



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA
Board of Commissioners, St. Louis County, Minnesota

July 27, 2021
Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be enacted by one unanimous motion. If a commissioner requests, or a citizen wishes to speak on an item on the consent agenda, it will be removed and handled separately.

Minutes of July 13, 2021

Health & Human Services Committee, Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. Request to Apply for HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funds [21-316]
2. Acceptance of MN DHS Housing and Support Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure [21-317]

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

3. Abatement List for Board Approval [21-318]
4. Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township) [21-319]
5. Authorization to Apply for Depot Foundation Grant for St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center: Basement Buildout [21-320]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee, Commissioner Musolf, Chair

6. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Dertinger / Housey and Schaeftbauer (Non-Homestead) [21-321]
7. Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation [21-322]
8. Consideration of Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to St. Louis County – Integrated Waste Management Facility [21-323]

REGULAR AGENDA:

For items on the Regular Agenda, citizens will be allowed to address the Board at the time a motion is on the floor.

Health & Human Services Committee, Commissioner Boyle, Chair

1. **Distribution of American Recovery Act Funds, St. Louis County Student Reengagement Initiative [21-324]**
Resolution authorizing PHHS to invest and distribute up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic.

Finance & Budget Committee, Commissioner Nelson, Chair

1. **St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association Funding Request – Animal Buildings [21-325]**
Resolution supporting the request for funding from St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Jewell, Chair

1. Deputy Sheriff Unit: 2020-2022 [21-326]

Resolution approving the 2020-2022 contract with Law Enforcement Labor Services – Deputy Sheriff Unit.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

Commissioners may introduce items for future discussion, or report on past and upcoming activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

August 3, 2021	Government Services Center, 320 W. 2nd Street, Duluth, MN
August 10, 2021	Government Services Center, 201 S. 3rd Ave. W., Virginia, MN
September 7, 2021	Government Services Center, 320 W. 2nd Street, Duluth, MN

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 13, 2021

Location: Fortune Bay Resort, Tower, Minnesota

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

Absent: Commissioner Jewell

Convened: Chair Jugovich called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nelson/Boyle moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell Absent)

- Minutes of July 6, 2021
- Extension of Adult and Children's Mental Health Contracts [21-305R]
- Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to Develop a Railroad Crossing Safety Plan for Railroad Crossings Located on County Roads in St. Louis County [21-306]
- Agreement with the City of Proctor for a 2nd Street Reconstruction Project [21-307]
- Abatement List for Board Approval [21-308]
- Granting of Easement to Lonson Properties, LLC [21-309]
- Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to St. Louis County – Integrated Waste Management Facility [21-310]

Time Specific Presentation

Chair Jugovich noted that Commissioners toured the Bois Forte Heritage Center and Cultural Museum last night.

At 10:41 a.m., Sarah Carling, Community and Business Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development Associates, and Megan Christianson, Executive Director, Visit Grand Rapids, gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the Northern Minnesota Historical Mine Tour project. Ms. Carling said that the ask of St. Louis County is \$100,000.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee

Grimm/Boyle moved that the St. Louis County Board accepts the diversity, equity and inclusion strategic planning services proposal submitted by the Center for Economic Inclusion of St. Paul, Minnesota, in the amount of \$149,200 and authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with the Center for Economic Inclusion for consulting services. [21-311]. Director of Human Resources and Administration Jim Gottschald said that Public Health and Human Services has been a leader and formed an inclusion group in 1995. In 2020, County Administration established a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Leadership Group made up of department heads and high-level managers.

