. Indeed, landlords face many of their own obstacles to running a viable rental business. Fluctuating property values lead to tight operating margins and inability to sell less profitable properties; old and tired housing stock requires extraordinary maintenance to remain in quality condition; rising fuel prices have dramatically increased the cost of doing business; and a growing percentage of Duluth's population living in poverty brings corresponding social and economic challenges. Re-creating the Housing Access Center would offer landlords an important resource for referrals and mediation in order to resolve problems with tenants before they get out of hand and save the costs of high turnover, eviction, damage to property and lost rent.

The Housing Access Center would be a valuable resource for the entire community. Forty percent of all housing in Duluth is renter-occupied (up from just over 26% in 1990). In the Central Hillside neighborhood, 82% of housing units are rentals. With a greater proportion of Duluthians living in rental housing, rental

challenges extend across income levels. Rental instability has negative impacts on the city as a whole, including:

- Educational Disruption. Every time a child has to switch schools s/he is believed to lose 1/2 of a grade level. Families without stable housing move annually or even more frequently resulting in frequent changing of schools.
- Neighborhood Disinvestment and Health Disparities. A desperate rental market means landlords have little incentive and/or ability to adequately maintain their properties. This leads to greater neighborhood disinvestment and lower quality of life for people in Duluth's high density rental neighborhoods. For example, Lincoln Park residents have a life expectancy that is 11 years less than residents of the Congdon neighborhood.
- Financial Hardships. Landlords, tenants, and local governments all face serious economic consequences from eviction proceedings. While many of the hardships are short-term loss of cash or income, tenants with resulting bad credit or rental histories struggle for many years to secure other rental housing or to be able to buy a home. No one wins in an eviction (see page 4 for details on the costs of eviction).
- Less Effective Use of Federally Assisted Housing Funds. Increasingly, tenants are challenged to find housing with landlords willing to accept Section 8 vouchers because landlords can command higher rents than Section 8 regulations allow. Similarly, due to the realities of living in poverty, Section 8 renters are perceived to be more challenging to have as renters, and therefore landlords will often choose to not utilize a program that has been proven to help people overcome poverty.
- Homelessness. Since the Wilder Foundation began collecting statewide data on homelessness in Minnesota in 1991, the number of people forced to live on the streets or in shelter has steadily increased. In recent years, the Wilder study found an increase in homelessness in St Louis County from 595 individuals (176 of whom were children) in 2006 to 752 individuals (222 of whom were children) in 2012. While the Wilder survey is the most exhaustive in the state, service providers generally consider it an undercount given the transience of many homeless people. Additionally, 24% of homeless adults are employed, suggesting other high barriers to housing including criminal history, discrimination and lack of affordable housing.

The primary work of the new Housing Access Center will be to help ensure stable rental housing by educating existing and potential landlords and tenants regarding rights and responsibilities and by mediating disputes. The HAC is an effective and needed program in Duluth, helping maintain housing and avoid eviction for the vast majority of the clients it assisted prior to its closure. Typically, the HAC connected via phone or in person with 500-700 renters annually. Organizers expect that once the community is aware of HAC's return the program will assist even more households.

Specific activities of the HAC will include:

- Education
 - Landlord training/rental licensing class
 - Provide resources on tenant/landlord law and legal forms
 - Fair Housing training
 - Ready to Rent classes for people newly entering the rental market and for hopeful tenants without a positive rental history
 - Classes for high school students

- Mediation
 - Being the voice of wisdom and law between landlords and tenants to help resolve disputes before they end up in court and/or displacement
 - Communication with and between Office of Building Safety, Duluth HRA, Legal Aid and the Volunteer Attorney Program
- General Rental Housing Services
 - Build and maintain a list of reputable landlords and rental vacancies
 - Build a list of Ready to Rent tenants
 - Develop a process for a common rental housing application and background check that landlords and tenants can use to ensure fair fees are charged for applications and assist landlords with receiving applications and conducting background checks. This process will be developed during the first year of operations for implementation in the second year.

Potential Annual Cost Savings of Housing Access Center

More than 500 eviction actions are filed in Duluth every year. Eviction comes at a great cost to both tenants and landlords. In Duluth's challenging rental market, an evicted tenant faces an immediate risk of homelessness as well as a long-term barrier to future housing. Landlords are likewise burdened by the eviction process, with court fees, lost rent and other expenses. A tenant-landlord mediation service would promote housing stability and reduce the number of evictions at significant cost savings to the community. While the exact savings may be hard to quantify, consider this:

Cost of an eviction for a landlord: at least \$2336

Eviction filing fee: \$322

Attorney fee: \$400

Writ of recovery and other Sheriff fees: \$174

Lost rent: \$1440 (assumes 2 months to complete eviction process and apartment repairs)

Cost of an eviction for a tenant: at least \$2847

Lost damage deposit: \$720

Application fee for new apartment: \$105 assuming 3 applications at \$35 each

Moving costs: \$250 Uhaul deposit

Lost wages: \$672 assuming 1 week for court appearances, moving and apartment search

Hotel stay: \$1000 at discount hotel, assuming average 30 day displacement

Storage: \$100 per month

If a Housing Access Center were to prevent just 10% of evictions in Duluth, the cost savings to tenants and landlords would be at least \$260,000 annually - not counting the long-term benefits of housing stability to families, landlords and the community at large.

sold to private individuals, who may not have an interest in keeping them open to the DNR, St. Louis County and other land managing agencies. Sometimes new owners attempt to close these roads, causing the DNR and the county to engage in costly and time-consuming litigation to maintain their rights in the road systems they have built and maintained for years. Recording the DNR's and County's prescriptive easements will ensure these roads will be available to the state's land managers in perpetuity.

Prescriptive easements are the right to use another person's property acquired by continuous usage of that property. They are similar to adverse possession; however, in adverse possession the interest is of full fee ownership. In prescriptive easements the interest is of some lesser rights. The state and county forest roads that are involved in this project have been in existence and have been maintained and used by the DNR and county for many years. There will be no change in the management of these roads due to the prescriptive easement process. Therefore, there is no anticipated change in value to the affected landowners. Additionally, these landowners will not incur any new liability for any incidents related to the use of these roads.

St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 13-778, dated December 17, 2013, authorized a prescriptive easement public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 89.715, Subd. 3. The public hearing was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 6:00 p.m., at the Mountain Iron Community Center in Mountain Iron, MN. All comments received at the public hearing were considered in the final version of the County Forest Road Map.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board adopt a County Forest Road Map to record county forest road prescriptive easements.

**Adopt County Forest Road Map for Prescriptive Easements
Across State Tax Forfeited Land**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.041, a county board may adopt a County Forest Road Map to record county forest road prescriptive easements on tax forfeited lands according to Minn. Stat. § 89.715; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 89.715, a prescriptive easement public hearing was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at the Mountain Iron Community Center in Mountain Iron, MN; and

WHEREAS, Following the public hearing, the county board may amend and adopt a County Forest Road Map, which shall be dated and signed by the county board chair, and must be filed for recording with the county recorder within 90 days after the map is adopted; and

WHEREAS, A property owner who is directly affected by a proposed map designation may appeal the map designation to the County Board within 60 days of the map being recorded by filing a written request for review. The County Board shall review the request and any supporting evidence and render a decision within 45 days of receipt of the request for review;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.041, the St. Louis County Board adopts the County Forest Road Map (County Board File No. _____) to record county forest road prescriptive easements on state tax forfeited lands according to Minn. Stat. § 89.715, Subd. 3.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board Chair shall sign and date the county forest road map, and shall have it recorded with the County Recorder within 90 days after the map is adopted.



