



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Board of Commissioners, St. Louis County, Minnesota

May 27, 2014

Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 East 21st Street, Hibbing, MN

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under 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.

Minutes of May 13, 2014

Environment & Natural Resources Committee, Commissioner Dahlberg, Chair

1. Access and Utility Easement Across State Tax Forfeited Land – Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC [14-200]
2. Temporary Construction and Perpetual Maintenance Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land – City of Duluth [14-201]
3. Special Sale to the City of Hermantown [14-202]
4. Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority [14-203]
5. Adjoining Owner Sales – Nonconforming Tax Forfeited Land [14-204]
6. Adjoining Owner Sale – Tax Forfeited Land (Hibbing) [14-205]
7. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Rogers, D&D Salvage Inc. [14-206]
8. Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Zigich [14-207]

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner Raukar, Chair

9. Purchase of GPS Units and Related Equipment [14-208]

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

10. Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License – Ledge Liquor Store (Vermilion Lake Township) [14-209]
11. Acceptance of MN Department of Agriculture Loan for Low Interest Septic System Replacements [14-210]

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

12. Sponsorship of Recreational Trails that are Part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System [14-211]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

13. Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License – Duluth Township (9:40 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014, Semers Park Pavilion, Ely) [14-212]

REGULAR AGENDA:

For items on the Regular Agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor.

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner Raukar, Chair

1. **Award of Bids: Bridge Replacement Project on UT 8109 (Willow Valley Township) [14-213]**
Resolution authorizing a contract with Dallco, Inc., of Finlayson, MN for the replacement of Bridge 69A17 in Willow Valley Township.

2. **Snow Storage Easement – Stauber Properties [14-214]**
Resolution authorizing a snow storage easement for Stauber Properties in Duluth, MN.

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. **Professional Service Contracts with Selected Artists for Government Service Center Public Art Program [14-215]**
Resolution authorizing professional service contracts with three artists for art projects as part of the Government Service Center-Duluth renovation.
2. **Increased Funding for the St. Louis County Historical Society 2014 Contract [14-216]**
Commissioner Stauber requested that the Board consider reinstating a 2014 contract allocation reduction for the St. Louis County Historical Society.

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. **Legislative Update [14-217]**
A review of the 2014 legislative session will be provided by John Ongaro.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

At this time, Commissioners may introduce items for discussion or report on past and future activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

June 3, 2014	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 10, 2014	Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN
June 24, 2014	Semers Park Pavilion, Ely, MN

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Forsman

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Forsman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. 7-0

- Minutes of May 6, 2014
- Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Crook, Solberg, Temple Corp. Inc. [14-186]
- Land Exchange Agreement with the Biosolids Disposal Site Authority [14-187]
- Award of Bid for Liquid Chloride and Application [14-188]
- Municipal Agreement with City of Tower for Reconstruction of Bridge 48 [14-189]
- Agreement with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. for Design Services – Bridge 48 (Tower) [14-190]
- 2013 Fourth Quarter Budget Changes [14-191]
- Lawful Gambling Application (French Township) [14-192]
- Fund Balance Transfer and Expenditure for ARMER Related Equipment [14-193]
- Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Embarrass Township) – 9:40 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN [14-194]

REGULAR AGENDA

Health & Human Services Committee

Stauber/Nelson moved to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to contract with the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency for the provision of volunteer driver coordination services for the period of June 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014 at a cost of \$3,500 per month, for a total of \$24,500 [14-195]. Ann Busche, Public Health & Human Services Director, Mark Nelson, Public Health & Human Services, and Harlan Tardy, Executive Director Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, discussed the contract and transition process. Commissioner Dahlberg exited the meeting at 10:47 a.m. After further discussion, the motion passed. 6-0 (Dahlberg absent)

Public Works & Transportation Committee

Raukar/Forsman moved to award a bid to Ulland Brothers, Inc., of Cloquet, MN, in the amount of \$279,400.00 for project CP 0024-9289/SAP 69-624-014, Culverts [14-196]. The motion passed. 6-0 (Dahlberg absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson applauded the Duluth City Council for their action regarding the proposed apartment complex at the old jail site.

Commissioner Dahlberg entered the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Commissioner Boyle discussed a recent meeting with ISD #709 School Board representatives regarding utilization of Camp Esquagama by south St. Louis County children. After further discussion, the Board requested that Administration send a letter of invitation to all school boards located in St. Louis County.

Commissioners Forsman and Stauber discussed a meeting they had with Depot staff regarding storage space issues and a \$6,600 reduction in funding. Commissioner Forsman briefly discussed storage space issues. Commissioner Stauber asked the Board to consider re-establishment of the funding. After further discussion, Administrator Gray suggested that the Depot Advisory Board provide a written update to the Board.

Commissioner Nelson encouraged Board members to thank area legislature representatives for their work on the bonding bill.

Commissioner Raukar discussed art proposals for the Government Services Center and said that the art committee has narrowed the field to three artists who have been asked to bring forward expanded proposals. The Board instructed Administration to send the art committee "thank you" letters once the process is finished.

Commissioner Jewell mentioned an interview he heard on Minnesota Public Radio regarding the Miracle Field in Hibbing.

At 11:22 a.m., Jewell/Nelson moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. 7-0.

Mike Forsman, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 200

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Access and Utility Easement
Across State Tax Forfeited
Land – Potlatch Minnesota
Timberlands, LLC

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a non-exclusive easement to Potlatch MN Timberlands, LLC, to cross state tax forfeited land in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, and the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 30, Township 55 North, Range 12 West and the W1/2 of the SW1/4, Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West (Ault Township).

BACKGROUND:

Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC has requested a non-exclusive easement to use an existing woods road across state tax forfeited lands for access and utilities to a parcel owned by Potlatch Corp. There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property. Exercising this easement will not cause adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts nor conflict with public use of the land. Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subds. 4 and 4(a) allow for the granting of easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes.

Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC will compensate the county for this easement by granting the county a permanent easement, including access for the public, across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 32, Township 55 North,

Range 12 West and a permanent easement for land management purposes only across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the SE1/4 of Section 21, Township 53 North, Range 12 West. The net result of this easement exchange is in the county's favor by approximately 1595 feet.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve an access and utility easement across state tax forfeited land to Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC, conditioned upon the county receiving a permanent easement, including access to the public, across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 32, Township 55 North, Range 12 West and a permanent easement for land management purposes only across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the SE1/4 of Section 21, Township 53 North, Range 12 West.

**Access and Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Potlatch
Minnesota Forest Holdings, LLC**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC has requested a non-exclusive easement to use state tax forfeited land for access to a parcel it owns; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subds. 4 and 4(a) allow for the granting of easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant an access and utility easement to Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC across state tax forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. _____ (Attachment A);

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon Potlatch Minnesota Timberlands, LLC granting the county a permanent easement, including access to the public, across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 32, Township 55 North, Range 12 West and a permanent easement for land management purposes only across land owned by Potlatch Corp in the SE1/4 of Section 21, Township 53 North, Range 12 West.

COUNTY BOARD FILE NO. _____ (ATTACHMENT A)

A 33.00 foot wide easement across an existing road for ingress, egress and utility purposes over, under and across the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, and the West One Half of the Southwest Quarter Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, all in St. Louis County, Minnesota, being 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline.

Commencing at the West Quarter Corner of Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, thence North 65 degrees 38 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 191.84 feet (assuming a line between the East Quarter Corner of Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, the West Quarter Corner of Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West, bears South 89 degrees 17 minutes 55 seconds West) to the actual point of beginning of the easement centerline to be described;

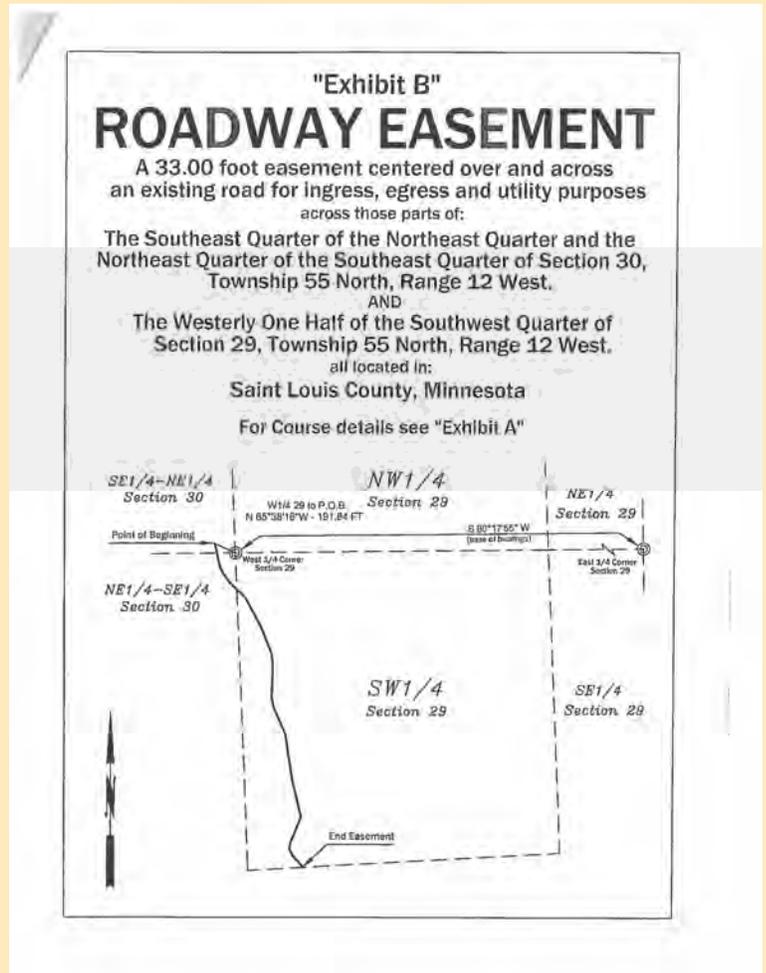
thence South 13 Degrees 04 Minutes 53 Seconds East for 198.12 feet;
thence South 24 Degrees 16 Minutes 33 Seconds East for 68.03 feet;
thence South 37 Degrees 44 Minutes 23 Seconds East for 92.15 feet;
thence South 46 Degrees 35 Minutes 05 Seconds East for 180.42 feet;
thence South 28 Degrees 48 Minutes 47 Seconds East for 272.02 feet;
thence South 21 Degrees 49 Minutes 16 Seconds East for 239.72 feet;
thence South 07 Degrees 59 Minutes 10 Seconds East for 80.89 feet;
thence South 01 Degrees 34 Minutes 02 Seconds West for 290.06 feet;
thence South 12 Degrees 28 Minutes 06 Seconds East for 83.04 feet;
thence South 24 Degrees 06 Minutes 50 Seconds East for 236.86 feet;
thence South 08 Degrees 46 Minutes 53 Seconds East for 397.70 feet;
thence South 13 Degrees 55 Minutes 19 Seconds East for 313.37 feet;
thence South 22 Degrees 29 Minutes 53 Seconds West for 226.91 feet;
thence South 07 Degrees 57 Minutes 03 Seconds West for 54.95 feet;
thence South 25 Degrees 26 Minutes 55 Seconds East for 63.07 feet;
thence South 42 Degrees 44 Minutes 46 Seconds East for 114.46 feet;
thence South 14 Degrees 53 Minutes 47 Seconds East for 12.64 feet,

to the South line of the Southwest Quarter Section 29, Township 55 North, Range 12 West and there said easement terminating. The sidelines of said easement to be lengthened or shortened to meet and terminate at said South line.



Section 29, Twp 55 N, Rng 12 W
Ault

Affects Parcel Codes 230-0010-05160 and
230-0010-04920.



4th Commissioner District

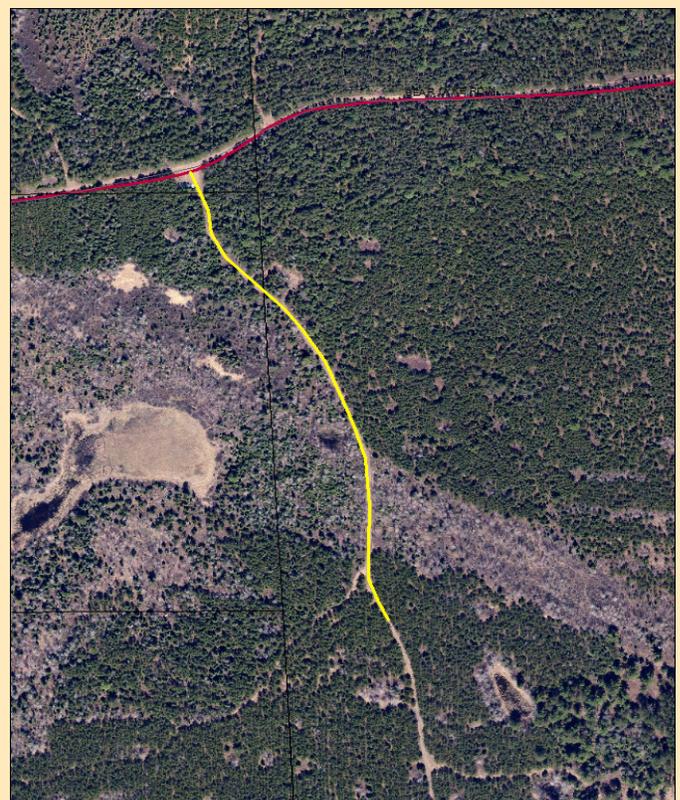
-  State Tax Forfeited
-  Easement
-  Township-Range

**St. Louis County
Minnesota**



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Land and Minerals
Department**



BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 201

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Temporary Construction and
Perpetual Maintenance
Easement across State Tax
Forfeited Land – City of Duluth

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Performing public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a temporary construction and perpetual maintenance easement across state tax forfeited land in Duluth.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Duluth has requested a perpetual maintenance easement across a state tax forfeited lot in its entirety for temporary construction and perpetual maintenance of a storm sewer. Exercising this easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the granting of a temporary construction and perpetual maintenance easement across state tax forfeited land to the City of Duluth for the amount of \$1,250 land use fee, \$50 administration fee, \$46 recording fee, and \$600 appraisal fee; for a total of \$1,946, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Temporary Construction and Perpetual Maintenance Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land – City of Duluth

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth has requested a perpetual maintenance easement across a state tax forfeited lot for temporary construction and perpetual maintenance of a storm sewer; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not conflict with public use of land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4 authorizes the County Auditor to grant easements for such purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant a temporary construction and perpetual maintenance easement to the City of Duluth for access across state tax forfeited lands described as follows:

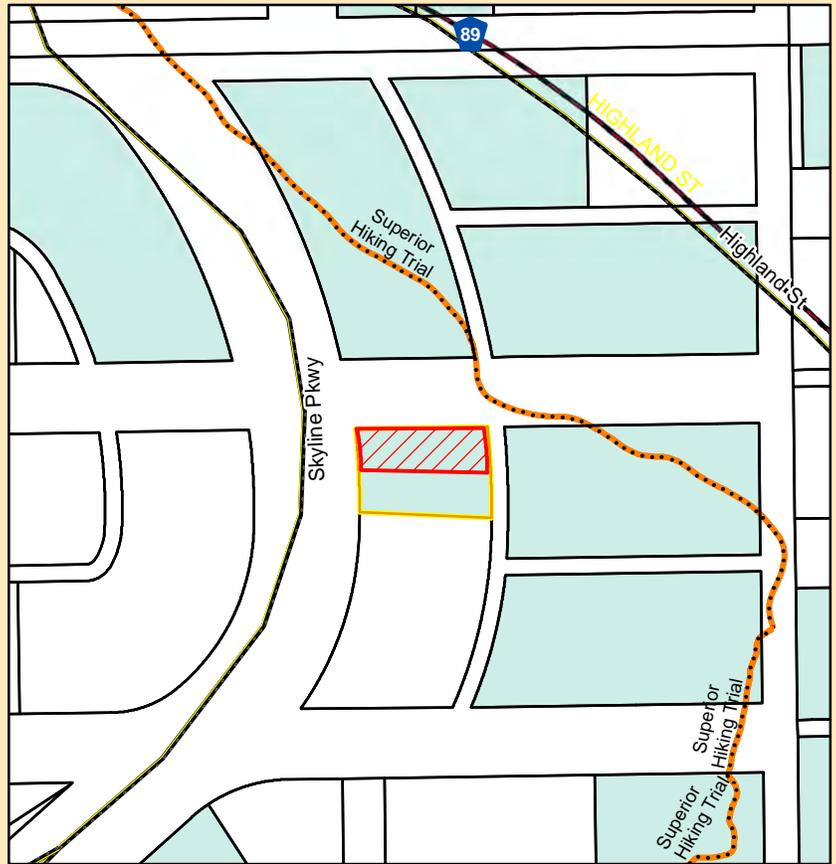
CITY OF DULUTH
LOT 1, BLOCK 31
BAYVIEW ADDITION TO DULUTH NO 1
Section 12, T49N, R15W
Parcel Code: 010-0220-04650
LD Key: 100074

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of \$1,250 land use fee, \$50 administration fee, \$46 recording fee, and \$600 appraisal fee; for a total of \$1,946, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



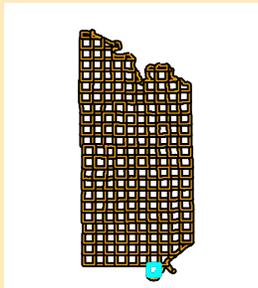
City of Duluth
LOT 1, BLOCK 31
BAY VIEW ADDITION TO
DULUTH NO 1
Section 12, T49N, R15W

affects:
Parcel Code: 010-0220-04650
LDKey: 100074



3rd Commissioner District

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



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Special Sale to the City of Hermantown

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The City of Hermantown has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the market value of \$30,000, plus fees, for the purpose of economic development;

Legal: City of Hermantown
OUTLOT C
MAPLE VILLAGE
Parcel Code: 395-0134-00610
LDKeys: 117792

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has 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, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of state tax forfeited land, as described, to the City of Hermantown for the appraised value of \$30,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$900, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$99, recording fee of \$46, and appraisal fee of \$600; for a total of \$31,670 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor shall offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the City of Hermantown does not purchase the land by November 30, 2014.

Mayor
Wayne Boucher

Administrator
John Mulder

Councilors
Gloria Nelson
Darlene Koski
Brad Tafs
John Geissler



5105 Maple Grove Road Hermantown, Minnesota 55811
Phone: 218-729-3600 / Fax: 218-729-3620
Website: www.hermantownmn.com

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LAND COMMISSIONER

Karen Zeisler
Tax Forfeited Land Coordinator
St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department
320 W. 2nd St. Room (208)
Duluth, MN 55802

Ms. Zeisler,

I am inquiring about Parcel No. 395-0134-00610, with a legal description of:

Outlot C, MAPLE VILLAGE, according to the recorded plat thereof, St Louis County, Minnesota.

The City of Hermantown has been approached by Kwik Trip, Inc., to serve as the qualified agent to transfer this parcel to Kwik Trip, Inc. The purpose of this transfer is to combine a small tax forfeit parcel with the larger adjacent parcel. The tax-forfeit parcel itself is not buildable and should be combined with the adjacent parcels. As the sole adjacent property owner, Kwik Trip Inc. is the appropriate party to ultimately own this tax-forfeit parcel. The property owners across the Sugar Maple Drive would have no legal use that could be approved under the Hermantown Code of Ordinances for the site, and from a practical standpoint would not require this parcel. Additionally, I have spoken with these owners about this issue, and they have expressed no interest in acquiring this parcel.

Please advise as to appropriate next steps related to this parcel transaction.

Regards,

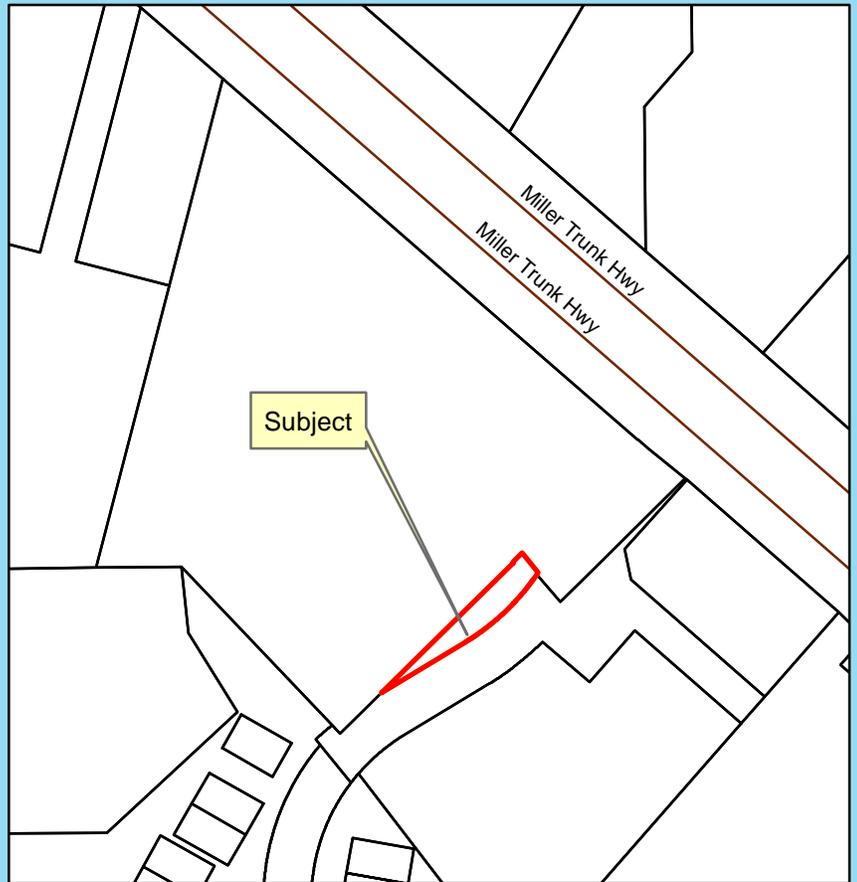
Adam W. Fulton, AICP
Community Development Director
City of Hermantown
5105 Maple Grove Road
Hermantown, MN 55811
afulton@hermantownmn.com
office: 218-729-3618



Legal: CITY OF HERMANTOWN
OUTLOT C
MAPLE VILLAGE

Parcel Code: 395-0134-00610

LDKey: 117583

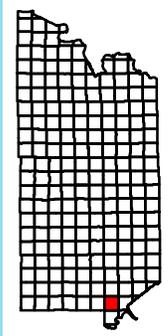


City of Hermantown

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Commissioner District # 5

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



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Land and Minerals Department**

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BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 203

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

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

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts.

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 a parcel of state tax forfeited land for the purpose of a master planned development in the Gary neighborhood of western Duluth.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the sale of state tax forfeited land to the Duluth HRA for the appraised value of \$5,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$150, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$16.50, recording fee of \$46 and appraisal fee of \$600; for a total of \$5,387.50, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Special Sale to the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has requested to purchase the following described state tax forfeited land for the market value of \$5,000, plus fees, for the purpose of a master planned development:

Legal: City of Duluth
LOT: 0009 BLOCK: 027
GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-1800-06280
LDKey: 117246

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, This parcel of land has 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, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

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 the market value of \$5,000 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$150, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$16.50, recording fee of \$46 and appraisal fee of \$600; for a total of \$5,387.50, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the 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 November 30, 2014.



**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 218/529-6321



April 10, 2014

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 located at the following legal description by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth to be included in a land assembly for a master planned development in Gary.

PID 010-1800-06280

Lot 0009, Block 027, Gary First Division Duluth

I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

David Peterson
Development Coordinator

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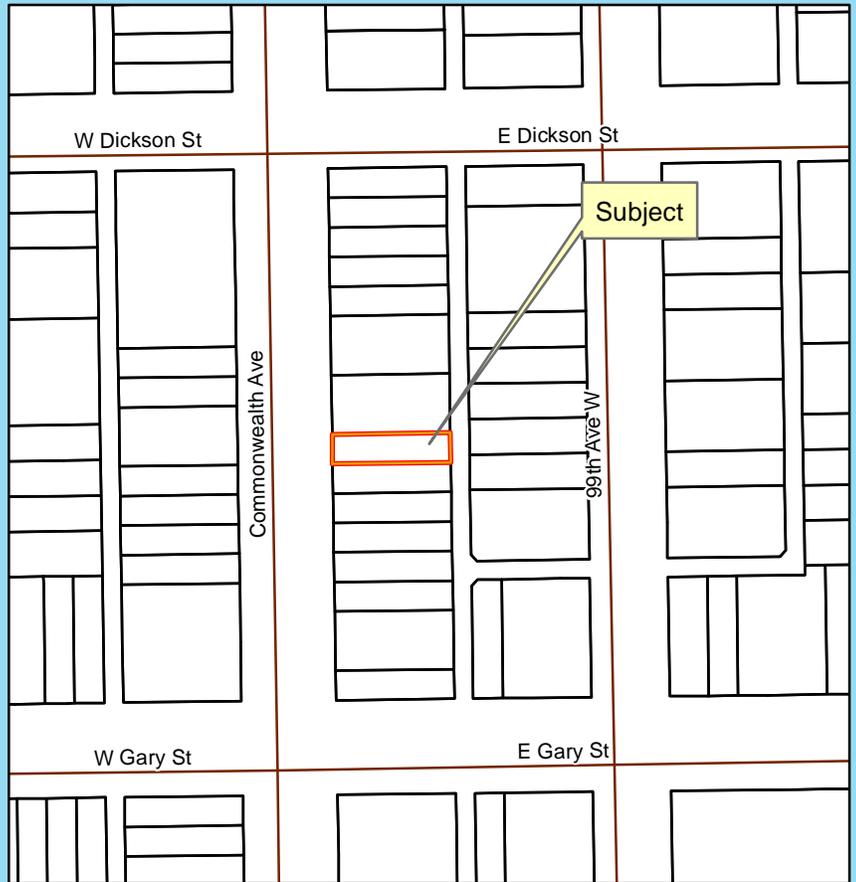
**St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department
Tax Forfeited Land Sales**

Special Sale

Legal: CITY OF DULUTH
LOT: 0009 BLOCK: 027
GARY FIRST DIVISION DULUTH

Parcel Code: 010-1800-06280

LDKey: 117246

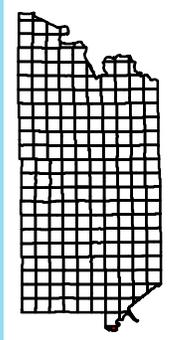


City of Duluth

Sec: 3 Twp: 48 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 3

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



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BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 204

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Adjoining Owner Sales –
Nonconforming Tax Forfeit
Land

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the sale of state tax forfeited land through private adjoining owner sales.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 7(a) provides that sale of state tax forfeited lands located in a home rule charter or statutory city, or in a town, which cannot be improved because of noncompliance with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape, frontage or access, may be restricted to owners of land adjoining the land to be sold. The land will be sold to the highest bidder with minimum bids at the indicated values. The County Auditor must determine that a non-public sale to adjoining owners will encourage return of the lands to the tax rolls. Written notice of the date, time, and location of the private sale to all adjacent landowners must occur at least 30 days before the date of the sale.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the adjoining owner land sale, with proceeds from the sale to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adjoining Owner Sales – Nonconforming Tax Forfeit Land

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County desires to offer for sale certain parcels of state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, The parcels are not 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, The parcels of land cannot be improved because they are less than the minimum size required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will encourage the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, The parcels will be sold to the highest bidder with the minimum bids at the indicated values; and

WHEREAS, The parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcels described in County Board file _____, and the County Auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners to encourage return of the parcel to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land & Minerals Director shall give a minimum 30 day notice of this sale to all adjoining owners.

Adjoining Owner Land Sale

County Board File No. _____

TRACT	PARCEL(s)	LDKEY	TWP	RGE	SEC	LEGAL	PLAT	LOT	BLK	ACRES	MIN. BID	NON-CONFORMITY
1	010-0255-00045	100149	50	14	31	NWLY 5 FT LOT 4 BLOCK 1	BEVERLY HILL ADDITION 2ND DIV	4	1	0.0	\$600.00	non-conforming 5' strip
2	010-0255-00055	100150	50	14	31	NWLY 5 FT	BEVERLY HILL ADDITION 2ND DIV	5	1	0.0	\$600.00	non-conforming 5' strip
3	010-1220-01962	100724	50	14	32	E 2 FT OF N 51 FT LOT 422 BLOCK 150	DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION	422	150	0.0	\$400.00	2' x 51' strip
4	010-2250-00590	101967	50	14	32	LOT: 0001 BLOCK:004	HOMEBUILDERS PARK DULUTH	1	4	0.0	\$900.00	non-conforming .02 acre triangle
5	010-2710-05969	102602	50	14	21	PART OF NE1/4 BEING A PARCEL OF LAND 40. 11 FT X 287.64 FT ADJ THE S LINE LOT 1 HIGHLAND VILLAGE ADD	DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY			0.3	\$12,000.00	40.11 FT x 287.64 FT lot
6	010-2710-08125	102643	50	14	32	THAT PART OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYING WITHIN 140 FT NLY OF NLY LINE OF 15TH ST EXTENDED AND ELY OF ELY LINE OF 27TH AVE W EXTENDED EX WLY 150 FT	DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY			0.0	\$800.00	No legal access or frontage.
7	010-2710-08126	102644	50	14	32	THAT PART OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYING WITHIN 140 FT OF NLY LINE OF 15TH ST AND WEST OF WEST LINE OF 27TH AVE WEST	DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY			0.1	\$1,300.00	No legal access or frontage.
8	215-0010-01590	106548	61	18	9	E 198 FT OF W 528 FT OF SW1/4 SE1/4 S OF THE ITASCA RD		0	0	0.2	\$400.00	small .17 acre parcel

<i>TRACT</i>	<i>PARCEL(s)</i>	<i>LDKEY</i>	<i>TWP</i>	<i>RGE</i>	<i>SEC</i>	<i>LEGAL</i>	<i>PLAT</i>	<i>LOT</i>	<i>BLK</i>	<i>ACRES</i>	<i>MIN. BID</i>	<i>NON-CONFORMITY</i>
9	370-0010-02632	110223	60	21	15	LOT 2 EX E 195 FT & EX W 1125 FT & EX PART PLATTED AS PERCH LAKE SHORES	FRENCH			0.3	\$400.00	non-conforming 16' strip
10	370-0010-02495	110222	60	21	15	LOT 1 EX E 1020 FT & EX W 300 FT & EX PART PLATTED AS PERCH LAKE SHORES	FRENCH			0.1	\$400.00	non-conforming 17' strip
11	370-0030-00065	110275	0	0	0	E 10 FT OF W 90 FT OF N 150 FT	CLEMENT TOWN OF FRENCH	3		0.0	\$400.00	non-conforming 10' strip410002400371
12	410-0024-00371	111140	61	15	33	PART OF SE1/4 NE1/4 LYING SW OF HWY NO 26		0	0	0.5	\$400.00	.5 acre lot
13	570-0040-02300	114233	58	15	6	LOT: 0030 BLOCK:011	COTTON TOWN OF	30	11	0.1	\$400.00	non-conforming 25' strip
14	570-0040-02900	114234	58	15	6	INC PT OF VAC ALLEY ADJ	COTTON TOWN OF	10	15	0.1	\$400.00	non-conforming 25' strip
Totals:											\$19,400.00	



