



AGENDA

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

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 9:30 A.M.

**Aurora Community Center
15 West 1st Avenue North
Aurora, MN**

Directions: Highway 53 north from Duluth to Eveleth. Turn right onto MN Highway 37 toward Gilbert. Turn right onto Highway 135 and stay straight onto Highway 100/West 3rd Avenue North in Aurora. Turn right onto Main Street and proceed two blocks, the Community Center is on the right.

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Fifth District**

**FRANK JEWELL
First District**

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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.

****In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for this meeting should notify Property Management 72 hours prior to the meeting at (218)725-5085.****

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the County Auditor's Office, 100 North 5th Avenue West - Room No. 214, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Agenda is also available on our website at <http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/GOVERNMENT/BoardofCommissioners.aspx>

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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

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

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Rukavina, Chair

1. Special sale of state tax forfeited land to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). **{15-469} [Postponed from the November 10, 2015 Board meeting.]**
2. Land and Minerals Department authorized to proceed with the appraisal and sale of state tax forfeited land to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. **{15-524}**

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

3. Heglund settlement agreement. **{15-528}**

Public Safety & Corrections Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

4. Authorization to expend the 2014 Port Security Grant for P25 ISSI Gateway. **{15-529} [Has not been to committee; requires consent of the Board to be considered.]**

ADJOURNED:

BOARD LETTER NO. 15 - 469

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

DECEMBER 1, 2005

~~NOVEMBER 10, 2015~~ BOARD AGENDA NO. 1

DATE: October 27, 2015 **RE:** Special Sale to the Duluth
Housing and Redevelopment
Authority

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts and development of affordable housing.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the sale of state tax forfeited land to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

BACKGROUND:

The Duluth HRA has asked to acquire parcels of state tax forfeited land for the purpose of a housing development. This is not subject to a market appraisal, since it will be for low income housing. There are significant assessments that may be forgiven by the City of Duluth.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the sale of state tax forfeited land to the Duluth HRA for \$40,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$1,200, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$132, recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$41,403, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Legal: LOT: 0257 BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06010
LDKey: 118172

Legal: E 1/2 LOT: 0259, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06020
LDKey: 117614

Legal: WLY 1/2 OF LOT 259 AND ALL OF LOT 261, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH
PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06030
LDKey: 117615

Legal: N 140 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND
DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06120
LDKey: 100634

Legal: LOT: UND 2/3 S 10 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER
SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06130
LDKey: 100635

Legal: LOT: UND 1/3 S 10 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER
SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06132
LDKey: 100636

Legal: E 35 93/100 FT LOT: 0260, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND
DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06140
LDKey: 100637

Legal: W 31 14/100 FT LOT: 0262, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND
DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06150
LDKey: 100638

Legal: EX S 100 FT MEASURED ON THE CENTER LINE LOT: 0266, BLOCK:
058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06190
LDKey: 100640

Legal: W 14 7/100 FT OF LOT 260 AND LOT 262 EX W 31 14/100 FT BLOCK:
058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06160
LDKey: 100639

Legal: LOT: 0268, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06220
LDKey: 100641

Legal: LOT: 0270, BLOCK: 058, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION
Parcel Code: 010-1120-06230
LDKey: 100642

Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has requested to purchase state tax forfeited lands for the price of \$40,000, plus fees, for the purpose of a low income housing development as described in County Board File No. _____; and

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

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

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a.(d), allows for non-conservation tax forfeited land to be sold to a governmental subdivision for less than market value if a reduced price is necessary to provide an incentive to correct blighted conditions or will lead to the development of affordable housing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the Duluth HRA for \$40,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$1,200, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$132, recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$41,403 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the Duluth HRA does not purchase the land by March 31, 2016.



**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

222 EAST SECOND STREET
P.O. BOX 16900 • DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55816-0900
PHONE 218/529-6300 • FAX 218/529-6344 • TTY 7-1-1



July 30, 2015

**Karen Zeisler
St. Louis County Land Department
Government Services Center – Room 607
320 West 2nd Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802**

Re: Acquisition and Conveyance

Ms. Zeisler,

This letter is requesting the acquisition and conveyance of the tax forfeit property identified by the following legal description by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth to be included in a land assembly for housing development.

Legal Description Attached

I understand that there have been previous conversations with Rick Ball, the former Executive Director of the HRA regarding this property. In his emails it was suggested that due to the fact that the builder is a not-profit organization building housing for the residents with high housing barriers, the county board might look at a considerable reduction in price. Please let me know if we need to do something specific to receive this consideration.