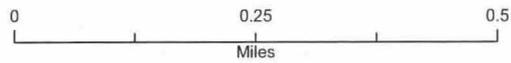
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**St. Louis County, MN
Prescriptive Easement
Pursuant to Minn. Statutes
282.041 and 89.715**

— Affected Road Segment

▭ Affected Parcel

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650-0010-05270	61	14	35	NE1/4 OF NE1/4
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- Interstate & US Highway
- State Highway
- County/Township/Other
- County State Aid Highway
- County Forest Road
- Lakes
- Streams
- PLS Section

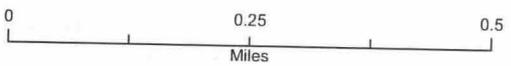


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Pursuant to Minn. Statutes
282.041 and 89.715**

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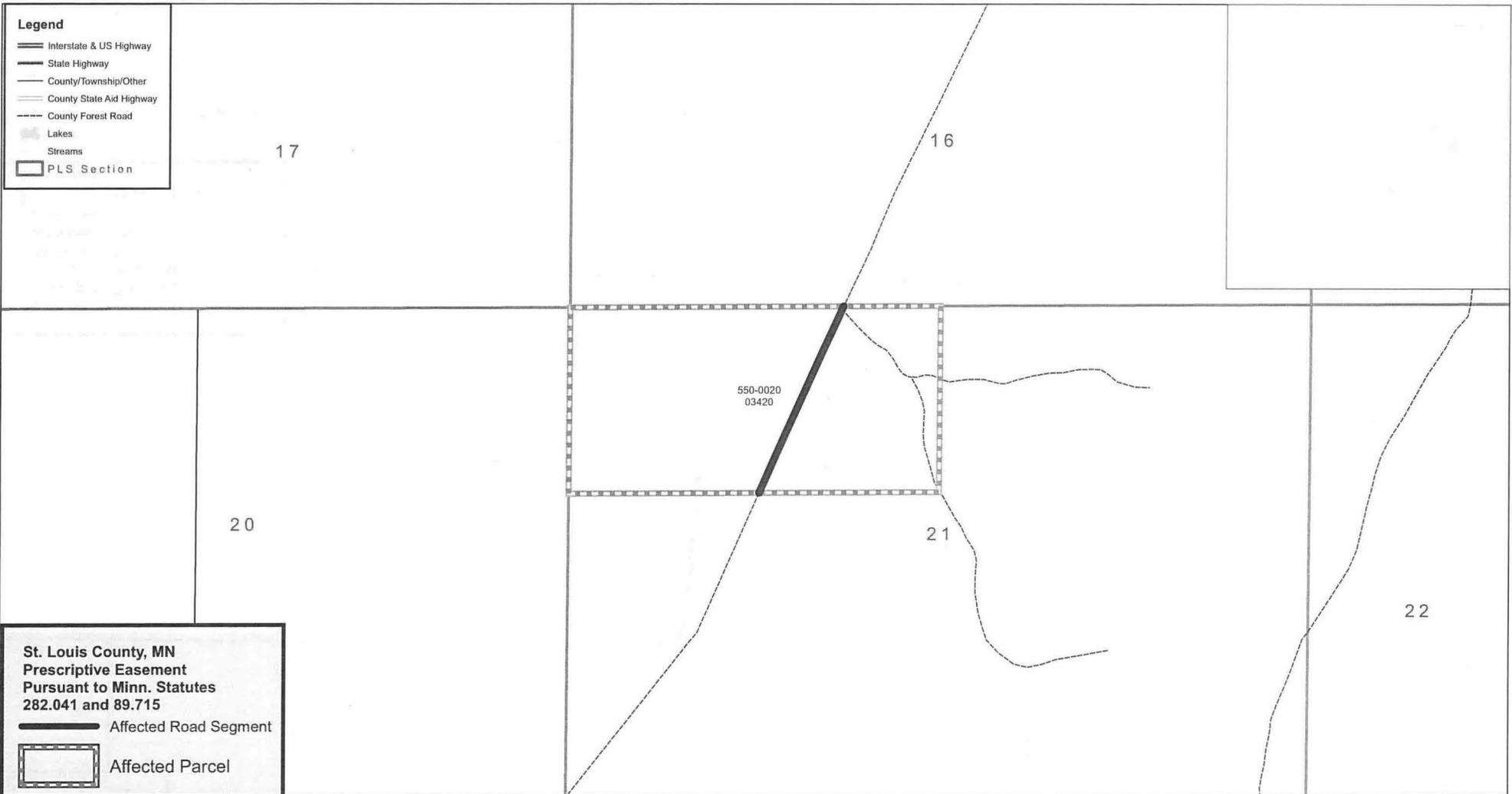
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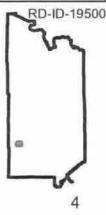
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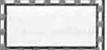


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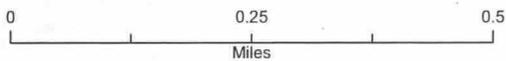




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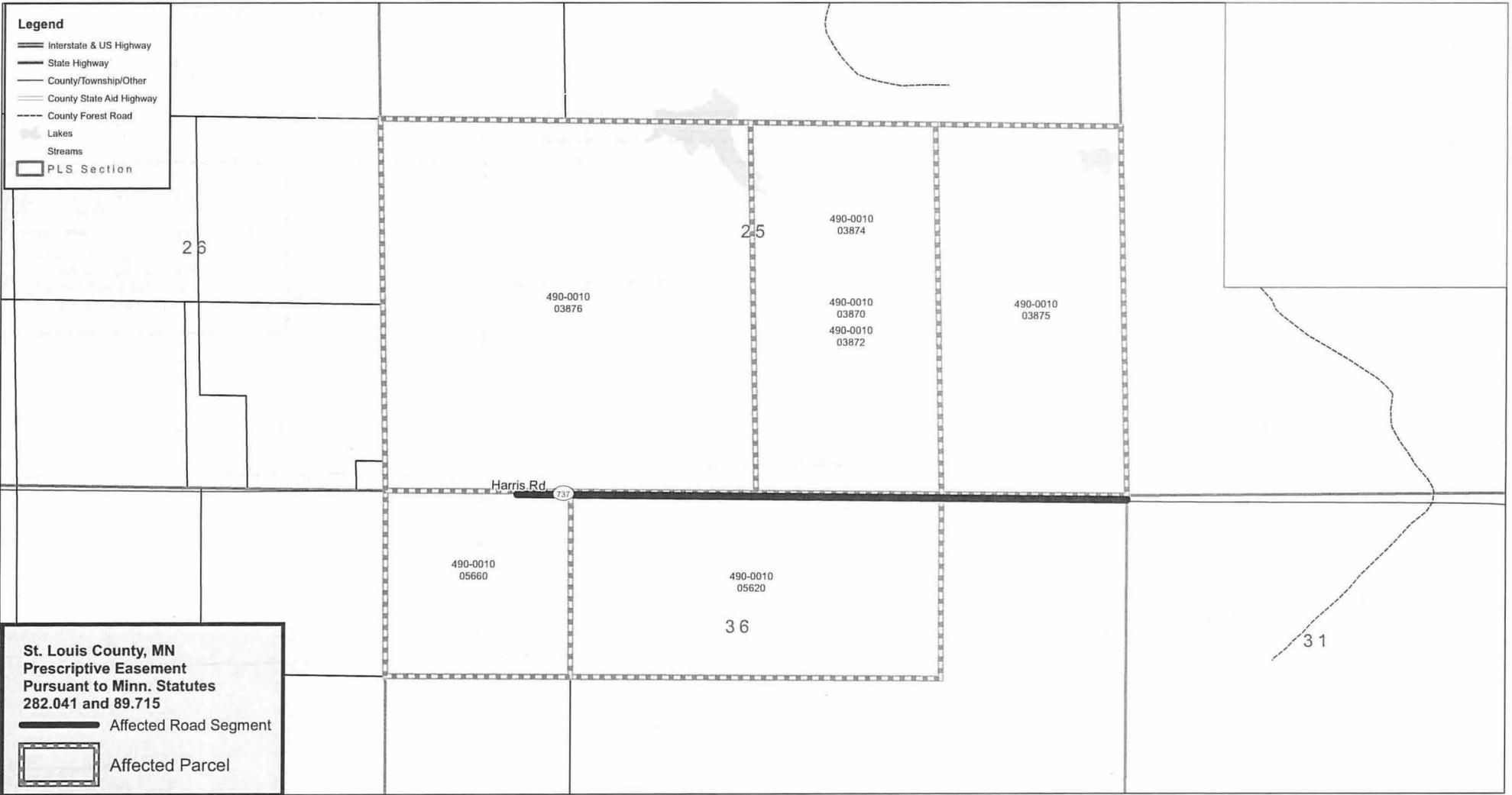
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490-0010-01970	53	17	13	N 1/2 OF SE 1/4
490-0010-03620	53	17	24	NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4

