



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

June 22, 2021

Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Toivola Town Hall, 9063 Highway 5, Meadowlands, MN

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

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 June 8, 2021

Health & Human Services Committee, Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Host County Contract with Lutheran Social Services for Emergency Shelter Services [21-268]

Public Works & Transportation Committee, Commissioner McDonald, Chair

2. Acquisition of Right of Way for County Project CP 0009-382898 by Eminent Domain Proceedings [21-269]
3. Agreement with the City of Duluth for Construction on Boundary Avenue and Park Place [21-270]

Public Safety & Corrections Committee, Commissioner Grimm, Chair

4. Reallocation of One Information Specialist II Position to Information Specialist III [21-271]
5. Amend the Agreement for Food Services with Upper Lakes Food for the St. Louis County Jail [21-272]
6. Application and Acceptance of the 2021 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant [21-273]
7. Request to Apply for Renewal of the Crime Victims Services Grant [21-274]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee, Commissioner Musolf, Chair

8. Application and Acceptance of IRRR Commercial Redevelopment Grant [21-275]
9. Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-744 and Authorize State Tax Forfeited Lease – Hibbing Taconite Company [21-276]
10. State Tax Forfeited Lease – Hibbing Taconite Company [21-277]
11. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Gustafson Bros Co (Non-Homestead) [21-278]
12. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Gustafson (Non-Homestead) [21-279]
13. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lochner (Homestead) [21-280]
14. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Nelson-Gustafson (Non-Homestead) [21-281]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. Establish Public Hearing on an Amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan and on Intent to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds (Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 9:35 a.m., Government Services Center, Duluth, MN) [21-282]

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. Schedule a Public Hearing for Petition to Revoke Portion of Savanna Road in Halden Township (Monday, August 2, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Halden Town Hall, 5523 South Savanna Rd., Floodwood, MN) [21-283]

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 McDonald, Chair

1. **Controlled Access Relocation CSAH 4 (Hennessey Request) [21-284]**
Resolution authorizing the removal of the existing entrance and relocation of the entrance on County State Aide Highway (CSAH) 4.
2. **State Contract Purchase of Modified Truck Snow Gear [21-285]**
Resolution authorizing the purchase order for installation of modified truck snow gear from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, Minnesota.

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. **Requesting a State Legislative Financial Solution in the Enbridge Energy, L.P. Tax Court Findings [21-286]**
Resolution requesting a State financial solution to all years of the final Enbridge Energy, L.P. apportionable market values as ordered by the Minnesota Tax Court.
2. **Establishment of a St. Louis County Boarder-to-Border Broadband Grant Program [21-287]**
Resolution approving the establishment of the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. **Commissioner Appointments to St. Louis County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group [21-288]**
Resolution appointing two County Commissioners to participate on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group for a term expiring December 31, 2022.
2. **Commissioner Appointments to Northeast Regional ATV Trail Board of Directors [21-289]**
Resolution appointing two County Commissioners to serve as Board members and one County Board member to serve as an alternate board member on the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Board of Directors.
3. **Closed Session**
The County Attorney has requested a closed session of the Committee of the Whole for litigation purposes. It is requested that the County Board convene a closed session immediately after the Board meeting adjourns.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Commissioners may introduce items for future discussion, or report on past and upcoming activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

July 6, 2021 **Government Services Center, 320 W. 2nd St., Duluth, MN**

July 13, 2021 **Bois Forte & Vermilion Lake Township, Fortune Bay, 1430 Bois Forte Road,
Tower, MN**

July 27, 2021 **Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN**

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 2021

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson and Chair Jugovich

Absent: None

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Boyle/Musolf moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #3, Reschedule Location for July 6, August 3, September 7, September 14, and October 5, 2021 County Board Meetings [21-261] was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (7-0)

- Minutes of June 1, 2021
- Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grant "Thrive Range" [21-259]
- Acquisition of Right of Way – Intersection Improvement Project at CSAH 7 and MN Trunk Highway 33 (Industrial Township) [21-260]
- Minnesota State Auditor's 2021 Performance Measurement Program Report [21-262]

Public Works & Transportation Committee

McDonald/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes a Joint Powers Agreement between the counties of Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis for planning, funding, construction, and management & maintenance of regional motorized trails; and further, that appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute such Agreement. [21-263]. Commissioner McDonald commented that the Joint Powers Board will help better manage and coordinate ATV trail projects. St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray said that the Joint Powers Board will consist of four members, with two representatives of St. Louis County, one representative from Lake County, and one representative from Koochiching County, along with one alternative from each county. St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi commented that in the past, ATV clubs have acted independently of each other, which has led to a lack of coordination and prioritization of ATV trail development projects. The Joint Powers Board will create a comprehensive plan for all counties that would help to prioritize projects and ensure projects are completed in a timely manner. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

Finance & Budget Committee

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board approve the 2021 first quarter budget changes. [21-264]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Musolf/Nelson moved that pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Minn. Stat. § 373.01, Subdivision (i), the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor are authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying unimproved nonconforming fee land, parcel 415200-0010-07460, located in Lakewood Township, to Jeremy D. Tinquist and Brianna R. Tinquist for the amount of \$1,620, payable to Fund 100, Agency 128014, Object 583202. The grantee(s) are also responsible for deed tax and recording fees. [21-265]. The motion passed. (7-0)

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board designates the priorities for its 2022 Capital Appropriations request as follows: 1. Virginia Regional Landfill Expansion/Improvements, 2. St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center Life/Safety, HVAC and related improvements, 3. St. Louis County Fair Animal Buildings, and further, that the St. Louis County Board directs the appropriate County staff to submit these priorities to the State of Minnesota as part of the application process. [21-266].

Jewell/Boyle moved to amend the motion to list the Virginia Regional Landfill Expansion/Improvements and the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center Life/Safety, HVAC and related improvements as the top priority. Chair Jugovich asked if the Board could list two projects as the top priority. In response, St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that administration has contacted the state regarding the numbering of projects; however, the state has not provided clarification. According to the process outlined in the application, prioritization of projects is required. Commissioner Grimm commented that the landfill might be a more important issue; however, it makes more budget sense to prioritize funding for the Depot because other funding may be available for the landfill. Commissioner Nelson said that Depot repairs are necessary to preserve the historic building, but the landfill deals with significant public health concerns and should be the Board's top priority. The landfill proposal would treat Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and would extend the life of the landfill by 50 to 70 years.

A Point of Personal Privilege was requested at 10:31 a.m. At 10:48 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Discussion continued regarding 2022 Capital Appropriations priorities. St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Director Mary Tennis discussed various building issues. Director Tennis said that the HVAC system needs to be replaced and recently an air handler exploded. In addition, there may be the need for mold abatement and plumbing and electrical upgrades. Commissioner Boyle commented that the only avenue for Depot funding is bonding; whereas, there are potentially other funding options for the landfill including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. St. Louis County Intergovernmental Relations Director John Ongaro said that legislative bonding committees use the list to decide what projects they will visit during their fall site visits. Regardless of which project is listed as the top priority, the county will be contacted prior to visits and other projects can be added to the tours. A roll call vote was taken to the amendment, and the amendment failed. (3-4, McDonald, Musolf, Nelson, Jugovich). Commissioner Jewell mentioned that the landfill is an unknown process and it is uncertain if Iron Range communities will support the landfill. Commissioner Grimm commented that it makes fiscal sense to prioritize the projects based on available funding streams. Because of this, the Depot should be listed as the top priority. Commissioner McDonald said that he was confident that the finance committees would visit both the Depot and the landfill. The proposed landfill project is innovative technology and could make St. Louis County a leader in the state. Commissioner Musolf said that he did not support the amendment because it was not viable. He is supportive of listing the landfill as the top priority because the project affects areas countywide. The motion passed. (5-2, Jewell, Grimm).

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board will adjust its 2021 Board Meeting schedule to reschedule the following meetings from the Duluth Courthouse to the Duluth Government Services Building: July 6, 2021; August 3, 2021; September 7, 2021; September 14, 2021; October 5, 2021. [21-261]. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger commented that the county is working with the architect to develop design plans to renovate the Duluth Courthouse County Board Room; the plans will be brought to the Board for review. The primary reason for the location change request is to plan for future public hearings. Commissioner Nelson requested that the September 14, 2021 meeting be scheduled at the Virginia Courthouse to coincide with an open house celebration to recognize remodeling at the Virginia Courthouse. Jewell/Boyle amended the motion to change the location of September 14, 2021 meeting to the Virginia Courthouse. Commissioner Boyle commented that the County Board Room needs various upgrades including Information Technology (IT), lighting and sound. After further discussion, the motion passed. (7-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

None

At 11:46 a.m., McDonald/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (7-0)

Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 268

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Host County Contract with
Lutheran Social Services for
Emergency Shelter Services

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Linnea Mirsch, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Children will be born healthy, live a life free from abuse and neglect and will have a permanent living arrangement.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a Host County Contract with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) for the purchase of children and family services from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) brings forward multiple agreements for children and family services, including out of home placement and related services. PHHS has identified a certain population of children in need of emergency shelter services. These are services that are used by PHHS, as well as services where the Department serves as Host County, enabling other counties to use the services through the Host County contract.

The number of children in St. Louis County in need of emergency shelter placement due to child protection concerns and/or awaiting alternative placement is a trend that has been in decline since 2019. The focus on increasing available placement resources like relative foster care has been a top priority across the State.

PHHS extended the CY2020 contract with LSS through June 30, 2021 for the purpose of engaging in resource development and evaluation discussions regarding the changing needs of emergency shelter placement and the continuum of services needed for the families of children in need of emergency out of home placement. LSS is

committed to provide these services through its Bethany Crisis Shelter in Duluth through 2021 and beyond. However, the data to support continuing services in northern St. Louis County does not justify maintaining emergency shelter services at the Family Resource Center in Virginia. The shelter services in Virginia have been unstaffed since May 2021; PHHS and LSS mutually agreed to terminate those services effective May 28, 2021.

Payments for LSS shelter costs which are non-client specific will be made in monthly installments not to exceed the term maximum for Bethany Crisis Shelter, only applicable for St. Louis County clients and provides for maintenance of adequate staffing, capacity and related services. Client specific services will be billed at the per diem of \$215 per day, for utilization above the SLC 7-bed reserve/1288 days of care; to be reconciled at the end of CY2021. The Host County Contract per diem will be the same as the SLC per diem.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a Host County Contract with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) for the purchase of emergency shelter services from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at the following rates:

St. Louis County Specific Services & Rates: July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Emergency Shelter Services:	Rates:
<i>Bethany Crisis Shelter:</i>	
SLC PHHS/Non-Client Specific 7- bed reserve per month, totaling 1288 days of care.	\$276,920 (Monthly installments of \$46,153.33)
SLC Per diem above the 7-bed reserve; to be reconciled at the end of CY2021.	\$215/day
Host County Per Diem	\$215/day
	The maximum amount to be paid for SLC PHHS/Non-Client Specific Emergency Shelter Services shall not exceed \$276,920.

Payable from Fund 230, Agency 232008, Objects 601200 (Out-of-Home Placement Costs, and 601600 (Children's Mental Health Services):

**Host County Contract with Lutheran Social Services
for Emergency Shelter Services**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) has identified a certain population of children in need of emergency shelter services;

WHEREAS, These are services that are used by PHHS, as well as services where the Department serves as Host County, enabling other counties to use the services through the Host County contract; and

WHEREAS, The number of children in St. Louis County in need of emergency shelter placement due to child protection concerns and/or awaiting alternative placement is a trend that has been in decline since 2019;

WHEREAS, The focus on increasing available placement resources like foster care has been a top priority across the State; and

WHEREAS, PHHS extended the CY2020 contract with LSS through June 30, 2021 for the purpose of engaging in resource development and evaluation discussions regarding the changing needs of emergency shelter placement and the continuum of services needed for the families of children in need of emergency out of home placement; and

WHEREAS, PHHS and LSS mutually agreed to terminate shelter services in Virginia effective May 28, 2021 and to maintain the Bethany Crisis Shelter as the primary shelter resource in St. Louis County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes a Host County Contract with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) for the purchase of emergency shelter services from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at the following rates:

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Payable from Fund 230, Agency 232008, Objects 601200 (Out-of-Home Placement Costs, and 601600 (Children's Mental Health Services).

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 269

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Acquisition of Right of Way for
County Project CP 0009-382898
by Eminent Domain
Proceedings

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 the acquisition of the necessary right of way for construction of County Project (CP) 0009-382898, SP 069-609-047 through eminent domain proceedings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning to make improvements to the Woodland Avenue/County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 and Snively Road intersection, as well as a mill and overlay of Woodland Avenue from Arrowhead Road to Anoka Street. In conjunction with these improvements, mill and overlay of Snively Road and the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Snively Road, Glenwood Street, and Jean Duluth Road (CSAH 37) is programmed in 2022. Acquisition of right of way for these projects was authorized by County Board Resolution No. 20-288 adopted on June 2, 2020. However, part of the right of way necessary for the 2021 construction of this project has not yet been acquired by negotiation and direct purchase. Acquiring the necessary right of way through eminent domain proceedings will allow for the timely construction of County Project (CP) 0009-382898, SP 069-609-047

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Attorney to acquire the remaining right of way necessary for the project through eminent domain proceedings payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001.

Acquisition of Right of Way for County Project CP 0009-382898 by Eminent Domain Proceedings

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department is planning to make improvements to the Woodland Avenue (CSAH 9) and Snively Road intersection, as well as a mill and overlay of Woodland Avenue from Arrowhead Road to Anoka Street; and

WHEREAS, A mill and overlay of Snively Road and also the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Snively Road, Glenwood Street, and Jean Duluth Road (CSAH 37) in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Acquiring the necessary right of way through eminent domain proceedings will allow for the timely construction of County Project (CP) 0009-382898, SP 069-609-047; and

WHEREAS, Acquisition of right of way for this project was authorized by County Board Resolution 20-288 adopted on June 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The following described parcel of needed right of way has not yet been acquired by negotiation and direct purchase and is for the total take of the property:

Parcel 1

Owners and Interests:

Joseph Holzem
1940 Woodland Avenue
Duluth, MN 55803

Property Legal Description

Lot One (1), Block Thirty (30) FIRST GLEN AVON DISTRICT OF DULUTH,
except the Southerly 10 feet thereof
St. Louis County Tax Parcel No. 010-1830-00930