Sincerely,

**David Peterson, MA
Development Coordinator**



Legal Description

Combined:

Lots 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 268, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION, St. Louis County, MN.

-and to-

Lot 266, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION, except those parts described as follows:

Measuring on the center line of said Lot 266, further described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at a point on the Northerly line of Piedmont Avenue at the center of Lot 266, thence in a Northerly direction 100 feet to a point at the center of said lot, thence West at right angles 25 feet to the West line of said Lot 266, thence South along the West line of said Lot to the North line of Piedmont Avenue, thence along the North line of Piedmont Avenue in a southerly direction to the place of beginning.

And

Beginning at a point on the intersection of the center line of Piedmont Avenue and the dividing line between Lots 264 and 266 produced to the center line of Piedmont Avenue, thence in a northwesterly direction along the dividing line between Lots 264 and 266 for the distance of 149.56 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction and at right angles to the last described line for the distance of 25.03 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction and at right angles to the last described line for the distance of 134.89 feet to the center line of Piedmont Avenue, thence in an easterly direction along the center line of Piedmont Avenue for the distance of 28.99 feet to the place of beginning.

Tax Legal Breakdowns:

Parcel I – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06010

Lot 257, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel II – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06120

North 140 feet of Lot 258, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel III – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06130

An undivided 2/3rds interest in and to the South 10 feet of Lot 258, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel IV – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06132

An undivided 1/3rd interest in and to the South 10 feet of Lot 258, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel V – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06020
East half of Lot 259, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel VI – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06030
West half of Lot 259 and all of Lot 261, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel VII – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06140
East 35 93/100 feet of Lot 260, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel VIII – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06160
West 14 7/100 feet of Lot 260 and Lot 262, Except West 31 14/100 feet, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel IX – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06150
West 31 14/100 feet of Lot 262, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel X – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06190
Lot 266, Except South 100 feet measured on the center line, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel XI – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06220
Lot 268, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.

Parcel XII – Tax I.D. No. 010-1120-06230
Lot 270, Block 58, DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Special Sale

Legal : LOT: 0257 BLOCK:058, also E 1/2 LOT: 0259, BLOCK: 058, also WLY 1/2 OF LOT 259 AND ALL OF LOT 261, BLOCK: 058, also N 140 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, also LOT: UND 2/3 S 10 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, also LOT: UND 1/3 S 10 FT LOT: 0258, BLOCK: 058, also E 35 93/100 FT OF LOT: 0260, BLOCK: 058, also W 31 14/100 FT LOT: 0262, BLOCK: 058, also EX S 100 FT MEASURED ON THE CENTER LINE LOT: 0266, BLOCK: 058, also W 14 7/100 FT LOT 260 AND LOT 262 EX W 31 14/100 FT, BLOCK: 058, also LOT: 0268, BLOCK: 058, also LOT: 0270, BLOCK: 058
DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION

Parcel Codes: 010-1120-06010, 6020, 6030, 6120, 6130, 6132, 6140, 6150, 6160, 6190, 6220, 6230