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282.041 and 89.715**

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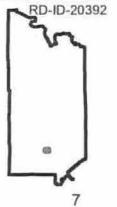
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490-0010-03875	53	17	25	E1/2 OF SE1/4
490-0010-03876	53	17	25	SW1/4
490-0010-03872	53	17	25	UND 1/3 OF S1/2 OF SEC. 25 EX E1/2 OF SE1/4 & EX SW1/4
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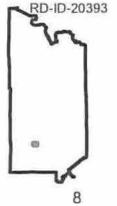
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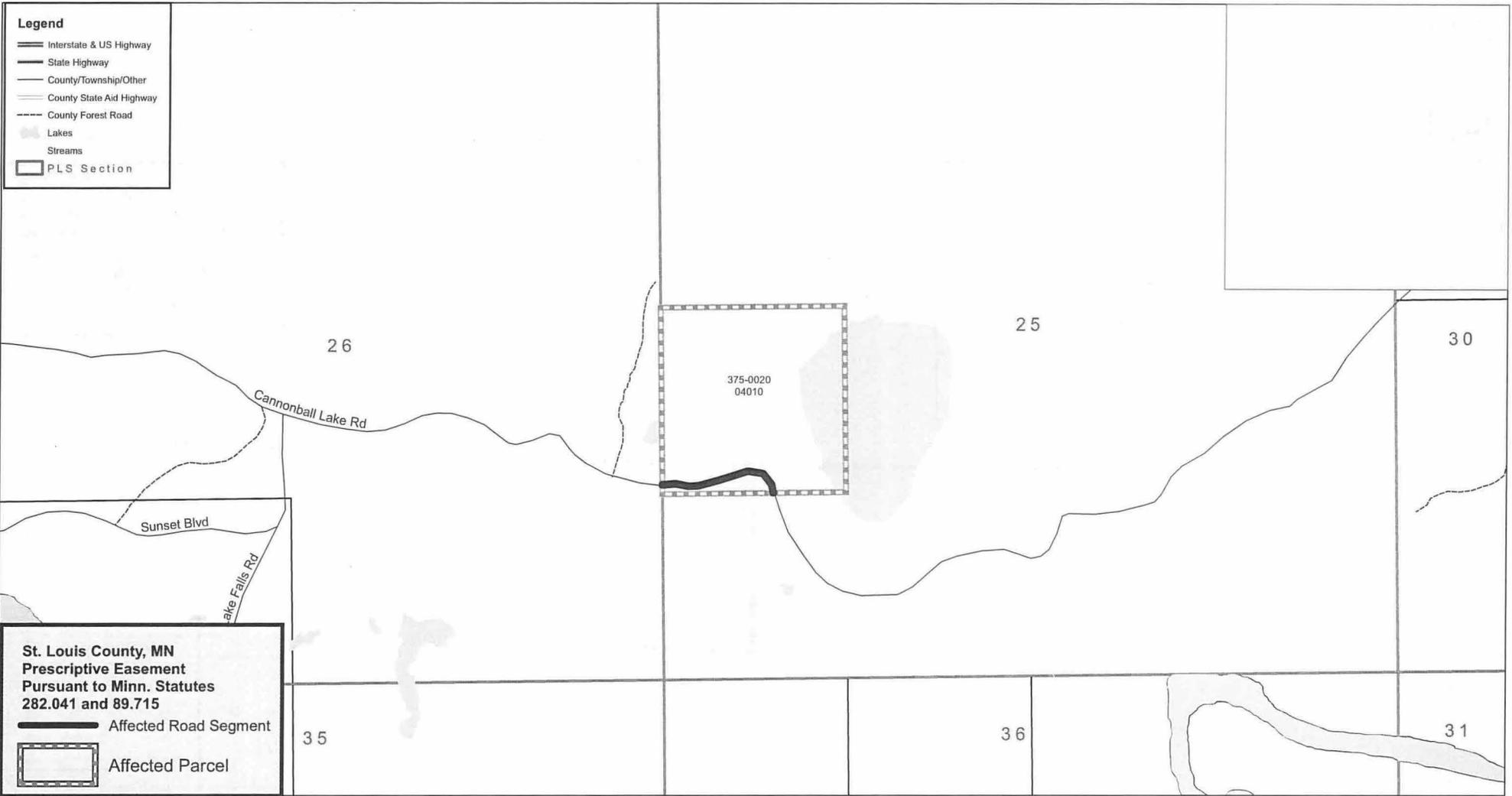
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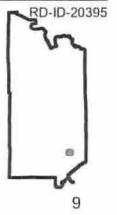