The DEI group was joined by members of the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) peer support group. After a request for quotes was conducted, it is recommended that the Board approve the agreement with the Center for Economic Inclusion in the amount of \$149,200. The following members of the DEI and BIPOC groups addressed the Board: St Louis County Public Records and Property Valuation Director Mary Garness commended members for having the courage to share their stories. Mike Valdez, of Public Health and Human Services, thanked the Board for their support and acknowledged speakers for attending the meeting and sharing their stories. John Staine, of the Assessor's Office, commented that this work is important to him and likes seeing representation. Tonia Villegas, of Public Health and Human Services, said that she is a White Mexican and people assume they know you based on the way you look. Ms. Villegas discussed people making negative comments about Black, Mexican, and Native American people because they thought she was White. Ida Watson-Souther, of Public Health and Human Services, said that it has been difficult; people have looked down on her or told her that they do not want to work with her based on her skin color. Ms. Watson-Souther commented that we need to dismantle and start over because nothing has changed. Jennifer Reyes, of County Administration, said that the Center for Economic Inclusion will benefit and bring knowledge to the community and will give employees the opportunity to serve communities better. Mike Valdez introduced consultants from the Center for Economic Inclusion: De'Vonna Pittman, Director of Inclusion Growth; Samuel Ndely II, Director of Employer Inclusivity; Michael Aromolaran, Vice President of Impact & Accountability; Cay Kimbrell, Employer Inclusivity Principal Consultant; Tony Tolliver, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships; and Genesis Sudderth, Consulting Coordinator. Ms. Pittman gave the Board a brief presentation regarding the Center for Economic Inclusion's approach and scope of services. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/Jugovich moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints Tom Coombe to its Board of Adjustment for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2023. [21-312]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Nelson/McDonald moved that the St. Louis County Board hereby appoints Tom Coombe to its Planning Commission for the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2023. [21-313]. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson wished best wishes to former St. Louis County Auditor Don Dicklich.

At 12:06 p.m., Boyle/Musolf moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion passed. (6-0, Jewell absent)

Mike Jugovich, Chair of the County Board

Phil Chapman, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 316

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Request to Apply for HUD
Youth Homelessness
Demonstration Program Funds

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Linnea Mirsch, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Children will be born healthy, live a life free from abuse and neglect, and will have a permanent living arrangement. Adults will live in the least restrictive living arrangement that meets their health and safety needs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize the St. Louis County Continuum of Care (CoC) to apply for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funds as the collaborative applicant. Funds awarded will range from \$1 million to \$15 million for a two-year grant cycle and support youth led community work focused on systems change to end youth homelessness.

BACKGROUND:

The FY 2019 and 2020 YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for rounds four and five grant funds was published on May 24, 2021. St. Louis County CoC has led numerous information and feedback sessions to identify the gaps and needs that could be supported through this funding source.

HUD will select up to 50 communities to participate in the YHDP to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Eight of the 50 selected communities must be rural communities (St. Louis County CoC is designated as a rural community).

If approved, St. Louis County CoC will apply as a Collaborative Applicant which will also include a youth action board, representation from St. Louis County Children and Family Services and a broad array of other partners.

Funding awarded to those selected will range from \$1 million to \$15 million per community based on each community's youth population size and poverty rate. The grant period will be a two-year term that will be eligible for future renewal.

The purpose of the NOFO is to implement projects that will significantly reduce youth homelessness for youth up to age 24. This includes unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth. The work of this grant will be youth led and focused on systems change to end youth homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board authorize the St. Louis County CoC to apply as a Collaborative Applicant for the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grant for up to \$15 million for a two-year grant cycle.

Request to Apply for HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funds

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY 2019 and 2020 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for rounds four and five grant funds which was published on May 24, 2021 and will select up to 50 communities to participate in the YHDP to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Funding awarded to those selected will range from \$1 million to \$15 million per community based on each community's youth population size and poverty rate; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Continuum of Care would be the collaborative applicant and administer the funds; and

WHEREAS, The funding would be utilized to implement projects that will significantly reduce youth homelessness for youth up to age 24 including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth and the work of this grant will be youth led and focused on systems change to end youth homelessness;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept grant funds in the amount of up to \$15 million from HUD for a two-year grant cycle with the opportunity for renewal.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 317

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 2

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Acceptance of MN DHS Housing and Support Services Grant to Develop Community Living Infrastructure

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Linnea Mirsch, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOALS:

Children will be born healthy, live a life free from abuse and neglect, and will have a permanent living arrangement. Adults will live in the least restrictive living arrangement that meets their health and safety needs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) to accept grant funds of \$395,850 from the Department of Human Services Housing and Support Services Division to develop community living infrastructure for a grant term of two years, from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Minnesota Legislature passed a comprehensive housing package adding language to the Housing Supports Act to increase and improve opportunities for Minnesotans with disabling conditions to live in the community. The goals outlined in this grant opportunity merge the collective efforts outlined in Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and Minnesota's Plan to End Homelessness.