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Tax Forfeited Properties Adjoining Owner Sale



Address : XXXX Hutchinson Road
Duluth, MN 55811

Legal : NWLY 5 FT OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1
BEVERLY HILL ADDITION 2ND DIV

Parcel Code : 010-0255-00045

0.01 acres / 500 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 70215 (103652)

Commissioner District : 3



City of Duluth

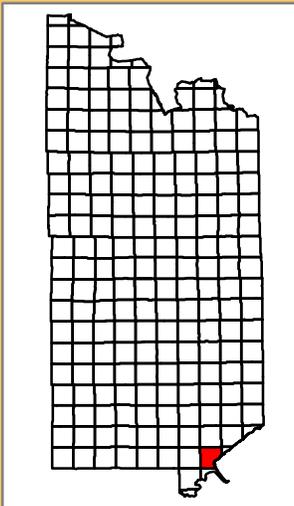
Section: 31

Township: 50

Range: 14

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Address : XXXX Hutchinson Road
Duluth, MN 55811

Legal : NWLY 5FT OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1
BEVERLY HILL ADDITION 2ND DIVISION

Parcel Code : 010-0255-00055

0.01 acres / 500 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 26172 (100149)

Commisioner District : 3



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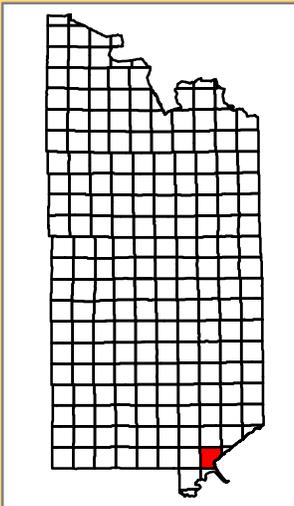
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Address : XXXX West 6th Street
Duluth, MN 55806

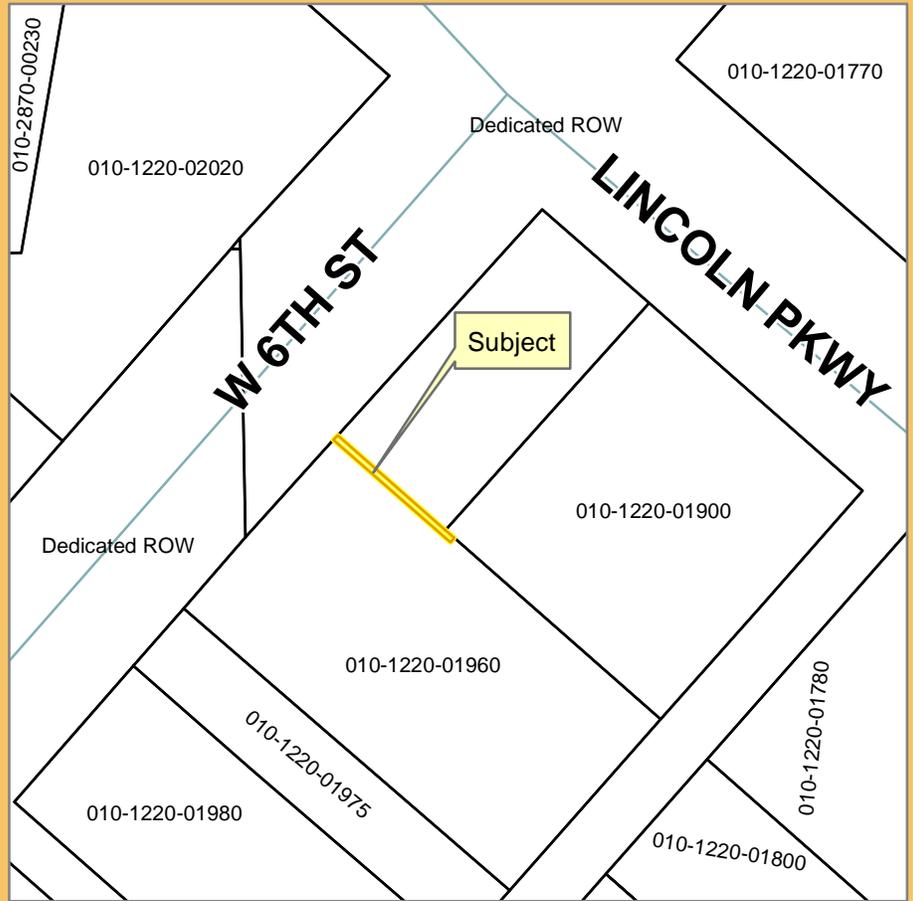
Legal : E2 FT OF N51 FT OF LOT 422
BLOCK 150
DULUTH PROPER SECOND DIVISION

Parcel Code : 010-1220-01962

0.002 acres / 102 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 27614 (100724)

Commisioner District : 3



City of Duluth

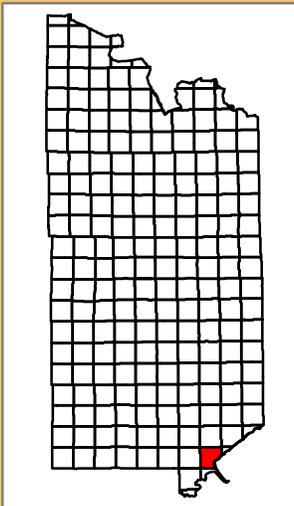
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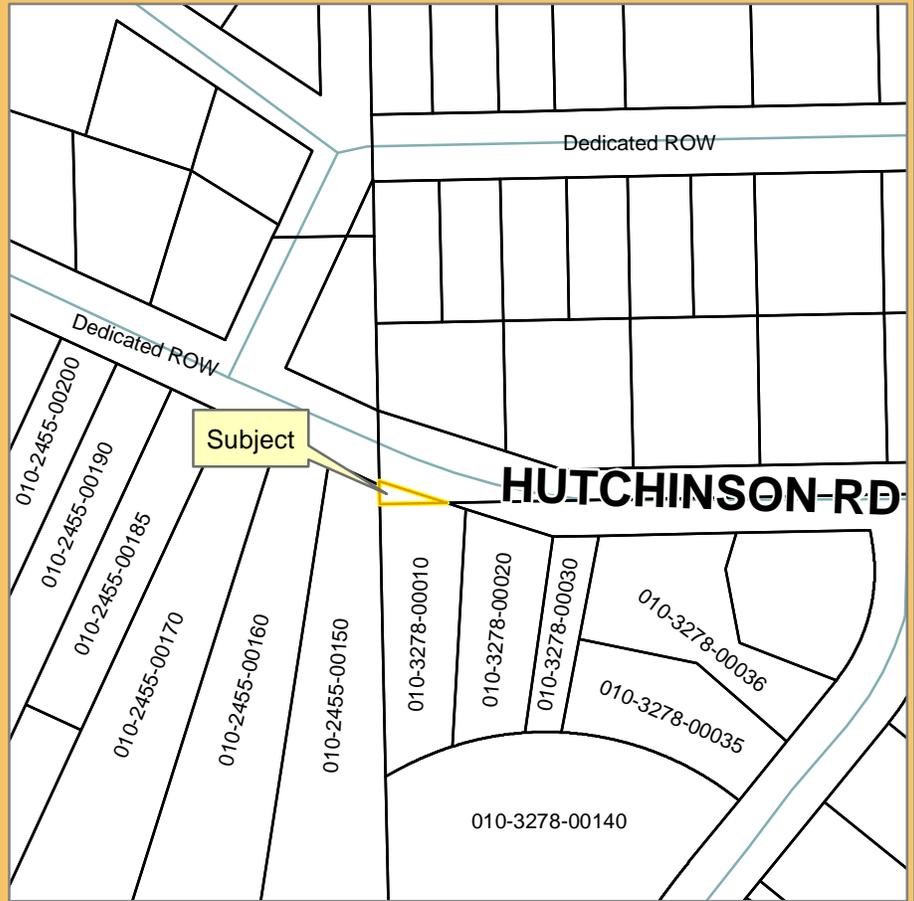
Legal : LOT 1, BLOCK 4
HOMEBUILDERS PARK OF DULUTH

Parcel Code : 010-2250-00590

0.02 acres / 753 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 29529 (101967)

Commissioner District : 3



City of Duluth

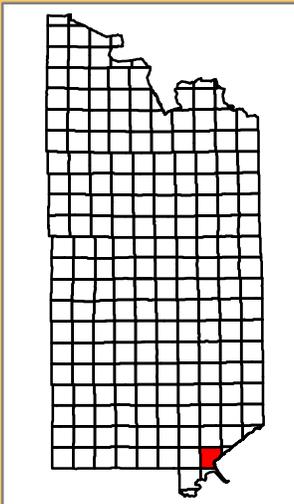
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Address : XXXX Highland Village Drive
Duluth, MN 55810

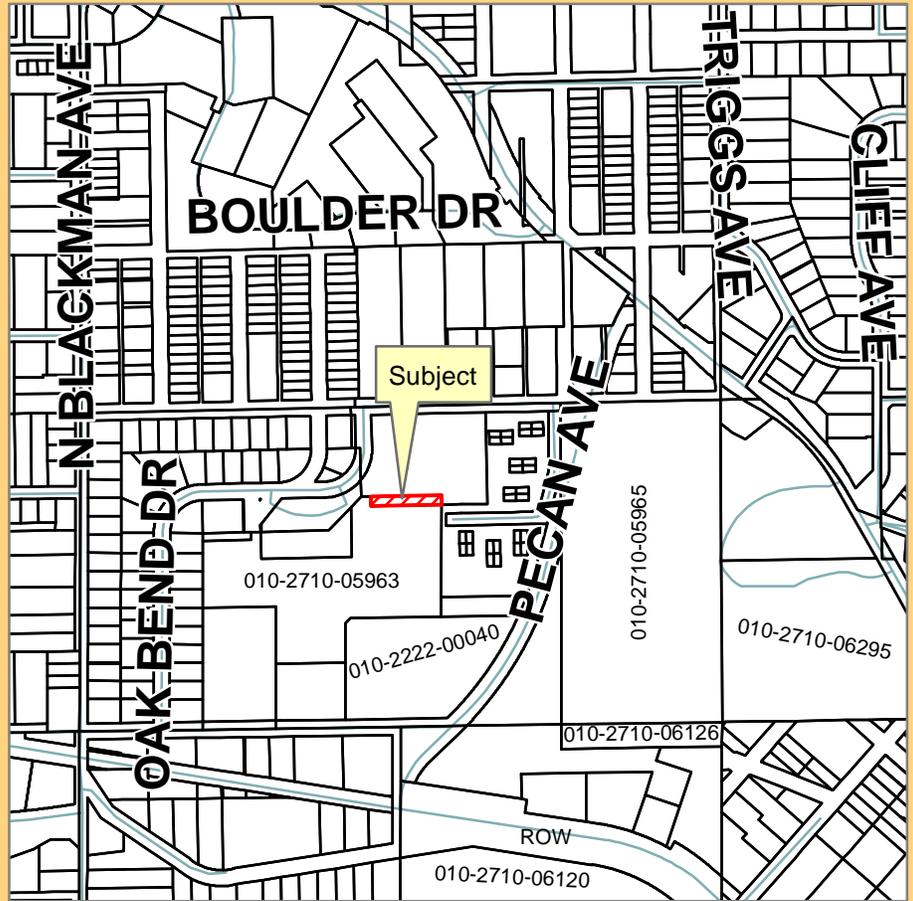
Legal : PART OF NE1/4 BEING A PARCEL
OF LAND 40. 11 FT X 287.64 FT ADJ THE
S LINE LOT 1 HIGHLAND VILLAGE ADD
DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY

Parcel Code : 010-2710-05969

0.26 acres / 11,537 sq. ft.

LDKEY : (30424) 102602

Commisioner District : 1



City of Duluth

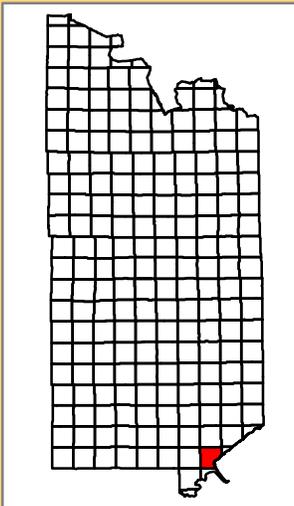
Section: 21

Township: 50

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Duluth, MN 55806

Legal : THAT PART OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4
OF NW 1/4 LYING WITHIN 140 FT NLY OF
NLY LINE OF 15TH ST EXTENDED AND
ELY OF ELY LINE OF 27TH AVE W
EXTENDED EX WLY 150 FT
DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY
Section: 32 Township: 50 Range: 14

Parcel Code : 010-2710-08125

0.03 acres / 1,324 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 30471 (102643)

Commisioner District : 3

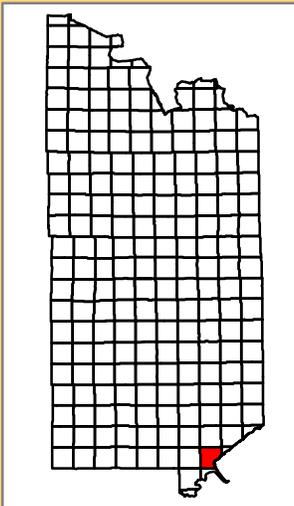


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OF NW 1/4 LYING WITHIN 140 FT OF NLY
LINE OF 15TH ST AND WEST OF WEST
LINE OF 27TH AVE WEST
DULUTH LANDS IN THE CITY
Section: 32 Township: 50 Range: 14

Parcel Code : 010-2710-08126

0.08 acres / 3,463 sq. ft.

