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Mark Weber named interim director of Land and Minerals Department

A 27-year veteran of St. Louis County's Land and Minerals Department has been chosen to lead the department while the search for a permanent director proceeds. Mark Weber, the department's Resource Management Supervisor, will take on the duties of interim director and oversee day-to-day operations until a new department head is appointed. The previous Land and Minerals Commissioner, Bob Krepps, retired earlier this week.

"Mark's background in forest resources as well as leadership in the areas of minerals management, urban land and shoreland lease sales position him well to serve in this role," said County Administrator Kevin Gray.

A search is now underway for a suitable candidate to fill the role on a permanent basis. Because of the County's unique mix and significant amount of natural resources, the ideal candidate needs a combination of strategic leadership, forestry and minerals management experience. As examples of the impact of this department, during the last seven years, the Land and Minerals Department earned more than \$16.4 million for the County and area cities, towns and school districts through the sales of timber and land. Additionally, Land and Minerals employees planted more than 9.2 million tree seedlings.

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