

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON MAY 24, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 24th day of May 2022, at 9:31 a.m., at the Northland Town Hall, Canyon, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich, and Chair Paul McDonald - 7. Absent: None - 0.

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

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

Commissioner Nelson welcomed the Board to Northland Township and said that Township Clerk Bobbi Pirkola will be serving lunch following the Board meeting. Commissioner Nelson commented that the Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) Board met on Friday and approved a program to fill sand bags at the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC).

At 9:35 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-263, adopted May 4, 2022, regarding the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority's \$210,000 request to assist Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC construct a 60,000 square-foot addition to their existing operations at the Range Regional Airport. St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that the total cost of the expansion will be \$17.5 million, will help retain 170 employees, and will create 18 to 20 new jobs. A public hearing is required before the Board can take action on the \$210,000 request. Barrett Ziemer, Executive Director of the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority, said that Max Gray Construction is the Construction Manager at Risk and it is expected that project bids will take place in June and opened in July. Commissioner Musolf asked if there was a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) in place; Director Ziemer commented that a PLA has not been determined. Wally Buegler, Plant Manager Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC commented that the company has created 60 new jobs over the past 12 months and the expansion is needed for their battery remanufacturing process. Matt Sjoberg, Executive Director of MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR), said that the original structure was built in 2008. The new structure will cost \$15 million, and prevailing wage will be part of the project. Janelle Greschner, IRRR, said that there were two drivers for the project: Iron Range talent and the collective incentive package. Chair McDonald asked if there were any supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that the St. Louis County Board approves a one-time financial assistance grant in the amount of \$210,000 to Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) to construct a 60,000 square-foot addition to support the growth of Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC (DDR) existing operations at the Range Regional Airport (HIB); and further, that the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute these agreement(s), payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund. Commissioner Nelson commented that Board policy requires a PLA be in place for purchases over \$150,000 and should be

a component part of requests over \$150,000. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-315.

A point of personal privilege was taken at 10:12 a.m., at 10:15 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

At 10:15 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-293, adopted May 10, 2022, to solicit public input on the proposed Subdivision Ordinance 60 amendments. Deputy Administrator Fritsinger noted a hearing was held last April and four to five key categories were amended. Chair McDonald asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:19 a.m., Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Board adopts the amendments to Ordinance 60, Subdivision Regulations. The effective date for these actions will begin upon County Board approval. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-316.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and James Foldesi, Public Works Director/Highway Engineer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-230, Master Prioritized Bridge Replacement List.—61720

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Matthew Johnson, Planning and Community Development Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-239, Establish a Public Hearing for Proposed Round 3 use of CARES Act Funding and Amendment of the 2020 Action Plan.—61721

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Mary Garness, Public Records & Property Valuation Director, and David Sipila, County Assessor, submitting Board Letter No. 22-242, Appointment of 2022 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.—61722

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, and Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, submitting Board Letter No. 22-235, Consideration of Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax-Forfeited Land to St. Louis County – Maintenance and Garage Facility (Kugler Township).—61723

2022 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant Contract Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$18,000 for the grant period May 13, 2022, to September 5, 2022.—22-305

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between St. Louis County and Casper Construction, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, to Construct Bridge 69L05 (County Bridge 547) and Approaches over Shannon River, 4.3 miles Northwest of Chisholm & Construct Bridge 69L02 (County Bridge 473) and Approaches over East Two River, 4.0 Miles West of Eveleth (CP 0084-368342 Br 547 Low; CP 0315-368346 Br 473 Tied; SAP 069-684-005 Low).—22-306

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between St. Louis County and Veit & Company, Inc., Rogers, MN, for Grading, Aggregate Placement, Boardwalk Installation and Culverts on Moose Trail ATV Route beginning at Gilbert OHV Park and ending at County Road 4 near Biwabik (CP 0000-561988).—22-307