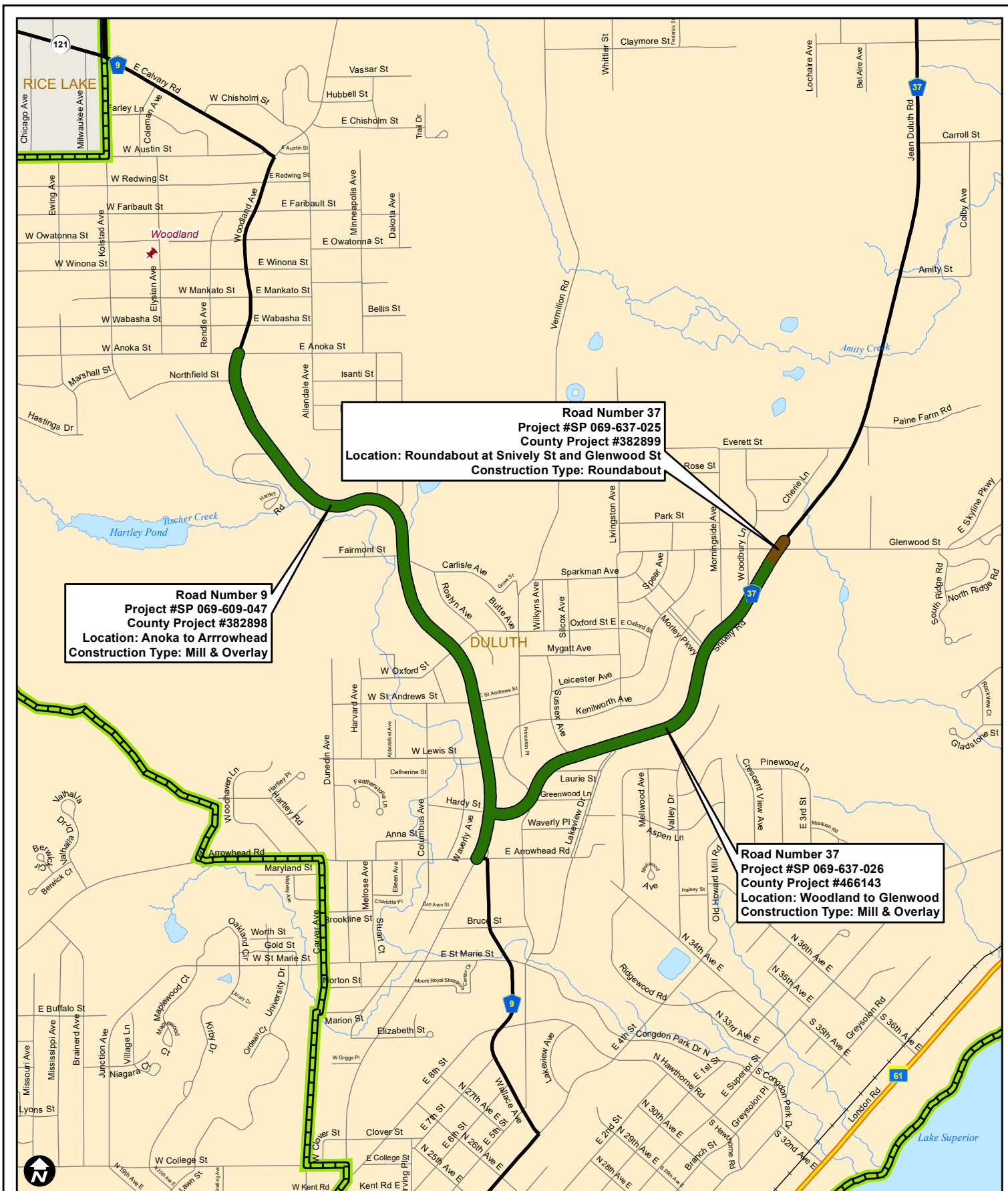
Property Physical Address:

1940 Woodland Avenue
Duluth, MN 55803

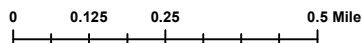
Rights to be acquired:

Lot One (1), Block Thirty (30) FIRST GLEN AVON DISTRICT OF DULUTH,
except the Southerly 10 feet thereof
St. Louis County Tax Parcel No. 010-1830-00930

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.02 et.al., authorizes the County Attorney to proceed under Minn. Stat. § 117.012 et. al., to acquire the remaining necessary highway right of way by condemnation proceedings, payable from Fund 200, Agency 203001, Objects 636500, 636600, and 637500.



St. Louis County 2022 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components

2022 Road & Bridge Construction

- Roundabout
- Mill & Overlay
- Interstate Highway
- U.S./State Highway

- County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Paved
- County/Unorg. Twp. Road - Gravel
- Local Road/City Street
- Railroad
- Commissioner District

- Township Boundary
- City/Town
- Lake
- River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 270

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Agreement with the City of
Duluth for Construction on
Boundary Avenue and Park
Place

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 an agreement with the City of Duluth for construction on Boundary Avenue (CSAH 14) and Park Place (City of Duluth Street).

BACKGROUND:

The County Public Works Department has a sidewalk construction project programmed for construction in 2023 on Boundary Avenue between Anchor Street and Orchard Street (CP 0014-376295 / SP 069-614-022). The City of Duluth has a proposed street improvement project scheduled for construction in 2023 on Park Place adjacent to Boundary Avenue. It is justified and mutually beneficial to combine the County and Duluth project to mutually benefit from economies of scale, mobilization, and contract administration and an agreement needs to be authorized to deliver the project to completion. The Duluth construction will be done under the above project by means of non-participating items in the construction plan. This work will be funded by Duluth local funds and is estimated to be \$30,000.00.

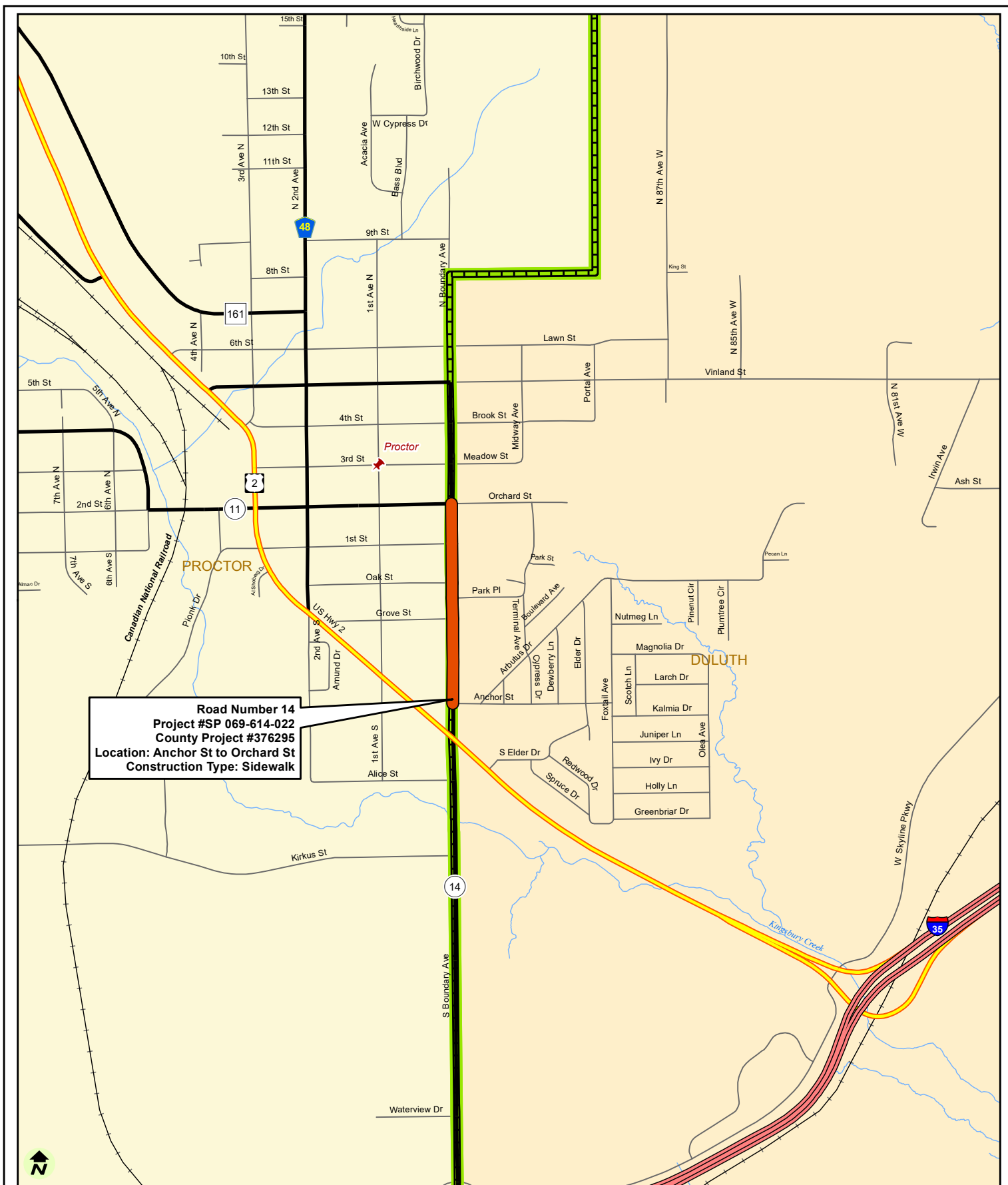
RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize an agreement with the City of Duluth for the proposed construction on Boundary Avenue between Anchor Street and Orchard Street (CP 0014-376295) and on Park Place. The funds from the City of Duluth will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220641, Object 551501.

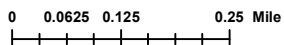
**Agreement with the City of Duluth for Construction on Boundary Avenue and
Park Place**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes an agreement, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, with the City of Duluth for the construction on Boundary Avenue between Anchor Street and Orchard Street (CP 0014-376295) and on Park Place whereby the City of Duluth will pay the "City of Duluth Non-Participating" local share items listed in the plan. The funds from the City of Duluth will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220641, Object 551501.



St. Louis County 2023 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components

- 2023 Road & Bridge Construction**
- Sidewalk Construction
 - Interstate Highway
 - U.S./State Highway

- County Road - Paved
- County Road - Gravel
- Local Road/City Street
- Railroad
- Commissioner District

- Township Boundary
- City/Town
- Lake
- River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 271

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Reallocation of One
Information Specialist II
Position to Information
Specialist III

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

James R. Gottschald, Director
Human Resources and Administration

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance operational efficiency.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the reallocation of one (1) 1.0 FTE Sheriff's Office Information Specialist II position to one (1) 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III position.

BACKGROUND:

When vacancies occur in the Sheriff's Office, a review is done to determine if those positions should be filled, and if so, should they be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Office and the customers served. The Sheriff's Office recently conducted this review when an Information Specialist II position became vacant. Due to the previous reduction of clerical FTE's and the need to have staff cross trained in all functions of these clerical positions, it was apparent that the work being performed, is at a higher level of administrative support. Additionally, there has been a sustained increase in workload. But most importantly, the need to extract, analyze and interpret information as well as more judgement and decision making skills requiring a complex/higher functioning skillset.

The Sheriff's Office requested a position reallocation review by Human Resources. On June 9, 2021, Human Resources reallocated the vacant Information Specialist II

position to the Information Specialist III class. Because this reallocation is more than three pay grades, County Board approval is required.

This position will be located in the Duluth Sheriff's Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the reallocation of one (1) vacant 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Position code 0411-044), Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10), to a 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14), in the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, resulting in an annual increase of approximately \$4,583 for the position (dependent upon the starting salary of a successful candidate) to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129000, Object 610100.

Reallocation of One Information Specialist II Position to Information Specialist III

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, When a vacancy occurs in the Sheriff's Office, a review is done to determine if the positions should be filled as is or if they should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Office and the customers it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office and Human Resources Department conducted such a review when this Information Specialist II position became vacant and determined that reallocation to the Information Specialist III class was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, County fiscal policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go to the County Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, This position will be located in the Duluth Sheriff's Office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the reallocation of one (1) 1.0 FTE Information Specialist II position (Position codes 0411-044), Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B10), to 1.0 FTE Information Specialist III (Civil Service Basic Unit Pay Plan, Pay Grade B14), in the Sheriff's Office, resulting in a total increase of approximately \$4,583, dependent upon the starting salary of a successful candidate, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 129000, Object 610100.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 272

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Amend the Agreement for
Food Services with Upper
Lakes Food for the St. Louis
County Jail

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To enhance public safety.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the increased cost with Upper Lakes Foods, Cloquet, MN and amend the agreement for the St. Louis County Jail Food Services.

BACKGROUND:

The Purchasing Division prepared a solicitation for the South Facility's Food Services, Request for Proposals (RFP) 5563, back in the Spring of 2020, to ensure establishment of a new qualified contractor to provide food services to meet the nutritional needs of inmates and to provide the specified nutritional requirements in compliance with the Minnesota Department of Health, as well as the Minnesota Department of Corrections Regulations.

The following information indicates the vendors which had submitted proposals:

Indianhead Foodservice Distributor
Trinity Services Group, Incorporated
Upper Lakes Foods

Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Oldsmar, Florida
Cloquet, Minnesota

Upon review it was determined that Upper Lakes Foods was the Responder whose Proposal best demonstrated, in St. Louis County's sole opinion, the clear capability to best fulfill the purpose of the Request for Proposals in a cost-effective manner.

However, at the time of contracting, the annual estimated cost, based on the previous year (2019) was \$200,000.00. Since then, review of the Jail's expenditures has shown the actual accrued expense is around \$101,000.00 quarterly.

Because the RFP did not specify a not to exceed dollar figure but utilized unit pricing for food and food related items, a revision to the estimated annual cost would not conflict with and Purchasing Rules and Regulations. As a result, the Board is asked to amend the existing agreement to reflect the increased costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize an increase to the allowed estimated annual cost of the agreement with Upper Lakes Foods, Cloquet, Minnesota, for the purchase of food services for the St. Louis County Jail, to an estimated annual cost of \$400,000.00, for the remainder of this Contract Term, as well as any allowed additional, optional, one (1) year extensions, and payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, and Object Code 635500

**Amend the Agreement for Food Services with Upper Lakes Food for the St. Louis
County Jail**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division previously prepared a solicitation for the South Facility's Food Services, Request for Proposals (RFP) 5563, to ensure establishment of a new qualified contractor to provide food services to meet the nutritional needs of inmates and to provide the specified nutritional requirements in compliance with the Minnesota Department of Health, as well as the Minnesota Department of Corrections Regulations; and

WHEREAS, At the time of contracting, the annual estimated cost, based on the previous year (2019) was \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Since then, review of the St. Louis County Jail's expenditures has shown the actual accrued expense is around \$101,000.00 quarterly; and

WHEREAS, The RFP did not specify a not to exceed dollar figure but utilized unit pricing for food and food related items, a revision to the estimate annual cost would not conflict with and Purchasing Rules and Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorize an increase to the allowed estimated annual cost of the agreement with Upper Lakes Foods, Cloquet, Minnesota, for the purchase of food services for the St. Louis County Jail, to an estimated annual cost of \$400,000.00, for the remainder of this Contract Term, as well as any allowed additional, optional, one (1) year extensions, and payable from Fund 100, Agency 137002, and Object Code 635500

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 273

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Application and Acceptance of
the 2021 Comprehensive
Opioid, Stimulant, and
Substance Abuse Site-based
Program (COSSAP) Grant

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ross Litman
Sheriff

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To promote the well-being of county citizens.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the application and acceptance of the 2021 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to assist with substance abuse disorder recovery.

BACKGROUND:

In March of 2020, the Arnold Ventures and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) selected St. Louis County to receive a grant to fund a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Navigator at the St. Louis County Jail and to provide training for peer recovery support specialists and transportation for offenders to treatment facilities from March 2020 through March 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the term of the grant was extended through August 2021.

St. Louis County has the opportunity to apply for additional funding of up to \$900,000 through the 2021 COSSAP Grant. St. Louis County would like to continue funding the MAT Navigator position at the St. Louis County Jail and enter into an agreement with Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD) to continue to provide peer recovery support to individuals involved in the criminal justice system. These services have proven effective over the last year to ensure individuals with substance use disorders are being

connected to services while incarcerated or involved in the criminal justice system—increasing the likelihood of ongoing recovery and reducing the risk of an overdose.

Beginning January 12, 2021, our current MAT navigator has received 130 inmate program referrals. She has met and helped navigate through their release on 112 of those. On average since January, we have had 15 active MAT program inmates in custody each day (either with Suboxone or Methadone). On average, we have 10 additional daily inmates somewhere in the process to be screened for participation in the program. Out of the 112 inmates that have been in the program, half of them have been released to another Correctional facility such as NERCC, Female Offender Program, another county jail, or Department of Corrections etc. About a quarter of the total has gone to a treatment program and the other quarter has been released to the street. In every single case, the MAT navigator has either worked with the treatment program or correctional facility so the person could continue on the program while in their custody or worked directly with community partners, so the person had a plan once released.

There will be no impact on St. Louis County's FTE complement and no financial obligation to these positions when the grant period ends.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of the 2021 COSSAP grant up to \$900,000 over a three-year grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, to support a MAT Navigator and peer recovery specialist activities in St. Louis County, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 137999, Grant 13703, Year 2021.

