

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA)  
PROCEEDINGS**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

The St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) meeting was called to order at 11:57 a.m., in the Liz Prebich Room, Government Services Center, Virginia, MN, with the following members present: Commissioners Frank Jewell, Patrick Boyle, Beth Olson, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Mike Jugovich and Chair Keith Nelson – 7. Absent: None – 0.

Commissioner Beth Olson attended the meeting by WebEx.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2020, HRA meeting; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Boyle, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority appoint Matthew E. Johnson as Executive Director, effective August 1, 2020. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 20-03.

Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved that the County HRA authorizes the Executive Director and County Attorney to execute a repayable loan in the amount of \$320,000 to Minnesota Power. Minnesota Power agrees to pay an additional 10% simple interest on the loan in an amount of \$32,000 for a total loan repayment to St. Louis County up to \$352,000 which will be repaid over a two (2) year period beginning in 2021. The agreed-upon interest rate does not constitute a business subsidy pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 116J.993, Subd. 3. The appropriate County HRA officials and a representative of the County Attorney are authorized to execute the loan agreement on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto. Funds as needed be transferred from the HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001, or its designated fund. Director Johnson provided the Board with a brief overview of the agreement. Jim Atkinson, of Minnesota Power, thanked the Board for their partnership. After further discussion, the motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. HRA Resolution No. 20-04.

**HRA RESOLUTION No. 20-03**

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board makes the following appointment, effective August 1, 2020:

Executive Director, Matthew E. Johnson

Unanimously adopted July 28, 2020.

**HRA RESOLUTION No. 20-04**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power currently owns land on Island Lake Reservoir in the towns of Fredenberg and Gnesen, and in the Unorganized Township 53-15; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power is transitioning its leased property to privately owned parcels for the current lease holders; and

WHEREAS, Due to the importance of the project impact on Minnesota Power, its leased property owners, and St. Louis County tax base, Minnesota Power has requested that the St. Louis County Board consider approving a repayable loan; and

WHEREAS, The interest rate of the loan is equal to or exceeds the rate generally available for commercial loans available to Minnesota Power; and

WHEREAS, The County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has the authority to fund projects and has funding available for such projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County HRA authorizes the Executive Director and County Attorney to execute a repayable loan in the amount of \$320,000 to Minnesota Power.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Minnesota Power agrees to pay an additional 10% simple interest on the loan in an amount of \$32,000 for a total loan repayment to St. Louis County up to \$352,000 which will be repaid over a two (2) year period beginning in 2021.

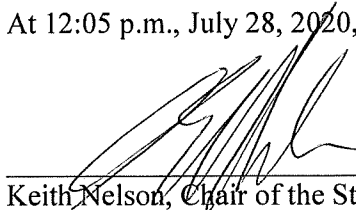

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the agreed-upon interest rate does not constitute a business subsidy pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 116J.993, Subd. 3.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County HRA officials and a representative of the County Attorney are authorized to execute the loan agreement on behalf of the St. Louis County HRA, along with all the necessary documents related thereto.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That funds as needed be transferred from the HRA fund balance and be paid from HRA Fund 250, Agency 251001, or its designated fund.

Unanimously adopted July 28, 2020.

At 12:05 p.m., July 28, 2020, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting.

  
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Keith Nelson, Chair of the St. Louis County HRA  
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Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the St. Louis County HRA