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and JPJ Engineering, Hibbing, MN, for a Storm Sewer Hydrology Study for CSAH 25 (Vermilion Drive) from Trunk Highway 53 to CSAH 24 in Cook, MN (SAP 069-925-022; CP 0025-509653).—22-308

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and LHB, Inc., Duluth, MN, to perform an analysis of the existing storm sewer system on Haines Road between Morris Thomas Road and Maple Grove Road in Hermantown, MN (CP 0091-401108).—22-309

Agreement for Services between the County of St. Louis and Beck & Co. Engineering, Inc., Woodbury, MN, for an assessment of pavement markings (CP 0000-369670).—22-310

Upon motion by Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 22-298 through 22-314, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER JEWELL:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 10, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-298

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the Special Emergency meeting of May 17, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-299

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has reviewed the pertinent data provided by routine bridge safety inspections and prioritized a bridge list which St. Louis County Public Works intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these structures as soon as funds are available; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has identified bridges determined to be of high priority and suitable for replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the Master Prioritized Bridge Replacement List from which St. Louis County Public Works intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these structures as soon as funds are available.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board requests financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-300

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for combined project CP 0005-557171 (Low Prime); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on May 5, 2022, and the low responsible bid was determined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the award on the above project to the low bidder:

<u>LOW BIDDER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mattison Contractors	P.O. Box 238	\$474,961.08

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for CP 0005-557171 payable from Fund 204, Agency 204232, Object 652806 – Transportation Sales Tax Funds - \$474,961.08.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-301

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for abatement, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 61635.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-302

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for cancellation of forfeiture, identified in County Board File No. 61638.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-303

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

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

WHEREAS, A HUD-required thirty-day public comment period on the proposed use of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding began April 30, 2022, and will be completed May 31, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 9:35 A.M., at the Government Service Center in Duluth, Minnesota, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the funding recommendations included in the CARES Act Round 3 Amendment to the 2020-Action Plan.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-304

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local tribal, and territory governments in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Funds received are required to be used in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) requirements as provided within the guidance issued by the United States Treasury:

- To respond to the public health emergency;
- To address its negative economic impacts;
- To serve the hardest hit;
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been awarded \$54,536,596 in ARPA funds to be used in accordance with the above requirements; and

WHEREAS, The County Board recently adopted Resolution No. 22-267 supporting the utilization of revenue loss dollars to maximize opportunities to work with a variety of providers on projects identified by the Board and consistent with the ARPA framework adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club Hibbing Initiative has identified a project to assist a group of individuals and community disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Club Hibbing Initiative has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$250,000 from the County's ARPA funds to support the operational costs associated with its new project/program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after an initial review of the Project Eligibility form, application and other submitted materials, the project proposed has been determined to be eligible as it is considered an enumerated use within a disproportionately impacted community by the pandemic.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of \$250,000 of Economic Development/ARPA funding for the Boys & Girls Club Hibbing Initiative.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland – Hibbing Initiative shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act or by the County.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above project be payable from Fund 178, Agency 178008.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-305

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to B&K Enterprises of Orr, LLP dba The Dam Supper Club, Leiding Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of July 23, 2022, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61636.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-306

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board appoints the following individuals to serve as the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for Assessment Year 2022:

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

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

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

reimbursed for mileage and expenses at the current county rate (from Assessor's Department Object #635500 - Non-employee travel).

- Directed to convene at 10:00 a.m., June 16, 2022, in Virginia, MN.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-307

WHEREAS, Michael Stilwell, Kelsey Stilwell, and Brian Stilwell have requested a permanent, 33-foot wide, non-exclusive, right-of-way easement for ingress and egress purposes over state tax-forfeited lands to access private property, as further described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, It is intended that this right-of-way easement shall replace that access easement over state tax-forfeited lands previously authorized and approved by St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 19-547; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor, through duly authorized County staff, counsel and representatives, to take all steps necessary to create, grant and execute a permanent, non-exclusive, ingress and egress right-of-way easement to Michael Stilwell, Kelsey Stilwell, and Brian Stilwell across state tax-forfeited lands, as further described and attached hereto as Exhibit A and described in County Board File No. 61633.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment in the amount of: a \$4,483 land use fee, \$904 timber damage, \$650 administration fee, and a \$92 recording fee, for a total amount of \$6,129, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (the State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor, through duly authorized County staff, counsel and representatives, is authorized to execute and record the Consent to Termination and Replacement of Road Easement attached hereto, for the purpose of fully replacing and removing from the State's tax title the road access previously approved by Resolution No. 19-547.