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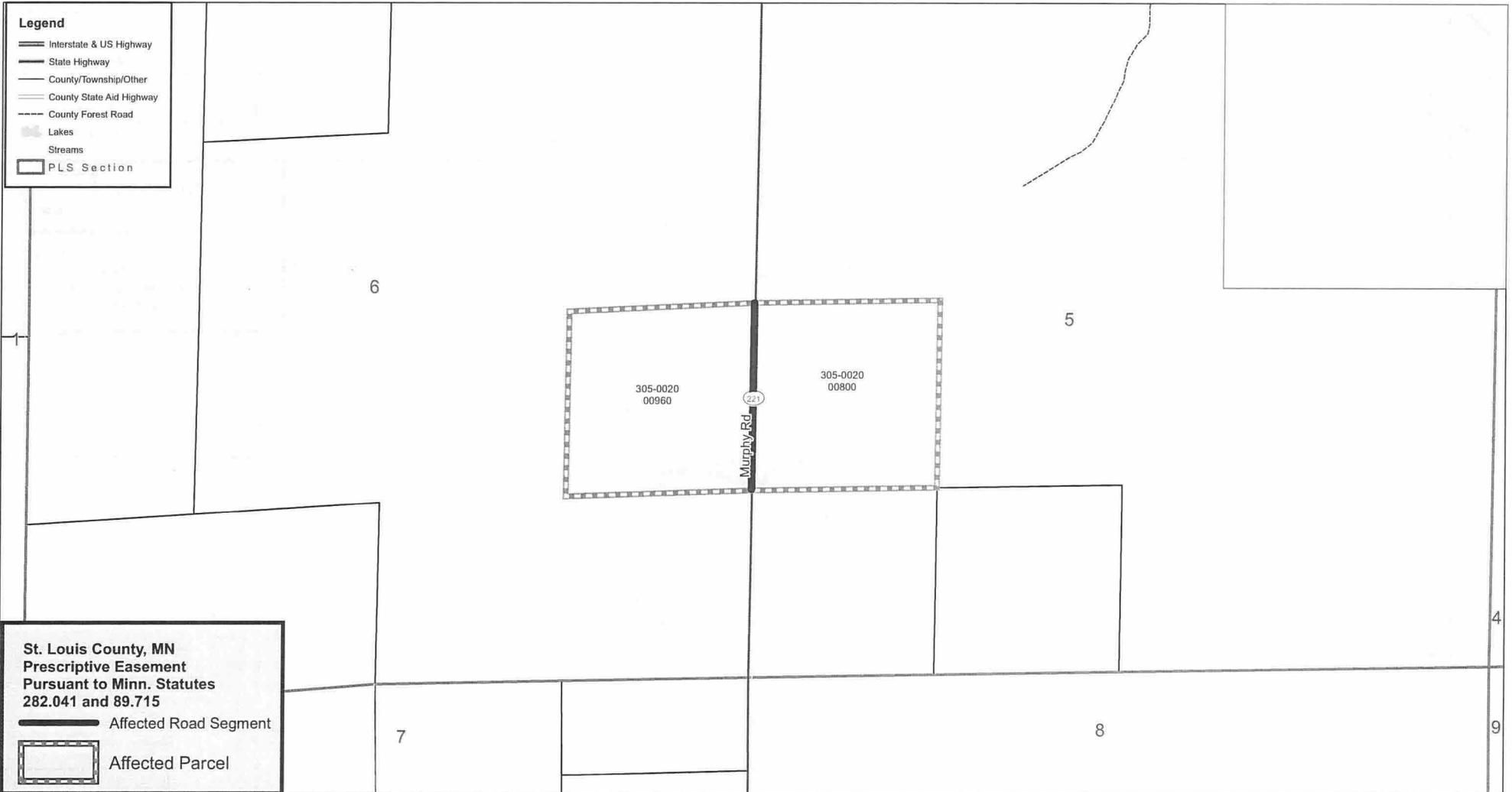
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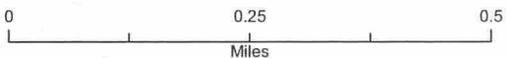
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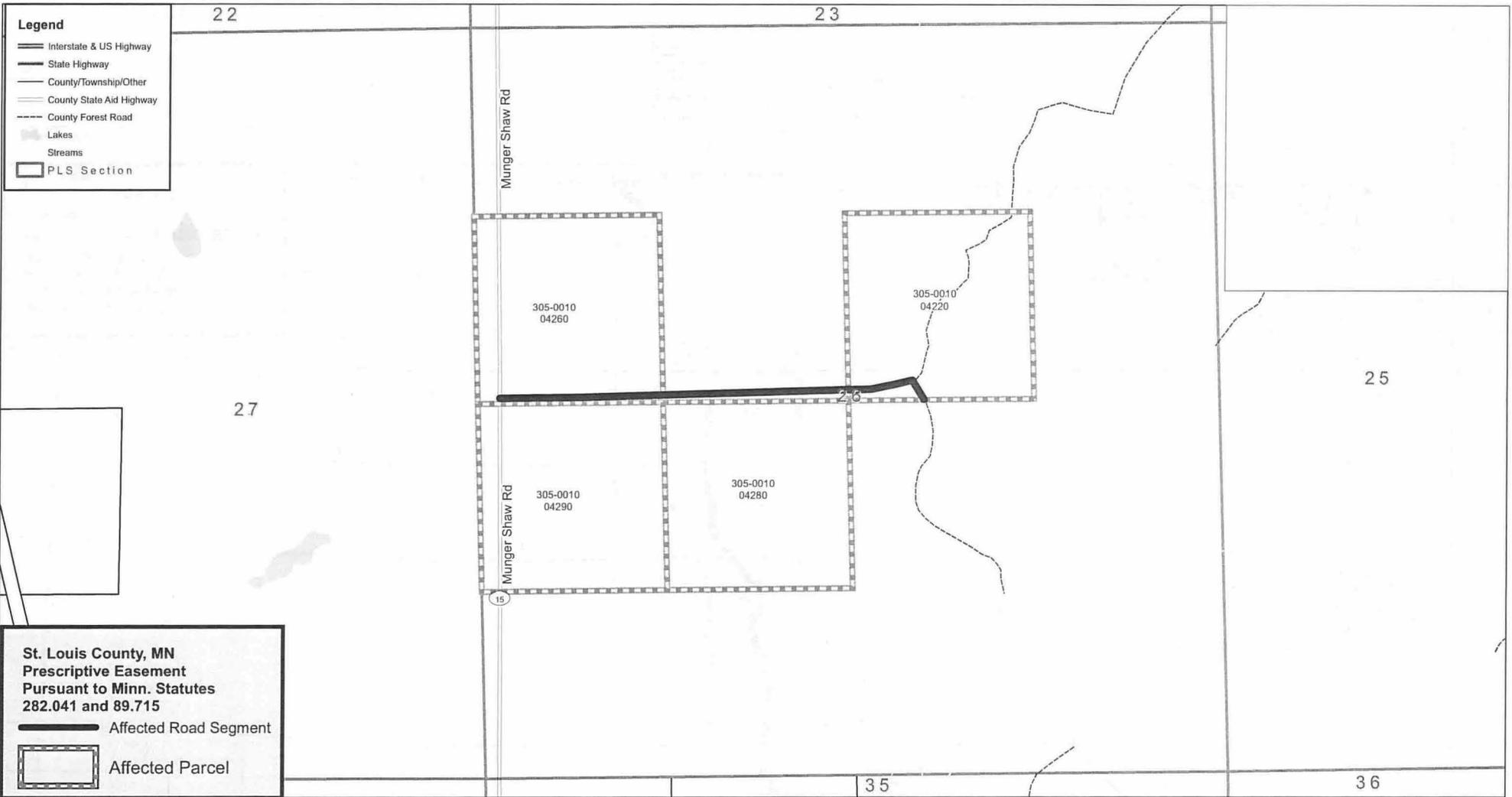
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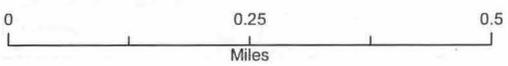
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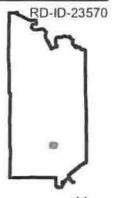
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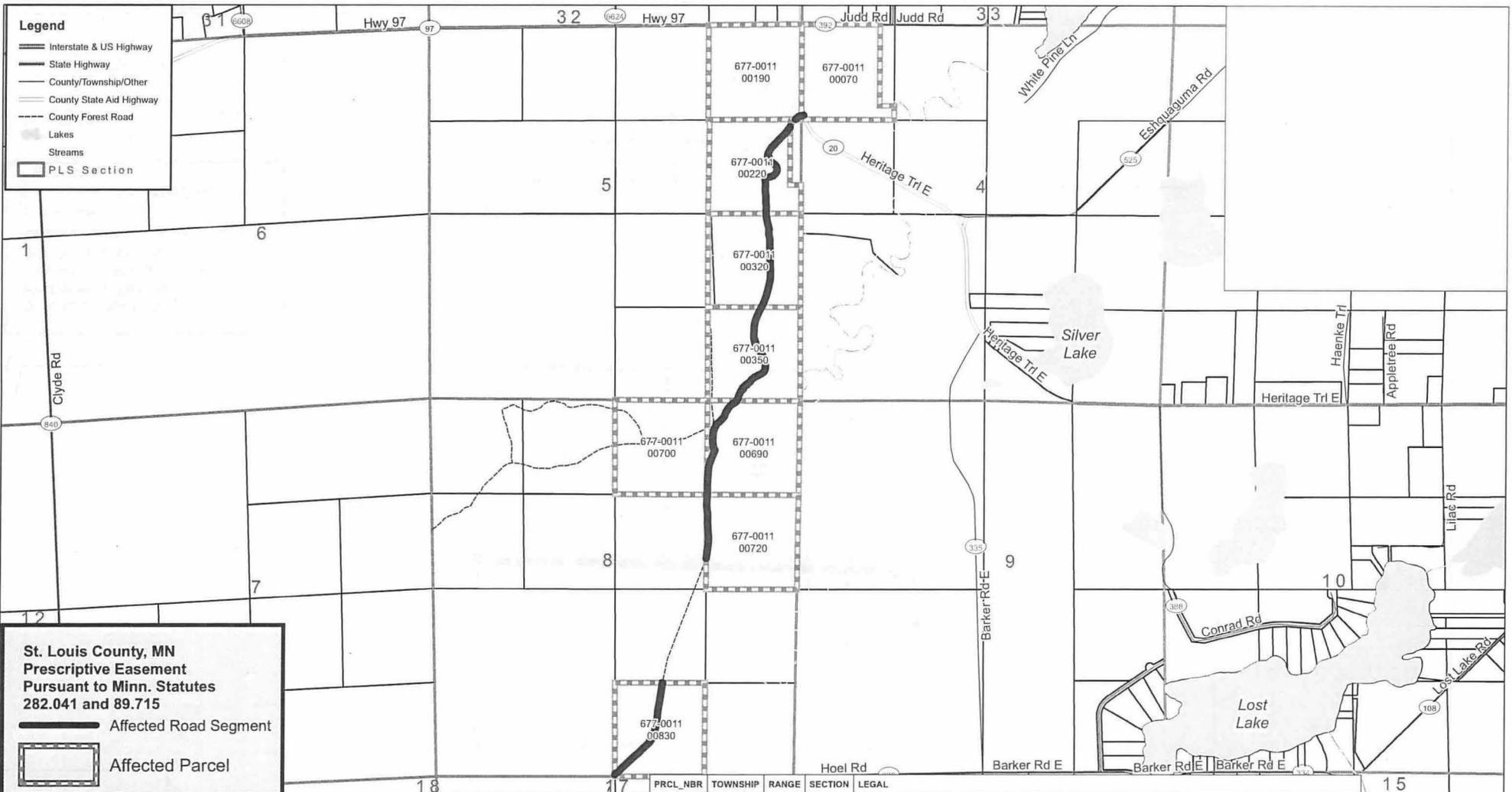
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305-0010-04290	54	16	26	NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4





