



## AGENDA

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

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 9:30 A.M.**

**Toivola Town Hall  
9063 Highway 5  
Meadowlands, Minnesota**

***Directions:** From US Hwy 53, head West on Co. Hwy 133; in approx. 15.6 miles, turn right onto County Hwy 5; in approx. 7.04 miles your destination will be on the left.*

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The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners welcomes you to this meeting. This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. The Board encourages your participation. Citizens can either appear at the meeting in person or submit comments for the public comment portion or for specific Board agenda items prior to the meeting by e-mailing them to [publiccomment@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:publiccomment@stlouiscountymn.gov). Except as otherwise provided by the Standing Rules of the County Board, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the agenda.

Comments to individual Commissioners or staff are not permitted. The St. Louis County Board promotes adherence to civility in conducting the business of the County. Civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issue before the Board. Tools of civility include: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism and take responsibility [County Board Resolution No. 560, adopted on September 9, 2003]. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes.

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9:30 A.M.      Moment of Silence  
                    Pledge of Allegiance  
                    Roll Call

AT THIS TIME CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. [Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes each.]

FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE BOARD AGENDA OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA, CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AT THE TIME A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of business submitted on the consent agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner McDonald, Chair**

1.      Enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the United States Forest Service and accept federal funding for a Public Land Survey System Restoration Project (Township 57, Range 14). {21-267} [**Has not been to committee; requires consent of the Board for consideration.**]

**AJOURNED:**

**NOTE: At the conclusion of the County Board meeting, the St. Louis County Drainage Authority will convene.**

# BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 267

## PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

JUNE 22, 2021 BOARD AGENDA NO.1

**DATE:** June 22, 2021                      **RE:** Enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USFS and Accept Federal Funding for a PLSS Restoration Project (Township 57, Range 14)

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

James T. Foldesi  
Public Works Director/ Highway Engineer

### **RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:**

To provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USDA Forest Service - Superior National Forest (USFS) to allow the USFS and St. Louis County Land Survey Division to work cooperatively on restoring Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corners in Township 57 North, Range 14 West (614115).

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Land Survey Division of the St. Louis County Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining the PLSS within St. Louis County. Township 57 North, Range 14 West is a township where the ownership is primarily USFS and Tax Forfeited lands. The project will require the combined expertise of the USFS and the Land Survey Division in order to restore and maintain corners in the township.

The USFS is the project sponsor and will administer the project in partnership with St. Louis County. The USFS will coordinate, review, and provide final corner certificates for the project. St. Louis County's primary role will be to provide the necessary field work to restore and maintain the PLSS corners in the project.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$156,400. The USFS will contribute 77% in salaries/labor and other services related to the project. St. Louis County will contribute 23% in salaries/labor and other services related to the project. The USFS will

reimburse St. Louis County \$100,000 for salaries/labor and other services related to the project.

The funds received by St. Louis County will be utilized by the Land Survey Division in support of future PLSS remonumentation projects and division initiatives.

Federal funds received for this project will be receipted into Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 540114. The additional revenue of \$100,000.00 will be budgeted for expense in Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 626600.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USFS whereby the County will work cooperatively with the USFS to restore corners in Township 57 North, Range 14 West (614115).

**Enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the USFS and Accept Federal Funding for a PLSS Restoration Project (Township 57, Range 14)**

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

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department has developed a federal "Good Neighbor Agreement" with the USDA Forest Service, Superior National Forest (USFS); and

WHEREAS, The ownership in Township 57 North, Range 14 West is primarily USFS and tax forfeited; and

WHEREAS, The USFS and St. Louis County have common interests in PLSS remonumentation in the township; and

WHEREAS, The USFS is the project sponsor and will coordinate and administer the project in partnership with St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The USFS will contribute 77% in salaries/labor and other services related to the project and St. Louis County will contribute 23% in salaries/labor and other services related to the project with the USFS reimbursing St. Louis County \$100,000 for salaries/labor and other services related to the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board is hereby authorized to enter into agreement No. 21-GN-11090900-045 and approve any amendments authorized by the County Attorney.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Federal Funds received for this project will be receipted into Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 540114, and the additional revenue of \$100,000.00 will be budgeted for expense in Fund 200, Agency 200122, Object 626600, and will be utilized by the Land Survey Division in support of future PLSS remonumentation projects and division initiatives.