EXHIBIT A

Right-of-Way Easement across State Tax-Forfeited Land Granted to Michael, Kelsey and Brian Stilwell (Breitung Township)

A 33.00-foot-wide easement across part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 06; and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5 all in Township 62 North, Range 14 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota, the centerline of which is described as follows:

Assuming the East line of Government Lot 8 of Section 6, being also the East line of Registered Land Survey Number 143, to bear South 01° 12' 13" West and from the Northeast Corner of said Government Lot 8, also being the Center South Sixteenth Corner to Section 6, run South 01° 12' 13" West along said East line of Government Lot 8, a distance of 642.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Thence South 74°12'22" East, a distance of 102.87 feet;

thence North 77°01'54" East, a distance of 78.82 feet;
thence South 39°21'47" East, a distance of 38.41 feet;
thence South 66°10'19" East, a distance of 69.90 feet;
thence South 81°30'18" East, a distance of 52.90 feet;
thence South 64°24'41" East, a distance of 29.42 feet;
thence North 84°27'52" East, a distance of 277.62 feet;
thence South 68°47'04" East, a distance of 36.18 feet;
thence North 86°04'55" East, a distance of 27.09 feet;
thence North 66°40'35" East, a distance of 38.08 feet;
thence South 86°51'49" East, a distance of 85.40 feet;
thence South 57°51'48" East, a distance of 69.64 feet;
thence South 46°02'55" East, a distance of 107.58 feet;
thence South 65°15'47" East, a distance of 50.55 feet;
thence North 80°06'37" East, a distance of 62.18 feet;
thence South 89°06'38" East, a distance of 44.89 feet;
thence North 73°14'43" East, a distance of 129.91 feet;
thence South 86°16'59" East, a distance of 46.94 feet;
thence South 74°26'26" East, a distance of 33.12 feet;
thence South 55°15'58" East, a distance of 72.36 feet;
thence South 65°38'13" East, a distance of 86.04 feet;
thence North 71°05'34" East, a distance of 181.73 feet;
thence North 81°11'22" East, a distance of 217.35 feet;
thence South 83°46'16" East, a distance of 58.33 feet;
thence North 82°07'27" East, a distance of 130.10 feet;
thence South 77°24'41" East, a distance of 95.01 feet;
thence North 72°13'28" East, a distance of 124.34 feet;
thence South 83°13'22" East, a distance of 127.48 feet;
thence South 54°07'20" East, a distance of 61.69 feet;
thence South 76°58'49" East, a distance of 81.76 feet;
thence South 48°30'39" East, a distance of 33.64 feet;
thence South 20°59'18" East, a distance of 45.30 feet;
thence South 12°19'52" East, a distance of 84.33 feet;
thence South 60°32'47" East, a distance of 37.40 feet;
thence South 74°30'10" East, a distance of 87.48 feet;
thence South 57°38'12" East, a distance of 78.03 feet;
thence South 81°22'22" East, a distance of 56.20 feet;
thence North 77°46'50" East, a distance of 69.27 feet;
thence North 72°20'00" East, a distance of 107.32 feet;
thence North 88°01'30" East, a distance of 132.04 feet;
thence North 81°21'04" East, a distance of 115.39 feet;
thence North 71°44'53" East, a distance of 113.78 feet;
thence North 88°14'35" East, a distance of 62.49 feet;
thence South 80°37'50" East, a distance of 208.92 feet;
thence North 79°11'14" East, a distance of 227.96 feet;
thence North 69°14'55" East, a distance of 95.80 feet;
thence South 73°00'44" East, a distance of 332.10 feet;
thence South 87°26'04" East, a distance of 87.96 feet;
thence North 77°28'59" East, a distance of 214.82 feet;
thence South 82°01'24" East, a distance of 121.49 feet;

