

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,
HELD ON APRIL 26, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 26th day of April 2022, at 9:31 a.m., at the Hoyt Lakes City Hall, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Paul McDonald - 6. Absent: Frank Jewell - 1.

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

Commissioner Jewell entered the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

St. Louis County Public Health Division Director Amy Westbrook noted that the first week of April was Public Health Week in St. Louis County and the Board recognized southern area organizations during the April 5, 2022, Board meeting. Director Westbrook encouraged everyone to tour the mobile clinic during the break between the Board and Committee of the Whole meetings. The Board recognized the following area organizations for their partnership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic: Adventure Inn, Arrowhead Center, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission - Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, City of Aurora, City of Eveleth, City of Gilbert, City of Hibbing, City of Meadowlands, City of Virginia, Coates Hotel, Curl Mesabi, Inc., East Range Police Department - City of Aurora and Hoyt Lakes Emergency Management, Ely Area Senior Center, Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital, Ely Community Health Center, Hibbing Community College, Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Virginia, Jessie B., Koke's Motel, Northeast Service Cooperative, Scenic Rivers Health Services, St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association, St. Louis County Public Works Department - Ely, St. Louis County Public Works Department – Virginia, St. Louis County Rescue Squad, St. Louis County Schools - ISD 2142, The Ely Community Care Team, Vermillion Community College, Voices for Ethnic and Multicultural Awareness, Duluth MakerSpace, and Paul Schonfeld.

A point of personal privilege was taken at 9:58 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present.

Hoyt Lakes Mayor Chris Vreeland welcomed the Board and county staff to the City of Hoyt Lakes and encouraged people to tour Polymet mine.

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

At 10:02 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-154, adopted March 8, 2022, to consider the adoption of the 2022 County Commissioner Redistricting Plan. St. Louis County Auditor-Treasurer Nancy Nilsen provided an overview of the redistricting plan and noted various precinct changes. Chair McDonald asked if there were any governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:12 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jewell, moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby approves the redistricting of the County of St. Louis, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as reestablished by local governments in March 2022, as detailed in the Redistricting Plan presented on April 26, 2022; and further, that the Clerk of the County Board is directed to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor by May 3, 2022, to be effective for the 2022 primary and general elections and to publish notice illustrating congressional, legislative, and county commissioner boundaries in the official newspaper of record for the St. Louis County Board. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-250.

At 10:16 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-136, adopted March 1, 2022, to consider the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Copper & Clover, LLC, dba Gruben's Marina & Resort, Greenwood Township. St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki gave the initial presentation and submitted a packet that included documentation of required notices, minutes from the Liquor Licensing Committee meeting, proof of paid property taxes, and required documents for the license to the Clerk of the County Board. Commissioner Nelson asked Fred Brett, of Copper & Clover, LLC, if he had read all liquor license requirements and if he will abide by them; the applicant responded yes. Chair McDonald asked if there were any governmental entities, supporters or opponents, or citizens who wished to speak regarding the proposed action; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Boyle, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved that an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License shall be issued Copper & Clover, LLC., dba Gruben's Marina & Resort, Greenwood Township, located in Area 3, and in accordance with the St. Louis County Fee Schedule the annual fee is \$500.00, effective through June 30, 2022; that the license is approved contingent upon payment of real estate taxes when due; and further, that if the named license holder sells the licensed place of 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 license fee to the license holder. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-251.

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

Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to approve the sale of state tax forfeited land 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; and further, that funds from the land sale are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund). County Administrator Kevin Gray noted various changes that were made to the land sales book. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays. Resolution No. 22-252.

Commissioner Jewell noted that today is County Government Appreciation Day in Minnesota and read a proclamation signed by the Governor.

