

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MAY 11, 2021**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 11th day of May 2021, at 9:34 a.m., at the Rice Lake City Hall, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson and Chair Mike Jugovich - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Jugovich asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chair Jugovich acknowledged the effort and sacrifices that frontline workers have made during the pandemic.

City of Rice Lake Mayor John Werner welcomed the Board to Rice Lake. Mayor Werner said that the city is fiscally responsible; many city projects are funded using savings or government aid.

City of Rice Lake Councilor Suzanne Herstad gave the Board a presentation regarding broadband options for the City of Rice Lake. Councilor Herstad commented that the cost to build a fiber optic infrastructure for the entire city would be \$11.3 million.

Chair Jugovich opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda, and no one came forth.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #13, Appointment of 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization [21-211], was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved that the St. Louis County Board appoints the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2021: John Vigen, Duluth - Commissioner District #1; John Doberstein, Duluth - Commissioner District #2; Sherri Puckett, Duluth - Commissioner District #3; Leonard Cersine, Ely - Commissioner District #4; Tim Peterson, Hermantown - Commissioner District #5; Dawn Cole, Town of Fayal - Commissioner District #6; and Frank Bigelow, Hibbing - Commissioner District #7; that members be compensated at the rate of \$300 per meeting day (payable from Assessor's Department Fund 100, Agency 118001, Object #635300 – Non-employee fees) and be reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Department Object #635500 - Non-employee travel); and further, that the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is: Delegated all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization; To report the results of their deliberations back to the St. Louis County Board in the form of minutes kept by the Clerk of the County Board; Directed to hold at least one meeting day in the Government Services Center in Duluth, and one meeting day in the Government Services Center in Virginia, Minnesota. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray noted that there was a replacement resolution to correct a clerical error and the compensation rate was \$300 per meeting day. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 21-298.

The following Board and contract files were created from documents received by this Board:

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Linnea Mirsch, Public Health & Human Services Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-204, Appointments to the Heading Home St. Louis County Governance Board.—61477

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning & Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-202, Establish a Public Hearing for Proposed Round 2 Use of the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV CARES Act Funding and Amendment of the 2020 Action Plan.—61478

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning & Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-203, Establish a Public Hearing to Consider Tax Abatement for the City of Duluth – ST Paper 1, LLC.—61479

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jeremy Craker, Information Technology Director, and Donna Viskoe, Purchasing Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-210, 2021 IT Standard Equipment Order: Computers, Tablets and Laptops.—61480

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mary Garness, Public Records & Property Valuation Director, submitting Board Letter No. 21-211R, Appointment of 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.—61481

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Jason Meyer, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor, submitting Board Letter No. 21-199, Trail Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to the Hermantown Night Riders Snowmobile Club (Canosia Township).—61482

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Deputy Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor, submitting Board Letter No. 21-200, Withdrawal of State Tax Forfeited Land from Memorial Forest Status.—61483

Agreement for Fiscal Services 2021-2030 between the County of St. Louis, Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor, and the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB), Hill City, MN, during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2030.—21-370

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2020-013832, between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, for additional design work for the retaining wall, wayside and scenic overlook adjacent to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 61 in Duluth Township (CP 0061-465211/SAP 069-661-021).—21-371

Amendment No. 1, Original Damion No. 2020-014089, between the County of St. Louis and WSB & Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, for additional design work for intersection improvements at the intersection of CSAH 9 (Woodland Ave.) and CSAH 37 (Snively Road) in Duluth (CP 0000-464162/SP 118-160-024).—21-372

Agreement between St. Louis County and Wisconsin Central Ltd., for at-grade railroad crossing improvements for DOT 251850G and DOT 251905S located on CSAH 13 (Midway Road) in Hermantown (CP 0013-597368).—21-373

Department of Natural Resources 2020 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Contract Agreement, Contract No. 192804, PO No. 3000186911, in the amount of \$64,217 for the term March 2, 2021, to September 30, 2021.—21-374

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17157, between St. Louis County and Essentia Health, Ely, MN, for collaborative networking services between healthcare, mental health care, governmental social services, non-government social services and education services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-375

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17168, between St. Louis County and Marilyn Pershern, Gilbert, MN, for transportation services during the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.—21-376

Purchase of Service Agreement, Contract No. 17169, between St. Louis County and Renee Willemssen, Duluth, MN, for Farm to School Coordinator services during the period March 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022.—21-377