thence North 82°16'33" East, a distance of 128.94 feet;
thence North 87°45'15" East, a distance of 156.46 feet;
thence North 64°36'27" East, a distance of 84.93 feet;
thence North 48°16'10" East, a distance of 44.97 feet;
thence North 34°12'57" East, a distance of 101.36 feet;
thence North 53°13'54" East, a distance of 54.46 feet;
thence North 74°47'54" East, a distance of 225.59 feet;
thence North 49°06'22" East, a distance of 82.57 feet;
thence North 41°05'29" East, a distance of 108.64 feet to the centerline of County Road 408 (locally known as Mud Creek Road) and there terminate.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-308

WHEREAS, ALLETE, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power has requested a 66-foot-wide, non-exclusive, right-of-way easement across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, The easement encumbers 2.02 acres in Section 29, Township 56 North, Range 14 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota, as further shown and described on Exhibits A and B attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive right-of-way easement to ALLETE, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power, across state tax-forfeited lands as further shown and described in County Board File No. 60633.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment and consideration in the amount of a \$2,024 land use fee, \$501 timber damage fee, \$300 administration fee, plus a \$46 recording fee, for a total amount of \$2,871 to be deposited into Fund 240 (the State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-309

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(e), upon the favorable recommendation of the County Board, the Commissioner of Revenue may convey state tax-forfeited land to another governmental subdivision for an authorized public use without monetary compensation or consideration; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has requested a free conveyance of the state tax-forfeited parcels as described in County Board File No. 61723 for a public use; and

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

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Natural Resources has approved the sale of these parcels pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 3; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that the parcels currently classified as conservation be reclassified as non-conservation after considering many factors,

including the present use of adjacent land, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, and other public services, the suitability or desirability for particular uses, and the suitability of the forest resources on the land for multiple use and sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town, and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that notice of the classification or reclassification of lands situated within a municipality or town must be transmitted to its governing body; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification will be deemed approved if the County Board does not receive notice of a municipality's or town's disapproval within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the conservation state tax-forfeited parcels described herein shall be reclassified as non-conservation, and the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the state tax-forfeited parcels described herein shall be withdrawn from Memorial Forest status.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That, upon reclassification as non-conservation and withdrawal from Memorial Forest status, the St. Louis County Board recommends that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the state tax-forfeited land described in County Board File No. 61723 to St. Louis County for a maintenance and garage facility, upon payment of a \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$250 administrative fee, \$25 deed fee and \$1.65 deed tax, for a total of \$526.65.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 21-557, adopted on October 5, 2021, is hereby rescinded.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-310

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides that state tax-forfeited land may be repurchased by the previous owner at the time of forfeiture – or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement – subject to payment of delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, The applicant, Deborah Rae Schaper of Babbitt, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF BABBITT

Lot 5, Block 8, BABBITT SECOND DIVISION

Parcel code: 105-0020-00050; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the taxpayer-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 record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23, which was Patricia L. McMillen; and

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

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a ten-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Deborah Rae Schaper of Babbitt, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, to Patricia L. McMillen, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$7,650.53, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$25.25, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$7,746.78 to be deposited into Fund 240 (State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-311

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, Michael Leroy Waldron of Hibbing, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING

Lots 21, 22, 23 AND 24, Block 3, TOWNSITE OF LEETONIA

Parcel code: 141-0175-00820; and

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 record owner of the property at the time of the expiration of the redemption period established under § 281.23; and