LDKeys: 118172, 117614, 15, 100635 thru 42

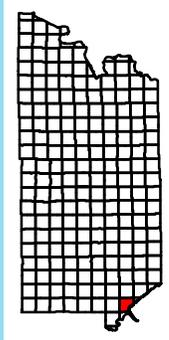


City of Duluth

Sec: 33 Twp: 50 Rng: 14

Commissioner District # 3

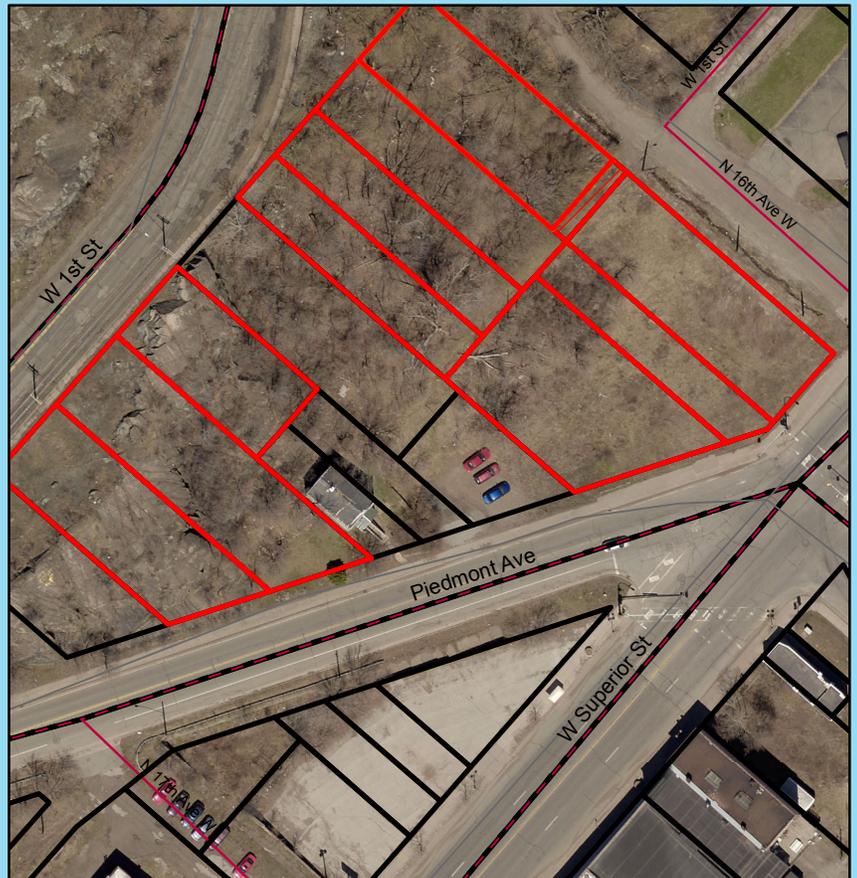
- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



St. Louis County, Minnesota

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**St. Louis County
Land & Minerals
Department
2015**



BOARD LETTER NO. 15 - 524

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE NO. 1

DECEMBER 1, 2015 BOARD AGENDA NO. 2

DATE: November 24, 2015 **RE:** Fond du Lac Band Request to
Purchase State Tax Forfeited
Land

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts. Protecting wildlife habitat, soil resources and water quality.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the sale of state tax forfeited land located within the Fond du Lac Reservation to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

BACKGROUND:

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has requested to purchase several hundred acres of state tax forfeited land located within the Fond du Lac Reservation using grant dollars received from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Band is proposing to purchase the land for conservation purposes including preventing forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and protecting and restoring lake and stream habitat.

The purchased parcels will initially be under state and local jurisdiction for tax purposes, however, the Band intends to apply to have the lands accepted into trust by the federal government, subject to the following: (1) no permanent improvements are to be erected on the property; and (2) the title to the property will remain subject to the state's right of reversion as provided in Minn. Stat 97A.056, subd. 15.

An interest in real property that is acquired with money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund must be used in perpetuity for the purpose for which the appropriation was made. The ownership transfers to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or accomplishment plan; or (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use for the intended purpose as specified in the appropriation.

A recipient of funding that acquires an interest in real property may not alter the intended use of the interest in real property or convey any interest in the real property acquired without the prior review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor. In other words, the Band's interest in the property cannot be developed, sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of or further encumbered without Outdoor Heritage Council approval.

To receive state funding the land must remain open to the public for recreational purposes in perpetuity and, with the exception of wolf hunting, the land must remain open for hunting, and fishing by non-Band members in accordance with Minnesota game and fish regulations.

The 1985 Minnesota Legislature passed into law Chapter 138, Section 5, which gives the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa the first opportunity to purchase state tax forfeited land to be sold within the Reservation boundary. County Board Resolution No. 86-77, adopted on January 29, 1986, ratified and approved all provisions of that statute. At that time the Land Department set a goal to liquidate all tax forfeited land holdings within the Fond du Lac Reservation and, as a result, the timber resources east of Arrowhead Township within the Reservation have never been inventoried.

The Band's land request (priorities one and two identified on the attached map) consists of scattered and contiguous parcels, 40 to 160 acres in size. Priority one and two parcels (1,464 acres) are located outside of Memorial Forests, outside of the mineral review area, and are not encumbered with cabin leases. Although the Land and Minerals Department has conducted limited forest management activities on these parcels in the past, they are not crucial to the Department's forest management program. Additional priority lands have also been identified should state funding be sufficient to purchase more parcels.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with the appraisal and sale of state tax forfeited land to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in accordance with State of Minnesota Land Acquisition Reporting Procedures.