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

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-185, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Portage Township).—61702

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-186, Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Greenwood Township).—61703

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-178, Public Auction of Earthen Material on State Tax Forfeited Land (Eagles Nest Township).—61704

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-179, Transfer of Peat Mining Lease No. C21170001.—61705

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-180, Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation.—61706

Kevin Gray, County Administrator, Julie Marinucci, Land and Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Board Letter No. 22-182, Adjoining Owner Sales.—61707

Public Sales of State Tax Forfeited Lands approved during CY 2022.—61708

Contract for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Project between the County of St. Louis and KGM Contractors, Inc., Angora, MN, for Grading, Bituminous Surfacing, Lighting, and ADA Improvements on CSAH 7 (Industrial Road) and Trunk Highway (TH) 33 in Industrial Township (CP 0007-369674; SP 069-070-056, SP 6911-40; HSIP 6922(085)).—22-293

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and TNT Construction Group, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN, for Crush, Screen and Stockpile Aggregate, Class 5 (Modified) and Rock (¾-) (CP 0000-649269 South Crushing).—22-294

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Ulland Brothers, Inc., Cloquet, MN, for Realignment, Culvert Replacement, Mill Bituminous Surface, Full Depth Reclamation, Aggregate Base, Base Stabilization (Base One), Plant Mixed Bituminous Surface, and Aggregate Shouldering, Construct Bridge 69K88 (County Bridge 40) and Approaches on various CSAHs and County Roads (CP 0041-358455, SAP 069-641-005 (Br 40) (Low Prime), consisting of 10 projects).—22-295

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Asphalt Surface Tech Corp – ASTECH, St. Cloud, MN, for Bituminous Seal Coat, Fog Seal, Chip Sealing, Crack Filling and Pavement Markings on various CSAHs and County Roads (CP 0000-554769, SAP 069-030-055 (2022 Chip Seal (Low Prime); CP 000-650780 (Tied); CP 0000-660266 (Tied)).—22-296

Contract for County State Aid Highway Project between the County of St. Louis and Sir Lines-A-Lot, Edina, MN, for Pavement Markings (CP 0000-369669; SAP 069-030-044, SAP 038-030-010).—22-297

Minnesota Department of Transportation, Amendment No. 1 to MnDOT Contract No. 1048779, for MnDOT/Saint Louis County Bridge Bundle Partnership to Replace 21 Bridges (SP 069-070-055, CHBP 6920(250)) to provide additional federal funds for this project.—22-298

Service Contract No. 5760D between the County of St. Louis and Grand Lake Township, Saginaw, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program activities during the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.—22-299

Service Contract No. 5760F between the County of St. Louis and Sturgeon Chain Lake Association, Side Lake, MN, for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program activities during the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.—22-300

Grant Agreement No. 5771F between the County of St. Louis and County Fair Youth Activities Program aka St. Louis County Summer Series, Chisholm, MN, to provide youth activities (summer-long horse competitions) during the period May 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.—22-301

Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Grant Agreement, MnDOT No. 1048238, between the MnDOT and St. Louis County Public Works Department for a rehabilitation project located on CSAH 138 (Giants Ridge Road) (SAP 069-738-009).—22-302

Upon motion by Commissioner Jugovich, supported by Commissioner Grimm, resolutions numbered 22-237 through 22-249, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER JUGOVICH:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of April 12, 2022, are hereby approved.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-237

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-561988; and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on April 7, 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>
Veit & Company, Inc.	14000 Veit Place Rogers, MN 55374	\$982,600

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from Fund 220, Agency 220703, Object 652700 – State ATV Trail Grant Funds.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-238

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 April 26, 2022. No. 22-239

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61634, for the following organization:

Voyageur Trail Society, Inc., Crane Lake, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Myrtle Lake Resort LLC, Portage Township, 9087 Myrtle Lake Road, Orr, MN, new.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-240

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Premise Permit Application, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61634, for the following organization:

Ducks Unlimited Frozen North Chapter, Deerwood, Minnesota, to operate lawful gambling out of the following:

Buffalo House, Midway Township, 2590 Guss Road, Duluth, MN, new.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-241