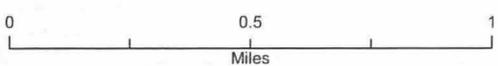
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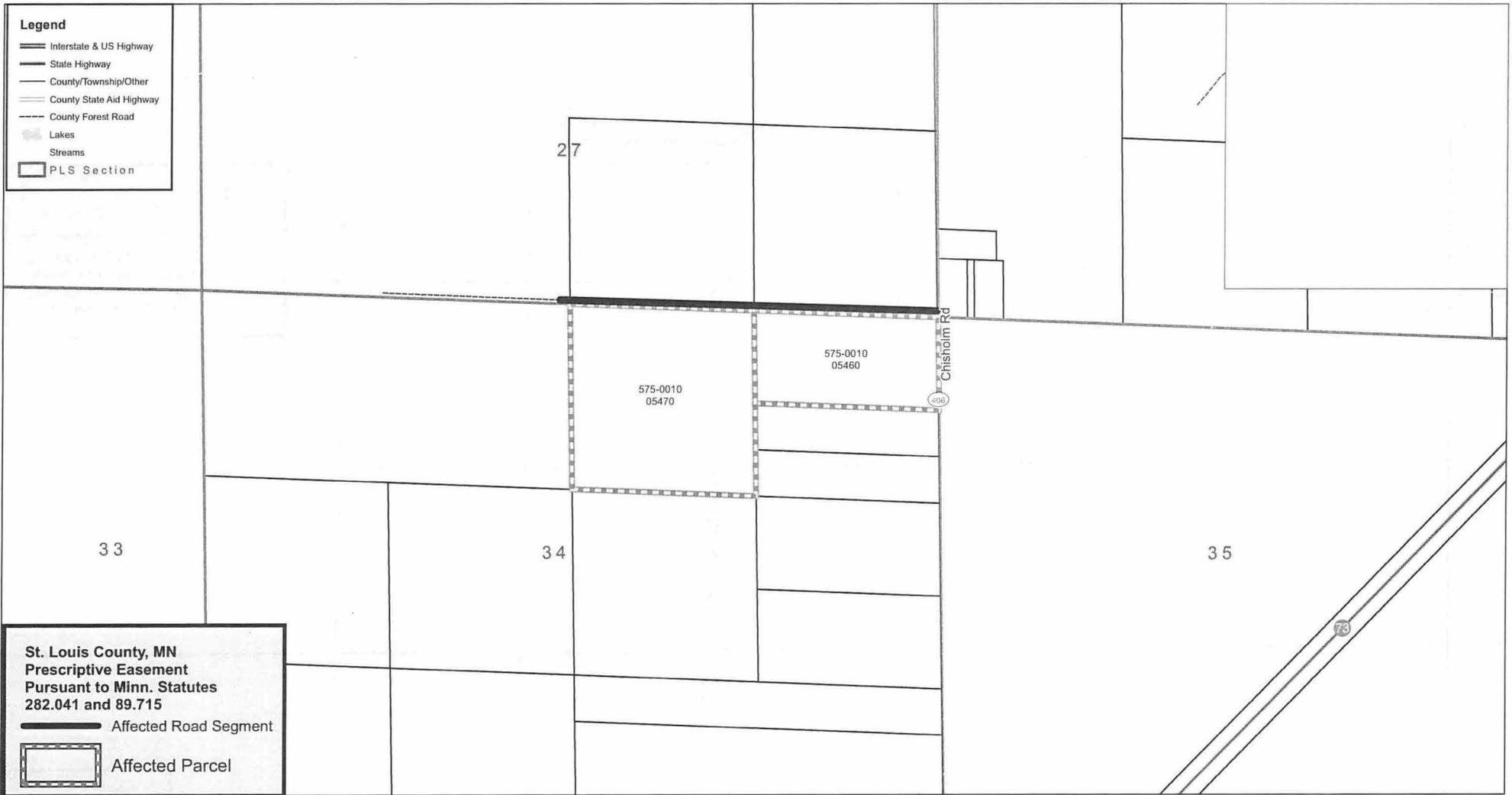
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677-0011-00190	57	16	5	LOT 1
677-0011-00220	57	16	5	SE 1/4 NE 1/4 EX E 163 FT OF N 930 FT & EX PART LYING WLY OF A LINE RUNNING FROM A PT ON S LINE 40 FT ELY OF SW COR TO A PT ON N LINE 20 FT E OF NW COR
677-0011-00320	57	16	5	NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 EX PART LYING WLY OF A LINE RUNNING FROM A PT ON S LINE 100 FT E OF SW COR TO A PT ON N LINE 40 FT ELY OF NW COR
677-0011-00350	57	16	5	SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
677-0011-00690	57	16	8	NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4
677-0011-00720	57	16	8	SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4
677-0011-00830	57	16	8	SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4
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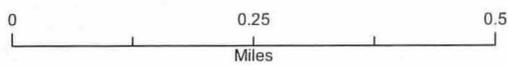
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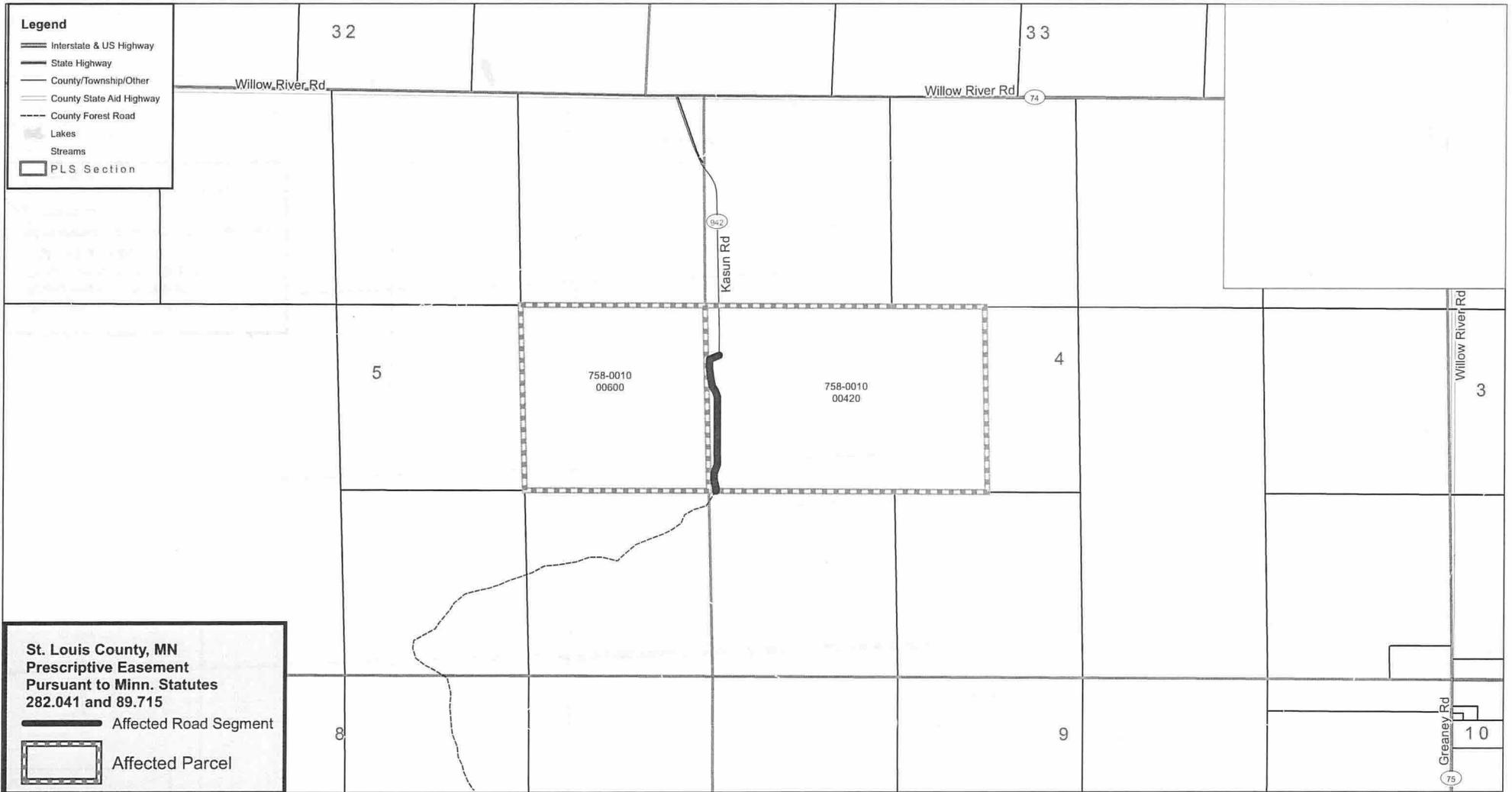
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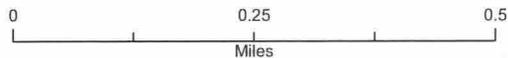
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758-0010-00420	63	21	4	N1/2 OF SW1/4 EX E1/2 OF NE1/4 OF SW1/4
758-0010-00600	63	21	5	NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4