Application and Acceptance of the 2021 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, In March of 2020, the Arnold Ventures and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) selected St. Louis County to receive a grant to fund a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Navigator at the St. Louis County Jail and to provide training for peer recovery support specialists and transportation for offenders to treatment facilities from March 2020 through March 2021; and

WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the term of the grant was extended through August 2021; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has the opportunity to apply for additional funding through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of grant funds of up to \$900,000 to continue to support a MAT Navigator position at the St. Louis County Jail, and execute a contract, approved by the County Attorney, with Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD) to provide peer recovery support activities and transportation for offenders to treatment facilities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the required agreements, and any amendments approved by the County Attorney, to provide services and receive funds, to be accounted for in Fund 100, Agency 137999, Grant 13703, Year 2021.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the position to be eliminated upon completion of the three-year term of the COSSAP Grant, if no other funding source is identified.

Exhibit A
GRANT APPROVAL FORM

This form must be completed for any and all grants.

SECTION I—GRANT INFORMATION (to be completed by department's assigned accounting staff)

Please Note: It is acceptable that some details are later added (once the grant is awarded).

GRANT NAME: COSSAP **GRANT PERIOD:** Oct. 1, 2021
(if known) (begin date)
GRANTOR: DOJ/OJP/BJA Oct. 1, 2024
(end date)
FUND: 100 **AGENCY:** 137999 **GRANT:** 13703 **GRANT YEAR:** 2021

Indicate the source of funds—(check all that apply)

☐ **Local**—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____ Amount: _____
(Apply) (Accept)

Local Agency: _____

☐ **State**—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____ Amount: _____
(Apply) (Accept)

State Agency: _____

☒ **Federal**—Object Code: 540500 Amount: 900,000 Amount: _____
(Apply) (Accept)

Grant Agreement (State Contract) #: _____
(if federal dollars are passed through state)

Federal Agency: BJA **CFDA#:** 16.838

Federal Agency: _____ **CFDA#:** _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)

Federal Agency: _____ **CFDA#:** _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: 900,000

Expenditure for match amount should be moved into grant code. However, if this is *not* possible, indicate where expenditures will be accounted for.

FUND: _____ **AGENCY:** _____ **OBJECT:** _____ **PROJECT:** _____ **AMOUNT:** _____
FUND: _____ **AGENCY:** _____ **OBJECT:** _____ **PROJECT:** _____ **AMOUNT:** _____
FUND: _____ **AGENCY:** _____ **OBJECT:** _____ **PROJECT:** _____ **AMOUNT:** _____

TOTAL MATCH AMOUNT: N/A

ACCOUNTING STAFF (who is primarily responsible for fiscal oversight of grant):

NAME: Lindsay VanGuilder **PHONE:** 218-726-2396

DEPARTMENT CONTACT (who is primarily responsible for program/project outcomes of grant):

NAME: Capt Jessica Pete **PHONE:** 218-726-2396

****IMPORTANT****

Please submit this document (SECTION I) to the department contact, providing direction regarding which form should be completed.

☒ **New** (first-time submitted) or previously-submitted grant—**Complete Form A**

☐ Request for recurring grant to be included in December Budget Resolution*—**Complete Form B**

☐ Request for amendment of previously adopted Board Resolution—**Complete Form C**

*Departments must complete **Form B** for any grant (of any amount) that is included in the proposed budget.

SECTION II—APPROVAL (to be completed by department contact)
Form A (New or Previously-Submitted Grant)

PURPOSE: Approval to Apply for Grant—(complete prior to applying for grant award)

Please check the appropriate box:

☒ New (first-time submitted) grant

☐ Previously submitted grant*

*Departments are highly encouraged to request recurring grants (that were previously submitted) to be included in the December Budget Resolution—*Form B*—if dollar amounts do not fluctuate significantly.

STEP #1: Obtain authorization to apply for grant—(required for all grants of any amount)

Dept. Head Authorization: _____

Signature

Date

Administrator Authorization: _____

Signature

Date

Auditor Authorization: _____

Signature

Date

STEP #2: Confirm whether grant amount is greater than \$25,000—

☐ **No** (grant amount is less than or equal to \$25,000)—

Give grant contract (once received) to County Attorney's Office for review.

Reviewed by: _____

Attorney Name

Date

Damion #: _____

☒ **Yes** (grant amount is greater than \$25,000)—

Submit **Section I** (Cover Sheet) of the "Grant Approval Form," Board Letter and Resolution to Administration to seek County Board approval. It is acceptable that Section I is not completed in its entirety until the grant has been awarded. **NOTE: Board authorization to accept the grant is required** (upon notification of award).

Apply: Board Letter #: _____ Board Resolution #: _____ Date Adopted: _____

Accept: Board Letter #: _____ Board Resolution #: _____ Date Adopted: _____

STEP #3: Ensure proper documentation is entered into the system, and the appropriate parties are notified.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Submit **Section I and II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form," along with all grant documents (application, award notification, contract, etc.) to the accounting staff person to enter the grant award into the financial system.

ACCOUNTING STAFF: If this grant includes federal funding, please send an electronic copy of **Section I and II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form" as notification to wehselerh@stlouiscountymn.gov with "Federal Funds" in the Subject of the e-mail.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 274

PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Request to Apply for Renewal
of the Crime Victims Services
Grant

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark S. Rubin
County Attorney

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide crime victims and survivors assistance to help ease the physical, emotional, and financial hardships caused by criminalization.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the County Attorney's Office to apply for renewal of the Crime Victim Services Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Crime Victim Services Grant, from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety – Office of Justice Programs and the US Department of Justice – Victims of Crime Act, is designed to enhance existing services to crime victims and to improve how prosecutorial agencies meet their statutory requirements toward crime victims.

The County Attorney's Office was awarded an initial two-year, \$280,000.00 Crime Victim Services Grant, which began on October 1, 2017, and ended September 30, 2019. The second two-year \$280,000.00 grant began on October 1, 2019 and will end on September 30, 2021.

On June 11, 2021, the County Attorney was notified that the grant renewal application period opened on June 11 and closes on July 12, 2021.

Over the past two grant cycles, the County Attorney's Office utilized grants funds to fund a 1.0 FTE Victim/Witness position which greatly enhanced our services to victims and survivors of personal crimes, such as domestic assault, sexual assault, and homicides. Grant funds were used to host the 2019 Criminal Justice Summit of Northeastern Minnesota, which was attended by over 100 members of the local criminal justice community.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Attorney's Office to apply for renewal of the Crime Victim Services Grant for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Funds will be payable from Fund 100, Agency 113999, Grant 11308, Year 2021.

Request to Apply for Renewal of the Crime Victims Services Grant

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The County Attorney was notified that the Crime Victim Services Grant renewal application period opened on June 11 and closes on July 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney's Office was previously awarded the Crime Victim Services Grant; the initial two-year Crime Victim Services Grant began on October 1, 2017, and ended September 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The second two-year grant began on October 1, 2019, and will end on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Over the past two grant cycles, the County Attorney's Office utilized grants funds to fund a 1.0 FTE Victim/Witness position which greatly enhanced our services to victims and survivors of personal crimes, such as domestic assault, sexual assault, and homicides.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Attorney's Office to apply for renewal of the Crime Victim Services Grant. Funds will be payable from Fund 100, Agency 113999, Grant 11308, Year 2021.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 275

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

**RE: Application and Acceptance of
IRRR Commercial
Redevelopment Grant**

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

**Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals**

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To perform public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the application and acceptance of a Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Commercial Redevelopment Grant for a collection of tax forfeited properties.

BACKGROUND:

St. Louis County Land and Minerals (SLCLM) manages tax forfeited structures and as part of that process, it evaluates the viability of structures for resale or demolition. In many cases, it partners with local municipalities to facilitate the demolition of these structures. When those municipalities are in the IRRR service area, the Commercial Redevelopment Program is a great resource to offset the cost of demolition and reduce blight. This program funds the demolition of dilapidated commercial structures and blight to pave the way for a cleaner, healthier environment, more attractive communities, and new construction.

Many communities leverage this grant resource directly; however, counties are eligible applicants for these grants, as well. SLCLM is seeking funding to demolish the Biwabik Natatorium Building. This property forfeited in 2019. SLCLM has worked to find suitable partners to repurpose this building but was ultimately unsuccessful. SLCLM has also completed an engineering evaluation to better understand the structure. The city of Biwabik has expressed safety and health concerns regarding this structure. SLCLM has

worked closely with the city of Biwabik and IRRR in the development of this grant request.

Initial hazardous materials investigation and remediation took place on the site prior to forfeiture. SLCLM will fund the remaining remediation as well as the personal property clean-up. This grant, if awarded, will fund the demolition of the structure. The engineering estimate for this demolition work is \$98,800, with both IRRR and SLCLM sharing equally in the cost of demolition. The ability for SLCLM to remove this blighted structure, reclaim the site and move the property into either city or private ownership is a benefit to both the city of Biwabik and the county.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of a Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Residential Redevelopment Grant for funding to cover half the cost of the demolition of the Biwabik Natatorium.

Application and Acceptance of IRRR Commercial Redevelopment Grant

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

WHEREAS, The Biwabik Natatorium is a dilapidated commercial structure, located in the city of Biwabik, Minnesota, which forfeited to the state for unpaid taxes in 2019; and

WHEREAS, An inspection by St. Louis County Land and Minerals (SLCLM) staff revealed that the Biwabik Natatorium is in poor condition and suitable for demolition; and

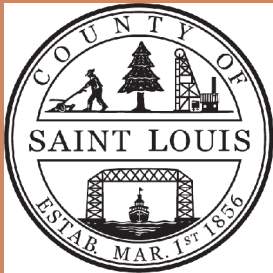
WHEREAS, The Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (IRRR) Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program provides funding for the demolition of dilapidated commercial structures; and

WHEREAS, SLCLM has worked with the city of Biwabik and IRRR to develop a grant request for partial funding from the Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program of a portion of the Biwabik Natatorium demolition cost; and

WHEREAS, The engineering estimate for this demolition work is \$98,800 and the grant, if awarded, will cover half this cost;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of grant funds of up to \$49,400 from the IRRR Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for funding to cover half of the cost of the demolition of the Biwabik Natatorium;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the required agreements, and any amendments approved by the county attorney to receive funds, to be accounted for in Fund 290, Agency 290999, Grant 29006.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Demolition of Property

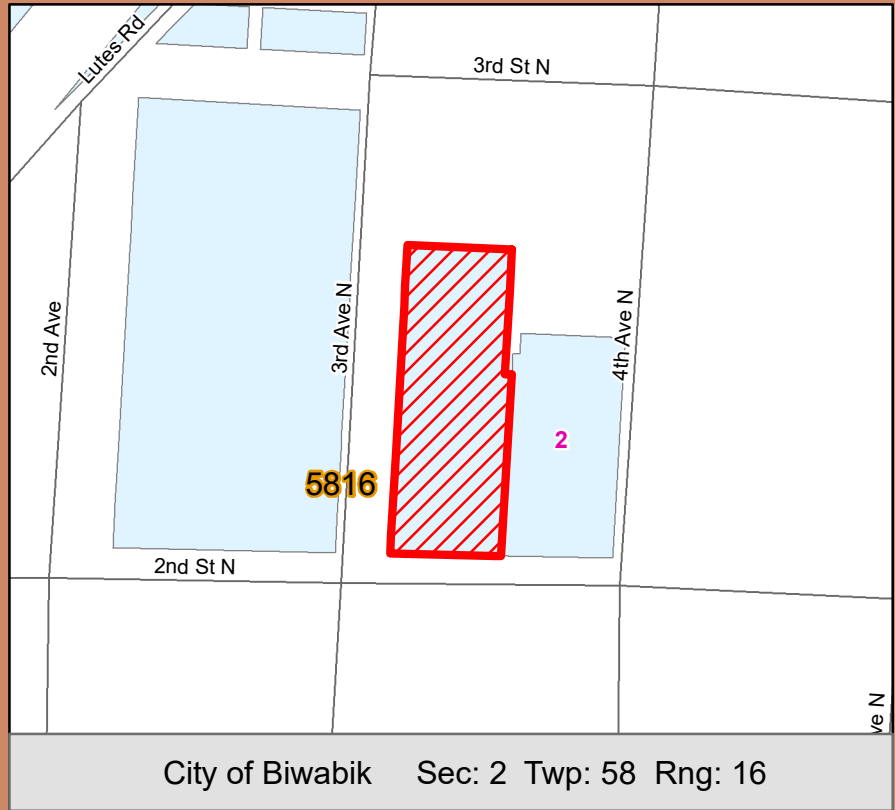
Legal : Lots 1 through 15, Block 5,
Shanks Addition to Biwabik

Parcel Code: 015-0050-01450

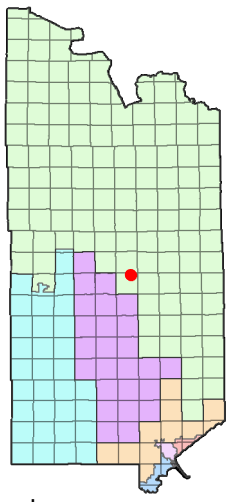
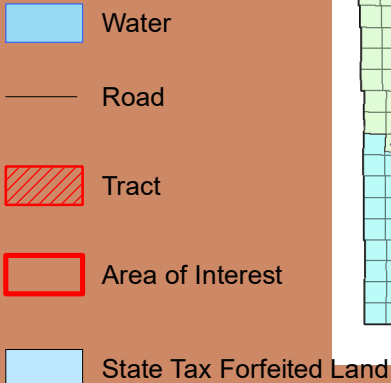
LDK: 124072

Address: 300 2nd Street N, Biwabik

Acres: 0.33



Commissioner District # 4



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2021



Biwabik Natatorium





June 7, 2021

RE: Preliminary Budget Estimates for School
Building Demolition
City of Biwabik

Jeff Jacobson
City Administrator
City of Biwabik
P.O. Box 529
321 Main Street
Biwabik, MN 55708

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

The City of Biwabik has requested preliminary budget estimates for the demolition of two existing school buildings along with associated soft costs. The buildings include:

- The Horace Mann High School building consists two stories above grade plus a full basement of about 45,000 square feet per level.
- The Natotrium building which consists of approximately 12,000 square feet and is two stories above grade.

Below is the preliminary budget estimate for the pre-demolition survey, design fees and building removal costs:

Building Name	Pre-Demo Survey	Approximate Design Fees	Building Demolition	Total
Horace Mann High School	\$24,000	\$28,000	\$567,000 - \$729,000	\$619,000 - \$781,000
Natotrium Building	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$50,400 - \$64,800	\$84,400 – \$98,800

Notes:

1. The costs above do not include the removal of any asbestos or hazardous materials from the buildings or site. Presence and quantity of hazardous materials will not be determined until pre-demo survey is complete.
2. Demolition costs assumes minimal pavement areas around the building to be removed at the time of demolition.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this in more detail please feel free to contact me at bbergstrom@sehinc.com or 952.215.8118.

Sincerely,

SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC.

Engineers | Architects | Planners | Scientists

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Brian Bergstrom, AIA
Project Manager
(Lic. WI, IA, OK)

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c: Matt Reid, PE

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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 276

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 9

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Rescind County Board
Resolution No. 19-744 and
Authorize State Tax Forfeited
Lease – Hibbing Taconite
Company

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

To provide raw material for local industry.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-744 and authorize the granting of a lease to Hibbing Taconite Company on state tax forfeited land located in Balkan Township and the City of Hibbing.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 19-744 on December 17, 2019, granting a lease to Hibbing Taconite Company. The initial lease request has since been altered to remove a parcel and extend the lease term to six (6) years. Upon attorney review it was advised to lease the property under Minnesota Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(d) versus Minnesota Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(f) as originally requested.