Fond du Lac Band Request to Purchase State Tax Forfeited Land

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has requested to purchase several hundred acres of state tax forfeited land located within the Fond du Lac Reservation located in St. Louis County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Acquisition of the land is made possible as a result of an appropriation from the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Fund pursuant to a recommendation of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council according to Minn. Stat. 97A.056, subd. 3; and

WHEREAS, An interest in real property that is acquired with money appropriated from the Outdoor Heritage Fund must be used in perpetuity for the purpose for which the appropriation was made. The ownership of the interest in real property transfers to the state if: (1) the holder of the interest in real property fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement or accomplishment plan; or (2) restrictions are placed on the land that preclude its use for the intended purpose as specified in the appropriation; and

WHEREAS, The parcels acquired by the Band shall be maintained to prevent forest fragmentation and to protect and restore lake and stream habitat and shall remain open to the public for recreational purposes in perpetuity and, with the exception of wolf hunting, shall remain open for hunting, and fishing by non-Band members in accordance with Minnesota game and fish regulations; and

WHEREAS, The parcels acquired by the Band shall not be developed, sold, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of or further encumbered; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Band to make an application that fee title to the property be accepted into trust by the United States of America pursuant to the authority of the Indian Reorganization act of 1934, or any other applicable law pertaining to the placement of land in trust at the request of the tribal authority; and

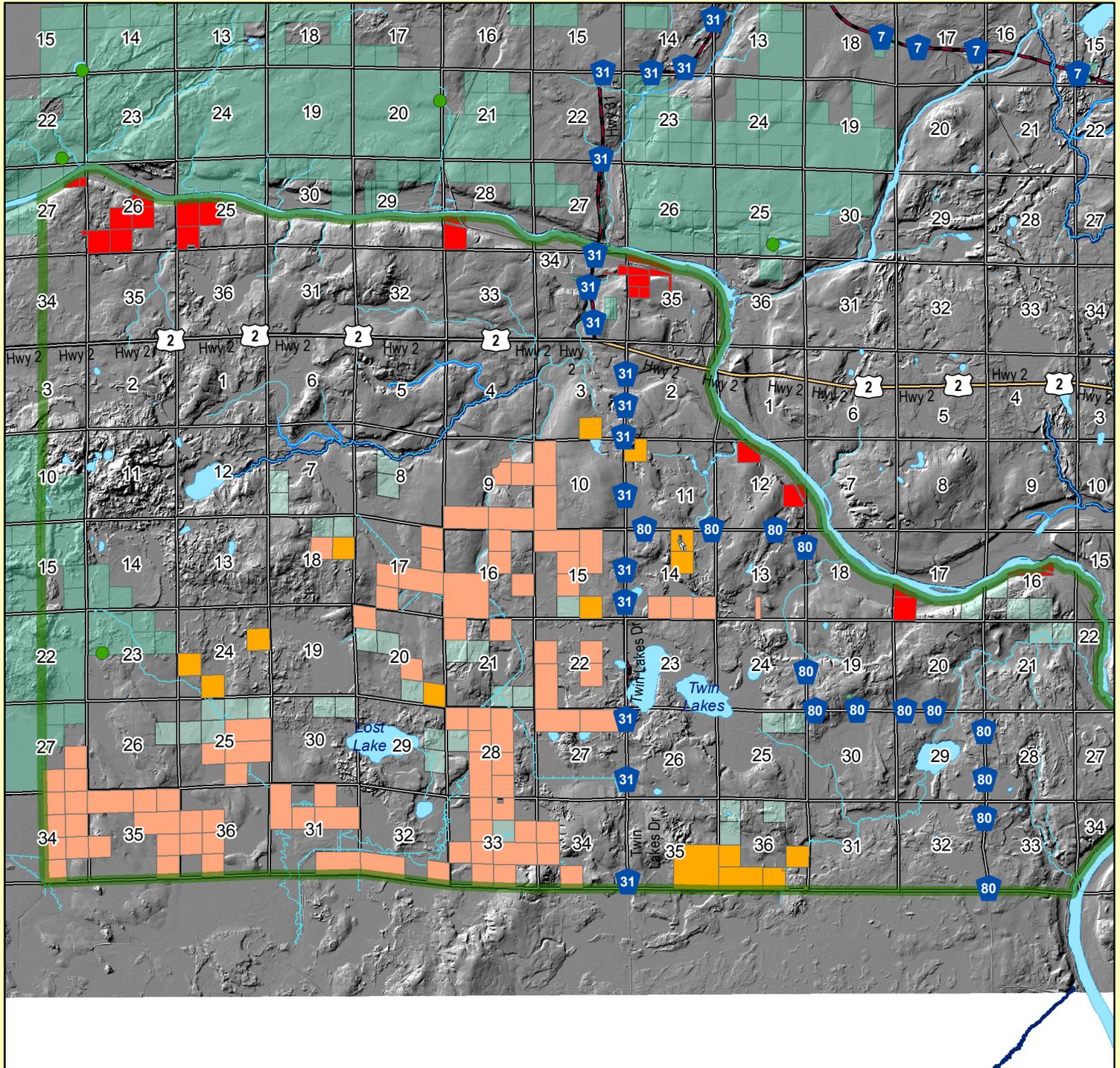
WHEREAS, The 1985 legislature passed into law Chapter 138, Section 5, which gives the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa the first opportunity to purchase any tax forfeited land to be sold within the reservation, and County Board Resolution No. 86-77, adopted on January 29, 1986, ratified and approved all provisions of that statute; and