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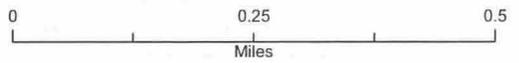
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PRCL_NBR	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	LEGAL
320-0020-01570	55	17	10	SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 EX 10 12/100 AC FOR GRAVEL PIT AND EX 43 100 AC FOR HWY
320-0020-02310	55	17	15	NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 EX HWY RT OF WAY



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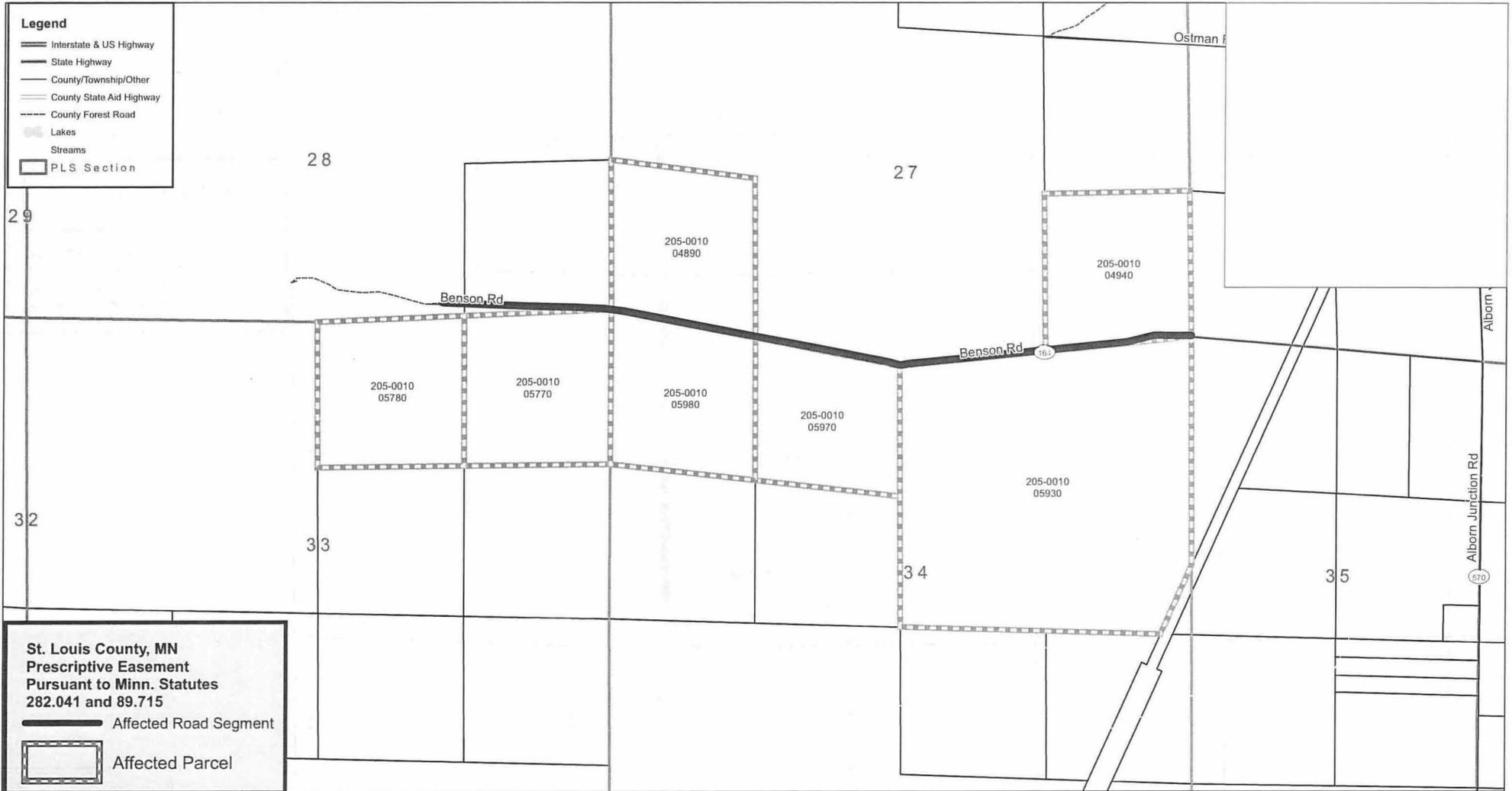
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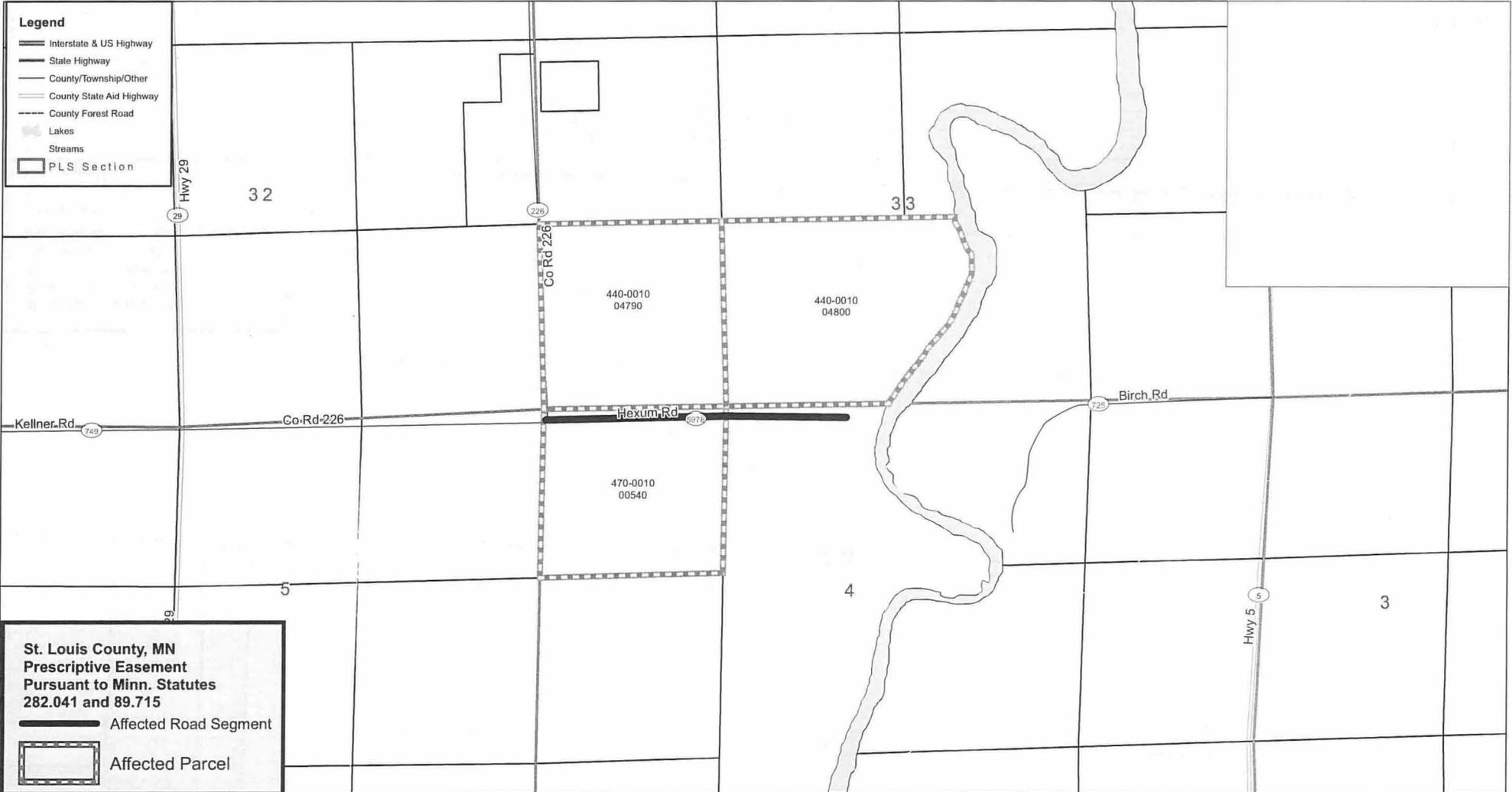
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205-0010-05770	52	18	33	NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4
205-0010-05780	52	18	33	NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4
205-0010-05970	52	18	34	NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4
205-0010-05980	52	18	34	NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4
205-0010-05930	52	18	34	NE 1/4 EX RY RT OF WAY 1 ACRE
205-0010-04890	52	18	27	SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4