Minnesota Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(d) authorizes the County Auditor to lease state tax forfeited land for temporary uses at the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for a period not to exceed ten years.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-744 and authorize the County Auditor to enter into a six-year surface lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to a surface disturbance fee of \$2,250 and an annual land use fee of \$6,480, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

**Rescind County Board Resolution No. 19-744 and Authorize
State Tax Forfeited Lease – Hibbing Taconite Company**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.04, Subd. 1(d) authorizes the County Auditor to lease state tax forfeited land for temporary uses, at the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for a period not to exceed ten years; and

WHEREAS, Hibbing Taconite Company has requested to lease state tax forfeited surface lands for mining purposes described as follows:

1. THAT PART OF NW ¼ of NE ¼ EX HWY RT OF WAY EX PART E OF HWY 169 SURFACE ONLY, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 58 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST
2. THAT PART OF SW ¼ OF NE ¼ EX HWY RT OF WAY AND EX PART E OF HWY 169 SURFACE ONLY, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 58 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST
3. THAT PART OF LOT 4 LONGYEAR MINE SURFACE ONLY, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 57 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST

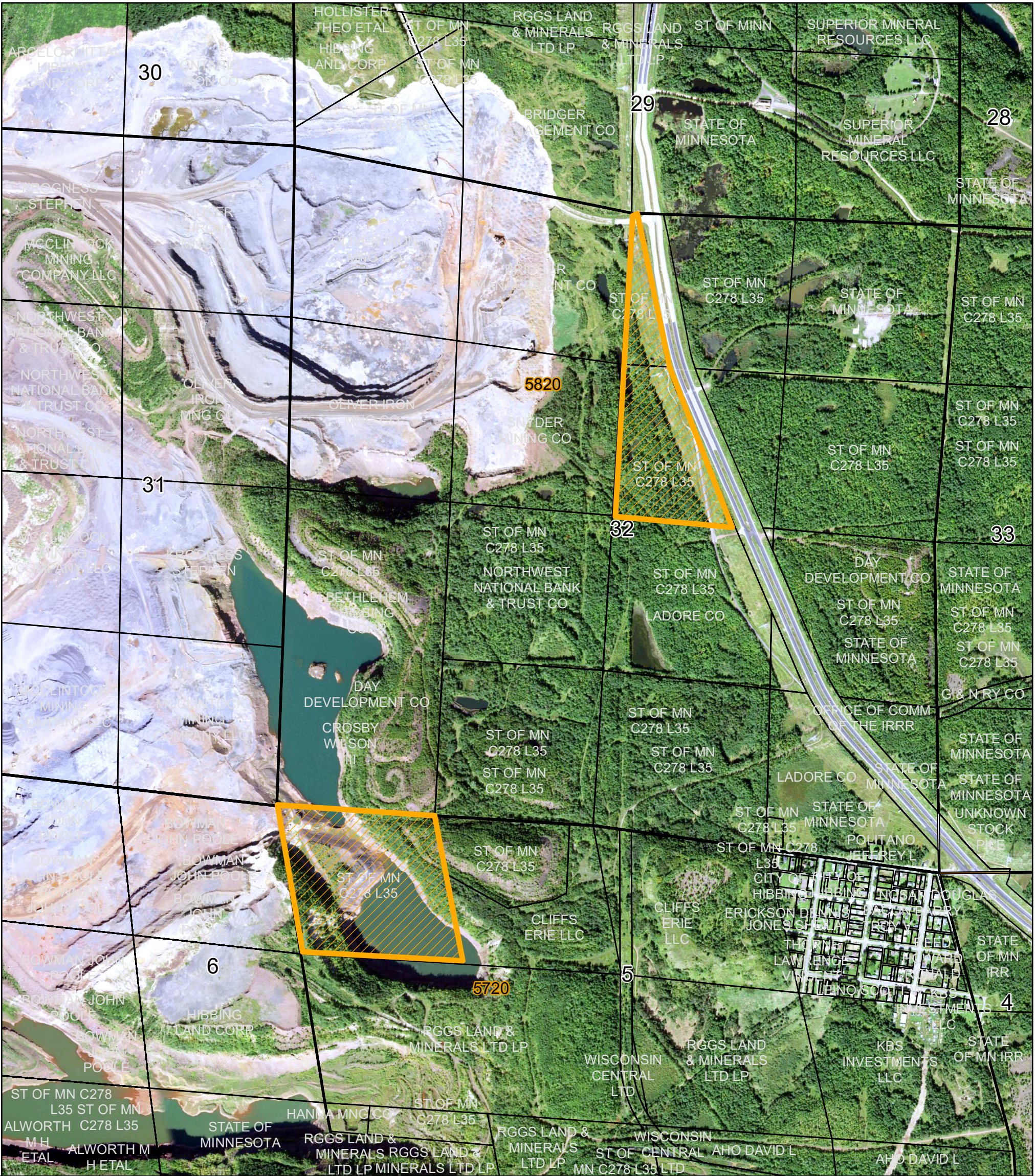
WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the request and recommends entering into a lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to payment of a surface disturbance fee of \$2,250 and annual rental fee of \$6,480 for a six-year term;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to enter into a six-year surface lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to a surface disturbance fee of \$2,250 and annual rental fee of \$6,480 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a lease agreement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 19-744 is rescinded.

St. Louis County

Hibbing Taconite Company Lease Request



Prepared By: J. Marinucci

Map Created: 1/4/2021


Hibbing Taconite Company


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1 inch = 833 feet

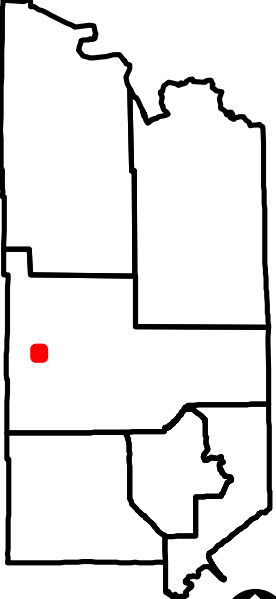
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Legend

 Lease Request

 County Parcel Layer

Comments:



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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 277

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 10

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: State Tax Forfeited Lease –
Hibbing Taconite Company

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

To provide raw material for local industry.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the granting of a lease to Hibbing Taconite Company on state tax forfeited land located in the City of Hibbing.

BACKGROUND:

Hibbing Taconite Company has requested to lease approximately 242 acres of state tax forfeited land for buffer lands associated with iron ore mining. The Land and Minerals Department will be compensated for surface disturbance and land rental.

Minnesota Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(f) authorizes the County Auditor to lease state tax forfeited land for a buffer area needed for a mining operation, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of time, not exceeding 25 years, as the County Board may determine. The lease is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the County Auditor to enter into a 25-year surface lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to a surface disturbance fee of \$4,500 and an annual land use fee of \$13,185, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

State Tax Forfeited Land Leases – State of Minnesota

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, § 282.04, Subd. 1(f) authorizes the County Auditor to lease state tax forfeited land for a buffer area needed for a mining operation, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of time, not exceeding 25 years, as the County Board may determine; and

WHEREAS, Hibbing Taconite Company has requested to lease state tax forfeited surface lands for mining purposes described as follows:

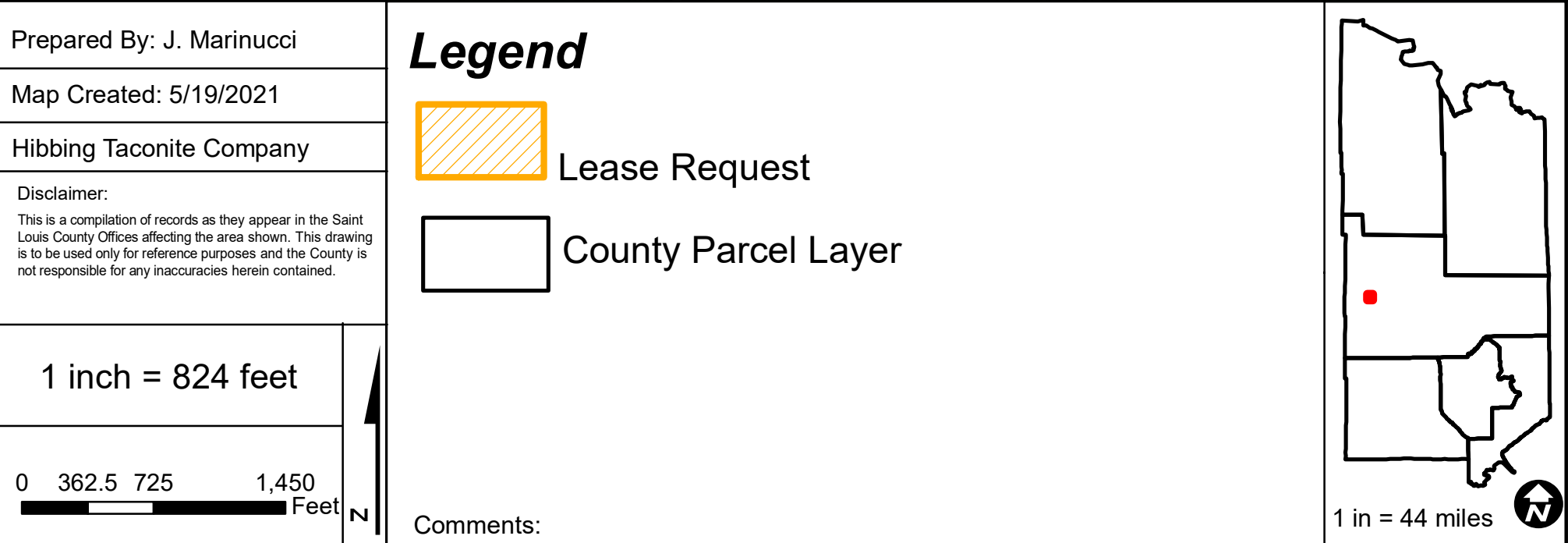
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PARCEL ID: 140-0280-00231
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PARCEL ID: 140-0280-00281

See Exhibit A

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the request and recommends entering into a lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to payment of a surface disturbance fee of \$4,500 and annual rental fee of \$13,185 for a 25 year term;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to enter into a 25-year surface lease agreement with Hibbing Taconite Company subject to a surface disturbance fee of \$4,500 and annual rental fee of \$13,185 to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund), and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a lease agreement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the lease with Hibbing Taconite Company shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.



BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 278

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 11

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Gustafson
Bros. Co. (Non-Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs. The non-homestead property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020. Lee R. Gustafson, of Cook, MN, an owner of Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership, has made application to repurchase this property and is eligible to repurchase the property. Minn. Stat 282.302 Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record.

The applicant will either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed, per county board guidelines. The repurchase of this property will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest. There are no open or pending zoning violations with the City of Cook on the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase application of Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, to Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$35,848.41, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$118.30, recording fee of \$112, and maintenance costs of \$54, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Gustafson Bros. Co.
(Non-Homestead)**

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, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, of Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF COOK

Lots 24 through 38, Block 10 AND Lots 29 through 33 REARRANGEMENT
BLOCK 10 ASHAWA, ASHAWA
120-0010-02590

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 282.302 Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will 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 Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, to Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$35,848.41, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$118.30, recording fee of \$112, and maintenance costs of \$54, for a total of \$36,157.71, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

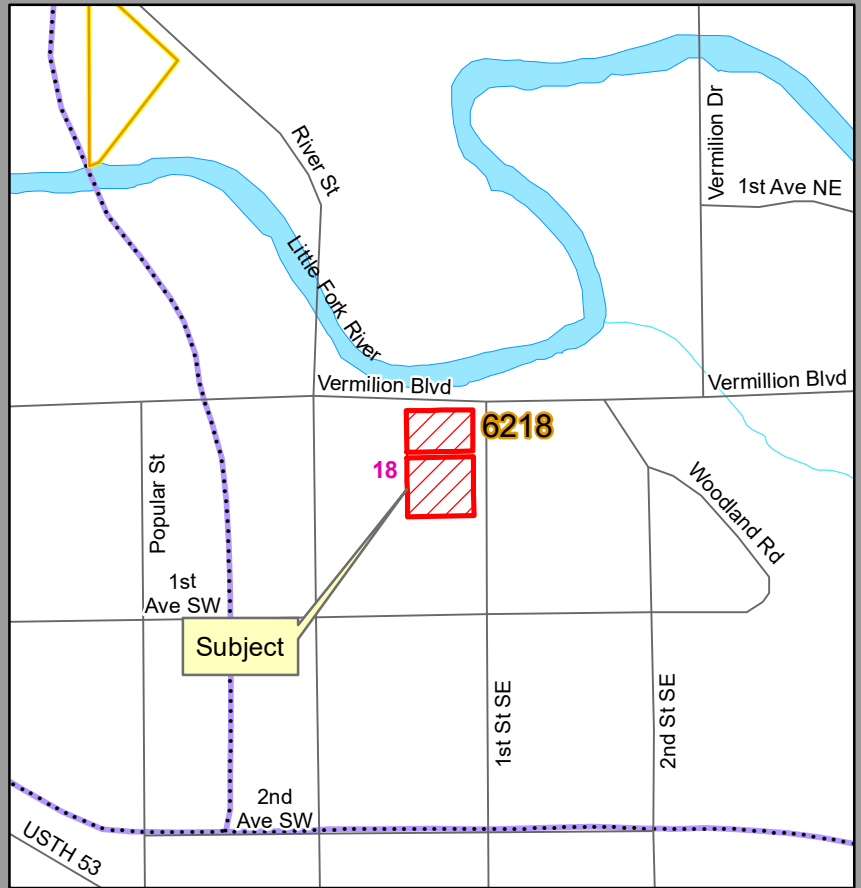
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF COOK
Lots 24 through 28, Block 10 AND Lots 29
through 33 REARRANGEMENT BLOCK 10
ASHAWA

Parcel Code : 120-0010-02590

LDK: 125453

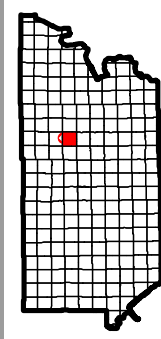
Address: 23 VERMILION DR E
COOK, mn 55723



City of Cook Sec: 18 Twp: 62 Rng: 18

Commissioner District # 4

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



St. Louis County, Minnesota

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St. Louis County
Land and Minerals Department

2021





REPURCHASE APPLICATION

Tax Forfeited Lands

St. Louis County, Minnesota

4000

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 282.241, the undersigned hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number(s) (PIN)	120-0010-02590		
Physical Street Address	Legal Description		
191E & 25E Vermilion Dr Cook MN 55723	(120001002590)		
City	State	ZIP	Legal Description
Cook	MN	55723	Lots 24 through 28, Block 10 AND Lots 29 through 33 REARRANGEMENT BLOCK 10 ASHAWA, ASHAWA

APPLICANT

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	Daytime Phone #	Mobile #	
GUSTAFSON, Lee R	218-243-7337	same	
Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	Email		
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP
P.O. Box 309	Cook	MN	55723

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

- ☒ Owner
☐ Heir(s) of the owner
☐ Representative or devisee of owner
☐ Person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, mortgage or other agreement (Provide documentation with application)

REPURCHASE JUSTIFICATION

Based on the following information, the County Board will determine how undue hardship or injustice resulting from the tax forfeiture will be corrected by the repurchase; or how the repurchase will best serve the public interest.

1. List all individuals or entities that are eligible to repurchase the parcel(s). Must provide legal documentation.

Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership

120-0010-02590

Who is Eligible to Repurchase: MN Statute 282.241, Subdivision 1. Repurchase requirements: The owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless before the time repurchase is made the parcel is sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn the parcel of land.

2. Describe when and how you first became aware of any tax delinquency and explain by each year, why the property taxes were not paid.

Office space became unrentable
no need in town

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MAY 06 2021

LAND COMMISSIONER

3. Did the tax forfeiture create an undue hardship or injustice for you?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, skip to #5.
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4. If your answer to question #3 is "Yes," please answer the following:

A. Explain how the tax forfeiture created an undue hardship or injustice for you.

offices / no - need for new business

B. If approved to repurchase, explain how the undue hardship or injustice will be corrected.

honestly / Business will improve because people will want to move to smaller communities.

5. Explain, in detail, how allowing you to repurchase the parcel will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest.