WHEREAS, The high-priority parcels requested by the Band are not crucial to the Land and Minerals Department's forest management program, and were targeted for liquidation in the past;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports the proposed sale of state tax forfeited land to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to proceed with an appraisal of all lands in accordance with State of Minnesota Land Acquisition Reporting Procedures.



St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales



Fond du Lac Reservation

Fond du Lac Land Purchase Priorities

Priority

- 1 717 Acres
- 2 747 Acres
- 3 4403 Acres

Tax Forfeit Lands

- Full Interest
- Undivided Interest

Cabin Leases

- Active
- Closed

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BOARD LETTER NO. 15 – 528

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 1, 2015 BOARD AGENDA NO. 3

DATE: December 1, 2015 **RE:** Heglund Settlement Agreement

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark S. Rubin
County Attorney

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

To resolve litigation against St. Louis County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve a proposed settlement in Heglund v. Aitkin County, Case No. 0:14-cv-00296-ADM-LIB, an action brought by Jennifer Rae Heglund and Jamie Lee Heglund against St. Louis County and eight employees of St. Louis County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

St. Louis County and eight employees of St. Louis County are defendants in an action pending in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The action arose from alleged lookups of the Heglunds' motor-vehicle records from 2003 to 2013. The parties have agreed to a proposed settlement that is subject to the approval of the St. Louis County Board. Under the proposed settlement, the Heglunds will release certain claims against the defendants, and St. Louis County will make a settlement payment in the amount of \$112,500, with no admission of fault or liability. The settlement amount is reasonable given the facts and circumstances of the action, and the proposed settlement will allow St. Louis County and its employees to avoid the expense and risk associated with further litigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the proposed settlement and authorize the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payment contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of \$112,500.

Heglund Settlement Agreement

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, In January 2013, Jennifer Rae Heglund and Jamie Lee Heglund commenced an action against St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, In April 2015, the Heglunds filed an amended complaint naming eight employees of St. Louis County as additional defendants in the action; and

WHEREAS, The action, captioned Heglund v. Aitkin County, Case No. 0:14-cv-00296-ADM-LIB, is pending before the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Heglunds and St. Louis County have reached an agreement on a proposed settlement that is subject to the approval of the St. Louis County Board; and

WHEREAS, Under the proposed settlement, the Heglunds will release certain claims against the defendants and St. Louis County will make a settlement payment in the amount of \$112,500 with no admission of fault or liability; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board wishes to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the expense and risk associated with further litigation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the proposed settlement and authorizes the appropriate county officials to negotiate and execute appropriate settlement documents and to make the settlement payment contemplated by the proposed settlement in the amount of \$112,500, payable from Fund 720, Agency 720001, Expense Code 636200.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize expenditure of the 2014 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$130,000 for purchase of the P25 ISSI Gateway from Motorola, Schaumburg, IL, with \$97,500 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12938, Year 2014 and a 25% match in the amount of \$32,500 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136001, Object 659900.

**Authorization to Expend the 2014 Port Security Grant
for P25 ISSI Gateway**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has made funding available to the Port of Duluth/Superior under the FY 2014 Port Security Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office and other public safety responders in St. Louis County and the City of Duluth have transitioned to ARMER, a Motorola P25 800 MHz Trunked radio system, and Douglas County and the City of Superior, WI, have transitioned to WISCOM, a EFJ P25 VHF Trunked radio system; and

WHEREAS, The emergency responders in the Duluth-Superior Port area, including the U.S. Coast Guard, do not have seamless interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, Motorola, of Schaumburg, IL, sells a P25 Inter RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI Gateway) to interconnect disparate P25 Trunked Radio systems called ISSI 8000; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has purchased the EFJ equivalent ISSI Gateway for the WISCOM System; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has worked with Motorola to save the county \$65,565;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the expenditure of the 2014 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$130,000 for purchase of the ISSI 8000 P25 ISSI Gateway from Motorola, Schaumburg, IL, with \$97,500 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129999, Grant 12938, Year 2014 and a 25% match in the amount of \$32,500 to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 136001, Object 659900;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute all agreements and contracts necessary to purchase and install the ISSI 8000 P25 ISSI Gateway.