LDKEY : 30472 (102644)

Commisioner District : 3

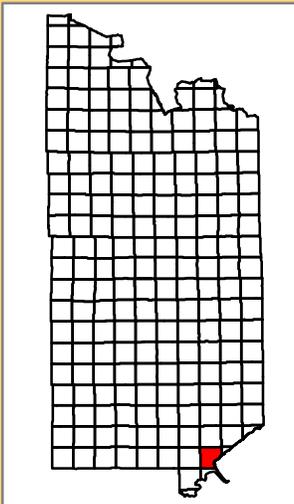


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Tax Forfeited Properties Adjoining Owner Sale



Address : XXXX Highway 22
Angora, MN 55703

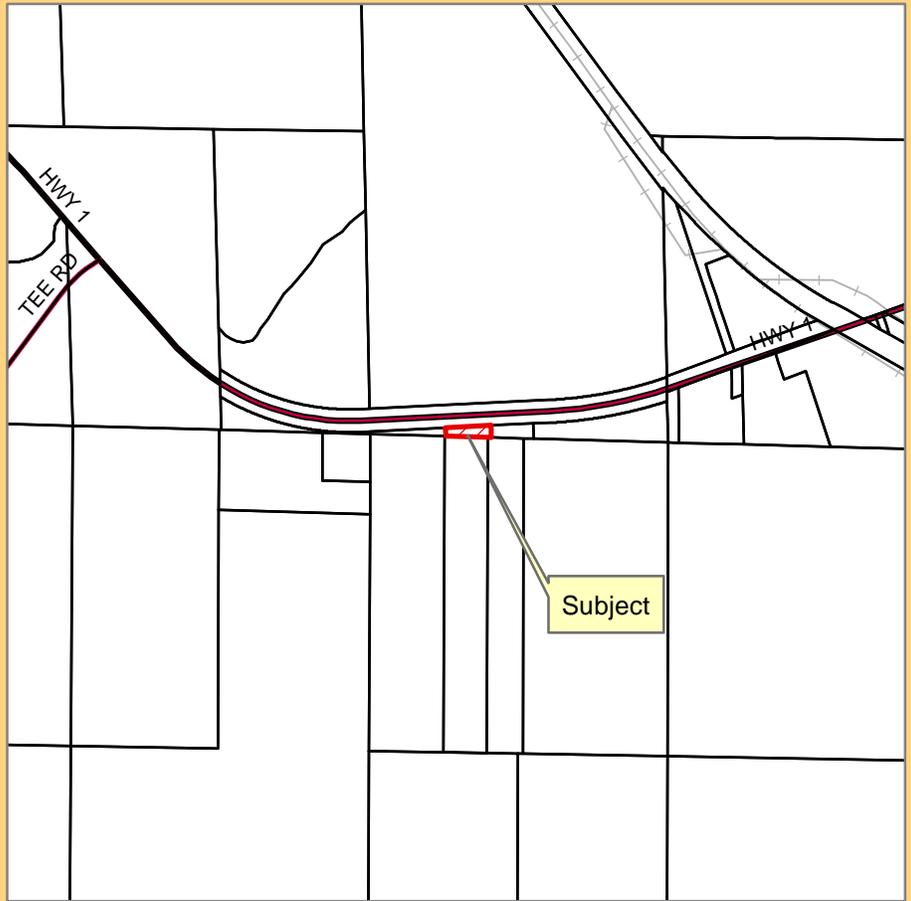
Legal : E 198 FT OF W 528 FT OF SW
1/4 OF SE 1/4 S OF THE ITASCA RD
Sec 9 Twp 61 Rge 18

Parcel Code : 215-0010-01590

0.17 acres

LDKEY : 106548

Commisioner District : 4

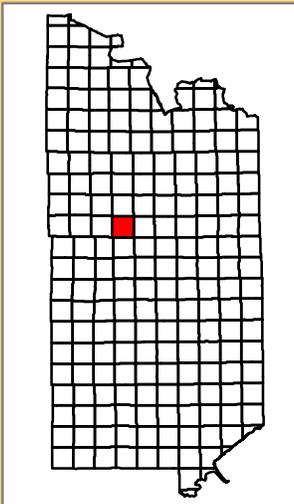


Town of Angora Section: 9 Township: 61 Range: 18



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Side Lake, MN 55781

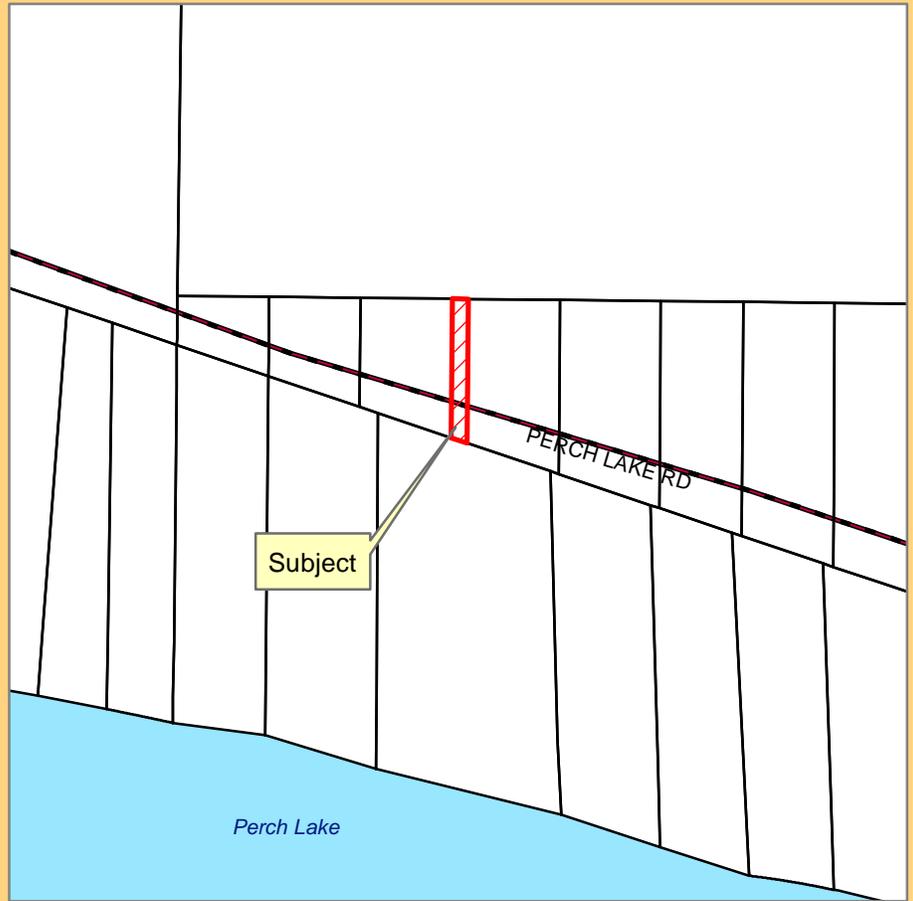
Legal : LOT 1 EX E 1020 FT & EX W
300 FT & EX PART PLATTED AS
PERCH LAKE SHORES
Sec 15 Twp 60 Rge 21

Parcel Code : 370-0010-02495

0.07 acres

LDKEY : 110222

Commisioner District : 4

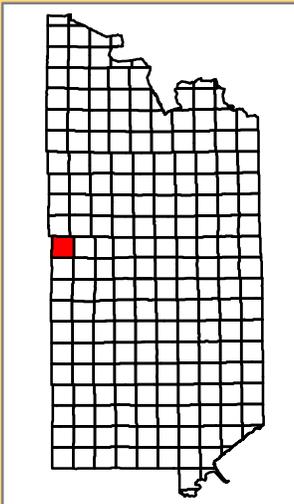


Town of French Section: 15 Township: 60 Range: 21



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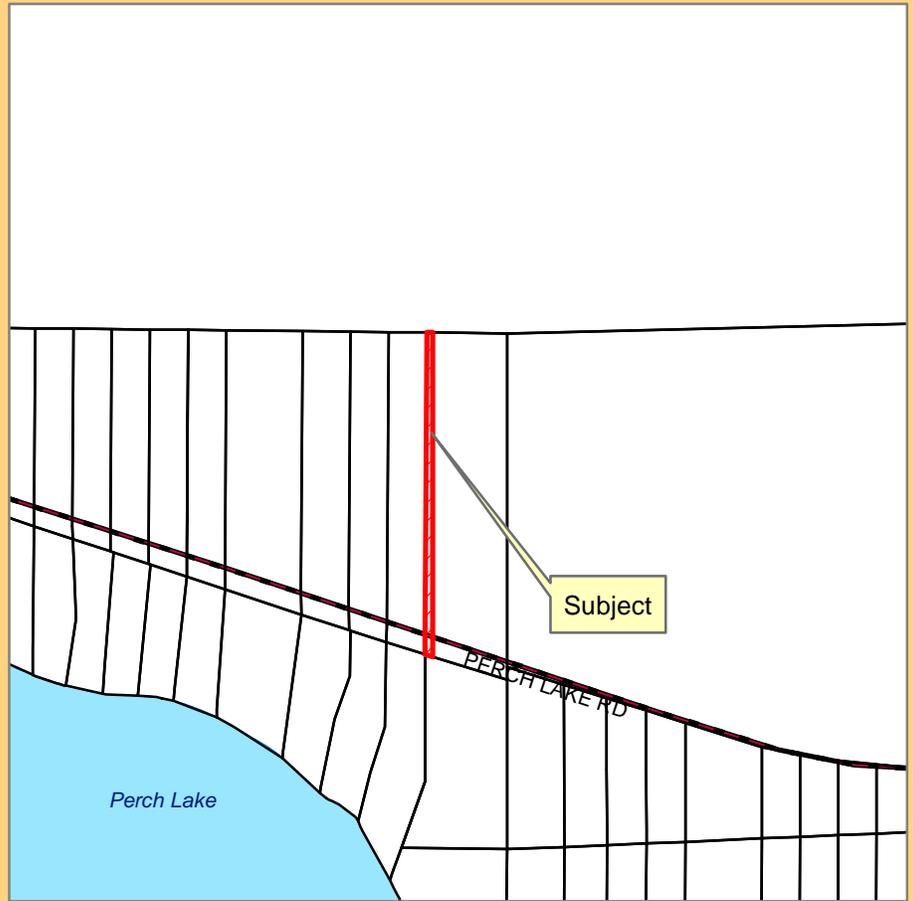
Legal : LOT 2 EX E 195 FT & EX W 1125
FT & EX PART PLATTED AS PERCH
LAKE SHORES
Sec 15 Twp 60 Rge 21

Parcel Code : 370-0010-02632

0.32 acres

LDKEY : 110223

Commisioner District : 4

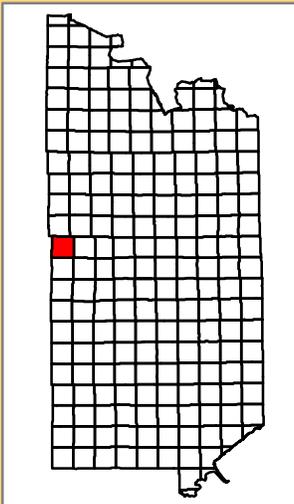


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Address : XXXX McCarthy Beach Road
Hibbing, MN 55746

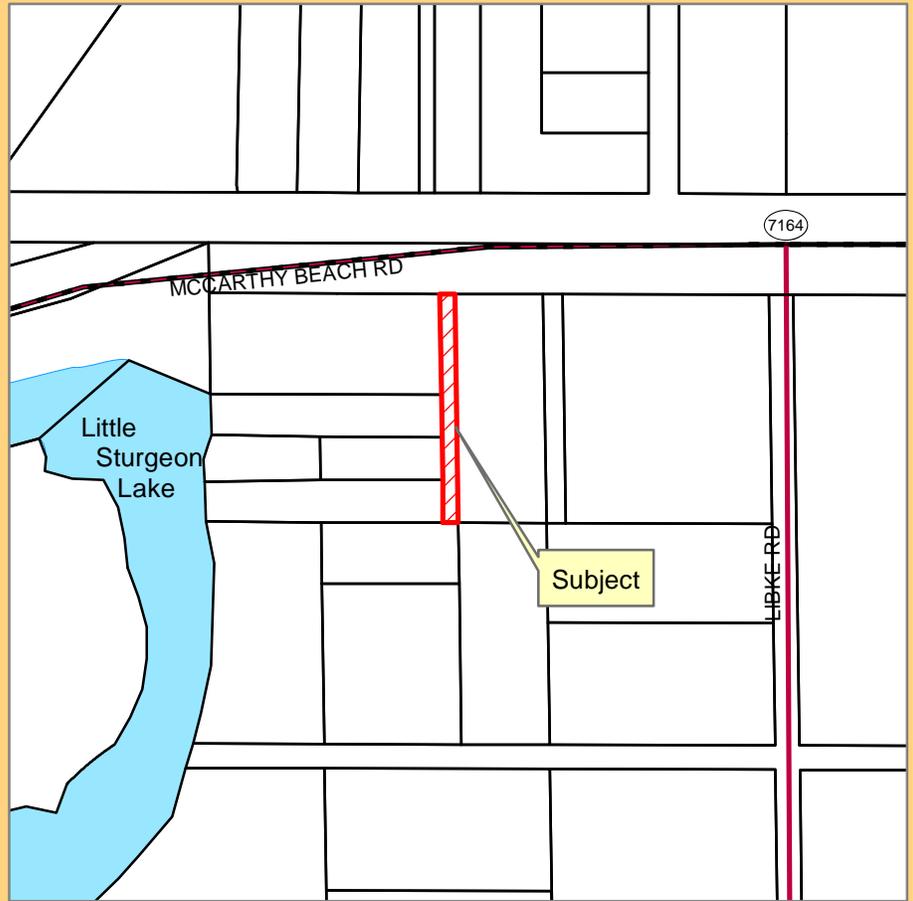
Legal : E 10 FT OF W 90 FT OF N 150 FT
LOT 3
CLEMENT TOWN OF FRENCH

Parcel Code : 370-0030-00065

0.03 acres

LDKEY : 110275

Commisioner District : 4

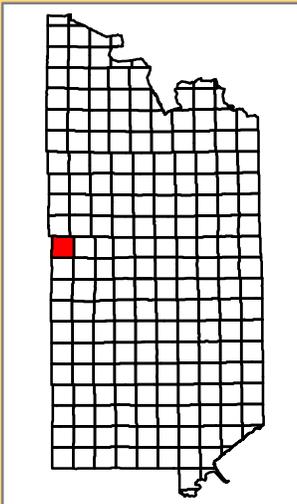


Town of French Section: 20 Township: 60 Range: 21



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Embarrass, MN 55732

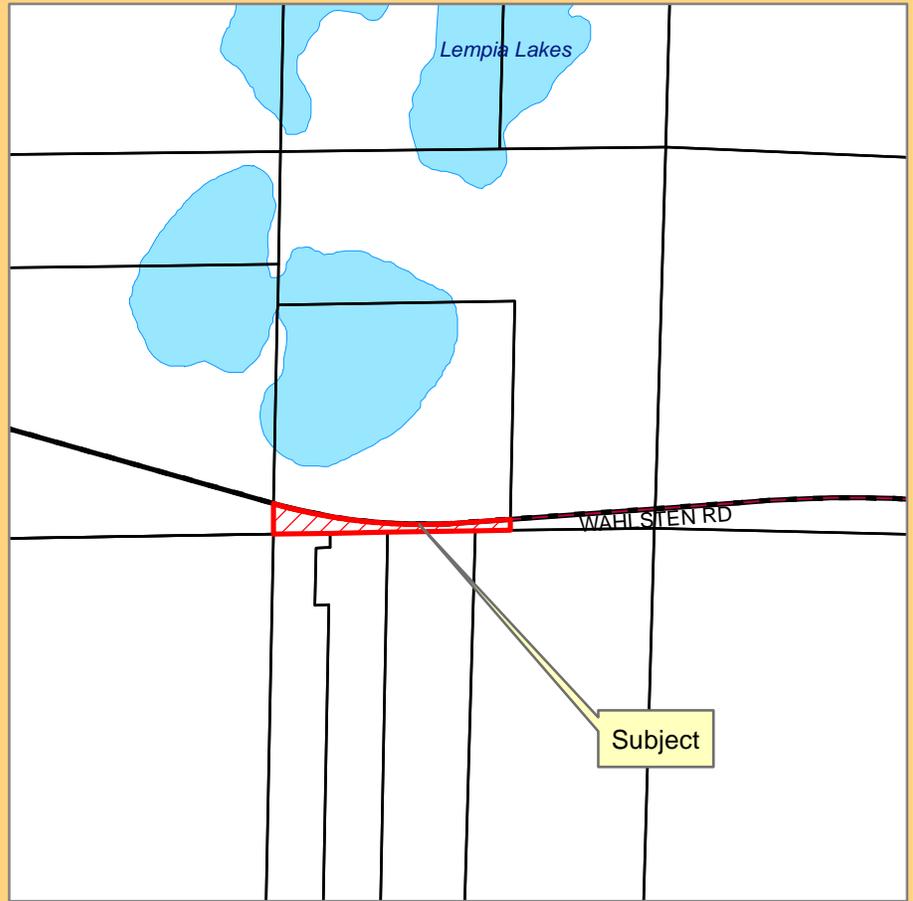
Legal : PART OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 LYING
SW OF HWY NO 26
Sec 33 Twp 61 Rge 15