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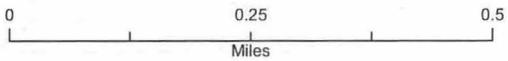
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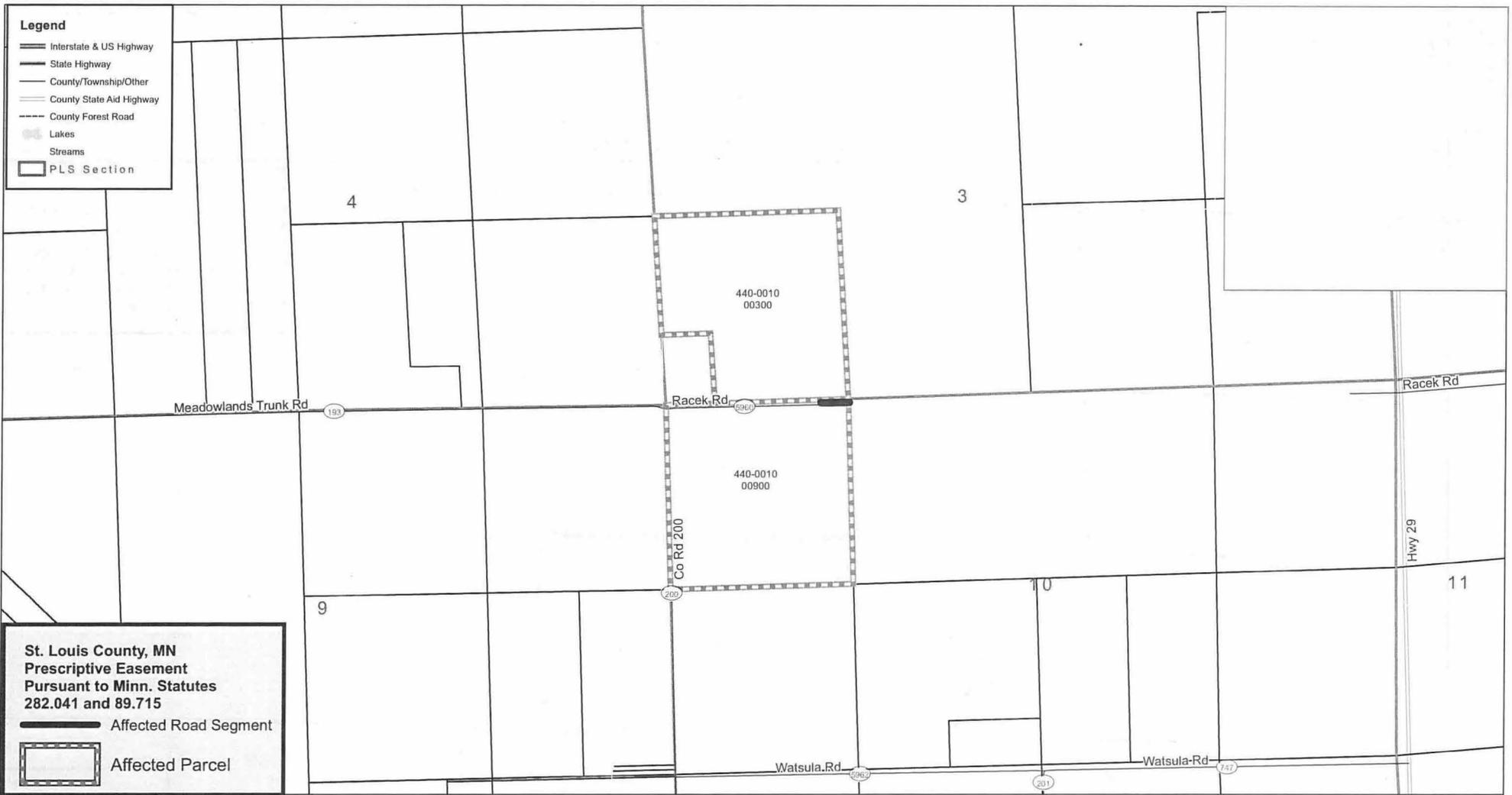
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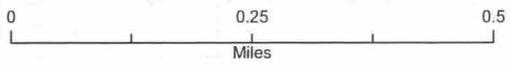
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440-0010-00900	53	19	10	NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4
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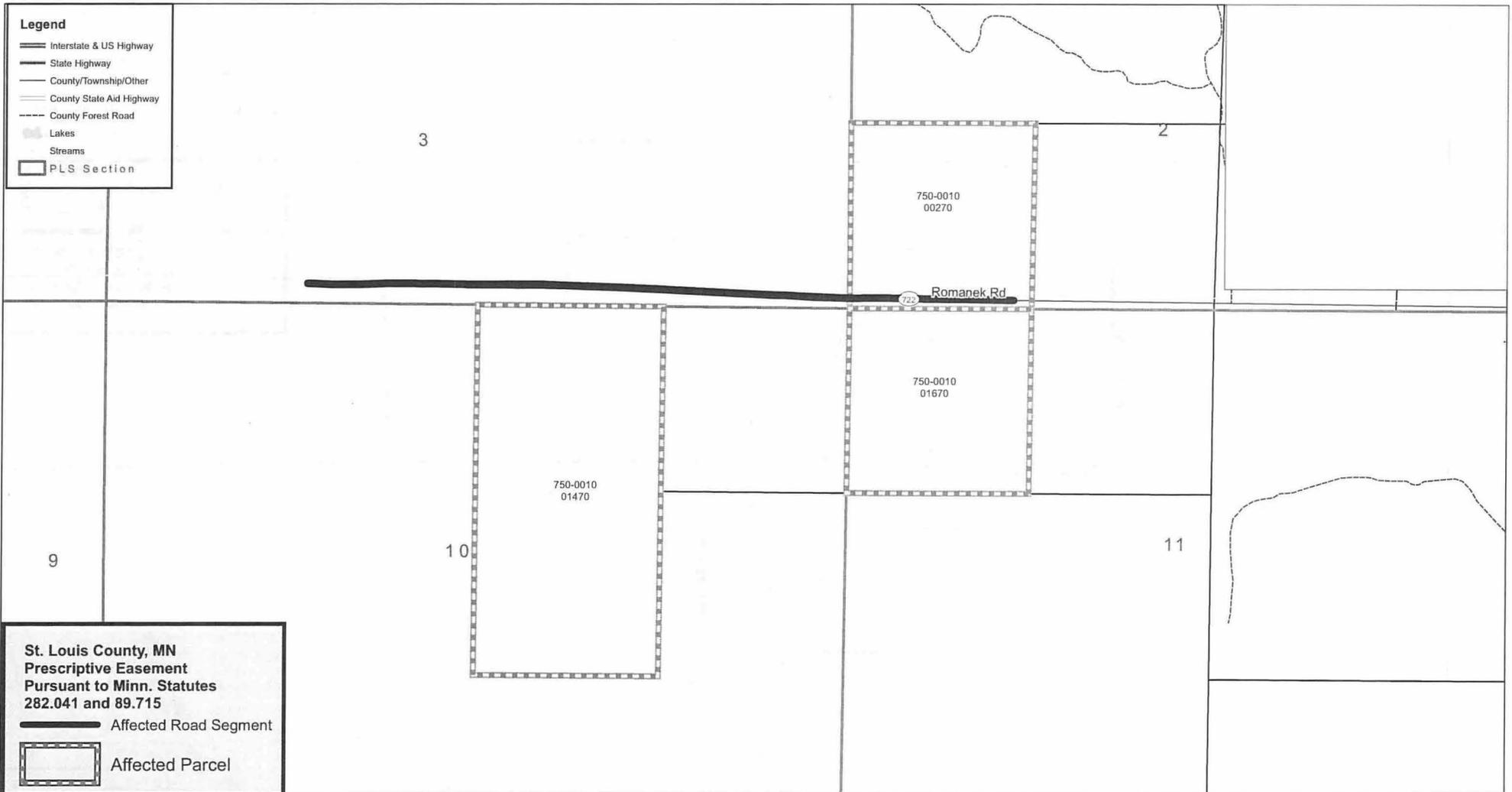
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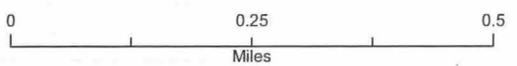
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305-0010-05690	54	16	34	SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 EX RY R OF WAY 6.30/100 AC





