OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA, HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 14th day of November 2023, at 9:33 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 6. Absent: Commissioner Keith Musolf - 1.

Chair Boyle asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all victims of violence, foreign and domestic; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Melissa Bell, of Duluth, said the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road should be null and void. Ms. Bell commented that there has been a problem regarding the county's issuance of gravel pit permits; no gravel pit permits have been denied since 2018. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, noted that their group has been working on issues related to issuance of the 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and commented that it is unfortunate that they must go to court to get the county to take action that should have been taken previously. Mel Heinrich, of Duluth, provided a handout to the Board and discussed the Convention of States Action mechanism and impacts of an overreaching federal government.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).

The following Board file was created from documents received by this Board:

Mel Heinrich, Duluth, MN, handout regarding the Convention of States Action organization.—62052

Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Harala, resolutions numbered 23-572 through 23-574, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of October 24, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted November 14, 2023. No. 23-572

RESOLVED, That pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance No. 51, as amended, the applications for license to sell tobacco products at retail, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61857, are hereby approved and the County Auditor is authorized to issue the license to the following establishments:

- C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. dba Ely Lake Short Stop, Fayal Township;
- C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. dba Cook Short Stop, City of Cook;
- C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. dba Town Line Short Stop, Fayal Township;

Zupancich Bros., Inc. dba Zup's Food Market of Cook, City of Cook;

Takeoff, LLC dba The Landing, City of Cook;

Country Corner Bar, LLC dba Country Corner Bar, Culver Township;

Dawghouse Bar & Grill, LLC dba Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Northland Township;

Wieber & Associates, Inc. dba Ash Trail Lodge, Unorganized Township 68-19;

Pequaywan Inn Resort, LLC dba Pequaywan Inn Resort, Unorganized Township 54-13;

Hi Banks Resort, Inc. dba Hi Banks Resort, Fredenberg Township;

Timbuktu Marina, LLC dba Timbuktu Marina, Greenwood Township;

DG Retail, LLC dba Dollar General Store #23618, Unorganized Township 61-13;

DG Retail, LLC dba Dollar General Store #20245, Cook Township;

M. & T. Wedin, Inc. dba Wooden Table Inn, Unorganized Township 60-19;

Edwards Oil, Inc. dba Lucky Seven General Stores, City of Proctor;

Edwards Oil, Inc. dba Lucky Seven General Stores, City of Cook;

Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #117, City of Rice Lake;

Ely-Winton Rod & Gun Club, Inc. dba Samz Place, Morse Township.

The following license holders were issued a tobacco violation citation on the date(s) as stated:

Miner's Incorporated dba Super One Foods, Canosia Township, October 3, 2020;

Super One Liquor, LLC dba Super One Liquor, Canosia Township, July 13, 2019, and October 10, 2022;

Chalstrom's Bait & Tackle, LLC dba Chalstrom's Bait, City of Rice Lake, August 7, 2021:

Caywood County Store, LLC dba Caywood County Store, Brevator Township, August 7, 2021;

C C Campground #717, Inc. dba C C Campground #717, French Township, August 29, 2023;

Belo Enterprises, Inc. dba Crossroads Convenience and Liquor Store, Clinton Township, August 12, 2021;

Leon Polley dba Polley's Resort, Unorganized Township 63-17, August 29, 2022;

Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council dba Y Store; Vermilion Lake Township, July 10, 2019, and December 4, 2020;

Hugo's, Inc. dba Hugo's, Ault Township, July 20, 2019.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

Adopted November 14, 2023. No. 23-573

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19230141 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61859, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted November 14, 2023. No. 23-574

At 9:46 a.m., November 14, 2023, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Harala, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent (Musolf).

Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)