RESOLVED, 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, Portage Township.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-242

RESOLVED, 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, Greenwood Township.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-243

WHEREAS, A request has been received to purchase gravel from a tax forfeited pit that does not conflict with the needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(d), allows for leasing of state tax forfeited land for the purpose of removing gravel and requires any lease involving a consideration of more than \$12,000 per year be offered at public sale.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, to offer at public sale to the highest responsible bidder, a lease of state tax forfeited land described as Section 15, Township 62 North, Range 14 West (Eagles Nest Pit) for the purpose of removing a minimum of 20,000 cubic yards loose volume measure of gravel.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this lease will be available at the minimum appraised price of \$2.50 per cubic yard, loose volume measure, plus a \$150 administration fee, plus a \$25 publication fee, plus a refundable reclamation fee of \$12,500, for a minimum total cost of \$62,675, subject to terms of the lease. The proceeds will be deposited into Fund 240, Forfeited Tax Fund.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this auction will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2022, at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, 7820 Highway 135, Virginia, Minnesota, 55792.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-244

WHEREAS, Peat Mining Lease No. C21170001 ("the Lease"), authorizing peat extraction on tax forfeited lands located in Toivola Township, was renewed in 2017 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(h), to Northwoods Organics of Minnesota, LLC for a period of 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Northwoods Organics, LLC requests assignment of its rights, duties, and obligations under the Lease to Premier Tech Growers and Consumers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Lease provides for assignment to another entity subject to written approval by the County, and approval as to form and execution by the County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Land and Minerals staff have conducted due diligence into the suitability of the proposed transfer, including discussion and review with representatives of the Minnesota DNR and Premier Tech; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department is confident that Premier Tech Growers and Consumers, Inc., an American corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, which already operates a peat mining operation and packaging facility near Cromwell, MN, a subsidiary of Premier Horticulture, Ltd. (Quebec, Canada), which operates several peat mining operations throughout Canada, possesses the requisite knowledge, resources and commitment to abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and mining permit requirements, and to productively assume all rights, duties and obligations under the present Lease; and

WHEREAS, The assignment of the Lease to Premier Tech will support the continuation of responsible peat mining operations within Toivola Township and the generation of public revenue to the Tax Forfeited Land Trust.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the assignment of Lease No. C21170001 to Premier Tech Growers and Consumers, Inc., and authorizes the appropriate county officials to satisfy all steps necessary under the Lease to effect same.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-245

WHEREAS, All parcels of land becoming the property of the State of Minnesota in Trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as conservation or non-conservation as required by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The parcels described in in County Board File No. 61706 forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has recommended that the parcels be reclassified as non-conservation after considering, among other things, 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, utilities and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land may be 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 town or municipality is considered to have approved the classification or reclassification and sale of these parcels if the county board is not notified of the disapproval of the classification or reclassification and sale within 60 days of the date the request for approval was transmitted to the town or municipality in which the parcels are located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the state tax forfeited parcels described in County Board File No. 61706 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 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 April 26, 2022. No. 22-246

WHEREAS, The Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) has requested to purchase the following described state tax-forfeited land for the price of \$500, plus fees, for correction of blight and redevelopment activities:

CITY OF DULUTH

Lot 25, DULUTH PROPER 1ST DIVISION EAST 4TH STREET

Parcel Code: 010-0990-00180

LDKeys: 130066; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, subd. 1a(d), allows for non-conservation tax forfeited land to be sold to a governmental subdivision for less than market value if a reduced price will provide incentive to correct blighted conditions or will lead to the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, This parcel of land has not been withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 85.012; 92.461; 282.01, subd. 8; 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 sale of state tax-forfeited land, as described, to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the price of \$500 plus the following fees: 3% assurance fee of \$15, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$1.65, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$587.65, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Auditor may offer for sale at public auction the state tax forfeited land described here if the Duluth Economic Development Authority does not purchase the land by October 26, 2022.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-247

