

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2022

Location: Government Services Center, Duluth, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. Item #10, Public Sale of State Tax Forfeited Properties [22-184] was removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

- Minutes of April 5, 2022
- Abatement List for Board Approval [22-175]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Portage Township) [22-176]
- Premise Permit Application for Lawful Gambling (Midway Township) [22-177]
- Public Auction of Earthen Material on State Tax Forfeited Land (Eagles Nest Township) [22-178]
- Transfer of Peat-Mining Lease No. C21170001 [22-179]
- Reclassification of State Tax-Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [22-180]
- Special Sale to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for Blight Removal (010-0990-00180) [22-181]
- Adjoining Owner Sales [22-182]
- Amendment of Lease Agreement with Mining Resources, LLC [22-183]

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## Establishment of Public Hearings

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:35 a.m., on May 10, 2022, in the Gnesen Community Center, 6356 Howard Gnesen Road, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Myrtle Lake Resort, LLC dba Myrtle Lake Resort, LLC. [22-185]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing at 9:40 a.m., on May 10, 2022, in the Gnesen Community Center, 6356 Howard Gnesen Road, Duluth, MN, for the purpose of considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Tavern in the Bay, LLC dba Tavern in the Bay, LLC. [22-186]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

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## **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

McDonald/Jugovich moved to award a bid to Veit & Company, Inc., Rogers, MN, in the amount of \$982,600 for project CP 0000-561988: ATV Trail Construction, Moose Trail ATV Route from Gilbert OHV Park to County State Aid Highway 4 near Biwabik, MN. [22-187]. County Administrator Kevin Gray said that grant funds are available due to the gas tax. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

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## **Environment & Natural Resources Committee**

Jugovich/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to offer the state tax forfeited lands for sale at a public, online auction with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, starting at the fair market value in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy, and in a manner provided for by law. Funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund). [22-184]. Commissioner Nelson discussed issues with the sales book and said that the book should better explain details and requirements of sales. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (6-0, Jewell absent)

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## **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Chair McDonald wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover and noted the next Board meeting will take place in Hoyt Lakes on April 26, 2022.

At 10:44 a.m., Grimm/Jugovich moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)



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Paul McDonald, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board