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jewell, resolutions numbered 21-285 through 21-297 and 21-299 through 21-303, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 4, 2021, are hereby approved.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-285

WHEREAS, The Heading Home St. Louis County (HHS LC) Governance Board acts as a neutral party in making decisions, in conjunction with funding sources, on behalf of homeless people and those at risk of homelessness in St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, Members are appointed by the City Council of Duluth and the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The HHS LC Governance Board has two (2) vacant seats: one (1) new appointment and one (1) reappointment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following applicant to the Heading Home St. Louis County Governance Board:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Rural Housing Coalition	Term ends 12/31/2023	Angela Neal

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board reappoints the following Governance Board member:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Reappointed</u>
Business Community	Term ends 12/31/2023	Shelly Lyn Holmes

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-286

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning a culvert replacement project over 6.00 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 100 within White Township; and

WHEREAS, The project begins at the intersection of CSAH 100 and CSAH 4 and extends northeasterly approximately 6.00 miles to the intersection with CSAH 99; and

WHEREAS, The improvement consists of removing and replacing culverts in said roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for said construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for County Project 0100-565144 and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary on behalf of the county. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to grant highway easements across tax forfeited lands necessary for the project.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-287

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County State Aid Highway 70 (Scott Road) and to replace the existing crossing structure (County Bridge 288, State Bridge L1037) over the Dunka River in the city of Babbitt (T62N, R12W); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structure at its existing location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for said construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for County Project (CP) 0070-366244, State Project (SP) 069-670-011, and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-288

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department plans to reconstruct a short segment of County Road 666 and to replace the existing crossing structure (County Bridge 872, State Bridge 88767) over the Canadian National Railroad tracks in the city of Hoyt Lakes (T59N, R14W); and

WHEREAS, These improvements consist of replacing the existing crossing structure at its existing location and reconstructing the roadway as determined necessary to provide for the safety and convenience of the public; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the existing highway right-of-way, certain lands are required for said construction, together with temporary construction easements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to proceed with the acquisition of the necessary lands and temporary easements for

County Project (CP) 0666-494515, State Project (SP) 069-598-073, and to execute the easement documents as may become necessary. Right-of-way is payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-289

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids has been issued and received by the St. Louis County Purchasing Division for Bid #5710 - 2021 Liquid Surface Treatment (Calcium Chloride/Magnesium Chloride), requesting services to furnish and apply 810,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Purchasing Division on April 21, 2021, and the low responsible bidder was EnviroTech Services, Inc., of Greeley, CO.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Purchasing Division to enter into contract with EnviroTech Services, Inc., of Greeley, CO, for 810,000 gallons of 38% liquid calcium chloride delivered and applied for the bid price of \$1.01 per gallon with a total cost of \$818,100.00 plus \$50,000 for alternates, for a total cost of \$868,100.00, payable from Fund 200, Agency 207001, Object 653400.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-290

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

CP 0056-284469, SP 069-656-018, STPF 6921(151) (Low); CP 0056-431717, SAP 069-656-019, SP 6908-69 (Tied); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 1, 2021, 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>
Northland Constructors Of Duluth, Inc.	4843 Rice Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803	\$4,099,999.00

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:

CP 0056-284469, SP 069-656-018, STPF 6921(151) (Low)

Fund 220, Agency 220532, Object 652700 – Federal Funds - \$1,360,000.00;

Fund 220, Agency 220532, Object 652700 – South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District - \$119,020.90;

Fund 220, Agency 220532, Object 652700 – City of Hermantown Funds - \$175,195.00;

Fund 204, Agency 204190, Object 652806 – St. Louis County Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$1,597,911.22.

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District, Fund 220, Agency 220532, Object 551625 - \$119,020.90;

City of Hermantown, Fund 220, Agency 220532, Object 551503 - \$175,195.00.