St. Louis County received \$256,175 for this initial grant for the period of June 2018 to June 2019. DHS has since amended its contract with St. Louis County PHHS to reimburse up to \$519,175 for services rendered until the current grant period concludes on June 30, 2021.

On March 23, 2021, the County Board passed Board Resolution No. 21-198, allowing St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services to apply for continued CLI grant

funds for FY21-23. St. Louis County was notified of its award of \$395,850 for the 2021-2023 grant cycle with a possible extension of up to five years.

This grant funding will continue to cover the cost of 1.0 FTE initially funded with the grant (G0350-001), and funds for two partner agencies, Range Transitional Housing in northern and Human Development Center in southern St. Louis County to do the work.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept funds of \$395,850 from the Department of Human Services Housing and Support Services Division to continue development of community living infrastructure for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 with the possible extension of up to five years.

This continues the grant funded position added with the initial grant award, G0350-001 and funds for two partner agencies in northern and southern St. Louis County that are part of the work plan.

**Acceptance of MN DHS Housing and Support Services Grant to Develop
Community Living Infrastructure**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing and Support Services Community Living Infrastructure awards grant funds to counties to increase and improve opportunities for Minnesotans with disabling conditions to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, The goals merge the collective efforts outlined in Minnesota's Olmstead Plan and Minnesota's Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has had grant funding for these efforts since July 1, 2018 including funding for 1.0 FTE Homeless and Housing Program Specialist (Position Code G030-001); and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board approved the application for CLI grant funds on March 23, 2021 through Board Resolution No. 21-198;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$395,850 from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing and Supports and Services Division for the 2021-2023 grant cycle including continued funding of Position Code G030-001, to enter into agreements with community partners, and to increase the 2021 revenue and expense budget to reflect the awarded amount, with any unspent funds to be carried over into the 2022 and 2023 grant cycle.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

230-232001-530714-23271-99999999-2021

230-232001-629900-23271-99999999-2021

230-232001-610000-23271-99999999-2021

Exhibit A
GRANT APPROVAL FORM

This form must be completed for any and all grants.

SECTION I—GRANT INFORMATION *(to be completed by department's assigned accounting staff)*

Please Note: It is acceptable that some details are later added (once the grant is awarded).

GRANT NAME: Housing and Support Services Grant GRANT PERIOD: 7/1/21
(if known) (begin date)
GRANTOR: MN Dept of Human Services 6/30/23
(end date)
FUND: 230 AGENCY: 232001 GRANT: 23271 GRANT YEAR: 2021

Indicate the source of funds—*(check all that apply)*

☐ Local—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____ Amount: _____
(Apply) (Accept)

Local Agency: _____

☒ State—Object Code: 530714 Amount: \$395,850 Amount: \$395,850
(Apply) (Accept)

State Agency: MN Dept of Human Services Award #: _____

☐ Federal—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____ Amount: _____
(Apply) (Accept)

Grant Agreement (State Contract) #: _____
(if federal dollars are passed through state)

Federal Agency: _____ CFDA#: _____

Federal Agency: _____ CFDA#: _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)

Federal Agency: _____ CFDA#: _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$395,850

Expenditure for match amount should be moved into grant code. However, if this is *not* possible, indicate where expenditures will be accounted for.

FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____
FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____
FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____

TOTAL MATCH AMOUNT: _____

ACCOUNTING STAFF *(who is primarily responsible for fiscal oversight of grant):*

NAME: Ben Manley PHONE: 726-2054

DEPARTMENT CONTACT *(who is primarily responsible for program/project outcomes of grant):*

NAME: Kevin Radzak PHONE: _____

****IMPORTANT****

Please submit this document (SECTION I) to the department contact, providing direction regarding which form should be completed.

- ☒ New *(first-time submitted)* or previously-submitted grant—**Complete Form A**
☐ Request for recurring grant to be included in December Budget Resolution*—**Complete Form B**
☐ Request for amendment of previously adopted Board Resolution—**Complete Form C**

*Departments must complete **Form B** for any grant (of any amount) that is included in the proposed budget.