Parcel Code : 410-0024-00371

0.5 acres

LDKEY : 111140

Commisioner District : 4

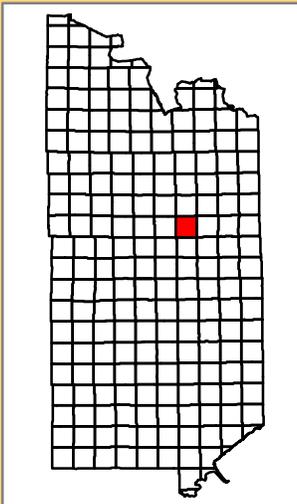


Town of Kugler Section: 33 Township: 61 Range: 15



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Tax Forfeited Properties Adjoining Owner Sale



Address : XXXX Walter Avenue
Aurora, MN 55705

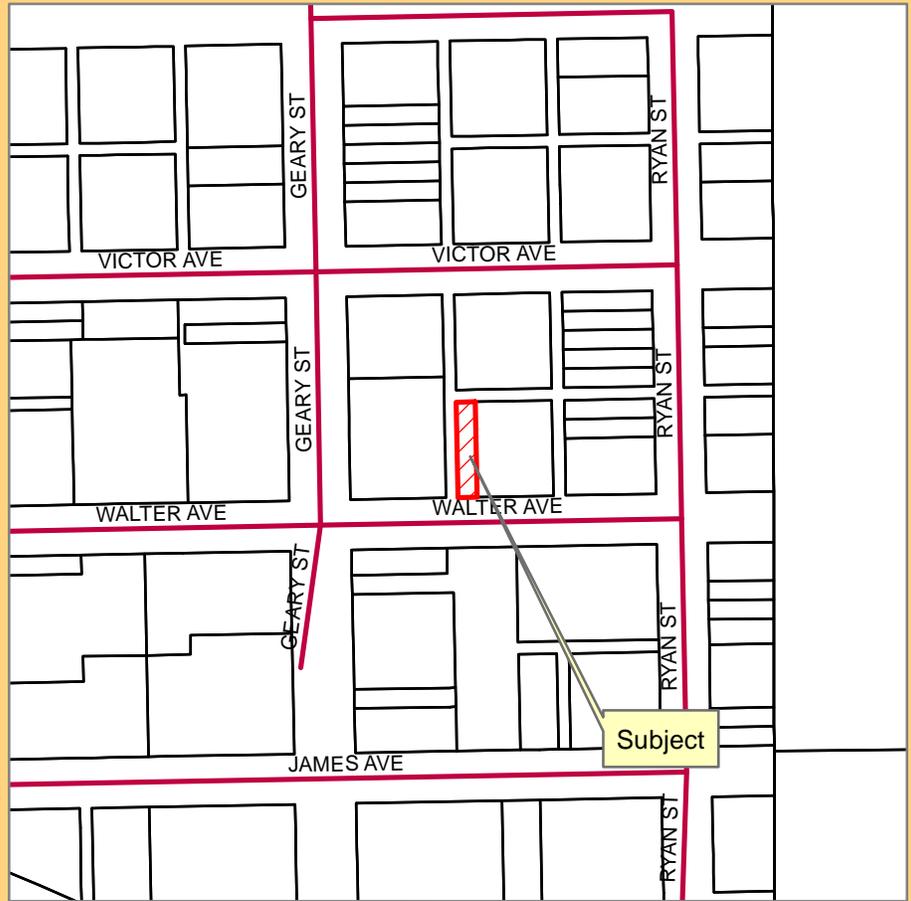
Legal : LOT 30 BLOCK 11
COTTON TOWN OF WHITE

Parcel Code : 570-0040-02300

0.07 acres

LDKEY : 114233

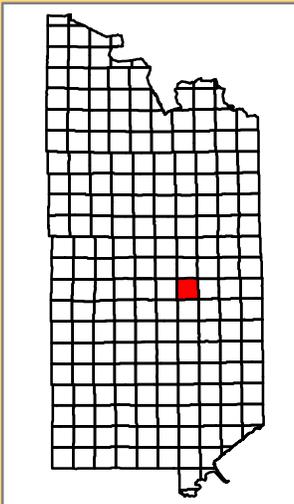
Commisioner District : 4



Town of White Section: 6 Township: 58 Range: 15

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Aurora, MN 55705

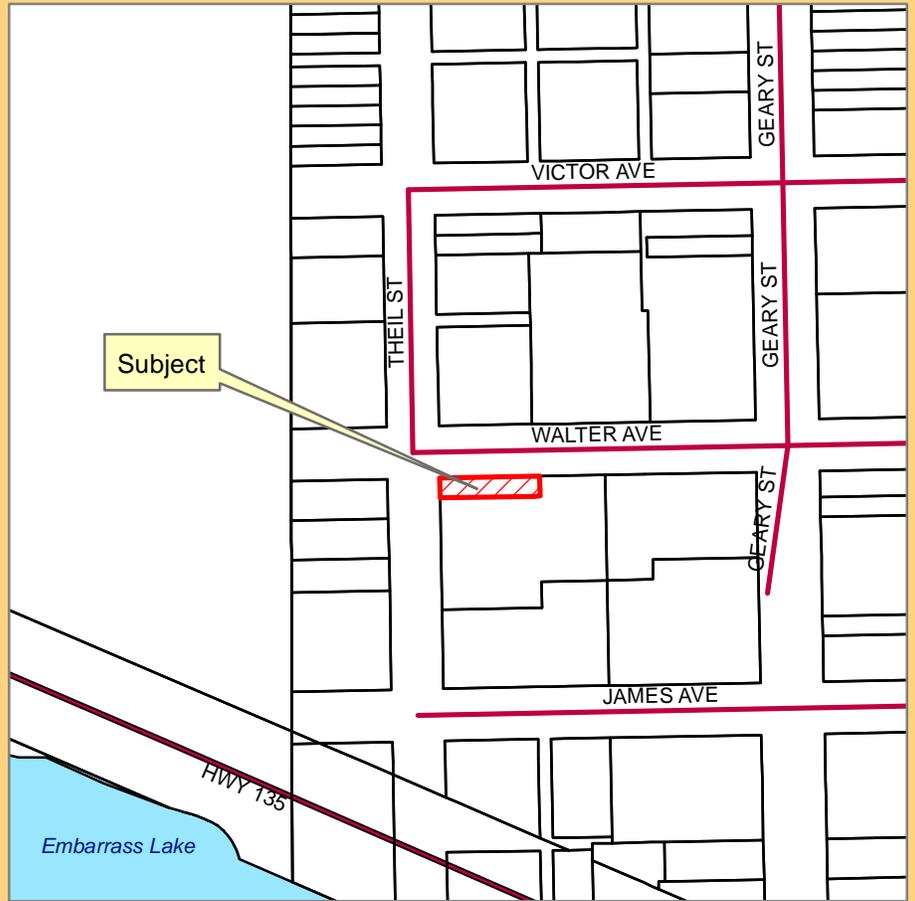
Legal : LOT 10 INC PT OF VAC ALLEY
ADJ BLOCK 15
COTTON TOWN OF WHITE

Parcel Code : 570-0040-02900

0.07 acres

LDKEY : 114234

Commisioner District : 4

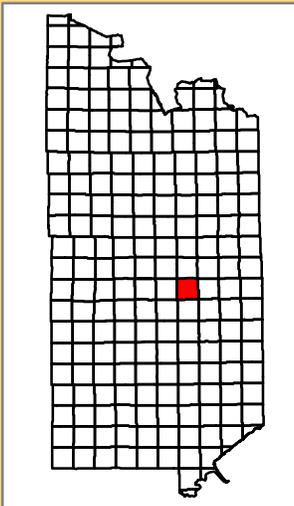


Town of White

Section: 6 Township: 58 Range: 15

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Adjoining Owner Sale of Tax Forfeit Land (Hibbing)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County desires to offer for sale a certain parcel of tax forfeited land:

City of Hibbing

UND 1/2 OF ELY 69 FT OF WLY 564 FT OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 EX HWY R/W

Sec 28 Twp 57 Rge 20

Acres: 1.98

Parcel Code: 141-0020-03776

LDKey: 117690

WHEREAS, The parcel is zoned L-1 (Light Industrial), which requires a minimum lot width of 100 feet; this parcel does not meet that standard; and

WHEREAS, The sale of this parcel requires a minimum bid of \$3,800, the appraised value; and

WHEREAS, The parcel is not 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, The parcel of land cannot be improved because it is less than the minimum size, shape, frontage and/or access required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will encourage the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, The parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcel described here, and the County Auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners to encourage return of the parcels to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land & Minerals Director shall give a minimum 30 day notice of this sale to all adjoining owners.



Saint Louis County Land & Minerals Department

Tax Forfeited Properties Adjoining Owner Sale



Address: XXXXX East State Highway # 37
Hibbing, MN 55746

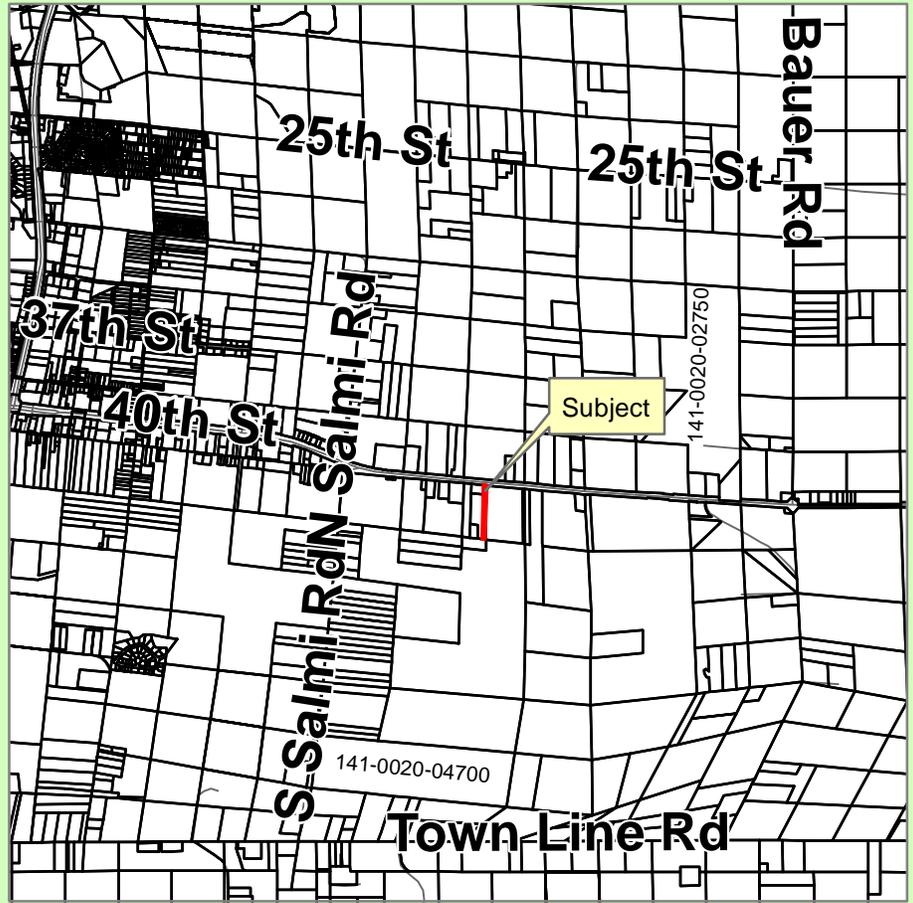
Legal: UND 1/2 OF ELY 69FT OF WLY 564FT
OF NW1/4 OF NE1/4 EX HWY R/W
SECTION: 28 TOWNSHIP: 57 RANGE: 20

Parcel Code: 141-0020-03776

1.98 acres / 86,250 sq. ft.

LDKEY: 117690

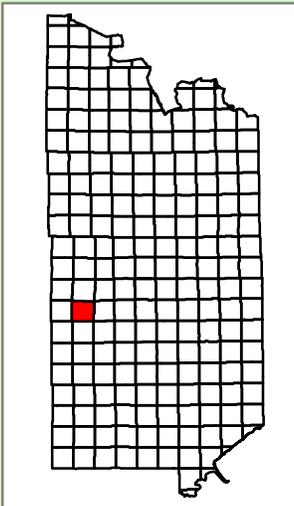
Commisioner District: 7



City of Hibbing Section: 28 Township: 57 Range: 20

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BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 206

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Rogers, D&D
Salvage Inc.

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve applications to repurchase state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owners subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest. The properties to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on December 2, 2013. The repurchase deadline for these non-homestead properties is December 1, 2014. Dan Rogers of Eveleth, MN, and D&D Salvage Inc. of Eveleth, MN, have made application to repurchase these properties and are eligible to repurchase the properties.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase requests of Dan Rogers of Eveleth, MN and D&D Salvage Inc. of Eveleth, MN. The repurchase fees listed below are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Dan Rogers, Eveleth, MN

Parcel Code	090-0082-00160
Taxes and Assessments	\$12,052.24
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$39.77
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$12,277.01

D&D Salvage Inc., Eveleth, MN

Parcel Code	040-0206-00680
Taxes and Assessments	\$2,519.84
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$8.32
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Total Consideration	\$2,713.16

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Rogers

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Dan Rogers of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF VIRGINIA
NLY 1/2 OF LOT 7, BLOCK 2
INDUSTRIAL ADDITION TO VIRGINIA
090-0082-00160

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Dan Rogers of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$12,052.24, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$39.77, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$12,277.01, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, Dan Rogers, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF VIRGINIA, NLY 1/2 of LOT 7, BLOCK 2, INDUSTRIAL ADDITION TO VIRGINIA

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2009 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2010,2011,2012,2013

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$12,053.23 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

I did not have the money.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate
- Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): Daniel Rogers

Are you currently in active military service? no

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation.

Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 5/9 20 14

By: [Signature] (Signature)

Address: P.O. Box 537
City: Eveleth State: mn Zip: 55734
Phone: 218-744-2720



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

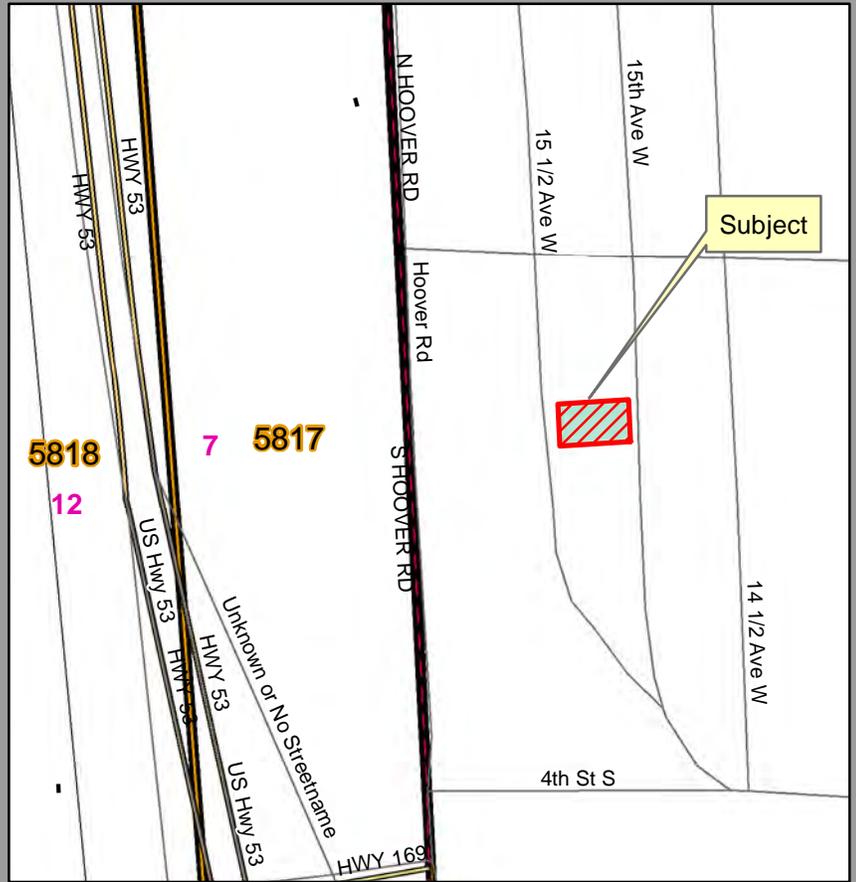
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF VIRGINIA
NLY 1/2 of LOT 7, BLOCK 2
INDUSTRIAL ADDITION TO VIRGINIA

Parcel Code : 090-0082-00160

LDKEY : 118224

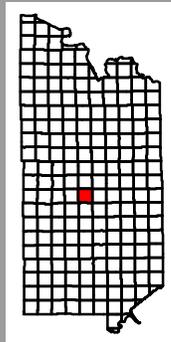
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City of Virginia Sec: 7 Twp: 58 Rng: 17

Commissioner District # 6

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



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Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – D&D Salvage Inc.