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to offer for sale, as recommended by the Land Commissioner, certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, These parcels cannot be improved because they are less than the minimum size, shape, frontage and/or access required by the applicable zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The County Auditor has determined that a non-public sale to adjacent property owners will promote the return of the lands to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, These parcels of land have been classified as non-conservation land pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not 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, Minn. Stat. § 282.016(c) authorizes the county auditor to identify any person or entity, or entity controlled by such person, as a prohibited purchaser or bidder if said person or entity is delinquent on real or personal property taxes in St. Louis County. The prohibited purchaser or bidder condition applies to all sales of tax forfeited parcels that are offered at a public auction, adjoining property owner sales, and properties that are on past and future available land lists; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 4(c), authorizes the county board to provide for the listing and sale of individual parcels by other means, including through a real estate broker, notwithstanding the public sale provisions in Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 7. This subdivision shall be liberally construed to encourage the sale and utilization of tax forfeited land in order to eliminate nuisances and dangerous conditions and to increase compliance with land use ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.135 authorizes the county board to delegate to the county auditor any authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of tax forfeited

land, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 4(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the sale of the parcels described in County Board File No. 61707, and the County Auditor is authorized to offer the parcels at private sale to the adjacent property owners, with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, to encourage return of the parcel to the tax rolls. Funds from the sales are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Land Commissioner shall give at least 30 days' notice of the sales to all adjoining property owners.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-248

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, Subd. 1(f), authorizes the County Auditor, with the approval of the County Board, to grant permits licenses and leases to state tax forfeited lands for facilities needed to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of time not to exceed 25 years, as the County Board may determine; and

WHEREAS, Mining Resources, LLC has requested to renew a surface lease for a mining operation on state tax forfeited land located in Sections 26, 34, and 35, Township 58 North, Range 20 West; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the request and recommends amending the existing lease to allow a four-month extension subject to current lease fees, terms and conditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to amend Surface Lease No. L05120001 granted to Mining Resources, LLC to allow a four-month extension subject to current lease fees, terms, and conditions, and to allow the County Attorney to make such other amendments as appropriate.

Adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-249

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner Districts under certain circumstances based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 204B.135, subd. 2, requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the state legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to these statutes, the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the St. Louis County Commissioner Districts on or before April 26, 2022, and that Commissioner Districts shall comply with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 375.025; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County published four weeks consecutive notice of the public hearing and intent to adopt the County Commissioner Redistricting Plan in the official newspaper of record for the County Board for 2022; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board conducted a public hearing on the 2022 County Commissioner Redistricting Plan on April 26, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board hereby approves the redistricting of the County of St. Louis, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as reestablished by local governments in March 2022, as detailed in the Redistricting Plan presented on April 26, 2022, and reestablishes the length of Commissioner terms as follows:

District 1 City of Duluth Precincts 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 (4-year term, ends 1/2/2023)

District 2 City of Duluth Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 (4-year term, ends 1/6/2025)

District 3 City of Duluth Precincts 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 (4-year term, ends 1/6/2025)

District 4 Alden, Alango, Angora, Ault, City of Babbitt, Balkan, Bassett, Beatty, City of Biwabik, Biwabik Township, Breitung, Camp 5, Colvin, City of Cook, Crane Lake, Eagles Nest, City of Ely, Embarrass, Fairbanks, Normanna, North Star, Pequaywan, Field, French, Greenwood, City of Hoyt Lakes, Kabetogama, Kugler, Leiding, Linden Grove, City of McKinley, Morcom, Morse, City of Orr, Owens, Pike, Portage, Sandy, Sturgeon, City of Tower, Unorganized Precincts 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White Precincts 1, 2, 3, Willow Valley, Winton, Wuori (4-year term, ends 1/2/2023)

District 5 Canosia, Duluth Township, Gnesen, Hermantown Precincts 1, 2, 3, Lakewood, Midway, Proctor, City of Rice Lake, Solway (4-year term, ends 1/6/2025)