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

WHEREAS, The applicant shall either (a) pay in full all amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241; or (b) enter into a four-year contract for deed, satisfying same, 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 Michael Leroy Waldron of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61454, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$2,133.85, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$2,206.50 to be deposited into Fund 240 (State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund); plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-312

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has requested to purchase the following described state tax-forfeited land for the price of \$1,000, plus fees:

Legal: LOT 16, BLOCK 7, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Code: 010-3540-02080

LDKey: 103625

AND

Legal: LOTS 17 THRU 20, BLOCK 7, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Code: part of 010-3540-02090

LDKey: 103626

AND

Legal: LOTS 17 THRU 22 EX E 60 FT, BLOCK 8, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel Code: 010-3540-02660

LDKey: 103646; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a.(b), allows for non-conservation tax-forfeited lands to be sold by the county board, for their market value as determined by the county board, to an organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which the subdivision is authorized to acquire property; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department recommends that these parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering many factors including the present use of adjacent land, the accessibility of lands to established roads, schools, utilities and other public services, and its peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land are located inside the boundaries of a municipality or town, and Minn. Stat. § 282.01 provides that classification or reclassification and sale of lands situated within a municipality or town must be approved by the governing body of the municipality or town; and

WHEREAS, The reclassification and sale of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification and sale of the parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcel is located; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, and 282.018, or other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the (a) reclassification to non-conservation and (b) sale of state tax-forfeited land, as described, to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the price of \$1,000 plus the following fees: a 3% assurance fee of \$30, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and a recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$1,102.65, to be deposited into Fund 240 (State Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the request for approval of the reclassification shall be transmitted by the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department to the clerk of the municipality or town in which the parcels are located.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the reclassification of these parcels will be deemed approved if the county board does not receive notice of the municipality's or town's disapproval of the reclassification of any parcel within 60 days of the date on which this resolution is delivered to the clerk of the municipality or town.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-313

RESOLVED, That the appraisal report for sale of timber, numbered C19220053 as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the Office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61625, is approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendation as listed in said appraisal report.

Adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-314

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

WHEREAS, The Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) is constructing a 60,000-square-foot addition to the existing Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC (DDR) operations at the Range Regional Airport (HIB); and

WHEREAS, CHAA has requested a one-time financial assistance grant in the amount of up to \$210,000; and

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

WHEREAS, Assisting CHAA with economic development strengthens the regional St. Louis County economy; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available through Economic Development funds; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9:35 a.m., at the Northland Town Hall, 7271 Highway 53, Canyon, Minnesota, to solicit public input prior to considering the one-time financial assistance grant request; 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 a one-time financial assistance grant in the amount of \$210,000 to Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) to construct a 60,000-square-foot addition to support the growth of Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing, LLC (DDR) existing operations at the Range Regional Airport (HIB).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute these agreement(s), payable from Fund 178, Object 311008 or its designated fund.

Unanimously adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-315

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2022, the St. Louis County Planning Commission initiated proposed Subdivision Ordinance 60 amendments and distributed for further public input; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 2022, the Planning Commission, after soliciting comments for 30 days, held a public hearing regarding the proposed Subdivision Ordinance 60 amendments; and

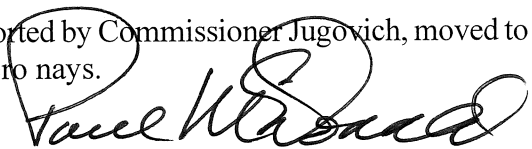
WHEREAS, The Planning Commission voted to recommend that the St. Louis County Board adopt the proposed Subdivision Ordinance 60 amendments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board adopts the amendments to Ordinance 60, Subdivision Regulations contained in County Board File No. 61717.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the effective date for these actions will begin upon County Board approval.

Unanimously adopted May 24, 2022. No. 22-316

At 10:22 a.m., May 24, 2022, Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Paul McDonald, Chair of the Board
of County Commissioners

Attest:



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

(Seal of the County Auditor)