SECTION II—APPROVAL (to be completed by department contact)
Form A (New or Previously-Submitted Grant)

PURPOSE: Approval to Apply for Grant—(complete prior to applying for grant award)

Please check the appropriate box:

☐ New (first-time submitted) grant

☒ Previously submitted grant*

*Departments are highly encouraged to request recurring grants (that were previously submitted) to be included in the December Budget Resolution—*Form B*—if dollar amounts do not fluctuate significantly.

STEP #1: Obtain authorization to apply for grant—(required for all grants of any amount)

Dept. Head Authorization: _____

Signature

7.15.21

Date

Administrator Authorization: _____

Signature

7-19-21

Date

Auditor Authorization: _____

Signature

7/21/21

Date

STEP #2: Confirm whether grant amount is greater than \$25,000—

☐ **No** (grant amount is less than or equal to \$25,000)—

Give grant contract (once received) to County Attorney's Office for review.

Reviewed by: _____

Attorney Name

Date

Damion #: _____

☒ **Yes** (grant amount is greater than \$25,000)—

Submit **Section I** (Cover Sheet) of the "Grant Approval Form," Board Letter and Resolution to Administration to seek County Board approval. It is acceptable that Section I is not completed in its entirety until the grant has been awarded. **NOTE: Board authorization to accept the grant is required** (upon notification of award).

Apply: Board Letter #: 21-117 Board Resolution #: 21-198 Date Adopted: 3/23/21

Accept: Board Letter #: _____ Board Resolution #: _____ Date Adopted: _____

STEP #3: Ensure proper documentation is entered into the system, and the appropriate parties are notified.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Submit **Section I and II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form," along with all grant documents (application, award notification, contract, etc.) to the accounting staff person to enter the grant award into the financial system.

ACCOUNTING STAFF: If this grant includes federal funding, please send an electronic copy of **Section I and II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form" as notification to wehselerh@stlouiscountymn.gov with "Federal Funds" in the Subject of the e-mail.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 318

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021 **RE:** Abatement List for Board Approval

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mary Garness, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

The County Assessor will meet all state mandates for classifying and valuing taxable parcels for property tax purposes as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 270 through 273.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the list of applications for abatement dated August 3, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The intent of abatements is to provide equitable treatment to individual taxpayers while at the same time exercising prudence with the tax monies due to the taxing authorities within St. Louis County. Abatements are processed in conformance with St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 16-82, dated January 26, 2016, outlining the Board's policy on abatement of ad valorem taxes. This Policy provides direction for the abatement of: 1) Current year taxes; 2) Current year penalty and costs; 3) Past year taxes; and 4) Past year penalty, interest, and costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the list of applications for abatement dated August 3, 2021.

Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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. 61426.



Abatements Submitted for Approval by the St. Louis County Board

August 3, 2021

AUD. NO.	PARCEL ID	TAXPAYER NAME	LOCATION	APPRAISER	REASON	TAX YR.	REDUCTION
000411	010-1480-02410	ZWAK, JOSEPH	DULUTH	FRANK CARVER	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$1,022.00
000412	030-0290-00330	MATTILA, ROBERT & SHARON	ELY	PAUL CHERRY	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$738.00
000413	030-0330-00450	PREBLICH, MICHAEL	ELY	PAUL CHERRY	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$840.00
000414	100-0020-01810	CARLSON, MICHAEL JR.	AURORA	TODD MANNINEN	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$762.00
000415	100-0070-00345	BAKOS, TYLER	AURORA	TODD MANNINEN	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$1,086.00
000416	105-0050-00510	SKAGER, TIMOTHY	BABBITT	ANDREW OLSON	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$776.00
000417	140-0098-01750	LINDSTROM, BRETT & DANA	HIBBING	TIM MAROLT	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$626.00
000418	140-0160-00150	ROE, WALTER & LOREN	HIBBING	TIM MAROLT	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$694.00
000419	185-0160-00620	SHAW, KURT & JOHNSON, JAQUELINE	PROCTOR	SEAN WORTHINGTON	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$340.00
000420	250-0100-00110	KRUCHOWSKI, TIM	BEATTY	BETH SOKOLOSKI	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$514.00
000421	395-0056-00060	WOODHULL, JAMES & BARBARA	HERMANTOWN	MASON COUVIER	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$184.00
000422	450-0010-01982	WEISS, MARK & KRISTINA	MIDWAY	SEAN WORTHINGTON	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$216.00
000423	465-0210-00010	SCHEUER, KARL	MORSE	PAUL CHERRY	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$302.00
000424	676-0010-00130	LITYNSKI, PETER	UNORG 56-16	TODD MANNINEN	HOMESTEAD	2021	\$430.00