CP 0056-431717, SAP 069-656-019, SP 6908-69 (Tied)

Fund 220, Agency 220586, Object 652700 – State Aid Funds - \$380,326.92;

Fund 220, Agency 220586, Object 652700 – MNDOT Funds - \$467,544.96;

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

MNDOT, Fund 220, Agency 220586, Object 532304 - \$467,544.96.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-291

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

MP 0008-581749 (Low Prime) including 23 Projects; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 29, 2021, 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>
Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc.	4843 Rice Lake Rd. Duluth, MN 55803	\$355,892.50

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:

MP 0008-581749 (Low Prime) including 23 Projects

Fund 200, Agency 203617, Object 652800 – St. Louis County Local Levy Construction Funds - \$355,892.50.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-292

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

CP 0000-434930, SAP 069-596-013; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation & Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 29, 2021, 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>
Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.	P.O. Box 728 Gilbert, MN 55741	\$826,547.30

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:

CP 0000-434930, SAP 069-596-013

Fund 220, Agency 220553, Object 652700 – Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funds - \$534,165.50;

Fund 220, Agency 220553, Object 652700 – City of Tower Funds - \$292,381.80;

With additional revenue budgeted for expense:

City of Tower, Fund 220, Agency 220553, Object 551535 - \$292,381.80.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-293

WHEREAS, The City of Buhl has undertaken a city-wide utility reconstruction project in 2020 and 2021, which includes utility reconstruction on a portion of County State Aid Highway

(CSAH) 64 (Pennsylvania Avenue) from CSAH 125 (Forest Street) to Sharon Street during the 2021 construction season (City Project); and

WHEREAS, It was determined that the storm sewer on CSAH 64 needs replacement; and

WHEREAS, It is justified and considered mutually desirable for the County to complete a storm sewer reconstruction of CSAH 64 from CSAH 125 to Wanless Street during the 2021 construction season (County Project); and

WHEREAS, The County Project has been assigned number SAP 069-664-004/CP 0064-559598; and

WHEREAS, The City has entered into a contract with the low bidder, Casper Construction, Inc., for the City Project (hereinafter the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, The parties desire to benefit from economies of scale by joining forces in completion of the County Project, by including it as a change order to the City Project with Casper Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to execute a cooperative agreement between St. Louis County and the City of Buhl to define the project terms and responsibilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Buhl to complete the storm sewer rehabilitation of CSAH 64 (Pennsylvania Avenue) with the St. Louis County's share of the project estimated to be \$375,388.85, payable from Fund 220, Agency 220639, Object 652700.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-294

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified St. Louis County of special allocations of funds flowing through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) programs to address the current coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has conducted the required citizen participation process to determine need, eligibility, and priority for use of the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding through public comment and citizen advisory committee review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, HUD has provided an abbreviated public comment period on the proposed use of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding; and

WHEREAS, The comment period begins May 17, 2021, and will be completed May 27, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 9:35 A.M., at the Government Service Center in Duluth, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-295

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 469.1812 through § 469.1815, Abatement Authority, require that a public hearing be conducted prior to approving a tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 116J.993-116J.995, Business Subsidy Law, requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to granting any business subsidy in an amount greater than \$150,000 in value; and

WHEREAS, The City of Duluth, MN, has requested St. Louis County to consider up to \$600,000 in tax abatement to assist the City of Duluth and ST Paper 1, LLC to convert the existing Verso paper mill facility into a new tissue manufacturing plant and associated site development costs

for a site located at 100 N. Central Ave., Duluth, MN, 55807; and

WHEREAS, The specific parcels to be included in the tax abatement request are as follows: 010-0130-00170; 010-2700-00514; 010-2806-00010; 010-2806-00020; 010-2806-00030; 010-2806-00040; 010-4470-04220; 010-4470-04225; 010-4470-04230; 010-4470-04240; 010-4470-04250; 010-4470-05330; 010-4470-05480; 010-4470-05640; 010-4470-05650; 010-4470-05660; 010-4470-05670; 010-4470-05680; 010-4470-05700; 010-4470-05710; 010-4470-05720; 010-4470-05730; 010-4470-05740; 010-4470-05750; 010-4470-05760; 010-4470-05770; 010-4470-05780; 010-4490-00010; 010-4490-00040; 010-4490-00050; 010-4490-00060; 010-4490-00070; 010-4490-00080; 010-4490-00090; 010-4490-00100; 010-4490-00110; 010-4490-00120; 010-4490-00130; 010-4490-00135; 010-4490-00185; 010-4490-00215; 010-4490-00285; 010-4490-00505; 010-4490-02735; 010-4490-02862; 010-4490-07220; and 010-4490-07400.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 9:35 A.M., at the Grand Lake Town Hall, 5297 Highway 53, Saginaw, MN, to consider the request for tax abatement financing regarding the City of Duluth – ST Paper 1, LLC’s plan to convert the existing Verso paper mill facility into a new tissue paper manufacturing plant and associated site development costs.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-296