District 6 Clinton, Cotton, Ellsburg, City of Eveleth Precincts 1, 2, 3, Fayal, Fredenberg, City of Gilbert, Grand Lake, Industrial, City of Iron Junction, Kelsey, City of Leonidas, McDavitt, City of Mountain Iron Precincts 1 and 2, New Independence, Northland, Unorganized Precincts 2, 5, 14, 17, City of Virginia Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (4-year term, ends 1/2/2023)

District 7 Alborn, Arrowhead, Brevator, City of Brookston, City of Buhl, Cedar Valley, Cherry, City of Chisholm, Culver, Elmer, City of Floodwood, Floodwood Township, Great Scott Precinct 1, Great Scott/Kinney Precinct 2, Fine Lakes, Halden, City of Hibbing Precincts 1A, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, Lavell, City of Meadowlands, Meadowlands Township, Ness, Prairie Lake, Stoney Brook, Toivola, Unorganized Precincts 1, 4, Van Buren (4-year term, ends 1/6/2025)

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the County Board is directed to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor by May 3, 2022, to be effective for the 2022 primary and general election and to publish notice illustrating congressional, legislative, and county commissioner boundaries in the official newspaper of record for the St. Louis County Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto which by reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Unanimously adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-250

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

WHEREAS, Copper & Clover LLC dba Gruben's Marina & Resort, Greenwood Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota, has applied for an Off-Sale Intoxicating liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 340A.405, Subdivision 2(d), requires that a public hearing be held prior to the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on April 26, 2022, at 9:40 a.m., in the Hoyt Lakes

City Hall, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering the granting of the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License; and

WHEREAS, With regard to the application for said license, Copper & Clover LLC has complied in all respects with the requirements of Minnesota Law and St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28; and

WHEREAS, The Liquor Licensing Committee of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners has considered the nature of the business to be conducted and the propriety of the location and has recommended approval of the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License shall be issued to Copper & Clover LLC dba Gruben's Marina & Resort, Greenwood Township, located in Area 3, and in accordance with the St. Louis County Fee Schedule the annual fee is \$500.00.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said liquor license shall be effective through June 30, 2022.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon payment of real estate taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells the licensed place of 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 license fee to the license holder.

Unanimously adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-251

BY COMMISSIONER NELSON:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board desires to offer for sale, as recommended by the Land Commissioner, certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The parcels as described in County Board File No. 61708 have been classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minn. Stat. Chapter 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not 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, Where approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources is required, by Minn. Stat. § Chapter 282, such approvals have been obtained; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.016(c) authorizes the county auditor to prohibit persons or entities from becoming a purchaser, either personally or as an agent or attorney for another person or entity, of tax forfeited properties offered for sale if the person or entity owns another property within the county for which there are delinquent taxes owing; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 4(c), authorizes the County Board to provide for the listing and sale of individual parcels by other means, including through a real estate broker, notwithstanding the public sale provisions in Minn. Stat. § 282.01 Subd. 7. This subdivision shall be liberally construed to encourage the sale and utilization of tax forfeited land in order to eliminate nuisances and dangerous conditions and to increase compliance with land use ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 13, authorizes the County Board, or the County Auditor if the auditor has been delegated such authority, to sell tax forfeited lands through an online auction. When an online auction is used to sell tax forfeited lands, the County Auditor shall post a physical notice of the online auction and shall publish a notice of the online auction on its website not less than ten days before the online auction begins, in addition to any other notice required; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.135 authorizes the County Board to delegate to the County Auditor any authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of tax forfeited land, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 282.01 Subd.

4(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to offer the state tax forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 61708 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).

Unanimously adopted April 26, 2022. No. 22-252

At 10:28 a.m., April 26, 2022, Commissioner Jewell, supported by Commissioner Musolf, 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
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of County Commissioners

(Seal of the County Auditor)