Lawful Gambling Application (Duluth Township)

BY COMMISSIONER _____

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.213, Subd. 2, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approves the following Lawful Gambling License Application (raffle) on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61435 for the following organization:

Lake Superior Steelhead Association, PO Box 16034, Duluth, MN 55816,
to conduct off-site gambling on September 25, 2021, at Clearwater Grille,
5135 North Shore Drive, Duluth, MN 55804, Duluth Township.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 320

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Authorization to Apply and
accept a Depot Foundation
Grant for St. Louis County
Heritage & Arts Center:
Basement Buildout

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mary Tennis, Director
St. Louis County Depot

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To manage county owned properties in an efficient and cost-effective manner to ensure success in their designated public use.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the application and acceptance of a \$68,800 grant from the Depot Foundation.

BACKGROUND:

The Depot Foundation awards grant funding to entities housed within the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot), or those that hold events at the Depot, as part of its mission to enrich the region through the preservation and presentation of arts, culture, and history. Depot Foundation grants are used to enhance the identity and aesthetic appearance of the Depot and/or stimulate increased attendance at Depot events.

St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Director would like to request a \$68,800 Depot Foundation Grant to repair and upgrade 876 square feet of office space in the track level of the Depot to accommodate a new tenant, The Depot Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize and accept a grant application to the Depot Foundation in the amount of \$68,800 for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) for a buildout of office space.

**Authorization to Apply and Accept a Depot Foundation Grant for St. Louis County
Heritage & Arts Center: Basement Buildout**

BY COMMISSIONER_____

WHEREAS, The Depot Foundation awards grant funding to entities housed within the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot), or those that hold events at the Depot; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Director would like to apply and accept a funding request of \$68,800 to hire a professional contractor and team to design, build, update, and complete an office space in the Depot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the application and acceptance of a Depot Foundation grant in the amount of \$68,800 for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) to buildout office space in the track level of the building.

Exhibit A
GRANT APPROVAL FORM

This form must be completed for any and all grants.

SECTION I—APPLICATION *(to be completed by department's assigned accounting staff)*
Cover Sheet

GRANT NAME: Basement Buildout **GRANT PERIOD:** 7/25/2021
(if known) *(begin date)*
GRANTOR: Depot Foundation 10/01/2021
(end date)
FUND: 155 **AGENCY:** 155001 **GRANT:** _____ **GRANT YEAR:** 2021

Indicate the source of funds—*(check all that apply)*

☒ **Local**—Object Code: _____ Amount: 68800

Local Agency: _____

☐ **State**—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____ Award #: _____

State Agency: _____

☐ **Federal**—Object Code: _____ Amount: _____

Grant Agreement (State Contract) #: _____

(if federal dollars are passed through state)

Federal Agency: _____ **CFDA#:** _____

Federal Agency: _____ **CFDA#:** _____

(if applicable)

(if applicable)

Federal Agency: _____ **CFDA#:** _____

(if applicable)

(if applicable)

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$68,800

Expenditure for match amount should be moved into grant code. However, if this is *not* possible, indicate where expenditures will be accounted for.

FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____

FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____

FUND: _____ AGENCY: _____ OBJECT: _____ PROJECT: _____ AMOUNT: _____

TOTAL MATCH AMOUNT: _____

ACCOUNTING STAFF *(who is primarily responsible for fiscal oversight of grant):*

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DEPARTMENT CONTACT *(who is primarily responsible for program/project outcomes of grant):*

NAME: Mary K Tennis PHONE: 2183903133

****IMPORTANT****

Please submit this completed document (SECTION I *Cover Sheet*) to the department contact, providing direction regarding which form should be completed.