WHEREAS, In an effort to provide St. Louis County with the best possible pricing on laptop, desktop and tablet technologies, the Information Technology (IT) Department, in coordination with the Purchasing Division, have directed all departments that standardized computer purchases will utilize the State of Minnesota Contract Release C-1046(5); and

WHEREAS, One of the goals of the IT Department is to ensure common computing standards are followed throughout the county to ensure application compatibility, security, and supportability; and

WHEREAS, The IT Department has worked with each department to identify their specific computing needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Information Technology Department to utilize the State of Minnesota Contract Release C-1046(5) for the scheduled replacement of standardized computer hardware utilizing multiple equipment orders throughout the year totaling approximately \$436,178 utilizing Fund 100, Agency 117051, Object 640400, with funds transferred from the Information Technology assigned fund balance, Fund 100, Object 311139, where funds will be recouped from each department via Intra-County Transfer at the time that the equipment is deployed.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-297

WHEREAS, The Emergency Management Division of the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office receives the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) each year to assist the county’s Emergency Management program; and

WHEREAS, A Temporary Planner position was created to assist on the emergency management response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The State has awarded an additional \$41,064.00 to assist with expenses incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, which requires a \$41,064.00 local match.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes application and acceptance of the 2020 State of Minnesota, Emergency Management Performance COVID-19

Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$41,064.00, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 132999, Grant 13203.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to sign any associated contract documents.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-299

WHEREAS, The U.S. Forest Service has made available Title III funding for St. Louis County to carry out Firewise Communities activities; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office will enhance its preparation for wildland fires and emergency response as a result of this funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Sheriff's Office to use Title III funding for authorized Firewise Communities activities in the amount of \$33,280.18, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 135999, Grant 13503, Year 2021.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-300

WHEREAS, The Hermantown Night Riders Snowmobile Club has requested a non-exclusive trail easement across state tax forfeited land; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive trail easement to the Hermantown Night Riders Snowmobile Club across state tax forfeited lands located in Canosia Township as described in County Board File No. 61482.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment of a \$327 land use fee, \$150 administration fee, and \$66 recording fee (Abstract and Torrens), for a total of \$543 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-301

WHEREAS, The state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61483 are currently included in an established memorial forest; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 459.06, Subd. 3, state tax forfeited land which has been included in an established memorial forest and found more suitable for other purposes may, by resolution of the County Board, be withdrawn from the forest if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land; and

WHEREAS, The state tax forfeited parcels described here are more suitable for purposes other than forest management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61483 shall be withdrawn from Memorial Forest status.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-302

WHEREAS, An inspection by St. Louis County Land and Minerals Staff has determined that several tax forfeited structures located within the Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) service area are in poor condition and suitable for demolition; and

WHEREAS, The IRRR Residential Redevelopment Grant Program provides funding for the demolition of dilapidated residential structures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the

application to the IRRR for the Residential Redevelopment Grant Program.

Adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-303

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 274.13 requires that county commissioners constitute a County Board of Appeal and Equalization each year to hear complaints of taxpayers and review assessments of real and personal property throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, The statute empowers the County Board of Appeal and Equalization to appoint a Special Board of Appeal and Equalization to which it may delegate all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board, having reviewed the matter, determines it is in the public interest to appoint said Special Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2021:

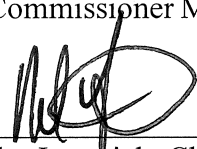
- John Vigen, Duluth Commissioner District #1
- John Doberstein, Duluth Commissioner District #2
- Sherri Puckett, Duluth Commissioner District #3
- Leonard Cersine, Ely Commissioner District #4
- Tim Peterson, Hermantown Commissioner District #5
- Dawn Cole, Town of Fayal Commissioner District #6
- Frank Bigelow, Hibbing Commissioner District #7

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is:


- Delegated all powers and duties of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization;
- To report the results of their deliberations back to the St. Louis County Board in the form of minutes kept by the Clerk of the County Board;
- Directed to hold at least one meeting day in the Government Services Center in Duluth, and one day in the Government Services Center in Virginia, Minnesota;
- To be compensated at the rate of \$300 per meeting day (payable from Assessor's Department Fund 100, Agency 118001, Object #635300 - Non-employee fees) and be reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Department Object #635500 - Non-employee travel).

Unanimously adopted May 11, 2021. No. 21-298

At 10:06 a.m., May 11, 2021, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.


Mike Jugovich, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:


Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor - *Phil Chapman /*
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board *Deputy Auditor*
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)