

## AGENDA

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



Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 9:30 A.M.

Hibbing City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
401 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Hibbing, Minnesota

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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 which 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. Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
*Customer Service Recognition Award – Commissioner Raukar, Seventh District*

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 ON THE 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**

**Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair**

1. Appoint two (2) county commissioners to the Joint Powers Board with Koochiching County for the conservation and management of clean water within and adjacent to the Voyageurs Natural Park; and further, designate the County Auditor as the fiscal agent for the Joint Powers Agreement. {12-64} [Without recommendation.]

**Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair**

2. Authorize a grant of \$139,000 to the City of Floodwood for the development of its business park to support the Floodwood Services and Training new recycling and processing center. {12-66} [Without recommendation.]

**NOTE: Because there will not be a County Board meeting until March 13, 2012, the Board will recess after approving the above listed items and reconvene to consider items passed at the Committee of the Whole.**

**\*At the conclusion of the Board meeting, the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will convene.**

# **BOARD LETTER NO. 12 - 64**

## **ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE NO. 1**

### **FEBRUARY 28, 2012 BOARD AGENDA NO. 1**

**DATE:** February 14, 2012                      **RE:** Appointment of Commissioners  
to the Joint Powers Board for  
the Conservation and  
Management of Clean Water –  
Voyageurs National Park

**FROM:** Kevin Z. Gray  
County Administrator

#### **RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:**

To ensure the policy direction set by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners is implemented in an effective and efficient manner.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The St. Louis County Board is requested to appoint two commissioners to serve as members of the Joint Powers Board with Koochiching County for the conservation and management of clean water in and adjacent to Voyageurs National Park.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 7, 2012, the St. Louis County Board renewed its participation in a Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County to seek federal, state, and other financial assistance to plan, develop, construct, and manage a comprehensive wastewater treatment system for the property within and adjacent to the Voyageurs National Park in both Koochiching County and St. Louis County. The agreement created a Joint Powers Board composed of four members: two commissioners from each county. As part of its participation in the agreement, St. Louis County must appoint two commissioners to serve as members of the Joint Powers Board.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board appoint two county commissioners to this Joint Powers Board. It is also recommended that St. Louis County be designated as the fiscal agent for this agreement, giving the County Auditor the authority to accept and disburse funds on behalf of the Joint Powers Board.

**Appointment of Two Commissioners to Serve on the  
Joint Powers Board for the Conservation and Management of Clean Water –  
Voyageurs National Park**

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board believes it is in the public interest to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2012, the St. Louis County Board renewed its participation in a Joint Powers Agreement with Koochiching County to seek federal, state, and other financial assistance to plan, develop, construct and manage a comprehensive wastewater treatment system for the property within and adjacent to the Voyageurs National Park in both Koochiching County and St. Louis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board appoints the following commissioners to serve as members of the Joint Powers Board for the Conservation and Management of Waters - Voyageurs National Park:

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED FURTHER, that St. Louis County is designated as the fiscal agent for the Joint Powers Agreement with the County Auditor authorized to accept and disburse funds on behalf of the Joint Powers Board.



The city is also requesting \$150,000 from the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a total county contribution of \$289,000. County awards will be contingent upon Floodwood securing all necessary funding to complete the infrastructure and site improvement project. Attached is a project profile which includes proposed funding sources.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the grant agreement and related documents. The grant funding would come from Economic Development – Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) Repayments, County Fund 176, Agency 176001.

## City of Floodwood Business Park Project

BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the City of Floodwood has requested \$139,000 from St. Louis County for the Floodwood Business Park Project; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County funding will benefit the Floodwood Services and Training recycling facility; and

WHEREAS, the Floodwood Business Park Project is consistent with the development plan for the City of Floodwood; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has the \$139,000 in Economic Development - Minnesota Investment Fund repayments available for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes a grant of \$139,000 in Minnesota Investment Fund repayments to the City of Floodwood and authorizes the appropriate county officials to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the county, along with all the necessary related documents.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the county grant is contingent on the City of Floodwood securing all necessary funding to complete the infrastructure and site improvement project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that funds be paid from Economic Development – Minnesota Investment Fund Repayments, County Fund 176, Agency 176001.

## **Floodwood Business Park Preliminary Project Profile**

### **Description**

Extension of infrastructure by the City of Floodwood to support new building construction and jobs creation by Floodwood Services and Training and additional public improvements to the city-owned business park.

Floodwood proposes to extend sanitary sewer, water, and to upgrade electrical distribution from the city limits to an 80 acres parcel it owns south on Hwy. 73. On-site improvements would include road access and utility distribution throughout the entire parcel. The infrastructure extension and site improvements are estimated to cost \$1.83 million.