☒ **New (first-time submitted) grant—Complete Form A**

☐ **Previously submitted grant—Complete Form A**

☐ **Request for recurring grant to be included in December Budget Resolution*—Complete Form B**

☐ **Request for amendment of previously adopted Board Resolution—Complete Form C**

***Departments must complete Form B for any grant (of any amount) that is included in the proposed budget.**

SECTION II—APPROVAL (to be completed by department contact)
Form A (New Grant)

Approval to Apply for Grant—(complete prior to applying for grant award)

Please check the appropriate box:

- ☒ New (first-time submitted) grant
☐ Previously submitted grant*

*Departments are highly encouraged to request recurring grants (that were previously submitted) to be included in the December Budget Resolution—*Form B*—if dollar amounts do not fluctuate significantly.

STEP #1: Obtain authorization to apply for grant—(required for all grants of any amount)

Dept. Head Authorization:	 Signature	7/21/2021 Date
Administrator Authorization:	 Signature	7.21.21 Date
Auditor Authorization:	 Signature	7/22/21 Date

STEP #2: Confirm whether grant amount is greater than \$25,000—

- ☐ **No** (grant amount is less than or equal to \$25,000)—

Give grant contract (once received) to County Attorney's Office for review.

Reviewed by: _____
Attorney Name Date

Damion #: _____

- ☐ **Yes** (grant amount is greater than \$25,000)—

Submit **Section I** (Cover Sheet) of the "Grant Approval Form," Board Letter and Resolution to Administration to seek County Board approval. **NOTE: Board authorization to accept the grant is required** (upon notification of award).

Apply: Board Letter #: _____ Board Resolution #: _____ Date Adopted: _____

Accept: Board Letter #: _____ Board Resolution #: _____ Date Adopted: _____

STEP #3: Ensure proper documentation is entered into the system, and the appropriate parties are notified.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Submit **Section I** (Cover Sheet) and **II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form," along with all grant documents (application, award notification, contract, etc.) to the accounting staff person to enter the grant award into the financial system.

ACCOUNTING STAFF: If this grant includes federal funding, please send an electronic copy of **Section I** (Cover Sheet) and **II** (Form A) of this "Grant Approval Form" as notification to wehselerh@stlouiscountymn.gov with "Federal Funds" in the *Subject* of the e-mail.

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 321

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Repurchase of State Tax
Forfeited Land – Dertinger /
Housey and Schaeftbauer
(Non-Homestead)

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve an application to repurchase state tax forfeited land.

BACKGROUND:

Minn. Stat. § 282.241 provides for state tax forfeited land to be repurchased by the previous owner subject to payment equivalent to the delinquent taxes and assessments, with penalties, interest, and maintenance costs. The non-homestead property to be repurchased forfeited to the State of Minnesota on November 6, 2020. Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeftbauer of Aurora, MN, contract for deed holders, have made application to repurchase this property and are eligible to repurchase the property. Kathy Jean Dertinger was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture. As of July 1, 2021, Minn. Stat. § 282.302 Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record.

The applicants will either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed, per county board guidelines. The repurchase of this property will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest. There are no open or pending zoning violations with the Town of White on the property. However, St. Louis County has identified state,

county or municipal code violations that must be corrected within 60 days of County Board approval, as noted in the attached supporting document: Repurchase contract compliance and requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the repurchase application of Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeftbauer of Aurora, MN, to Kathy Jean Dertinger, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$9,141.85, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$30.17, and recording fee of \$46, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

**Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Dertinger / Housey and Schaeffbauer
(Non-Homestead)**

BY COMMISSIONER: _____

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 applicants, Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeffbauer of Aurora, MN, have applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

TOWN OF WHITE
SE1/4 of NW1/4
Sec 32 Twp 57 Rge 15
570-0012-04400

WHEREAS, The applicants were the taxpayers/contract for deed holders of record at the time of forfeiture and are eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 282.302. § Subd. 1 provides that the deed must be issued to the previous owner of record, Kathy Jean Dertinger; and

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

WHEREAS, The applicants shall either pay in full or enter into a four-year contract for deed 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 Bruce Alan Housey and Paula Schaeffbauer of Aurora, MN, to Kathy Jean Dertinger, on file in County Board File No.____, subject to payments including: total taxes and assessments of \$9,141.85, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$30.17, and recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$9,243.02, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund); plus a service fee of \$500, to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund); and further subject to any other conditions discussed herein.



