

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

May 5, 2015

Location: St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota

Present: Commissioners Jewell, Boyle, Dahlberg, Rukavina, Nelson, and Chair Stauber

Absent: Commissioner Raukar

Convened: Chair Stauber called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m. Chair Stauber said that Commissioner Raukar was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Rukavina moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

- Minutes of April 28, 2015
- Classification of December 2, 2014 Forfeitures (conservation) [15-181]
- Classification of December 2, 2014 Forfeitures (non-conservation) [15-182]
- Agreement for Appraisal Services – Ramsland and Vigen, Inc. [15-183]
- Final Plat Approval – Easy Days (Gnesen Township) [15-184]
- Solid Waste Transfer Trailer Quotes/Purchase [15-185]
- Agreement with Lake County for 2015 Crack Sealing and Rescind Resolution No. 15-157 [15-186]
- Advance Construction Agreement for Federal Funds – CSAH 90/Arlington Avenue Preservation Project (Duluth) [15-187]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [15-188]
- Reallocation of Information Specialist III to Information Specialist II - Sheriff's Office [15-189]
- Reallocation of Principal Appraiser to Assistant County Assessor – Assessor's Office [15-190]
- Updated Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan Policy – Civil Service Supervisory Unit [15-191]

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At 12:59 p.m., a presentation was held regarding the Lake Superior Wetland Bank Application and the Lake Superior Wetland Bank Fund Agreement. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Barb Hayden, representatives from Ecosystem Investment Partners, LLC (EIP), Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH), Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation discussed the application and agreement.

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the Lake Superior Wetland Bank application with the conditions in the technical evaluation panel's (TEP) Findings and Recommendations on file with the County Auditor. The applicant must adhere to all requirements in the St. Louis County Wetland Replacement or Wetland Bank Policy, including being responsible for the costs of monitoring the wetland bank. The Lake Superior Wetland Bank is contingent upon a separate resolution of the County Board in

approving the abandonment and repair of ditches within the proposed wetland bank area. The Planning and Community Development Director is designated to review all TEP recommendations and make all determinations that said conditions have been satisfied [15-193]. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

Nelson/Jewell moved to authorize the appropriate county officials to execute the Lake Superior Wetland Bank Fund agreement as approved by the St. Louis County Attorney and authorizes the acceptance of distributions from the Lake Superior Wetland Bank Fund, to be deposited into the General Fund. [15-194]. Assistant County Attorney Nora Sandstad discussed the agreement. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Environmental & Natural Resources Committee**

Nelson/Stauber moved to authorize a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Hibbing, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the proposed Ordinance 62, Zoning Regulations. The motion passed. (6-0, Raukar absent)

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The meeting recessed from 2:00 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

### **Environmental & Natural Resources Committee**

Boyle/Nelson moved to approve the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and authorizes the Planning and Community Development Director to solicit proposals for use of the 2014 and 2015 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid. The Planning and Community Development Director shall review all proposals and provide a funding recommendation to the St. Louis County Board for final consideration [15-196]. St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director Barb Hayden discussed the plan. Chair Stauber stepped out of the meeting from 2:37 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Jewell provided a handout to the Committee outlining changes to the St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Plan. After further discussion, the Committee agreed to include the additional language in the Plan. Commissioner Dahlberg exited the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Commissioner Jewell stepped out of the meeting from 2:52 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

Rukavina/Stauber moved to recommend that the Commissioner of Revenue convey the state tax forfeited land, legally described as City of Proctor, SE ¼ of NW ¼, Township 49 North, Range 15 West, Section 3, Parcel Code: 185-0240-00070, 40 acres, to the City of Proctor to be used for public park and trail purposes, upon payment of \$250 administrative fee, \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$1.65 deed tax, \$25 deed fee, and \$46 recording fee; for a total of \$572.65 [15-197]. After further discussion, the motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

### **Health & Human Services Committee**

Rukavina/Nelson moved to appoint Melanie F. Shepard (District 1) and Janet Kennedy (District 3) to serve as members of the PHHS Advisory Committee with terms expiring on December 31, 2017 [15-195]. After further discussion, the motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

## Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Jewell/Nelson moved to appoint Doug Hoffbauer and Megan Brandt to the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2017 [15-198]. The motion passed without recommendation. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)

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### COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson applauded St. Louis County Board Chair Pete Stauber and Duluth City Council President Emily Larson for their efforts in coordinating a yesterday's joint meeting between the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Duluth City Council.

Commissioner Rukavina led a discussion regarding the limitations of trading land in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) and a coordinated effort with Koochiching County to request Federal funding for water clean-up in the BWCA instead of utilizing State funding and taconite tax proceeds.

County Administrator Kevin Gray discussed an editorial that appeared in the Duluthian regarding financial assistance programs managed by St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services.

Chair Stauber thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting with the Duluth City Council and said he hoped the meeting will help build a better working relationship between St. Louis County and the City of Duluth.

At 3:20 p.m., Jewell/Boyle moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (5-0, Dahlberg, Raukar absent)



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Pete Stauber, Chair of the County Board



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Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board