An existing city business, Floodwood Services and Training (FST), is planning to build a new recycling and processing center and adjacent cold storage building in spring of 2012. FST currently employs 45 low income individuals with disabilities, as well as, 6 full-time supervisory staff at its existing location. The new facility will allow them to add 10 - 15 new line workers, as well as, 1 new supervisory staff. FTS, through its employees with disabilities, currently collects and processes materials to be recycled from a large area surrounding Floodwood. The new facilities planned by FST are estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

### **Funding Sources - Infrastructure**

Source	Requested Amount	Status
DEED-BDPI Grant <sup>1</sup>	300,000	Secured
St. Louis County MN Investment Funds	139,000	Requested
St. Louis County HRA	150,000	Requested
Federal EDA Public Works Grant <sup>2</sup>	915,000	To be requested
City of Floodwood	326,000	City Bond to Fill Funding Gap
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,830,000</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development – Business Development and Public Infrastructure Grant Program

<sup>2</sup>Federal EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program: Floodwood has engaged services of the Northspan Group and SEH Engineering to submit its application by March 9, 2012. Northspan staff has made an initial determination that the project serves an economically distressed area which positions the application competitively for funding.

The funding for construction of the Floodwood Services and Training facility is not part of the request to St. Louis County.

#### **Attachments:**

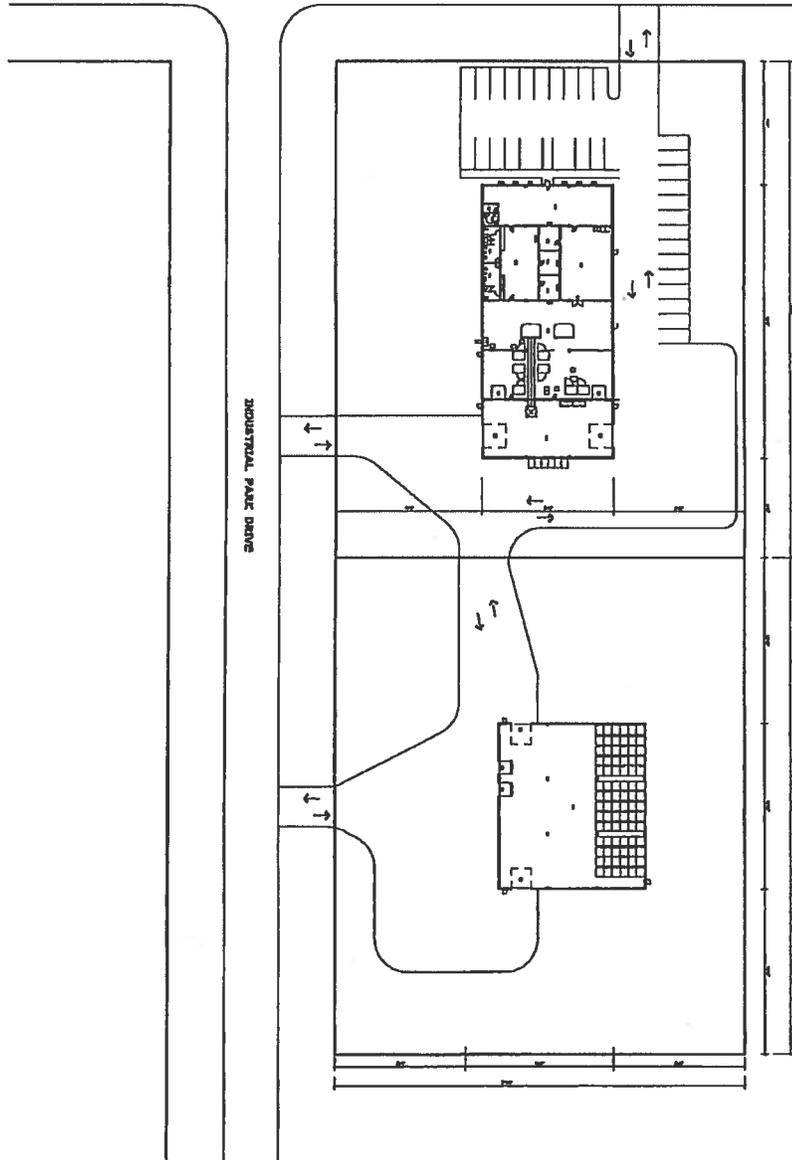
- Floodwood request letter
- DEED-BDPI application
  - Infrastructure extension map
  - Business park map
  - FST business profile
  - FST site plan
- DEED-BDPI grant commitment
- FST bid request

SITE PLAN



HWY 75

INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE



**FLOODWOOD COLD STORAGE & RECYCLING CENTER**  
**FLOODWOOD, MN**  
**SITE PLAN**

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