Buildings, hope to improve to make them more appealing to a new business climate

WELLS (Please check the appropriate box below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There are no wells on this property	<input type="checkbox"/> There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
<input type="checkbox"/> No change since last well certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

MILITARY SERVICE

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Are you currently in active military service?
If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date and attach documentation.		Discharge Date:

DEED NAME(S)			
Applicant must be an eligible repurchaser and requests that repurchase be made in the name of: (If more than two, attach additional list.)			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) Lee R. Gustafson			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) Gustafson Bros. Co., a Minnesota Partnership			
Mailing Address <small>Where to send deed, contract for deed, billings, tax statements, etc.</small> P.O. Box 171		City Cook	State MN
ZIP 55723			
Ownership (For Deed Purposes) Check One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Joint Tenancy <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Tenancy in Common <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Other			
If more than one applicant, what is your relationship?			
AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE			
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.			
If I am allowed to repurchase the parcel, I understand that there will be conditions on the repurchase, including, but not limited to the following: A. To combine any split tax parcels across structure or property into common ownership. B. To pay all county-incurred maintenance costs and administrative fees related to the tax forfeiture of the parcel prior to the repurchase. C. To pay and keep current all taxes and assessments. D. To keep and maintain property insurance on structures for the life of the contract for deed. E. To comply with all state and local code requirements. F. To not remove any structure, minerals, sand, gravel, topsoil, subsoil, peat, timber or timber products until the contract for deed has been paid in full.			
In submitting this application, I understand that it will be disclosed to the County Board as part of a resolution, and that all of the contents of this application will become accessible to any member of the public, and that the County may use any data or information provided for communication and other uses as needed.			
Signature		Date 5-1-21	
Signature		Date	
CONTACT			
St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302 Duluth, MN 55802		EMAIL: landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov PHONE: (218) 726-2606 FAX: (218) 726-2600 WEB: stlouiscountymn.gov	
Incomplete Applications: All application questions must be filled in for this repurchase application to be complete. All incomplete applications will be returned to applicant to be completed and resubmitted.			

Contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due, which increases monthly.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
TAX DELINQUENCY		
Taxes became delinquent in (Year):	2011	
Taxes remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of:	2012, 2013, 2019, 2020	
REPURCHASE COSTS (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)		
That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of the repurchase is:	\$ 36,657.71	Thru: Date 5/15/21
This amount is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241 and 282.251, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees and maintenance costs.		

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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 279

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 12

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Gustafson
(Non-Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

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Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs. The non-homestead property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020. Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, has made application to repurchase this property and is eligible to repurchase the property. Minn. Stat 282.302 Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record. Subd. 2 provides that the deed must name the previous record owner's estate as grantee if the previous owner is deceased.

The applicant will either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed, per county board guidelines. The repurchase of this property will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest. There are no open or pending zoning violations with the City of Cook on the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase application of Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, to Lee R. Gustafson and Estate of Lloyd G.

Gustafson, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$42,383.27, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$139.86, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$36, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Gustafson
(Non-Homestead)**

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, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF COOK

Lots 8 through 16, Block 8, EXCEPT part taken for highway, ASHAWA
120-0010-01720

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

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 282.302 Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record and Subd. 2 provides that the deed must be issued to the estate of the previous owner if they are deceased; and

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will 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 Lee R. Gustafson of Cook, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, to Lee R. Gustafson and Estate of Lloyd G. Gustafson, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$42,383.27, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$139.86, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance costs of \$36, for a total of \$42,630.13, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

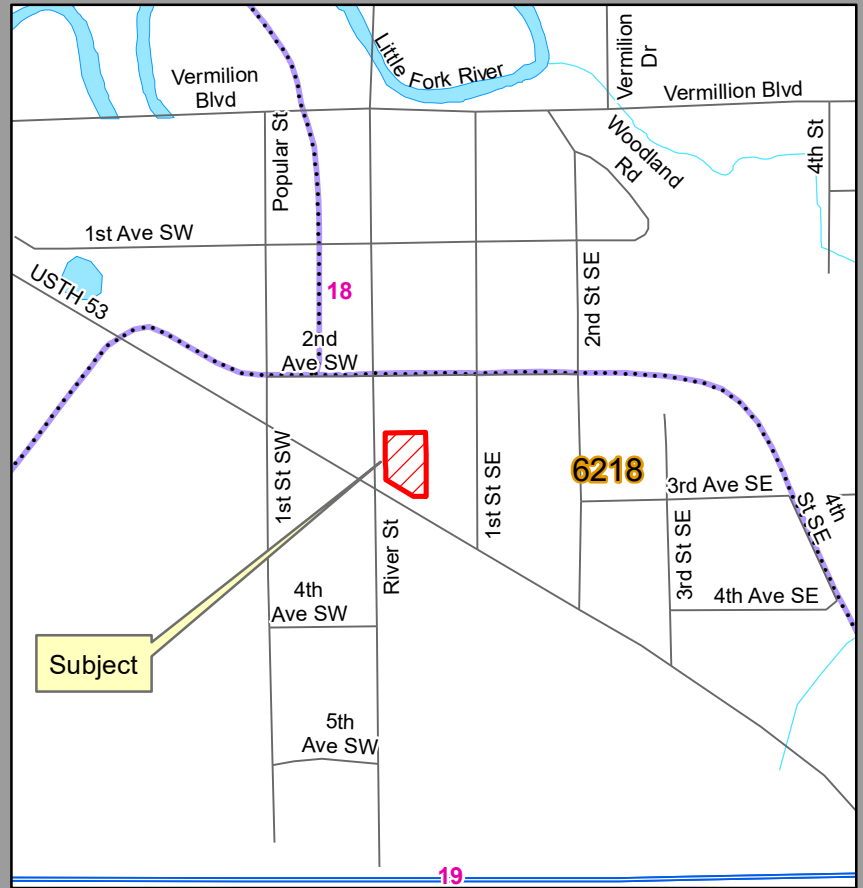
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF COOK
Lots 8 through 16, Block 8, EXCEPT part
taken for highway, ASHAWA

Parcel Code : 120-0010-01720

LDK: 125452

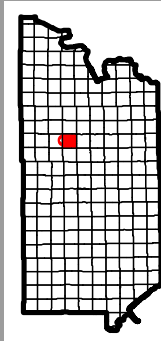
Address: 10 HWY 53 S
COOK, MN 55723



City of Cook Sec: 18 Twp: 62 Rng: 18

Commissioner District # 4

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



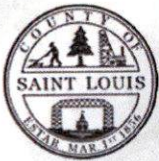
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Land and Minerals Department

2021





REPURCHASE APPLICATION

Tax Forfeited Lands

St. Louis County, Minnesota

4000

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PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number(s) (PIN)	120-0010-01720
Physical Street Address	Legal Description
10 Hwy #53 SE	Lots 8 through 16, Block 8, EXCEPT part taken for highway
City	ASHAWA
State	120 0010 01720
ZIP	90581

APPLICANT

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	Daytime Phone #	Mobile #
Lee GUSTAFSON		218-343-7337
Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)	Email	
Mailing Address	City	State
P.O. Box 171	Cook	MN
		ZIP
		55723

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

- ☒ Owner
☐ Heir(s) of the owner
☐ Representative or devisee of owner
☐ Person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, mortgage or other agreement
(Provide documentation with application)

REPURCHASE JUSTIFICATION

Based on the following information, the County Board will determine how undue hardship or injustice resulting from the tax forfeiture will be corrected by the repurchase; or how the repurchase will best serve the public interest.

1. List all individuals or entities that are eligible to repurchase the parcel(s). Must provide legal documentation.

Lee GUSTAFSON 120-0010-01720
125452

Lee R Gustafson
Estate of Lloyd G Gustafson

Who is Eligible to Repurchase: MN Statute 282.241, Subdivision 1. Repurchase requirements: The owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless before the time repurchase is made the parcel is sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn the parcel of land.

2. Describe when and how you first became aware of any tax delinquency and explain by each year, why the property taxes were not paid.

By several notices
unable to pay due to declining Business
& later due to C19 complications

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LAND COMMISSIONER

3. Did the tax forfeiture create an undue hardship or injustice for you?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, skip to #5.
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4. If your answer to question #3 is "Yes," please answer the following:

A. Explain how the tax forfeiture created an undue hardship or injustice for you.

Declaring Business
C-19
Recession in Jan, (manufacturing ceased of vehicles)
Riots at mpls.
Stigma assoc with
anarchy especially Minnesota

B. If approved to repurchase, explain how the undue hardship or injustice will be corrected.

Try to start over/
as autos are going to
be refigured

5. Explain, in detail, how allowing you to repurchase the parcel will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest.

IN TOWN LOCATION
easy Access to public

WELLS (Please check the appropriate box below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There are no wells on this property	<input type="checkbox"/> There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
<input type="checkbox"/> No change since last well certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

MILITARY SERVICE

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Are you currently in active military service? No
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If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date and attach documentation.	Discharge Date:
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DEED NAME(S)			
Applicant must be an eligible repurchaser and requests that repurchase be made in the name of: (If more than two, attach additional list.)			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) <u>Gustafson, Lee R</u>			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) Lee R Gustafson and Estate of Lloyd G Gustafson			
Mailing Address Where to send deed, contract for deed, billings, tax statements, etc. <u>P.O. Box 309</u>	City <u>Cook</u>	State <u>MN</u>	ZIP <u>55723</u>
Ownership (For Deed Purposes) Check One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Joint Tenancy <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Tenancy in Common <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Other			
If more than one applicant, what is your relationship?			
AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE			
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.			
If I am allowed to repurchase the parcel, I understand that there will be conditions on the repurchase, including, but not limited to the following: A. To combine any split tax parcels across structure or property into common ownership. B. To pay all county-incurred maintenance costs and administrative fees related to the tax forfeiture of the parcel prior to the repurchase. C. To pay and keep current all taxes and assessments. D. To keep and maintain property insurance on structures for the life of the contract for deed. E. To comply with all state and local code requirements. F. To not remove any structure, minerals, sand, gravel, topsoil, subsoil, peat, timber or timber products until the contract for deed has been paid in full.			
In submitting this application, I understand that it will be disclosed to the County Board as part of a resolution, and that all of the contents of this application will become accessible to any member of the public, and that the County may use any data or information provided for communication and other uses as needed.			
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>		Date <u>4-30-21 5-1-21</u>	
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>		Date	
<u>Thank you.</u>			
CONTACT			
St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302 Duluth, MN 55802		EMAIL: landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov PHONE: (218) 726-2606 FAX: (218) 726-2600 WEB: stlouiscountymn.gov	
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Contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due, which increases monthly.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
TAX DELINQUENCY		
Taxes became delinquent in (Year):	<u>2014</u>	
Taxes remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of:	<u>2015, 2017, 2019, 2020</u>	
REPURCHASE COSTS (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)		
That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of the repurchase is:	<u>\$43,130.13</u>	Thru: Date <u>5-15-21</u>
This amount is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241 and 282.251, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees and maintenance costs.		

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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 280

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 13

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Lochner
(Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs. The homestead property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020. Jodi Rae Lochner of Duluth, MN, has made application to repurchase this property and is eligible to repurchase the property.

The applicant will either pay in full or enter into a ten year contract for deed, per county board guidelines. The repurchase of this property will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest. There are no open or pending zoning violations with City of Duluth on the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase application of Jodi Rae Lochner of Duluth, MN, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$24,563.09, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$81.06, and recording fee of \$46, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Lochner
(Homestead)**

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, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Jodi Rae Lochner of Duluth, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF DULUTH
Lots 12 AND 13, Block 20, HARRISONS DIVISION OF DULUTH
010-2080-02660

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a ten year contract for deed to repurchase the homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will 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 Jodi Rae Lochner of Duluth, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$24,563.09, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$81.06, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$24,715.15, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.



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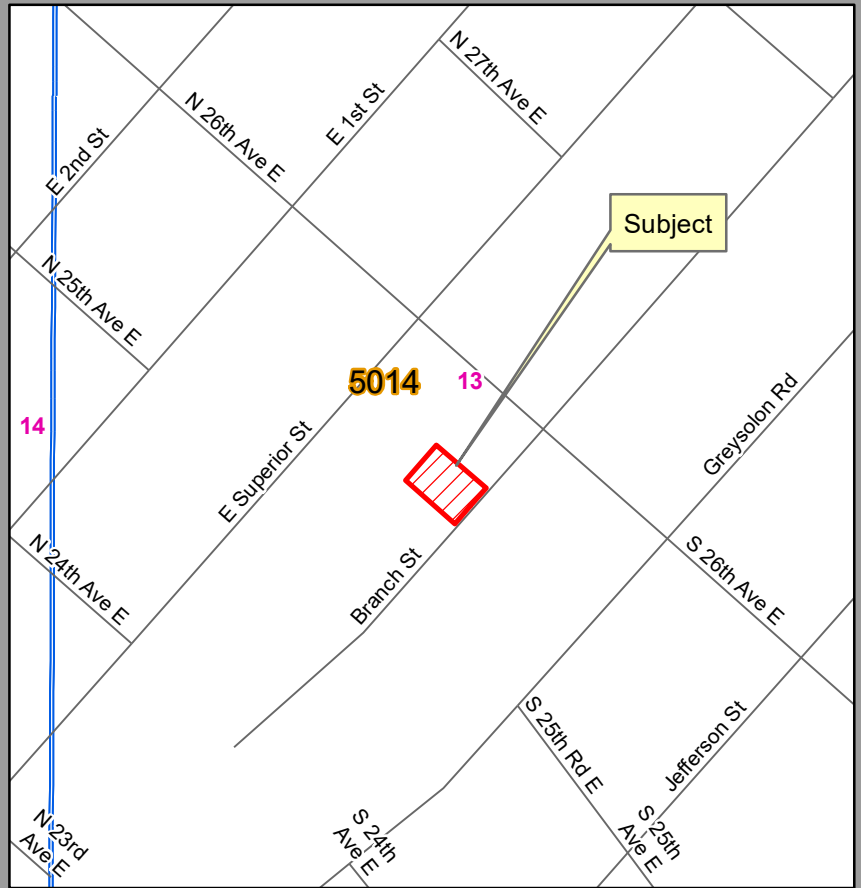
Repurchase of Property

Legal : City of Duluth
Lots 12 AND 13, Block 20
HARRISONS DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Code : 010-2080-02660






LDK: 125359

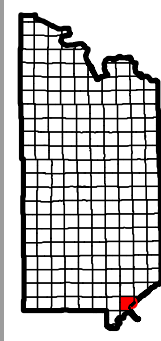
Address: 2519 Branch St
Duluth, MN 558812



City of Duluth Sec: 13 Twp: 50 Rng: 14

Commissioner District # 2

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



St. Louis County, Minnesota

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Land and Minerals Department**

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REPURCHASE APPLICATION

Tax Forfeited Lands

St. Louis County, Minnesota

4000

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 282.241, the undersigned hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number(s) (PIN)

010-2080-02660

Physical Street Address

2519 Branch St

Legal Description

Lots 12 AND 13, Block 20, HARRISONS DIVISION OF DULUTH

City

Duluth

State

MN

ZIP

55812

APPLICANT

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Jodi Rae Lochner

Daytime Phone #

218-213-4151

Mobile #

218-213-4151

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Email

lochnerjodi@aol.com

Mailing Address

2519 Branch St

City

Duluth

State

MN

ZIP

55812

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

☒ Owner

☐ Representative or devisee of owner

☐ Heir(s) of the owner

☐ Person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, mortgage or other agreement
(Provide documentation with application)

REPURCHASE JUSTIFICATION

Based on the following information, the County Board will determine how undue hardship or injustice resulting from the tax forfeiture will be corrected by the repurchase; or how the repurchase will best serve the public interest.

1. List all individuals or entities that are eligible to repurchase the parcel(s). Must provide legal documentation.

Owner

Jodi Rae Lochner, owner

US Bank, mortgagee

Who is Eligible to Repurchase: MN Statute 282.241, Subdivision 1. Repurchase requirements: The owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless before the time repurchase is made the parcel is sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn the parcel of land.

2. Describe when and how you first became aware of any tax delinquency and explain by each year, why the property taxes were not paid.