St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Repurchase of Property

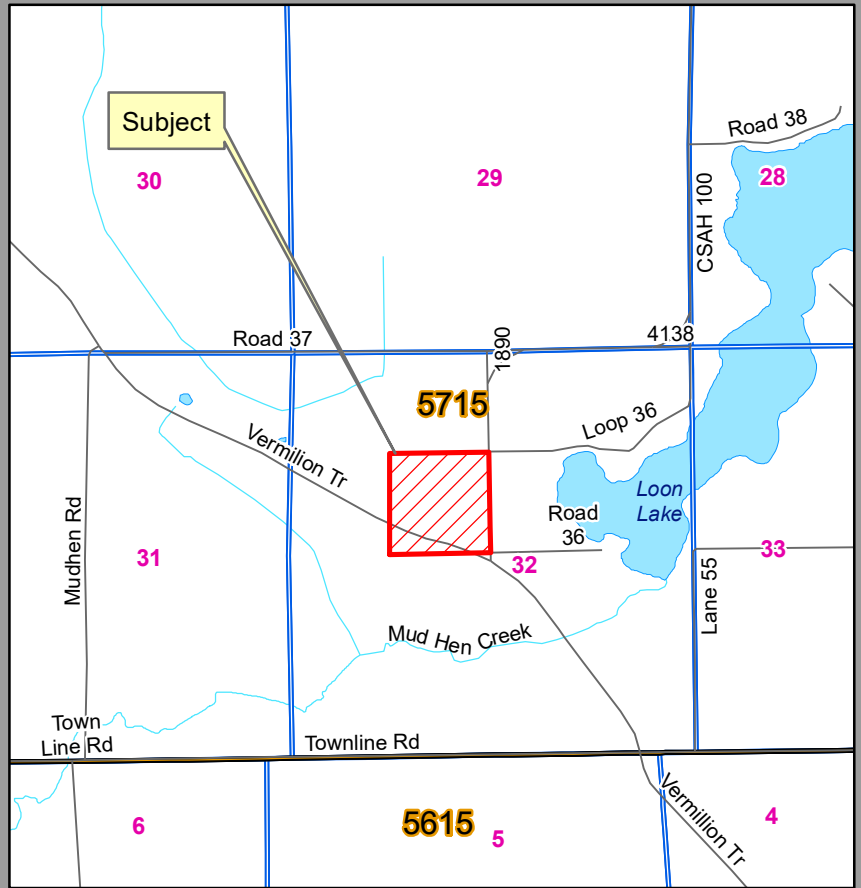
Legal : Town of White
SE1/4 of NW1/4
Sec 32 Twp 57 Rge 15

Parcel Code : 570-0012-04400

LDK: 125510

Address: 3609 Hwy 100
Aurora, MN 55705

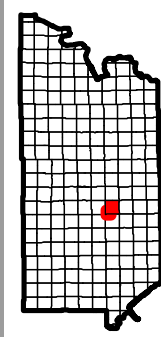
Acres: 40.00



Town of White Sec: 32 Twp: 57 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 4

- State Tax Forfeited Land
- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract



St. Louis County, Minnesota

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**St. Louis County
Land and Minerals Department**

2021





REPURCHASE APPLICATION

Tax Forfeited Lands

St. Louis County, Minnesota

4000

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 282.241, the undersigned hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

PROPERTY

Parcel Identification Number(s) (PIN)			570-0012-04400		
Physical Street Address			Legal Description		
3609 Hwy 100			Sec 32 Twp 57.0 Rg: 15		
City	State	ZIP	1st Blk Acres 40 SE 1/4 of NW 1/4		
Aurora	MN	55705			

APPLICANT

Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		Daytime Phone #	Mobile #	
Bruce Alan Housey		(218) 780-1479		
Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)		Email		
Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP
3609 Hwy 100		Aurora	MN	55705

Applicant states and shows that at the time of the forfeiture to the State, he/she was (please check one):

- ☒ Owner
☐ Heir(s) of the owner
☐ Representative or devisee of owner
☒ Person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, mortgage or other agreement
(Provide documentation with application)

REPURCHASE JUSTIFICATION

Based on the following information, the County Board will determine how undue hardship or injustice resulting from the tax forfeiture will be corrected by the repurchase; or how the repurchase will best serve the public interest.