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, D&D Salvage Inc. of Eveleth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF EVELETH
TRACT 12 W 190FT OF THAT PART OF NW 1/4
OF SE 1/4 LYING N OF THE MESABA RY R OF W
SEC 33 TWP 58 RGE 17
040-0206-00680

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by D&D Salvage Inc. of Eveleth, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$2,519.84, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$8.32, deed fee of \$25, and recording fee of \$46; for a total of \$2,713.16, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, D&D Salvage Inc, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF EVELETH, TRACT 12 W 190FT OF THAT PART OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING N OF THE MESABA RY R OF W, Sec 33 Twp 58 Rge 17

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2009 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2010,2011,2012,2013

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$2,671.05 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

I did not have the money.

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- No change since last well certificate Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): D+D Salvage

Are you currently in active military service? no

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date _____ and documentation. Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

Dated: 5/9 20 14

By: [Signature] (Signature)

Address: PO Box 537
City: Eveleth State: MN Zip: 55734
Phone: 218-744-2720



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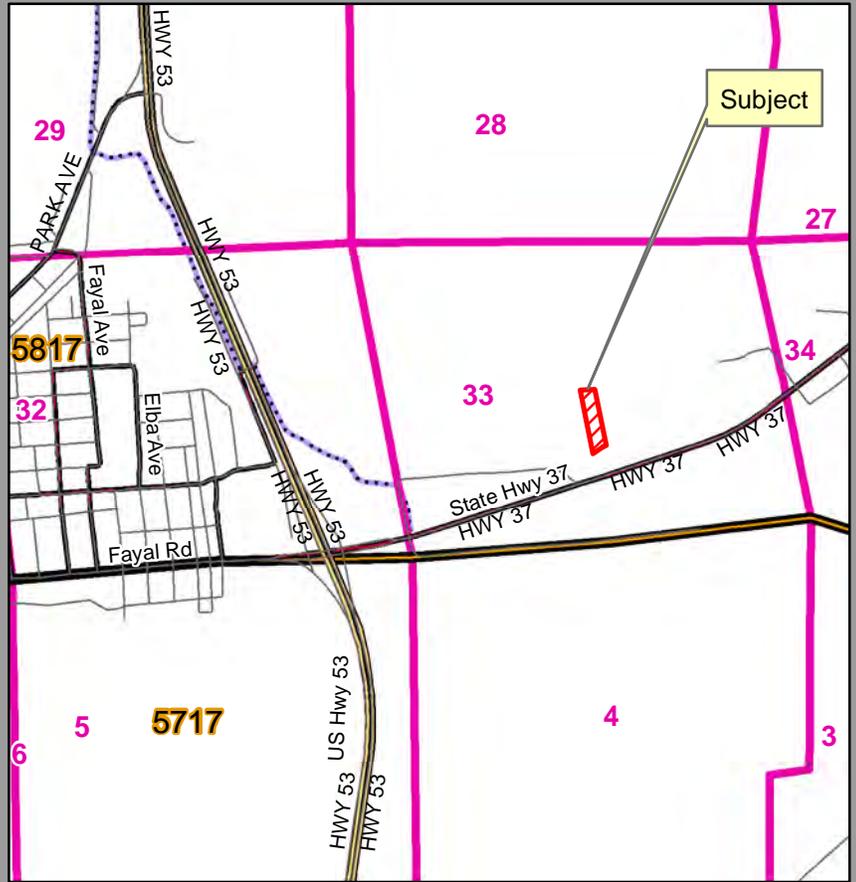
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF EVELETH
TRACT 12 W 190FT OF THAT PART OF
NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING N OF THE
MESABA RY R OF W,
Sec 33 Twp 58 Rge 17

Parcel Code : 040-0206-00680

LDKEY : 118212

Acres: 3.5

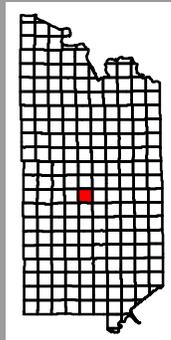


City of Eveleth

Sec: 33 Twp: 58 Rng: 17

Commissioner District # 6

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

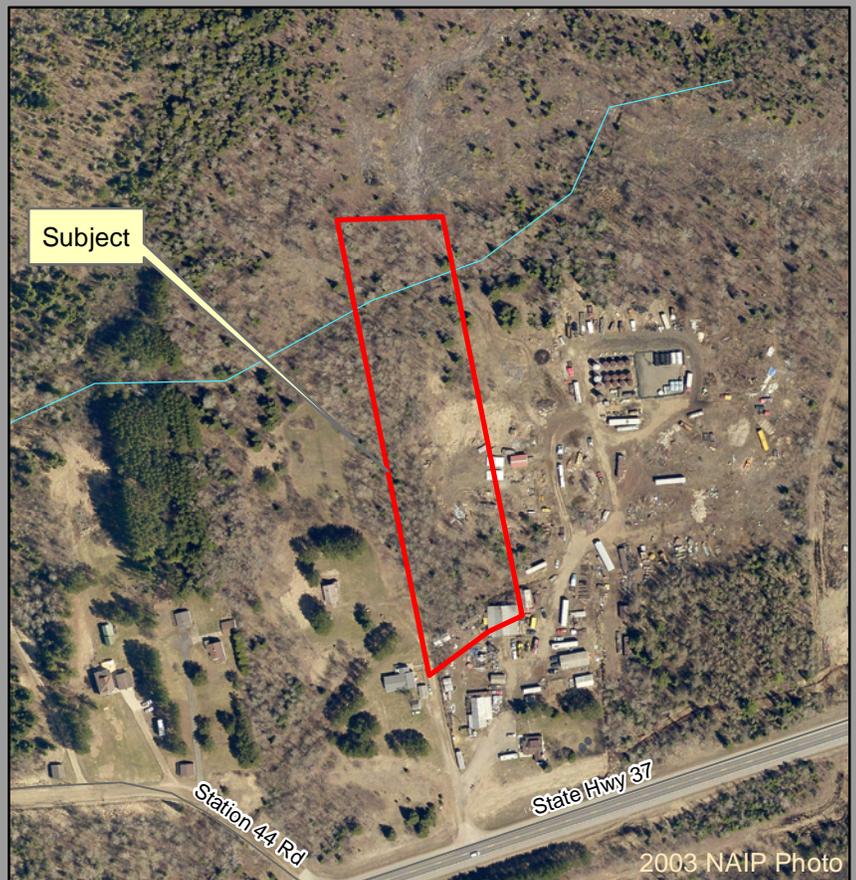


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BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 207

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014 **RE:** Cancellation of Contract for
Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Zigich

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Weber, Director
Land and Minerals

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To perform public services; provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to cancel a contract for repurchase of state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

The County Auditor has attached information in reference to a state tax forfeited land contract which has been entered into under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 282. The repurchase agreement has defaulted due to the purchaser's failure to pay the required installments and/or taxes. The purchaser, Michael Zigich of Duluth, MN, has been served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process but has failed to cure the default.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve cancellation of this contract and authorize the disposal of abandoned personal property that may remain on the site.

Michael Zigich, Duluth, MN

Legal Description	TOWN OF RICE LAKE NLY 33 FT OF LOT 81 AND SLY 66 FT OF LOT 82 COLMANS 3RD ACRE TRACT ADDN TO DULUTH Parcel Code: 520-0080-00815 C22050110
Purchase Price	\$5,857.53
Principal Amount Remaining	\$440.71
Date of Last Payment	1/16/2014
Installment Payments Not Made	\$0
Subsequent Del Taxes and Fees	\$1090.30
Amount Needed to Cure Default	\$1090.30
Insurance	N/A

Cancellation of Contract for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - Zigich

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contract with Michael Zigich of Duluth, MN, for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land is in default for nonpayment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The purchaser was properly served with Notice of Cancellation of Contract by civil process and has failed to cure the default for lands legally described as:

TOWN OF RICE LAKE
NLY 33 FT OF LOT 81 AND SLY 66 FT OF LOT 82
COLMANS 3RD ACRE TRACT ADDN TO DULUTH
Parcel Code: 520-0080-00815
C22050110

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd, 2(d) and 504B.271 authorizes the County Auditor to dispose of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, The previous owner of the property will be notified by posting of the property or by mail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the cancellation of contract for the repurchase of state tax forfeited land described above, according to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 5, and Minn. Stat. § 282.40, and according to the procedures of Minn. Stat. § 559.21.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Auditor is authorized to dispose of abandoned personal property from the above described state tax forfeited property.



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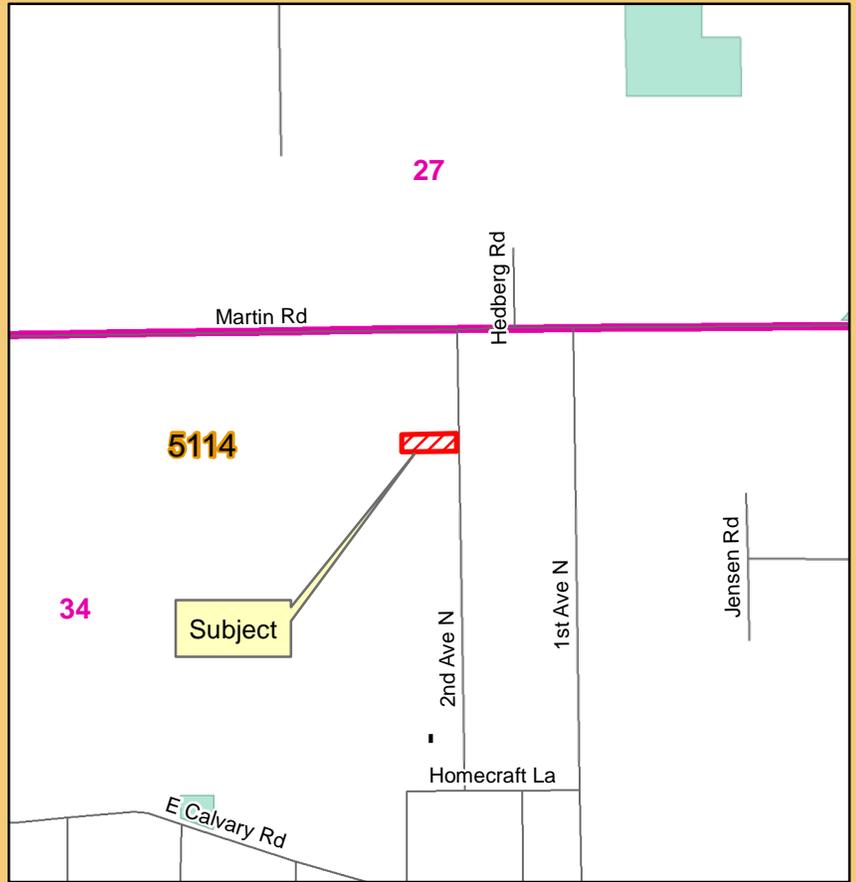
Cancellation of Contract

Legal : TOWN OF RICE LAKE
NLY 33 FT OF LOT 81 AND SLY
66 FT OF LOT 82, COLMANS 3RD
ACRE TRACT ADDN TO DULUTH

Parcel Code : 520-0080-00815

LDKEY : 118322/61520

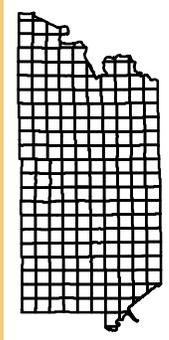
Address: 4879 2ND AVE N
DULUTH 55803



Town of Rice Lake Sec: 34 Twp: 51 Rng: 14

Commissioner District # 5

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



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BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 208

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014 **RE:** Purchase of GPS Units and
Related Equipment

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To locate and perpetuate Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corner markers in St. Louis County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the purchase of GPS units and related equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department has budgeted for the purchase of GPS equipment for the Land Survey Division to replace aging equipment and support additional staff. Frontier Precision, Inc. of Maple Grove, MN, provided a quote of \$112,837.35 for the purchase of four (4) Trimble GPS receivers, six (6) data collectors and related equipment through the State of Minnesota Contract, which includes trade in allowances for old equipment. Similar equipment has been purchased from this vendor in the past.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the purchase of the Trimble GPS units, data collectors and related equipment from Frontier Precision, Inc., of Maple Grove, MN in the amount of \$112,837.35, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 664800.

Purchase of GPS Units and Related Equipment

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department has budgeted for the purchase of GPS equipment; and

WHEREAS, Frontier Precision, Inc., of Maple Grove, MN, has provided a quote of \$112,837.35 for the purchase of four (4) Trimble GPS receivers, six (6) data collectors and related equipment through the State of Minnesota contract;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of four (4) Trimble GPS receivers, six (6) data collectors and related equipment from Frontier Precision, Inc. of Maple Grove, MN, in the amount of \$112,837.35, payable from Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 664800.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 209

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 10

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating
Liquor License – Ledge Liquor
Store (Vermilion Lake Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Don Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide mandated and discretionary licensing services in a timely manner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to consider approval of an off-sale intoxicating liquor license for an establishment in Vermilion Lake Township.

BACKGROUND:

Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, has made application to renew an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for the establishment known as Ledge Liquor Store, Vermilion Lake Township, which is in the same building as “The Y Store”, a convenience store. Along with the renewal applications, the applicant submitted plans to extend the convenience store into the existing liquor store. The plans also include an addition to the building, where the exclusive Off-Sale Liquor Store will be moved.

The County Liquor Licensing Committee considered and approved the application and recommends Board approval. This establishment is designated as an exclusive liquor store in an organized area and the annual license fee is \$500.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the renewal of the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for the Ledge Liquor Store, Vermilion Lake Township.

**Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License – Ledge Liquor Store
(Vermilion Lake Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 59788; and

WHEREAS, Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, has made application to renew an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for the establishment known as Ledge Liquor Store, Vermilion Lake Township, which is in the same building as “The Y Store”, a convenience store; and

WHEREAS, Said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due; and

WHEREAS, 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 the license fees to the license holder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Said license shall be effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council d/b/a Ledge Liquor Store, Vermilion Lake Township, Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License No. OFSL1525

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 210

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 11

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Acceptance of MN Department of
Agriculture Loan for Low Interest
Septic System Replacements

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ted Troolin, Director
Environmental Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To act in a leadership capacity to ensure a sustainable integrated waste management system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to accept a loan in the amount of \$143,000 from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to help continue to fund replacement and repair of failing septic systems in St. Louis County.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1998, St. Louis County has worked with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to help fund the Septic Loan Program. To date, the agency has provided funding totaling \$479,000 that has been loaned to eligible applicants. Under the terms of the loan agreement, this funding must be repaid within 15 years. There have been 145 low interest (3%) loans awarded to properties in need of new septic systems in the county. Seventy five have been paid back to the Septic Loan Fund, keeping the funds revolving for new loans.

Since 2009, the county has been repaying the Department of Agriculture with the initial \$479,000 scheduled to be repaid by 2024. The Department of Agriculture has offered to refund the \$43,000 that was repaid in 2013, allowing that funding to be re-loaned under the Septic Loan Program and has also approved another \$100,000 loan for more septic loans for replacement and repair of failing septic systems. This matter was discussed at the April 30, 2014 Septic Subcommittee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize an additional \$143,000 loan from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to provide low interest loans for the replacement and repair of failing septic systems, payable to Fund 280-311007.

**Acceptance of MN Department of Agriculture Loan for
Low Interest Septic System Replacements**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County established a septic loan fund in 1998 to provide low interest loans for replacement and repair of failed septic systems; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has loaned over \$400,000 to St. Louis County since 1998 to provide such loans and has offered an additional loan of \$143,000; and

WHEREAS, Additional funds are needed to provide low interest septic replacement and repair loans;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board authorizes the Environmental Services Department to accept an additional \$143,000 loan from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to help fund septic system replacement and repair. The borrowed funds will be payable to Fund 280-311007.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 – 211

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
CONSENT NO. 12

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Sponsorship of Recreational Trails that are Part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Donald Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To ensure effective, efficient government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize continuing county sponsorship of 11 recreational trails that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System.

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, St. Louis County has had separate county board resolutions for each of the 11 recreational trails that it sponsors. The purpose of this request is to consolidate all of these individual county board actions under one resolution.

As is the standard with all county sponsored Grant-in-Aid trails, St. Louis County provides this sponsorship at no cost to the county. Construction and maintenance of these trails is funded through the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. It is also required, as a condition of sponsorship, that each club subscribes to the general liability policy covering St. Louis County sponsored State Grant-in-Aid Trails, and each club naming as additional insureds on said general liability policy, the landowners over whose lands the trails travel, and St. Louis County.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board continue to provide sponsorship of the 11 recreational trails located within the county that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System.

**Sponsorship of Recreational Trails that are Part of the State of Minnesota
Grant-in-Aid Trail System**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County serves as the sponsor of various recreational trails that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System;

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of these trails is funded through the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Applications have been prepared for the approval of St. Louis County as sponsor of the following existing trails:

- Ashawa Cross Country Ski Trail (Ashawa Trail Club)
- Aurora to Biwabik ATV Trail (Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club)
- Cook Area Trails (Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club)
- East Range Trails (Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club)
- Hawks Trail (Trail Hawks Snowmobile Club)
- Hermantown Trail (Over the Hill Night Riders Snowmobile Club)
- Iron Ore Trail/Vermilion Access Trail (Vermilion Penguins Snowmobile Club)
- Lake Williams Trail (CC Riders Snowmobile Club)
- Laurentian Trail (Range Trail Committee, Inc.)
- PathBlazers Trails (PathBlazers Snowmobile Club)
- Pequaywan Area Trails (Pequaywan Area Trailblazers)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to sponsor these trails at no cost to the county;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for construction, maintenance, and administration of these trails;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to sign all easements, licenses, or other instruments associated with the trail, subject to the approval of the County Attorney;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all previously adopted county board resolutions concerning sponsorship of recreational trails that are a part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System are rescinded.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 212

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 13

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Establish Public Hearing to
Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating
Liquor License (Duluth Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Don Dicklich
County Auditor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide mandated and discretionary licensing services in a timely manner.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to establish a public hearing to consider an off-sale intoxicating liquor license for an establishment in Duluth Township.

BACKGROUND:

New Scenic Cafe, Inc., has made application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for the establishment known as New Scenic Cafe, Inc., Duluth Township.

Minn. Stat. 340A.405, subdivision 2d, relating to the issuance of off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses provides that "No license may be issued under this subdivision unless a public hearing is held on the issuance of the license. Notice must be given to all interested parties and to any city located within three miles of the premises to be licensed. At the hearing the county board shall consider testimony and exhibits presented by interested parties and may base its decision to issue or deny a license upon the nature of the business to be conducted and its impact upon any municipality, and the character and reputation of the applicant, and the propriety of the location."

The County Liquor Licensing Committee considered and approved the application and recommends Board approval. This establishment is located in Area 1 and the annual license fee is \$500.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing to consider the above referenced license application on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 9:40 a.m., Semers Park Pavilion, Ely, MN.

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

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That a public hearing will be held at 9:40 a.m. on June 24, 2014, in the Semer's Park Pavilion, Ely, MN, for the purpose of considering an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for the New Scenic Cafe, Inc. d/b/a New Scenic Cafe, Inc., Duluth Township.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 213

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Award of Bids: Bridge
Replacement Project on UT 8109
(Willow Valley Township)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to award to a bridge replacement project on Unorganized Township (UT) 8109 in Willow Valley Township.

BACKGROUND:

County staff is authorized under County Board Resolution No. 88-381, dated May 24, 1988, to call for bids on projects which are already included in the budget document. Bids were requested for a bridge project in Willow Valley Township funded with Unorganized Township funds.

A call for bids was received by the Public Works Department on May 15, 2014, for the project in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Highway Engineer:

Project:	CP 8109-128464, CP 128464, Bridge 69A17
Location:	On UT 8109 (North Range Line Road), 0.3 miles South of Junction with CSAH 74, over Willow River, East of Gheen, MN, length 0.11 miles
Traffic:	44
PQI:	N.A.
Construction:	Bridge 69A17 and Approaches
Funding:	Fund 210, Agency 210045, Object 652800
Anticipated Start Date:	July 21, 2014
Anticipated Completion Date:	November 8, 2014
Engineer's Estimate:	\$789,025.40

BIDS:

Dallco, Inc., Finlayson, MN	\$827,713.27 (+\$38,687.87, 4.90%)
Gerit Hanson Contracting, Inc. Blackduck, MN	\$849,975.85
Redstone Construction Company, Inc. Mora, MN	\$929,173.55

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board award the project to Dallco, Inc. of Finlayson, MN in the amount of \$827,713.27, payable from Fund 210, Agency 210045, Object 652800.

**Award of Bids: Bridge Replacement Project on UT 8109
(Willow Valley Township)**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by St. Louis County Public Works Department for the following project:

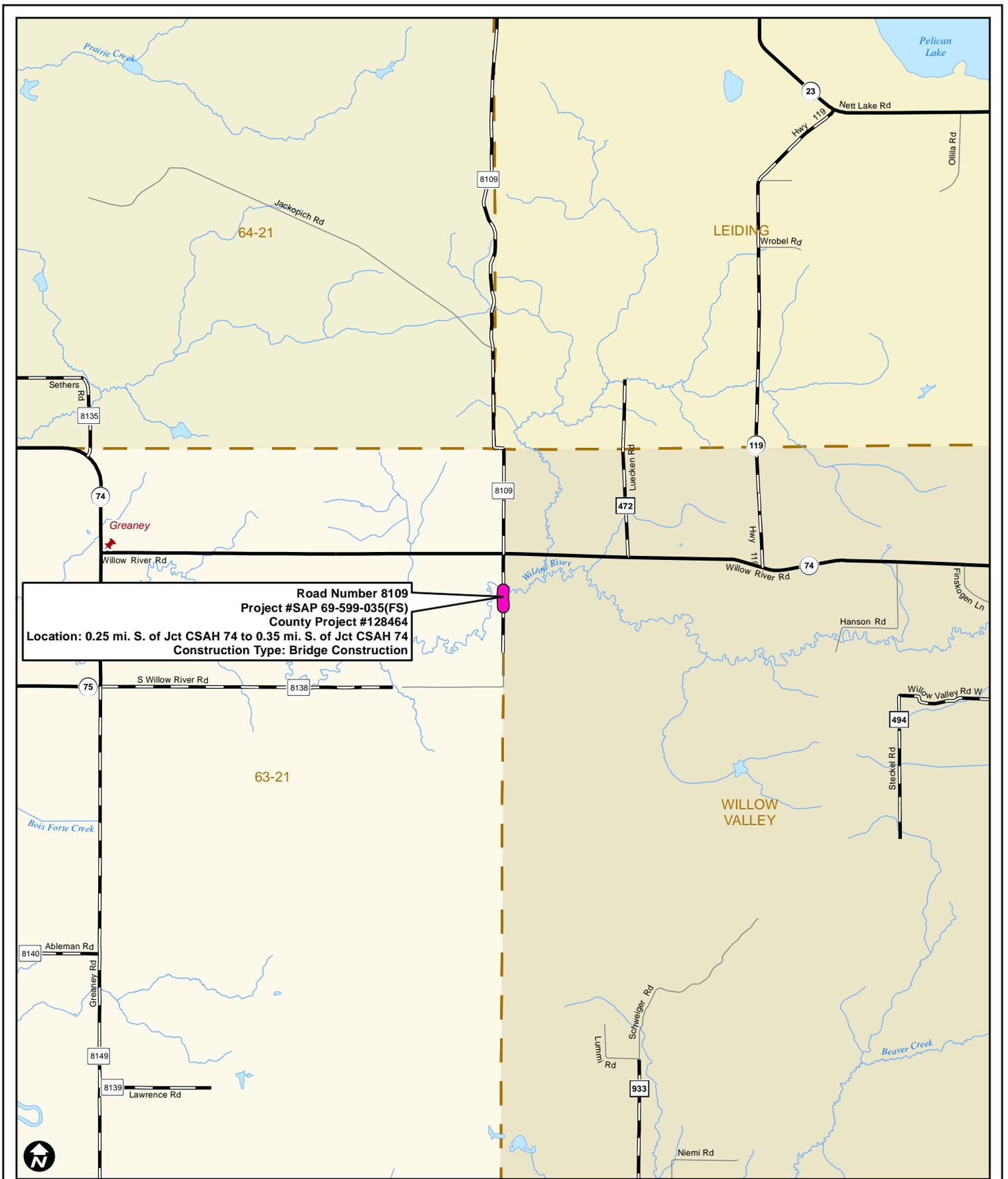
CP 8109-128464 located on UT 8109 (North Range Line Road), 0.3 miles South of Junction with CSAH 74, over Willow River, East of Gheen, MN

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on May 15, 2014, and the low responsible bid determined;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder.

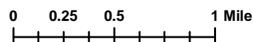
<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Dallco, Inc.	P.O. Box 38 Finlayson, MN 55735	\$827,713.27

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the Contractor's Performance Bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project, payable from Fund 210, Agency 210045, Object 652800.



Road Number 8109
Project #SAP 69-599-035(FS)
County Project #128464
Location: 0.25 mi. S. of Jct CSAH 74 to 0.35 mi. S. of Jct CSAH 74
Construction Type: Bridge Construction

St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
2013 Road & Bridge Construction	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved
Bridge Construction	County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel
Interstate Highway	Local Road/City Street
U.S./State Highway	Railroad
	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

Snow Storage Easement – Stauber Properties (Duluth)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and Stauber Properties of Duluth, MN, entered into an agreement for the issuance of a snow storage easement to Stauber Properties from St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The legal description of the property that the easement is granted from is, that part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Lot 1, Block 2 and Outlot A, BURNING TREE DIVISION shown as Parcel 27 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plats Numbered 69-93 and 69-94 as the same are on file and of record in the office of the Registrar of Titles in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota; the title thereto being registered; and

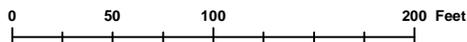
WHEREAS, The snow storage easement is described as follows: A 35 foot by 44.45 foot area lying north of the west Burning Tree Mall access road as shown within Parcel 27 on Plat 69-94; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT released to St. Louis County a portion of County State Aid Highway 91/Trunk Highway No. 53 with release No. 1540, effective April 1, 2014. The partial release does contain the lands necessary to provide the Stauber Properties their snow storage easement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.11 Subdivision 9, the St. Louis County Board provides Stauber Properties a snow storage easement on the above described property.



St. Louis County 2014 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
	County Road - Paved
	County Road - Gravel
	Local Road/City Street
	Railroad
	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 215

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014

**RE: Professional Service Contracts
with Selected Artists for
Government Services Center
Public Art Program**

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

**Tony Mancuso, Director
Property Management**

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Fulfill the County Board intent of a Public Art program for the Government Services Center as part of the capital renovation project.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize professional service contracts with Ron Benson, Craig David and Ann Kleftstad as part of the Public Art program funded by the County Board as part of the bond for the infrastructure replacement and general remodeling of the Government Services Center in Duluth.

BACKGROUND:

The \$20,650,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds sold in August 2013 (County Board Resolution No. 13-509) included the County Board's requested 1% Public Art program as part of the budget. The 1%, or \$206,500, has been used to contract with Forecast Public Art, a Minnesota-based non-profit organization that specializes in public art, to meet with representatives and facilitate a series of stakeholder meetings. Forecast Public Art developed a report delivered in December that included recommendations for art projects to consider. Goals considered were:

- that the art projects be integrated with the building design and construction to enhance way finding, educate building users and elevate the human spirit;
- that local artists and locally themed content be prioritized;
- that the art elicit emotion and create a sense of welcome and calm, be non-confrontational, and possibly engage all the senses;
- that the art be interactive or engaging; and
- the art be relevant to its time but also timeless in its presentation.

The report also recommended three projects for the following reasons:

Recommended Public Art Project	Current Situation	Intent	Proposed Budget
The Exterior Entry Plaza	The entry plaza is rather foreboding with its concrete walls, massive benches, and poor lighting.	An artful reinterpretation of the exterior entry plaza is meant to engage people in unique—potentially delightful—arrival and departure experiences. This installation may include paving, benches, planting and lighting. By extending this experience across West 2 nd Street, visitors may be encouraged to use the crosswalk, rather than jaywalk.	\$65,000
Entry Vestibule	(new opportunity with the change in vestibule/entry)	The proposed, glassed in entry vestibule is the premier space in the Government Services Center, playing a key role in the visitors' experience. The intention of this installation is to calm the mind and lift the spirits of people passing through the space.	\$60,000
Elevator Lobbies	With the collocation of disparate county agencies in the Government Services Center, the public will need assistance understanding where to go. Currently, the elevator lobbies are nondescript.	Wayfinding, memory and contextualized imagery are the primary foci of this multi-floor installation. Drinking fountains and surrounding tile walls opposite the elevator doors are primary sites with identifiable visual elements on each floor.	\$30,000

St. Louis County worked with Forecast Public Art to develop a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that was distributed to artists in St. Louis County and in a regional radius. An Art Selection Committee was formed and met twice, first to review the 61 submissions for the three art projects. The Art Selection Committee agreed on two artists to commission to develop a proposal specific to the space for each of the three projects. Those artists had two months to visit the space, review the architect's specifications and develop a proposal specific to the Government Services Center.