Property taxes were not paid due to an extended illness that resulted in a loss of income. Both have since been resolved

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LAND COMMISSIONER

3. Did the tax forfeiture create an undue hardship or injustice for you?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, skip to #5.
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4. If your answer to question #3 is "Yes," please answer the following:

A. Explain how the tax forfeiture created an undue hardship or injustice for you.

A hardship for sure. It would leave me homeless w/ no family in Duluth to assist me

B. If approved to repurchase, explain how the undue hardship or injustice will be corrected.

I am healthy and gainfully employed. Moving forward I can repay taxes owed w/ a payment plan as well as stay current on taxes

5. Explain, in detail, how allowing you to repurchase the parcel will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest.

I would like to make improvements on the property raising property value w/ my neighbors

WELLS (Please check the appropriate box below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There are no wells on this property	<input type="checkbox"/> There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
<input type="checkbox"/> No change since last well certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

MILITARY SERVICE

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Are you currently in active military service?
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If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date and attach documentation.	Discharge Date:
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DEED NAME(S)			
Applicant must be an eligible repurchaser and requests that repurchase be made in the name of: (If more than two, attach additional list.)			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix) <i>Jodi Rae Lochner</i>			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)			
Mailing Address <small>Where to send deed, contract for deed, billings, tax statements, etc.</small> <i>2519 Branch St</i>		City <i>Duluth</i>	State <i>MN</i>
ZIP <i>55812</i>			
Ownership (For Deed Purposes) Check One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Joint Tenancy <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Tenancy in Common <input type="checkbox"/> Co-ownership: Other			
If more than one applicant, what is your relationship?			
AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE			
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.			
If I am allowed to repurchase the parcel, I understand that there will be conditions on the repurchase, including, but not limited to the following: A. To combine any split tax parcels across structure or property into common ownership. B. To pay all county-incurred maintenance costs and administrative fees related to the tax forfeiture of the parcel prior to the repurchase. C. To pay and keep current all taxes and assessments. D. To keep and maintain property insurance on structures for the life of the contract for deed. E. To comply with all state and local code requirements. F. To not remove any structure, minerals, sand, gravel, topsoil, subsoil, peat, timber or timber products until the contract for deed has been paid in full.			
In submitting this application, I understand that it will be disclosed to the County Board as part of a resolution, and that all of the contents of this application will become accessible to any member of the public, and that the County may use any data or information provided for communication and other uses as needed.			
Signature <i>Jodi Rae Lochner</i>		Date <i>12/28/2020</i>	
Signature		Date	
CONTACT			
St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302 Duluth, MN 55802		EMAIL: landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov PHONE: (218) 726-2606 FAX: (218) 726-2600 WEB: stlouiscountymn.gov	
Incomplete Applications: All application questions must be filled in for this repurchase application to be complete. All incomplete applications will be returned to applicant to be completed and resubmitted.			

Contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due, which increases monthly.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
TAX DELINQUENCY		
Taxes became delinquent in (Year):	<i>2016</i>	
Taxes remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of:	<i>2017, 2018, 2019, 2020</i>	
REPURCHASE COSTS (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)		
That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of the repurchase is:	\$ 25,215.15	Thru: Date <i>3/31/2021</i>
This amount is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241 and 282.251, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees and maintenance costs.		

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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 281

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONSENT NO. 14

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Nelson-
Gustafson (Non-Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs. The non-homestead property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020. Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson of Hibbing, MN, has made application to repurchase this property and is eligible to repurchase the property.

The applicant will either pay in full or enter into a four year contract for deed, per county board guidelines. The repurchase of this property will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest. There are no open or pending zoning violations with the City of Hibbing on the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase application of Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson of Hibbing, MN, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$14,668.37, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$48.41, and recording fee of \$46, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Nelson-Gustafson
(Homestead)**

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, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson of Hibbing, MN, of has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING
LOTS 1 THRU 8, SUBDIV OF OUTLOT A SUNBURST DRIVE
139-0206-00010

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

WHEREAS, Resolution of any county or municipal code violations will become a condition of the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either pay in full or enter into a four year contract for deed to repurchase the non-homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will 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 Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No.____, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$14,668.37, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$48.41, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$14,787.78, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

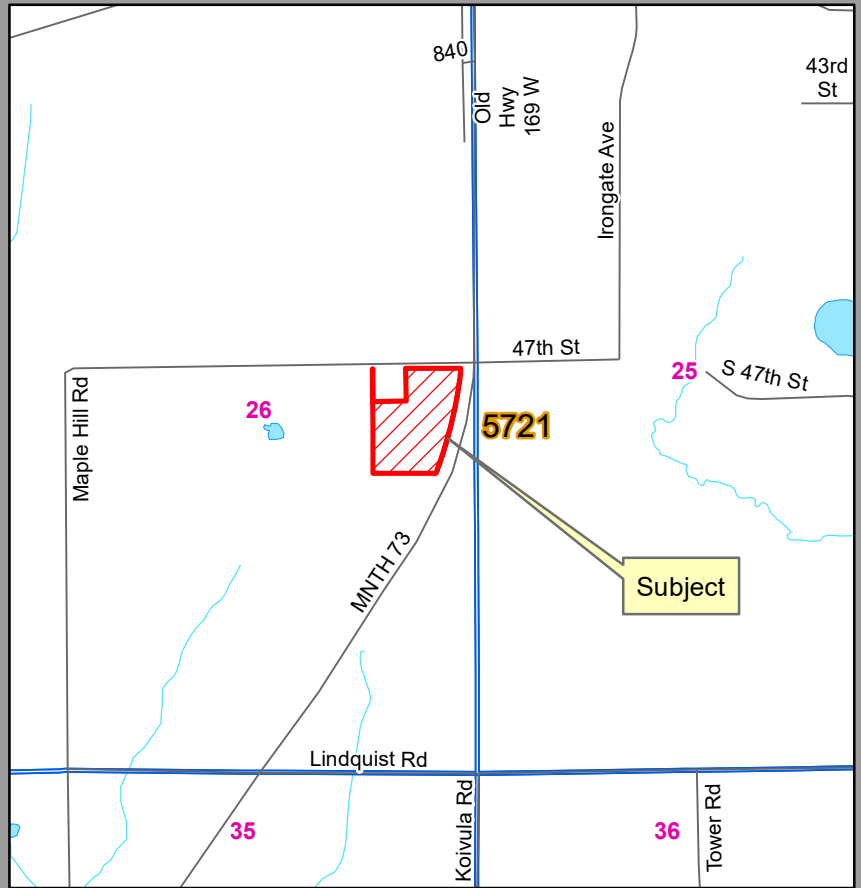
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF HIBBING
Lots 1 through 8, SUBDIV OF OUTLOT
A SUNBURST DRIVE

Parcel Code : 139-0206-00010

LDK: 125455

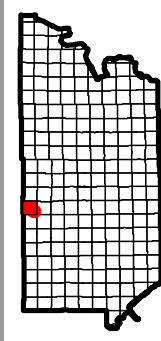
Address: 3888 MAPLE HILL RD
HIBBING, MN 55746



City of Hibbing Sec: 26 Twp: 57 Rng: 21

Commissioner District # 7

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



St. Louis County, Minnesota

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as such. This drawing is a compilation of recorded information and data located in various city, county, state and federal offices. St. Louis County is not responsible for any incorrectness herein.

St. Louis County
Land and Minerals Department

2021





REPURCHASE APPLICATION

Tax Forfeited Lands

St. Louis County, Minnesota

4000

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PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number(s) (PIN)			139-0206-00010		
Physical Street Address			Legal Description		
3888 Maple Hill Rd.			Lots 1 through 8, SUBDIV OF OUTLOTA,		
City	State	ZIP	SUNBURST DRIVE		
Hibbing	MN	55746			

APPLICANT

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		Daytime Phone #	Mobile #
Samuele, Curtis, Nelson - Gustafson		(218) 295-2183	" "
Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		Email	
		Blueberrycannibal@gmail.com	
Mailing Address		City	State
3888 Maple Hill Rd, Hibbing, MN.		Hibbing	MN
		ZIP	55746

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

- ☒ Owner
☐ Heir(s) of the owner
☐ Representative or devisee of owner
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REPURCHASE JUSTIFICATION

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1. List all individuals or entities that are eligible to repurchase the parcel(s). Must provide legal documentation.

As to my knowledge I samuele Nelson - Gustafson am the only eligible ~~repurchaser~~ repurchaser

Legal documentation is the trustee's deed when property was given to me

Who is Eligible to Repurchase: MN Statute 282.241, Subdivision 1. Repurchase requirements: The owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless before the time repurchase is made the parcel is sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn the parcel of land.

2. Describe when and how you first became aware of any tax delinquency and explain by each year, why the property taxes were not paid.

My First year I didn't have the money to pay, I was young and thought I could save enough for the next year. After that I have no real explanation other than I was working low paying jobs. My debt started to snowball. I fully acknowledge that. Now I have a much better paying job and I believe I am capable of paying off my debts.

3. Did the tax forfeiture create an undue hardship or injustice for you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If no, skip to #5.
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4. If your answer to question #3 is "Yes," please answer the following:

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5. Explain, in detail, how allowing you to repurchase the parcel will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest.

The land at 3858 Maple Hill Rd. was a family property for 4 generations. If I'm allowed to repurchase, I would like to clean up the area over the next 3 or so years. This for me includes updating the house, new stove, refurnishing the interior, etc. Removing excess dead trees, ~~shrubbery~~ old trash, and removing a few sheds. Ideally I would like to start looking at solar or wind power systems that I can grid tie so my house will mostly be powered by green energy.

In summary I would like to make the property, cleaner, greener, and easier to look at.

WELLS (Please check the appropriate box below)

<input type="checkbox"/> There are no wells on this property	<input type="checkbox"/> There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
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MILITARY SERVICE

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If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date and attach documentation.	Discharge Date:
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DEED NAME(S)

Applicant must be an eligible repurchaser and requests that repurchase be made in the name of: (If more than two, attach additional list.)

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Samuel, Carlos, Nelson - Gustafson

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Mailing Address Where to send deed, contract for deed, billings, tax statements, etc.

3888 Maple Hill Rd

City

Hibbing

State

MN

ZIP

55746

Ownership (For Deed Purposes) Check One

☒ Single Ownership ☐ Co-ownership: Joint Tenancy ☐ Co-ownership: Tenancy in Common ☐ Co-ownership: Other

If more than one applicant, what is your relationship?

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

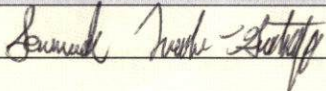
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- C. To pay and keep current all taxes and assessments.
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- F. To not remove any structure, minerals, sand, gravel, topsoil, subsoil, peat, timber or timber products until the contract for deed has been paid in full.

In submitting this application, I understand that it will be disclosed to the County Board as part of a resolution, and that all of the contents of this application will become accessible to any member of the public, and that the County may use any data or information provided for communication and other uses as needed.

Signature



Date

02/24/2021

Signature

Date

CONTACT**St. Louis County**Land and Minerals Department
Government Services Center
320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302
Duluth, MN 55802

EMAIL: landdept@stlouiscountymn.gov

PHONE: (218) 726-2606

FAX: (218) 726-2600

WEB: stlouiscountymn.gov

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OFFICE USE ONLY**TAX DELINQUENCY**

Taxes became delinquent in (Year):

2016

Taxes remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of:

2017 - 2020

REPURCHASE COSTS (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of the repurchase is:

\$15,287.78

Thru: Date

5-15-21

This amount is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241 and 282.251, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees and maintenance costs.

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Repurchase Application

Property: 3888 Maple Hill Rd. Hibbing, Mn 55746

Applicant name: Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson

Phone #: (218) 295-2183

Mailing Address: 3888 Maple Hill Rd. Hibbing, MN 55746

Email: Blueberrycannibal@gmail.com

Applicant Type: Owner

Repurchase Justification:

1. As to my knowledge I Samuele Nelson-Gustafson am the only eligible repurchaser.
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And keeping up with future payments
3. No
4. N/A
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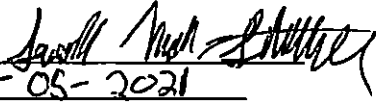
Wells: no change since last well certificate

Military service: No

Deed Names: Samuele Curtis Nelson-Gustafson

Mailing address: 3888 Maple Hill Rd. Hibbing, Mn 55746

Ownership: single ownership

Signature 

Date 05-05-2021

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 282

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Establish Public Hearing on an
Amendment to the Capital
Improvement Plan and on
Intent to Issue Capital
Improvement Bonds

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide for effective, efficient government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to establish a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and intent to issue Capital Improvement Bonds.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Board is authorized under Minn. Stat. § 373.40, Subdivision 3, to amend a five-year capital improvement plan. The process, as outlined in the statute, is as follows:

1. A public hearing is held to allow public input into the capital improvement plan.
2. The Board of Commissioners considers approval of the capital improvement plan after the public hearing.

The County Board historically reviews and approves its CIP each year. Unique this year is the anticipation of the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds to support the construction of several public works facility projects. As a result, the Board is being asked to consider the amendment of the 2021-2025 CIP ~~at this time~~ at the conclusion of the August 3 public hearing. The Board will be asked at a later date to discuss and approve the proposed 2022-2026 CIP.

As a result, the County Board is being asked to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining input from the general public on the Plan and meet the

requirements of Minn. Stat. § 373.40 and Chapter 475 as it relates to the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the following capital improvements:

- Public Works Facilities – (i) Public Works Maintenance Facilities to be located in Kugler Township, Culver Township and near Whiteface Reservoir; (ii) a public works storage building, salt/sand dome and brine making system at the Meadowlands Public Works Maintenance Facility; and (iii) three salt/sand dome facilities to be located at the Jean Duluth Garage, the Cotton Garage and the Buyck Garage (the “Project”).

The Internal Finance Committee will meet prior to the public hearing in order to provide its formal recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in the Duluth Government Services Center, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of obtaining input from the general public on the 2021 – 2025 Capital Improvement Plan and issuance of up to \$26,000,000 in Capital Improvement Bonds.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
AND ON THE INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of St. Louis County, Minnesota (the “County”), as follows:

Section 1. Under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, the Board has previously approved a Capital Improvement Plan with annual amendments, including the years 2021 through 2025 (the “Plan”).

Section 2. The Board has proposed an additional amendment to the Plan for the years 2021 through 2025 (the “Amendment”). Included within the Amendment are the proposed improvements to public works facilities with an estimated cost in excess of \$26,000,000.

Section 3. Further, the Board is considering the issuance of general obligation capital improvement bonds under Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Chapter 475 in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000, together with up to two percent of additional amount as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60 (the “Bonds”), for the purpose of providing funds for the following capital improvements under the Plan, as amended by the Amendment:

Public Works Facilities – (i) Public Works Maintenance Facilities to be located in Kugler Township, Culver Township and near Whiteface Reservoir; (ii) a public works storage building, salt/sand dome and brine making system at the Meadowlands Public Works Maintenance Facility; (iii) two salt/sand dome buildings and brine making systems at the Floodwood Garage and the Hibbing Garage; and (iv) three salt/sand dome facilities to be located at the Jean Duluth Garage, the Cotton Garage and the Buyck Garage (the “Project”).

Section 4. The Board shall hold public hearings at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in the St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center, 320 West Second Street in Duluth, Minnesota, to provide an opportunity for residents to express their views on the Amendment and on the issuance of the Bonds for the Project.

Section 5. The County Auditor shall publish a notice of public hearings on the capital improvement plan and on the intent to issue the Bonds in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A on a date which is not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days before the hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

Section 6. This resolution constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse expenditures with respect to the capital improvements being financed with the proceeds of the Bonds.

Adopted: August 3, 2021

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ON THE INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA, UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Louis County, Minnesota, will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 9:35 a.m. in the St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center, 320 West Second Street in Duluth, Minnesota, to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views concerning (i) an amendment to the County's Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2021 through 2025; and (ii) the County's intent to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000, together with up to two percent of additional amount as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the Capital Improvement Plan as amended and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used by the County to construct the following improvements, and to pay costs of issuance of and capitalized interest, if any, on the Bonds:

Public Works Facilities – (i) Public Works Maintenance Facilities to be located in Kugler Township, Culver Township and near Whiteface Reservoir; (ii) a public works storage building, salt/sand dome and brine making system at the Meadowlands Public Works Maintenance Facility; (iii) two salt/sand dome buildings and brine making systems at the Floodwood Garage and the Hibbing Garage; and (iv) three salt/sand dome facilities to be located at the Jean Duluth Garage, the Cotton Garage and the Buyck Garage.