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750-0010-00270	52	21	2	SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4
750-0010-01670	52	21	11	NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4
750-0010-01470	52	21	10	W 1/2 OF NE 1/4



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The Environmental Trust Fund has approximately \$108,000 available for distribution in 2015, and the request from the Sand Lake Association is consistent with its intended use.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should Commissioners wish to provide \$50,000 in grant funding for the Sand Lake Association to assist in its control of aquatic plants, a resolution is attached. Funding is available in Fund 500-500001, Shoreline Sales (Environmental Trust Fund).

Grant to Sand Lake Association for Aquatic Plant Control Project

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has received a letter from the Sand Lake Association requesting a \$50,000 grant to obtain a dump trailer, transport barge and acquire a GPS system to assist in native aquatic weed harvesting; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 1999 Chapter 180, Subd. 4, provided that proceeds from the sale of shoreline property through the DNR's shoreland exchange program were to be placed in a county environmental trust fund to be used for "purposes related to the improvement of natural resources"; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Environmental Trust Fund has approximately \$108,000 available for distribution in 2015, and the request from the Sand Lake Association is consistent with its intended use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves \$50,000 in grant funding for the Sand Lake Association to assist in its control of native aquatic plants, with funding available in Fund 500-500001, Shoreline Sales (Environmental Trust Fund).



7449 Britt Bypass
Britt, MN 55710

April 3, 2015

Commissioner Tom Rukavina
930 Hwy 169
Virginia, Minnesota 55792

Dear Mr. Tom Rukavina:

The Sand Lake Association is requesting funds of \$50,000 from St. Louis County. This money is requested to aid in the ongoing struggle to harvest weeds annually from Sand Lake.

Sand Lake is a highly desired recreational lake. The families that live on the lake have enjoyed the full gamut of water sports and activities for decades. In the past several years, these activities have been severely impacted due to the uncontrollable growth of weeds. It is impossible to travel across the lake without clearing the motor of weeds many times. In addition, this issue is decreasing the value of property sales on the lake; and also, has affected business at the resort.

Sand Lake is located in the Minntac watershed district as per the MN DNR. The US Steel dike is located a half mile from the south bay which contributes water to the lake. Sand Lake Association has been extremely proactive with the DNR, which identified 32 species of aquatic plants. We have developed a Lake Vegetation Management Plan with the DNR that has been approved. The residences raised \$50,000 and have purchased a weed cutter and conveyor to begin the control of the weed issue.

The members of the Sand Lake Association are respectfully requesting the additional funds of \$50,000 to help with the second phase of the project, which is to obtain a dump trailer, transport barge, and acquire a GPS system to assist weed harvesting per the requirement of the DNR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Niemi".

John Niemi, President
Sand Lake Association

estimates for separate facilities total approximately \$44,032,374 (St. Louis County @ 47,544 sq/ft @ \$291 per sq/ft = \$13,835,304; AEOA/RMHC @ 103,770 sq/ft @ \$291 sq/ft = \$30,197,070), and initial estimates for a combined facility are approximately \$34 million. The space saving of a combined facility is estimated at approximately 25%, but will also require a 250 vehicle parking facility.

This preliminary estimate is based on anticipated square foot construction costs, furniture/fixtures and equipment, soft costs, (\$32 million); property acquisition (\$300,000); building(s) demolition (\$500,000); and parking structure (\$1.2 million). All cost estimates are very preliminary and based on initial programming and its related sizes and functions and will need to be vetted through the programming and pre-design phase.

During discussions with all parties in the programming, pre-design, site selection, professional services firm selection, and grant agreement process, St. Louis County in partnership with all other agencies, will consider whether a joint facility located in downtown Virginia which would potentially house AEOA, RMHC and St. Louis County, could also meet county office space and programming requirements. Careful consideration will be given to opportunities to leverage construction costs, client service, employee work environment and operating efficiencies.

The St. Louis County Board has also been asked to be the sponsor of the St. Louis County, AEOA and RMHC application for 2016 capital appropriation. This appropriation will include funding for construction of the office facility. Project partners will provide a proportional match for state funds awarded in this appropriation, as would St. Louis County should the county deem colocation the best option. Applications must be entered into the state Capital Budget System by June 12, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board pass a resolution of support for a State of Minnesota 2016 Capital Appropriation request for a new office facility for St. Louis County, AEOA/RMHC in the amount of \$34 million and indicate it as St. Louis County's first bonding priority. This appropriation would finance up to 50% of the joint project cost, with the partners committing funds to match their proportional share of this request.

**Support for St. Louis County/AEOA/RMHC
2016 Capital Appropriation Request**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota recently solicited requests for 2016 Capital Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA) and Range Mental Health Center (RMHC) office facility was awarded \$3 million in the 2014 State bonding bill for design of the facility, and possibly land acquisition and site work with no match required; and

WHEREAS, This \$3 million award requires St. Louis County to own and operate the facility and has necessitated that St. Louis County take an active role in project oversight, bidding and contract development; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has also been working on preliminary programming and pre-design for a complete renovation or new construction of an office building in downtown Virginia on a similar timeline; and

WHEREAS, AEOA and RMHC have asked St. Louis County to submit a second request on their behalf for construction of the planned new office facility located in the city of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, This building could also meet St. Louis County office space and programming requirements while affording opportunities for construction and operating cost efficiencies, and all partners are open to possible colocation of services; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Capital Appropriation would finance up to 50% of the joint project cost and project partners have committed to funding their proportional project match;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board declares its support for the 2016 Capital Appropriation request of \$34 million for the St. Louis County/Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency/Range Mental Health Center new office facility;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board designates this as its first priority bonding project for the 2016 Legislative Session.