The Art Selection Committee met again to review these proposals and interview the artists on Monday, May 12. The Committee was unanimous in recommending three artists to the County Board for approval as follows:

Exterior Plaza	Ann Kleftsad	\$65,000
Entry Vestibule	Craig David	\$60,000
Elevator Lobbies	Ron Benson	\$30,000

County Administration and Property Management are grateful for the assistance of the Art Selection Committee members who volunteered their time to this important project. All three selected artists are from Minnesota and two are from St. Louis County.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize professional service contracts with Ann Kleftsad, for \$65,000 for the Exterior Plaza, Craig David, for \$60,000 for the Entry Vestibule and Ron Benson, \$30,000 for the Elevator Lobbies, payable from Fund 440, Agency 440003, Object 629900.

**Professional Service Contracts with Selected Artists for the
Government Services Center Public Art Program**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board directed County Administration to develop a 1% Public Art Program as part of the Government Services Center remodel budget; and

WHEREAS, The bond approved and sold for the project included 1% or \$206,500 for the Public Art Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County partnered with Forecast Public Arts to hold stakeholder meetings to gather input and develop a report with recommended art projects; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County widely circulated a Request for Qualifications to alert regional artists to the three art opportunities available; and

WHEREAS, After review of the artist proposals three artists were ultimately selected for the three available projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into professional service contracts with Ann Kleftsad, for \$65,000 for the Exterior Plaza, Craig David, for \$60,000 for the Entry Vestibule and Ron Benson, \$30,000 for the Elevator Lobbies, payable from Fund 440, Agency 440003, Object 629900.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 216

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014 **RE:** Increased Funding for the St. Louis
County Historical Society 2014
Contract

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To assist in providing funding to other agencies providing services to the people of St. Louis County when allowed by state statute.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to reinstate \$6,600 to the 2014 funding contract with the St. Louis County Historical Society (Aid to Other Agencies).

BACKGROUND:

During the May 13, 2014 County Board Committee of the Whole meeting, Commissioner Stauber noted that on a recent tour of the Depot, he had been approached by St. Louis County Historical Society representatives asking that the county's 2014 funding allocation reduction of \$6,600 be restored. The Historical Society has expressed ongoing concern with the County Board's decision to gradually reduce its annual allocation of levy dollars since this decision was made by Commissioners in 2010. At that time, the county's allocation represented over 54% of the Society's expense budget. With the 2014 contract, this amount has been reduced to 44.8%.

As additional background, a brief history of county funding for the Historical Society is attached. If the County Board wishes to provide an additional \$6,600 to the Society's 2014 contract, the total funding by St. Louis County will be \$317,998 representing 45.8% of the organization's total expense budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the County Board determine to increase the 2014 funding allocation to the St. Louis County Historical Society by \$6,600, a resolution is attached to accomplish this payable from funds identified in County Administration.

Increased Funding for the St. Louis County Historical Society 2014 Contract

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an increase of \$6,600 to the 2014 funding allocation contract with the St. Louis County Historical Society, with funds identified by County Administration, Fund 100, Agency 104001, Object 629900.

Historical Society Budget Allocations

St. Louis County Historical Society representatives have asked that the county's 2014 funding allocation reduction of \$6,600 be restored to its budget. The Historical Society has expressed ongoing concern with the County Board's decision to gradually reduce its annual allocation of county property tax dollars since this decision was made in 2010. At that time, the County Board felt that providing more than 54% of the Society's budget was extreme and determined to reduce that amount of funding support to better reflect what counties throughout the state were providing to other historical societies.

Below is a brief history of the county's funding support for the Historical Society since 2010, and funding projections over the next three years, based upon earlier County Board direction and planned allocations through the 2017 budget year. However, the County Board is free to revisit the funding support for the Society's budget for any of these future years.

HISTORY:

The goal set in 2010 by the County Board was to reduce the funding support to the Society from **\$324,598** annually to **\$291,598** by **2013**. At which time, the funding was to remain flat. However, even this lower level of funding was identified to be nearly 32% higher, on a per capita basis, than the average support provided by counties to historical societies throughout the state of Minnesota.

In 2011, due to continued requests by the Historical Society Board of Governors and its Executive Director, the County Board agreed extend the period of the planned reduction from three years to five years: reaching the **\$291,598** level by **2016**. The 2011 funding level was kept the same as in 2010. **(\$324,598)**

At that time, the new direction to Administration was to resume the phased reduction in county support by \$6,600 per year beginning with the 2012 budget and for the next consecutive years until reaching the 2016 goal. Therefore, in 2012 the planned reduction of \$6,600 per year was reinstated in the approved county budget allocation to the Society. **(\$317,998)**

In response to additional funding concerns voiced by the Society, in 2013 the County Board again slowed the overall reduction by freezing the Society's allocations at the previous year's funding level. **(\$317,998)**

With the approved 2014 County Budget, the Historical Society's funding allocation was again reduced by \$6,600, as approved by the County Board. **(\$311,398)**

FUTURE FUNDING:

It is anticipated that the county's future annual funding allocations to the St. Louis County Historical Society will continue to be reduced by \$6,600 each year as follows:

2015: **\$304,798**

2016: **\$298,198**

2017: **\$291,598**, at which time the county funding support will remain flat.

St. Louis County Historical Society

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Expense Budget*	\$ 596,000.00	\$ 654,628.00	\$ 651,209.00	\$ 803,813.00	\$ 694,913.00
County Contribution	\$ 324,598.00	\$ 324,598.00	\$ 317,998.00	\$ 317,998.00	\$ 311,398.00
				\$ 25,000.00	
	54.50%	49.60%	48.80%	42.40%	44.80%

*Total Expense Budget based on Total Operating Budget in budgets submitted with contracts with St. Louis County.

BOARD LETTER NO. 14 - 217

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: May 27, 2014 **RE:** Legislative Update

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

John Ongaro, Director
Intergovernmental Relations

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To implement the policy directions of the County Board through legislative priorities.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to hold a discussion of the final outcomes of the 2014 Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND:

With the close of the 2014 Minnesota Legislative Session, Intergovernmental Relations Director, John Ongaro will be present at the May 27 County Board Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the progress of the Board's legislative priorities, and the final results of the session.

2014 St. Louis County Legislative Priorities

December 17, 2013

1. Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC) - \$4 Million

- Located immediately north of Duluth in Grand Lake Township, this 3,200 acre work farm/correctional facility is from the Depression-era and has received few improvements since built in the 1930s. These dollars will be used for a variety of structural, energy and technology improvements to the 42 outbuildings located on the work farm property.
- NERCC puts the word “work” into the correctional workhouse concept. Instead of inmates watching TV all day, they are out working - working in the fields, farming, haying, raising chickens, turkeys and pigs. They also work in the carpentry, welding, and mechanic shops, and the greenhouse and food processing facility.
- As a result of the “work first” approach to correctional programming, NERCC has the lowest recidivism rate of any correctional facility in the state - at least 15% lower than all other facilities.

2. Sheriff’s Volunteer Rescue Squad Building Storage Facilities - \$837,000

- Remodel and upgrade the North and South St. Louis County Rescue Squad Buildings, renovating existing buildings into both operational headquarters and for storage of Rescue Squad vehicles and equipment.
- The St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad is a group of 65 people who help the Sheriff with land and water related emergency response, search and recovery. Rescue Squad members annually volunteer over 23,000 hours, including searching for missing persons, drowning recovery operations, motor vehicle extrication, etc.

3. Additional Regional (County-related) Bonding Projects

- \$8.5 million to the Voyageur’s National Park Clean Water Project- construction of sanitary sewage treatment facilities for treating and cleaning the waters flowing into the Voyageur’s National Park and the BWCAW.
- \$10 million for the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency’s proposed new office building in Virginia.
- Support Rice Lake Township Bonding Legislation and/or State Public Facilities Authority application for repairs/replacement of leaking water main.

4. Governor’s “UnSession” Item

“If I could wave a magic wand and eliminate all this duplication, redundancy, excessive paperwork and reporting, that would do more to restore citizens’ faith in government than just about anything else I can think of,” Dayton said in a Star Tribune interview, 11/17/13.

- St. Louis County’s #1 submittal: Streamlining the Environmental Review Process for transportation-related projects. All of the aforementioned problems, identified by the Governor, occur with this environmental permitting process.

5. Further Amend the State Minerals Management Account (MMA)

- Two years ago, the state amended this same law to include county tax forfeited trust lands as an additional Public Land Trust eligible to receive mineral royalty payments, along with State School Trust lands and Permanent University lands. This statutory change has already resulted in a handsome financial return for the taxpayers of St. Louis County.
- 20% of the MMA account is reserved for the DNR for administrative purposes. Once this 20% exceeds \$3 million, any amount over that cap is distributed proportionately back to the land trust that created it. The DNR is distributing this portion of the tax-forfeited trust to counties according to the same formula used to distribute the other 80% of the MMA (3/9 to each of the taxing districts).
- The county’s proposal is to amend the statute by requiring the DNR to distribute these funds through the same formula that distributes the proceeds from tax forfeited land sales. (Minn.Stat. Chapter 282.08). This allows counties to deduct all of their administrative costs first, before in any distribution to the other taxing districts. Provided that taconite production stays strong, this should net St. Louis County hundreds of thousands of additional dollars.

6. Cross Town Trail Tunnel at Haines Road - State Reimbursement

- This project was approved during the last legislative session when the Omnibus Parks and Trails Legacy Bill passed into law. One section of the new law included special funding (in excess of \$500,000) to pay for a variety of projects, including, the cost of building a pedestrian/bike/snowmobile tunnel under Haines Road in Duluth. However, post session, a drafting error was discovered in the bill and a technical change is now needed to fix the problem. Until then, none of the ten (10) funded projects in this section of the bill can receive their expected funding.
- The Haines Road Cross Town Trail Tunnel needed to be built during the 2013 construction season in conjunction with the entire Haines Road Reconstruction Project, and could not wait until the legislative fix in the 2014 session. Therefore, St. Louis County Public Works proceeded to build the tunnel during overall Haines Road construction. The county will appeal to the legislature to still fund the cross town tunnel, as was clearly intended, but to do through a reimbursement.

7. Little Stone Lake Dam/Transfer Dam – Return ownership and responsibility to the DNR

- This structurally deficient dam is on land that recently went tax forfeit making it the county's problem to own and maintain.
- Legally, the DNR is the "Dam Authority" for the entire state. The county proposes to transfer this tax forfeited parcel and the dam itself to the DNR with the appropriate responsibility for ownership and maintenance. By so doing, the county is simply fulfilling the statutory intent of the DNR being designated as the State "Dam Authority."

8. Annual Lands Bill and Sale of Minnesota Point Tax Forfeited Parcels

- The Lands Bill consists of the usual list of special sales of tax forfeited parcels that require legislative approval. There is one section of the bill, however, which is different than all the other provisions: the sale of specific tax forfeited parcels located on Minnesota Point (Park Point) in Duluth.
- The county's proposed legislation reads: "Notwithstanding Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subdivision 7a, tax forfeited land located on Minnesota Point, Duluth, MN which cannot be improved because of noncompliance with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape, frontage or access may, at the discretion of the county auditor, be offered and sold by the county auditor to any single, specific adjoining or adjacent landowner without notifying or offering to sell to all adjoining or adjacent landowners."
- The critical difference with this legislation compared with the usual procedure used for special sales of tax forfeited land is that these parcels will not be offered for sale to "all" adjacent property owners, a process that may result in some situations where certain adjacent owners adjoining the front or back side of the land to be sold, would suddenly find themselves without water access, road access or improvements. By leaving the specifics of any sale of tax forfeited lands on Minnesota Point to the discretion of the County Auditor (working in cooperation with the county's Land & Minerals Department and the city of Duluth), the sales can be structured in such a way that no land owner will lose future access to water, roads or improvements.

9. Wetlands

- Northeast Minnesota Wetland Mitigation Legislation. The State Board on Water and Soil Resources has issued "The Siting of Wetland Mitigation in NE Minnesota Report." The focus of the report is the presentation of various options and solutions to the unique wetland mitigation challenges faced in Northeastern Minnesota.
- In reaction to this report, legislation will likely be introduced from various interested parties, including from members of the county's own legislative delegation. The ultimate impact of any proposed legislation on St. Louis County and the region's economic future is considerable. It is crucial that the county play an active role in helping to shape any final legislation.
- The county has an excellent opportunity during the session to conduct an informational and educational hearing with the Environmental Committees of both the House and Senate. Specific focus would be on recent efforts towards streamlining the Environmental Review process for transportation-related projects. The county's Public Works Department has developed a powerful presentation on this issue, and it should be shared with as many key policymakers as possible.

10. Expand Local Government Sales Tax Exemption to tandem trucks used exclusively for highway maintenance

- Township governments currently enjoy this exemption and cities and counties believed it was covered in their 2013 sales tax exemptions, as well. Unfortunately, the Minnesota Department of Revenue recently ruled that these maintenance vehicles are not considered sales tax exempt.
- For counties as large as St. Louis, this exemption is substantial. It is estimated that it would save taxpayers between \$75,000 and \$150,000 each year, depending on the number of trucks purchased.
- State revenue loss from this statewide change is expected to be in the \$5 million to \$10 million range. It is not a loss to the General Fund, but rather to the MVEST Fund.

11. Other possible legislative issues, including several statewide county initiatives

- Local Government Sales Tax Exemption: Expand to include Joint Powers Boards, especially those exclusively consisting of local county or city officials.
- Repeal/Amend Warehouse Tax for publicly owned facilities
- Statewide Transportation Funding and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) changes.
- Shoreline Management: New DNR regulations.
- PILT Reform - Phase II: Require Legacy Fund land acquisitions to provide counties with PILT payments.
- Greater Transparency/Flexibility of Correctional Grants to counties
- County of Financial Responsibility requirements to be expanded to include ancillary services. Recent progress in implementation of the Olmstead Decision along with MnChoices helps neutralize this need.

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING May 19, 2014 - FINAL

Bill Description	House File #	House Author(s)	Senate File #	Senate Author(s)	FINAL OUTCOME (pending any gubernatorial line item veto's)
NERCC Bonding	1681	Murphy	1380	Tomassoni	Passed legislation but only at \$1,000,000 Chapter 294; Laws of Minnesota
Special Sale of Tax Forfeited Lands	2240	Dill	1874	Tomassoni	Passed Chapter 217
AEOA/Range Mental Health Office Building Bonding	2338	Metsa	1867	Tomassoni	Passed at \$3,000,000 Chapter 294
Sheriff's Rescue Squad Building Bonding	2501	Metsa	1848	Bakk	Passed with full funding \$700,000 Chapter 294
Rice Lake Township Water Main Bonding	2818	Murphy		Bakk	Passed with full funding \$1,168,000 Chapter 294
Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Bonding	313	Dill	201	Bakk	Passed with full funding \$8,600,000 Chapter 294
Arrowhead Regional Health & Wellness Center Bonding	2822	Murphy	2339	Bakk	Passed with full funding for design & planning \$250,000
Wetlands Reform & Modifications	2580	Roger Erickson	1971	Rod Skoe	Did Not Pass Information Hearing Only Were Held
Local Government Sales Tax Exemptions/JPA's	2422	Mike Freiberg	1860	Ann Rest	Passed Chapter 308
Warehouse Tax Repeal, Etc.	1777	Ann Lenczewski	Several potential companion bills.		Passed Chapter 150
Sales Tax Exemption for Tandem Trucks	2607	Swedzinski	2246	Koenen	Did Not Pass
Single Formula for Correctional Funding	2770	Sheldon Johnson	2348	Koenen	Did Not Pass
Staggered Term of Office County Board	3115	Melin	2565	Tomassoni	Passed Chapter 210
Reduction in County Taconite Aid	1777 (Tax Bill #1)	Ann Lenczewski	SAME	SAME	We were able to get a sunset. The amount of reduction will be restored in 2024 based on language in Chapter 308. We will be meeting to work on this; we need to resolve this much sooner than 2024.