The Bonds and the interest thereon shall constitute general obligations of the County secured by the full faith and credit of the County. All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS
COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 283

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Schedule a Public Hearing for
Petition to Revoke Portion of
Savanna Road in Halden
Township

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL:

To provide for efficient and effective government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to schedule a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.11, subd. 5a, for August 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Halden Town Hall, 5523 South Savanna Rd. Floodwood, MN, regarding the petition for revocation of the portion of Savanna Road north of the intersection of Savanna Road/County Road 186 and Floodwood Road.

Furthermore, it is requested that the County Board set this matter on for consideration of the Petition during the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on August 3, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

On May 3, 2021, Petitioner Michael Clark submitted a petition to revoke a portion of Savanna Road within Halden Township pursuant to Minn. Stat. §163.11, subd. 5 and 5(a). A copy of the petition and accompanying consent to revoke and vacate forms are attached to this Board Letter.

The portion of the road to be vacated is that portion of the Savanna Road north of the intersection of Savanna Road/County Road 186 and Floodwood Road in the Town of Halden, specifically, revoking and vacating the portion of Savanna Road/County Road 186 beginning at the southernmost part of parcels 390-0010-00305 in the west and 390-0010-00110 in the east and running north until Savanna Road/County Road 186's terminus. A map of the intersection is attached to this Board Letter.

Petitioner has secured consent to revoke and vacate the portion of Savanna Road from the appropriate parties. Those consent forms are attached to this letter.

Petitioner has agreed to sign and have immediately recorded an easement granting St. Louis County continued access to the portion of Savanna Road being revoked and vacated for purposes of accessing tax forfeit lands.

On May 18, 2021, Halden Township adopted a resolution agreeing to vacate said roads immediately upon reversion by St. Louis County. Said resolution waived all of the town's rights, damages, and claims under Minn. Stat. §163.11. A copy of the Halden Township Resolution is attached.

Minn. Stat. §163.11, subdivision 5(a) requires St. Louis County hold a public hearing in the town where revocation is requested. The hearing is proposed to be held in Halden Township for August 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The Board is being asked to allow Public Works to represent the Board at the hearing and report back to the Board at its August 3 meeting. In order to delegate representation at the Halden Town Hall hearing to Public Works it is requested the Board waive certain sections of the Standing Rules as set forth below in the Recommendation section. Upon completion of the hearing, the County Board would then be able to receive any public input provided, receive input from Public Works and any other interested parties, and act on the Petition on August 3, 2021, at the regularly scheduled County Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board schedule a public hearing on August 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Halden Town Hall, 5523 South Savanna Rd. Floodwood, MN regarding the petition for revocation of the portion of Savanna Road north of the intersection of Savanna Road/County Road 186 and Floodwood Road. It is further recommended that the Board waive the following Standing Rules in order to properly and effectively delegate responsibility for the hearing to Public Works staff: Article III, Sections 4.01-4.03 (Conduct of Hearing; General, Quorum Needed, Order of Hearing), 4.05 (Examination of Witnesses) and 5.04 (Voting).

**Schedule a Public Hearing for Petition to Revoke Portion of Savanna Road in
Halden Township**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, A petition to revoke a portion of Savanna Road within Halden Township was submitted to St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board may, by resolution, revoke any County highway and the highway shall thereupon revert to the town in which it is located; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 163.11, subd. 5(a), and before adopting a resolution revoking a county highway that would revert to a town, the County Board shall fix a date, time and place of hearing in the town where the highway is located to consider the revocation; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Board Standing Rules require hearings be conducted in a certain manner, but said manner is impractical for this type of hearing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board hereby schedules a public hearing to consider the revocation of a portion of the Savanna Road on August 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Halden Town Hall, 5523 South Savanna Road, Floodwood, Minnesota, 55736, and directs the Public Works Department to represent the County at said hearing and report back to the County Board of Commissioners on August 3, 2021 at the regularly scheduled County Board meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The County Board hereby waives Standing Rules Article III, Sections 4.01-4.03 (Conduct of Hearing; General, Quorum Needed, Order of Hearing), 4.05 (Examination of Witnesses) and 5.04 (Voting) for purposes of the August 2, 2021 hearing in Halden Township.

PETITION TO VACATE COUNTY ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

To the County Board of St. Louis County, Minnesota:

The undersigned owns real estate along the County Road Rights of Way described below, and hereby petitions for vacation of the following described Road Right of Way:

1. Savanna Road:

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Except for Chris Pulling, who owns Parcel Nos. 390-0010-00180 and 390-0010-00210, and the County, which Clark Farms understands owns Parcels 390-0010-00300 and 390-0010-00305, Petitioner owns the remaining tracts of land over which the relevant Road Right of Way passes and the only tracts benefited by these roads. Chris Pulling has signed the attached Consent to this vacation. No property will be landlocked if the vacation request is granted. (See: Minn. Stat. Sec. 160.09.)

Petitioner asks that you proceed with the vacation pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 163.11, Subd. 1 and 4. In the alternative, Petitioner requests that the Board extinguish the Road Rights of Way under Minn. Stat. Sec. 163.11, Subd. 7.


The Road Rights of Way to be vacated do not abut or terminate at any public water. (See: Minn. Stat. Sec. 163.11, Subd. 8.)

Lateral ditches, if any, in the Rights of Way, are not essential for surface drainage of adjacent lands or other public highways, are no longer needed for drainage purposes. (See: Minn. Stat. Sec. 163.11.)

No Utility Easements are affected by vacating these Road Rights of Way. (See: Minn. Stat. Sec. 160.29.)

Dated: 4/30/21, 2021

CLARK FARMS LLC

By: 
Michael Clark

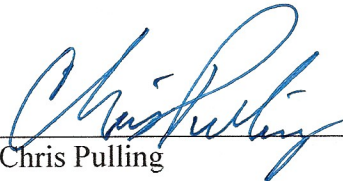
Its: Manager

CONSENT OF PETITION TO VACATE

I own real property on Savanna Road/County Road 186, west and north of Floodwood Road, specifically Parcel Nos. 390-0010-00180 and 390-0010-00210. I consent to the Petition of Clark Farms LLC to vacate Savanna Road/County Road 186, north of the intersection of Savanna Road/County Road 186 and Floodwood Road in the Town of Halden, specifically, vacating the portion of Savanna Road/County Road 186 beginning at the southern-most part of parcels 390-0010-00305 in the west and 390-0010-00110 in the east and running north until Savanna Road/County Road 186's terminus.

I waive all claims for damages and any other right to compensation.

Dated: Apr. 1 26, 2021


Chris Pulling

**HALDEN TOWNSHIP
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY

On ~~5-18-21~~ at a regular Town Board meeting, the Halden Town Board adopted the following Resolution:

FINDINGS

1. The following described right of way road is a county road located within Halden Township:

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2. Except for Chris Pulling, who owns Parcel Nos. 390-0010-00180 and 390-0010-00210, and the County, which owns Parcels 390-0010-00300 and 390-0010-00305, Clarks Farms LLC owns the remaining tracts of land over which the relevant Road Right of Way passes and the only tracts benefited by these roads. Chris Pulling has signed the attached Consent to this vacation. No property will be landlocked if the vacation request is granted.

3. Clark Farms LLC has asked the St. Louis County Board to vacate this road. The St. Louis County Board proposes that it revoke the County Highway status, and revert the right of way to the Halden Township under Minnesota Statutes Section 163.11, Subd. 5-5b.

4. Halden Township does not wish to own, control, maintain or use these road right of way. The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to immediately vacate the road

under Minnesota Statutes Section 164.07. The Town is willing to waive all of its rights, damages and claims under Section 163.11 in order to immediately vacate this road.

5. Since the affected landowners have signed a Petition and Consent to vacate this road, there is no need for this Board to hold a formal Public Hearing or to inspect this road.

THEREFORE, Halden Township resolves as follows:

A. Halden Township waives all rights, damages and claims under Section 163.11, including their right to a joint Hearing between the Town Board and County Board to be held in the Township, for the County to repair and upgrade the road to County standards and to maintain the roadway for two years after revocation.

B. Upon revocation by the County, Halden Township hereby immediately vacates these rights of way under Minnesota Statutes Section 164.07. The Township does not wish to own, control, maintain or use these roads. It is in the best interest of the Town that upon revocation by the County and reversion to the Town that the rights of way be immediately vacated.

C. To the best knowledge of the Town Board members these rights of way do not terminate at any public water. They are not essential for drainage of adjacent lands or roads and no public utility easements are affected by these roads.

Adopted 5-18-21

HALDEN TOWNSHIP

By: 

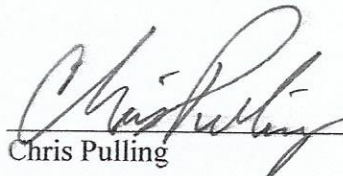
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Dated: 4/30/21, 2021

CLARK FARMS LLC

By: Michael Clark
Michael Clark

Its: Manager



County Land Explorer

St. Louis County, Minnesota



Savannah Road Map

Fox Rothschild



County Land Explorer
St. Louis County www.stlouiscountymn.gov/explorer Minnesota

Disclaimer

This is a compilation of records as they appear in the Saint Louis County Office affecting the area shown. This drawing is to be used only for reference purposes and the County is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein.

Map created using County Land Explorer
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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 284

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Controlled Access Relocation
CSAH 4 (Hennessey Request)

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 the Public Works Director to approve and oversee the removal of the existing entrance and the relocation of the entrance on County State Aide Highway (CSAH) 4.

BACKGROUND:

In 1970-71, a four-mile segment of County State Aid Highway 4 within Rice Lake and Gnesen Townships was reconstructed. Controlled Access was established and acquired along with additional right of way in connection with this project. Acquiring the controlled access locations limited the access points onto CSAH 4 to improve safety and traffic flow along that corridor.

The St. Louis County Public Works Department has received a request to relocate an existing legal access within the controlled access area along CSAH 4. Frank Hennessey the owner of NE1/4 of SE1/4 EX Part West of Hwy, Section 30, Township 52, Range 14, would like to move his approved controlled access further north so that it is on higher ground.

The owner of the newly relocated entrance will be required to apply for an entrance permit prior to constructing his new entrance. The work for the newly approved entrance location would be done at the direction of the Public Works Department but paid for by the property owner.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the St. Louis County Board authorize the request for the relocation of an existing entrance location.

Controlled Access Relocation CSAH 4 (Hennessey Request)

COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Public Works Department acquired controlled access along a four mile segment of County State Aid Highway 4 within the City of Rice Lake and Gnesen Township; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hennessey, the property owners of NE1/4 of SE1/4 EX Part West of Hwy, Section 30, Township 52, Range 14, would like to move his approved controlled access further north so that it is on higher ground.

WHEREAS, Public Works has reviewed the request and has determined that the relocation of the entrance to the new location does not negatively impact or reduce public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Works Director to approve and oversee the removal of the existing entrance and the relocation of the entrance on County State Aide Highway (CSAH) 4.

RESOLVED FURTHER, Mr. Hennessey must apply for an entrance permit prior to any commencement of work.

Exhibit

Description of existing legal access entrance within NE ¼ of SE ¼ EX Part West of HWY. (Hennessey)

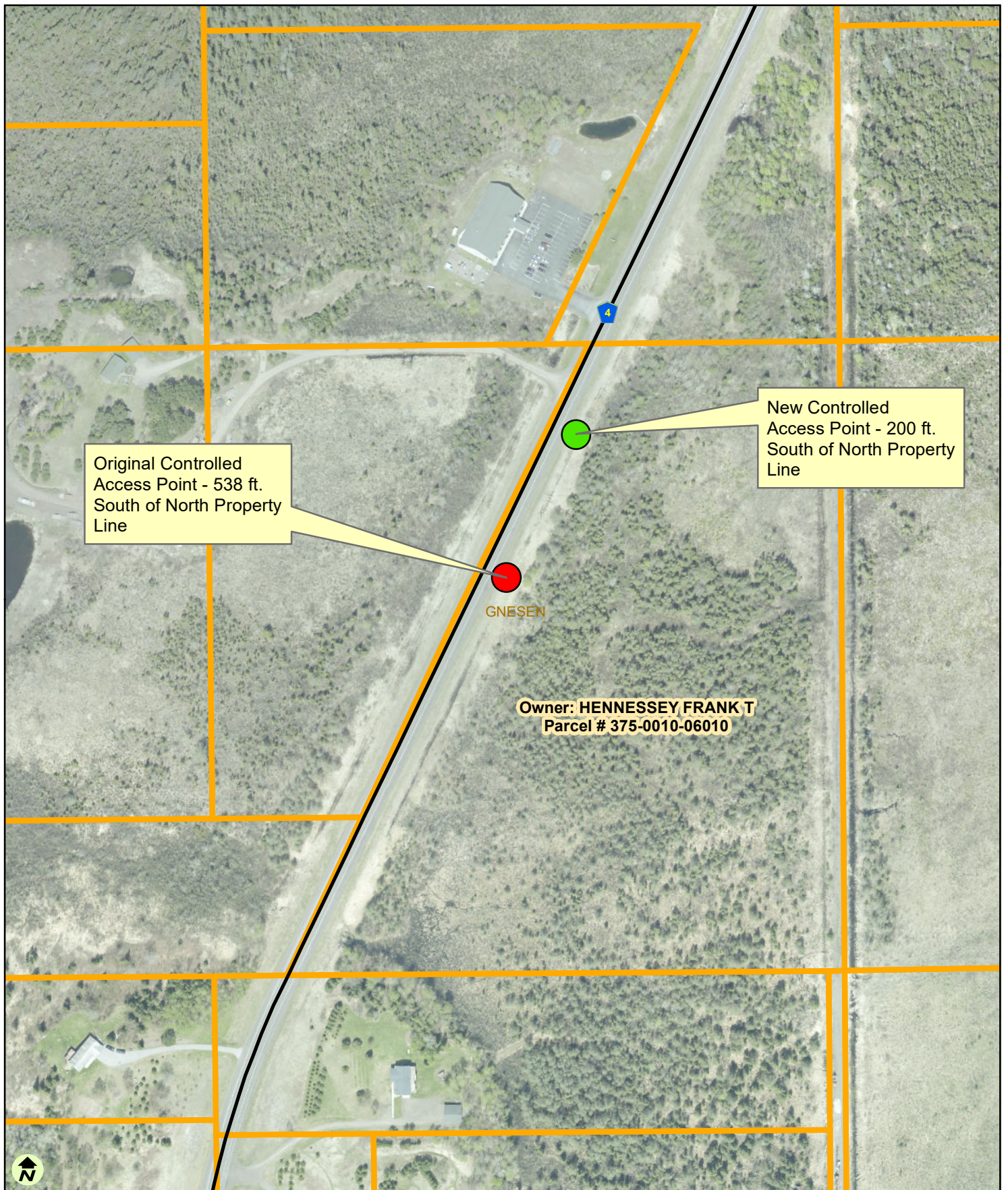
The right of access on both sides of said road between points distant 10 feet and 50 feet North - Northeasterly of the point of termination of the following described line:

Commencing at the quarter corner common to Sections 29 and 30, Township 52 North, Range 14 West along the North line of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of said Section 30 for a distance of 512.87 feet to a point; thence South-Southwesterly at an angle of 67° 47' 55" to the left, from the last described course, for a distance of 568.40 feet and there terminating

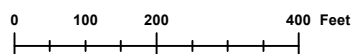
Description of re-located legal access entrance within NE ¼ of SE ¼ EX Part West of HWY. (Hennessey)

The right of access on both sides of said road between points distant 10 feet and 60 feet North - Northeasterly of the point of termination of the following described line:

Commencing at the quarter corner common to Sections 29 and 30, Township 52 North, Range 14 West along the North line of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of said Section 30 for a distance of 512.87 feet to a point; thence South-Southwesterly at an angle of 67° 47' 55" to the left, from the last described course, for a distance of 235.00 feet and there terminating



St. Louis County CSAH 4 Controlled Access



Map Components

Controlled Access Point

- New Access Point
- Original Access Point

- U.S./State Highway
- County Road - Paved
- County Road - Gravel
- Local Road/City Street
- Railroad
- Interstate Highway
- Parcel Boundary

- Township Boundary
- City/Town
- Lake
- River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 285

PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: State Contract Purchase of
Modified Truck Snow Gear

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
County Engineer/Public Works Director

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the increased costs associated with modifying the liquid brine capacity on a standard tandem plow truck snow gear package for ten previously purchased dump bodies with hydraulic systems and snow removal equipment.

BACKGROUND:

With the continued investment in liquid deicing and blending equipment, the Public Works Department now has the ability to produce significantly more liquid. The current truck gear package transports 190 gallons of liquid which limits the options available during any given storm event.

The Public Works Department worked with Towmaster to develop a modified system that can be retrofitted into the current truck gear package. This modification will increase a truck's liquid capacity to 1030 gallons which will greatly increase the options available for roadways during storm events.

The Modified truck gear will be purchased from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN using the available State of Minnesota Contract. The total purchase price for this additional equipment is estimated to be \$274,450.00. The Public Works Department's 2021 equipment budget includes the purchase and installation of this additional equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the purchase order for the installation of modified truck snow gear from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN, in the amount of \$274,450.00 payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, and Object 666300.

State Contract Purchase of Modified Truck Snow Gear

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's equipment budget includes the purchase of modified snow gear to go with the ten Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Removal equipment purchased separately; and

WHEREAS, Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN responded with the State of Minnesota contract price for the modified snow gear, for \$274,450.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase order for the installation of modified snow gear to go with the ten Dump Bodies with Hydraulic Systems and Snow Removal equipment purchased separately from Towmaster Inc. of Litchfield, MN for \$274,450.00, payable from fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666300.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 286

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Requesting a State Legislative
Financial Solution in the
Enbridge Energy, L.P. Tax
Court Findings

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is asked to consider a request to the State of Minnesota seeking a state legislative financial solution in the Enbridge Energy, L.P. tax court findings.

BACKGROUND:

State tax courts earlier this year ruled the Minnesota Department of Revenue had overvalued Enbridge's property between 2012 and 2016. As a result, local government jurisdiction's including counties, cities, towns, and school districts are now responsible for the resulting reimbursement of the overpaid property taxes and related interest.

Enbridge, along with several other utilities, challenged the valuations of property. Uniquely in the case of utilities, the valuation of property resides with the State rather than County who otherwise identifies and reviews the valuation of properties.

The impact on local government units for taxes payable 2013-2017 is significant. As a result of the court's decision, relative to Enbridge alone, the total refund for these years is over \$3.7 million (which includes the state share of \$953,000). The refunds directly attributed to the County itself are approximately \$1.5 million, including interest and fiscal disparity impacts.

During the most recent legislative session, legislation was introduced seeking state reimbursement for the refunds. While such legislation was not enacted during the regular session, efforts to see passage of the legislation will continue during the

upcoming special session. As a result, many of the local units of government have developed and are requesting that the State cover the full cost of the refunds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the Commissioners support this request, it is recommended that the St. Louis County Board request a State financial solution to all years of the final Enbridge Energy, L.P. apportionable market values as ordered by the Minnesota Tax Court, beginning in the 2012 assessment year, from the State Department of Revenue.

Requesting a State Legislative Financial Solution in the Enbridge Energy, L.P. Tax Court Findings

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The contributions of utility companies, their employees, contractors, and suppliers are valued by and significant to St. Louis County and its towns, cities and schools; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board recognizes that the valuation and classification of utility parcels are the responsibility of the State of Minnesota, Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, The valuation of utility parcels owned by Enbridge Energy, L.P. and other entities have been appealed to the Minnesota Tax Court and the Minnesota Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, The final Enbridge apportionable market values as ordered by the Minnesota Tax Court beginning in the 2012 assessment year through assessment year 2016, will result in significant financial impacts to St. Louis County and its local jurisdictions, including townships and school districts; and

WHEREAS, The estimated total refund for local jurisdictions related to Enbridge alone in St. Louis County for tax payable years 2013 through 2017 is estimated to be in excess of \$2.7 million; and

WHEREAS, The estimated refunds are problematic to local taxing authorities and their residents, increasing taxes on all property owners in St. Louis County and potentially severely impacting the financial position of affected entities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board request a State financial solution to all years of the final Enbridge Energy, L.P. apportionable market values as ordered by the Minnesota Tax Court, beginning in the 2012 assessment year, from the State Department of Revenue.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 287

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Establishment of a St. Louis
County Border-to-Border
Broadband Grant Program

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Matthew Johnson, Director
Planning and Community Development

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To assist communities in achieving housing, economic development and community development objectives.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the establishment of a St. Louis County Border-to-Border Broadband grant program to assist communities to plan for, develop, and seek funding to expand investment in high-speed broadband initiatives in their communities to unserved or underserved areas in St Louis County.

BACKGROUND:

Broadband refers to internet connections that can transfer data and information at high speeds. Broadband service in Minnesota and St. Louis County is delivered through the fiber and coaxial networks of cable providers; Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service over the telephone network; optical fiber to the home or business; mobile and fixed wireless systems; and satellite connections. These networks also involve Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who provide all types of internet access, domain registration, hosting and other services in order to connect to and utilize these networks.

This patchwork of networks and ISP's has resulted in various unserved and underserved areas in Minnesota and St. Louis County. To address this, the State of Minnesota has set the goal that (1) no later than 2022, all Minnesota businesses and homes have access to high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of at least three (3) megabits per second; and (2) no later than 2026, all Minnesota businesses and homes have access to at least one provider of broadband with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 20 megabits per second.

In order to assist communities within St. Louis County to reach these goals, it is proposed that St. Louis County establish a new “Border-to-Border Broadband” grant program to provide financial resources to help encourage and assist communities to plan for, develop, and seek funding to expand investment in high-speed broadband initiatives in their communities to unserved or underserved areas in St. Louis County. The County’s program would primarily focus on funding front-end planning activities and assist those communities seek additional capital funds from federal, state, and other resources to install the infrastructure.

Applicants will be able to seek grants up to \$25,000 per applicant/project, must address unserved or underserved areas, and will be required to provide a 1:1 match. The grant will be a competitive application process with a deadline in the fall of 2021. The funds will be disbursed in accordance with program requirements to qualifying cities, townships or non-profits located within unserved or underserved areas of St. Louis County.

Currently, there is approximately \$946,196 in available funds in the county’s Economic Development Fund to provide the seed money for the program. If approved, the Economic Development Fund will have approximately \$696,196 remaining. Should America Rescue Plan Final Guidelines allow for funding eligibility it is proposed that those funds instead be used to replace economic development monies.

A framework of the proposed program guidelines is attached but not yet finalized. Should the Board support the establishment of the program, staff will make final revisions based upon Board feedback and guidance of the County Attorney’s office.

From an economic development perspective, greater broadband service will serve public, private residences, and business needs across the regional economy. The County has statutory authority under Minn. Stat. §375.83 to make such a contribution.

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the Commissioners support this request, it is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the establishment of and funding for up to \$250,000 for a Border-to-Border Broadband grant program to be paid from Economic Development Fund 178 Object 311008 or its designated fund, and further authorizes appropriate County officials to enter into and execute any funding agreements and associated documents as necessary to administer the program and fund projects.

Establishment of a St. Louis County Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, High-speed internet broadband service has become vital to St. Louis County's economy; and

WHEREAS, There are unserved and underserved broadband service areas of St. Louis County; and

WHEREAS, The County has identified the need to establish a St. Louis County Border-to-Border Broadband grant program to assist communities to plan for, develop, and seek funding to expand investment in high-speed broadband initiatives in unserved and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, The County has previously identified economic development as a strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, The Final Guidelines for utilization of America Rescue Plan funds have not yet been issued; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available through Economic Development funds; and

WHEREAS, The County has statutory authority through Minn. Stat. §375.83 to make such a contribution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the establishment of the Border-to-Border Broadband grant program per Board File No.

_____.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves initial funding of up to \$250,000 in funds for the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes appropriate County officials to enter into and execute any funding agreement(s) and associated documents as necessary to administer the program and fund projects, payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That upon issuance of final guidance by the U.S. Treasury, it is determined that this program is eligible for the use of America Rescue Plan funds, those funds be used in place of Fund 178 or its designated fund.



St. Louis County, MN

St. Louis County Border to Border Broadband Grant

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Form

9000

Rev. 6-15-2021

Background: The 'St. Louis County Border to Border Broadband Program' supports local broadband initiatives by providing financial assistance to eligible projects. Application and additional information can be found online at: www.stlouiscountymn.gov/planning

Funding Up to \$25,000 for eligible projects (\$250,000 total available for grants countywide)

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Program Purpose To assist communities with planning for and securing funds for broadband infrastructure in **unserved or underserved** areas of St. Louis County.

Program Goal
Aligned with the State

Goal 1: By 2022, St. Louis County businesses and homes have access to or are in the process of planning for high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of at least three (3) megabits per second.

Goal 2: By 2026, St. Louis County businesses and homes have access to at least one provider of broadband with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 20 megabits per second.

Eligible Applicants Cities, townships, and non-profits located within St. Louis County. *Multi-organization collaborations are encouraged.*

Eligible Project Areas

Unserved or Underserved Areas in St. Louis County
An **unserved area** is an area in which households or businesses lack access to wire-line broadband service at speeds that meet the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) threshold of 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 megabits per second (Mbps) upload.
An **underserved area** is an area of St. Louis County in which households or businesses do receive service at or above the FCC threshold of 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps up, but lack access to wire-line broadband service at speeds of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload.

Eligible Projects

- ✓ Broadband plan development (e.g., feasibility studies)
- ✓ Broadband funding applications/preparation (e.g., State, Federal or non-county resources)

Project Costs

Eligible Costs	In-Eligible Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consulting costs and services, grant writing, personnel costs, surveys, and similar costs associated with planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Infrastructure installation, middle mile, last mile, acquisition of property, equipment purchases, right-of-way, food, rent, travel, conferences

Match Funds Requirement Requires a 1:1 financial match (one part applicant and one part County). The match must be committed and can come from any private and/or public source.

Priorities
Scoring Criteria

- ✓ Leverages provider partnership/investment (20 pts)
- ✓ Serves unserved and underserved areas (20 pts)
- ✓ Number of households and businesses served (20 pts)
- ✓ Strong citizen participation and support (20 pts)
- ✓ Project readiness (10 pts)
- ✓ Leverages government investment (10 pts)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline

Application Deadline: September 17, 2021
All eligible applications received during this time period are reviewed and scored according to the evaluation criteria. Grants are awarded to the most competitive and ready to go applications. Applications submitted after deadline may be awarded on a rolling basis subject to meeting eligibility requirements and the availability of remaining grant funds. Visit www.stlouiscountymn.gov/planning for application materials and grant program updates.

Application Requirements All applicants must provide an approved resolution to apply for, accept and match grant funds.

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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 288

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Commissioner Appointments
to St. Louis County Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion
Leadership Group

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James R. Gottschald, Director
Human Resources and Administration

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To exercise responsible stewardship of county resources.

ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the County Board appoint two County Board members to participate on the St. Louis County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group.

BACKGROUND:

During 2020, County Administration established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (hereinafter referred to as DEI) Leadership Group in recognition that diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to achieving the mission of St. Louis County - to promote health and safety, ensure sound infrastructure, embrace our natural resources, and support an environment where communities prosper.

While numerous county groups have organized to advance cultural and diversity initiatives over the years, it was decided to establish a leadership team made up of department heads and high-level managers to participate in organizational DEI work as well as review resident services across all lines of business through the lens of our employees and residents who identify as black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC).

During the fall of 2020, it became known to Administration that a BIPOC peer group made up of county employees was meeting as needed to offer peer support in response to recent tragedies involving black and brown individuals in Minnesota and elsewhere in the United States. A representation of the BIPOC peer group was invited to join the DEI Leadership Group and were offered a co-chair role.

Given the significance of both historical and more recent trauma affecting BIPOC employees and residents of the county, and further, the opportunity for the County Board to support the DEI Leadership Group through advocacy and other commitments, the Board Chair has indicated a strong interest in appointing two County Board members to participate in the discussions and work of the newly formed DEI Leadership Group. Commissioners Frank Jewell and Ashley Grimm have expressed interest in serving in these initial County Board appointments.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board appoint County Board members to participate on the DEI Leadership Group.

**Commissioner Appointments to St. Louis County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Leadership Group**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, County Administration established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Leadership Group in recognition that diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to achieving the mission of St. Louis County - to promote health and safety, ensure sound infrastructure, embrace our natural resources, and support an environment where communities prosper; and

WHEREAS, Historical trauma and more recent incidents have affected BIPOC employees and residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the County Board wishes to designate County Board member(s) to participate in the discussions and support the work of the newly formed Diversity, Equity and Leadership Group; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners Frank Jewell and Ashley Grimm have expressed interest in said appointments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following County Board members to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leadership Group for a term expiring December 31, 2022:

- District 1 Commissioner Frank Jewell
- District 3 Commissioner Ashley Grimm

RESOLVED FURTHER, That update(s) shall be provided as appropriate to the Board consistent with past practices and the Standing Rules and Bylaws of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 289

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: June 22, 2021

RE: Commissioner Appointments
to Northeast Regional ATV
Trail Board of Directors

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Brian Fritsinger
Deputy Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To exercise responsible stewardship of county resources.

ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the County Board appoint two County Board members to serve as Board members and one County Board member to serve as an alternate board member on the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board.

BACKGROUND:

Since the adoption of the St. Louis County All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance Number 64 in May 2016, there has been significant expansion and increased interest in motorized recreation within St. Louis County. Much of this activity has focused on the development of new ATV trails by ATV clubs.

With ATV clubs acting independently of each other, this has led to a lack of coordination and prioritization of ATV trail development projects, pursuit of state and federal funding, and long-term trail infrastructure maintenance responsibilities. This experience has led to the recognition of an immediate need to better manage and coordinate these items, as well as many other associated efforts. The Board, at its June 8, 2021 meeting authorized a joint powers agreement (JPA) with Lake and Koochiching County's to collaborate on ATV trail issues within the three counties.

At this meeting it was noted that the proposed Board would consist of 4 members with two being representatives of St. Louis County along with one alternative from each county. The St. Louis County Board did not officially appoint any representatives to fill these seats and serve in this capacity. Under the JPA, the terms of the appointed

members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority for the duration of their respective appointments.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board appoint County Board members to serve on the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Board.

Commissioner Appointments to Northeast Regional ATV Trail Board of Directors

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board, at its June 8, 2021 meeting authorized its participation in a joint powers board with Lake and Koochiching County's; and

WHEREAS, Under the Joint Powers Agreement the County is represented through two board members and one alternate board members; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the County Board wishes to appoint County Board members to serve in these capacity's; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners have expressed interest in said appointments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following County Board members to the Northeast Regional ATV Trail Board for a term expiring with their current terms as elected officials:

- _____
- _____
- _____, alternate

**Resolution for Closed Session of the
Committee of the Whole for Litigation Purposes**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b), the Committee of the Whole may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney requires candid and open discussion to provide legal advice to the Committee of the Whole with respect to a proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *Bruckelmeyer v. St. Louis County*, Case No. 69DU-CV-21-256, in a closed session of the Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, A closed session would benefit the public because potential financial liability could result in the expenditure of public funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Committee of the Whole will convene a closed session on June 22, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the proposed settlement and litigation strategy relating to *Bruckelmeyer v. St. Louis County*, Case No. 69DU-CV-21-256, in accord with Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That no other pending public business will be discussed at this closed session.