1. List all individuals or entities that are eligible to repurchase the parcel(s). Must provide legal documentation.

Bruce Housey & Paula Schaefferbauer. Kathy Dertinger

Who is Eligible to Repurchase: MN Statute 282.241, Subdivision 1. Repurchase requirements: The owner at the time of forfeiture, or the owner's heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless before the time repurchase is made the parcel is sold under installment payments, or otherwise, by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn the parcel of land.

2. Describe when and how you first became aware of any tax delinquency and explain by each year, why the property taxes were not paid.

The UPS served me papers, on Nov 6 2020

RECEIVED

JUN 17 2021

LAND COMMISSIONER

RECEIVED

FEB 24 2021

LAND COMMISSIONER

1. Bruce Allan Housey
Paula Jean Schaeffbauer
Kathy Ridlon, formally known as Kathy Dertinger
Kyle Ridlon

2. On November 9th, 2020, I was served forfeiture paper via St. Louis County Land Tax and Minerals Department.

3. Yes it created an undue hardship.

4a.. The tax forfeiture was only the beginning of my devastating financial hardship, in which, Covid 19 played a huge role. The government shutdowns led to widespread economic problems. Creating job losses, decreases in pay, for me and the community. Small side jobs were my only other source of income.. My family's well-being, nutrition, and health were also severely impacted. I was barely able to make payments on my current bills, with the added tax forfeiture I struggled immensely leaving me financially vulnerable.

4b. Now that the pandemic has slowed I will get more work hours and stay ahead on my bills.

5. My land will best serve the public's interest by having an onsite sanitary system. Following the rules of the Minnesota Pollution Controlling agency (MPCA) the septic system will protect their health, safety, general welfare, and natural resources. This will treat and dispose of the effluent on the same property that the waste water was created. In response to the Covid 19 outbreak, this will lower the risk in transmission in the community.

3. Did the tax forfeiture create an undue hardship or injustice for you?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, skip to #5.
4. If your answer to question #3 is "Yes," please answer the following:			
A. Explain how the tax forfeiture created an undue hardship or injustice for you.			

B. If approved to repurchase, explain how the undue hardship or injustice will be corrected

5. Explain, in detail, how allowing you to repurchase the parcel will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public interest.

WELLS (Please check the appropriate box below)

- ☐ There are no wells on this property
☒ No change since last well certificate

- ☒ There are one or more wells on this property
 (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
☒ Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
 (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

MILITARY SERVICE

DEED NAME(S)

Applicant must be an eligible repurchaser and requests that repurchase be made in the name of: (If more than two, attach additional list.)

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Bruce Allan Husey

Minn. Stat 282.302. § Subd. 1 provides that

Name (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)

Paula Jean Scharfauer

the deed must be issued to the previous

owner of record, Kathy Jean Dertinger.

Mailing Address Where to send deed, contract for deed, billings, tax statements, etc.

3609 Highway 100

City

Aurora

State

mn

ZIP

55705

Ownership (For Deed Purposes) Check One

☐ Single Ownership☒ Co-ownership: Joint Tenancy☐ Co-ownership: Tenancy in Common☐ Co-ownership: Other

If more than one applicant, what is your relationship?

EX-SPOUSE (Paula) (KATHY) Friend/Associate/seller

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

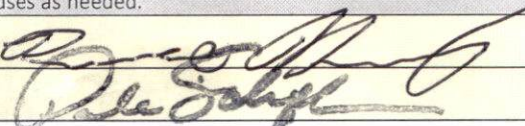
Applicant offers to pay upon such repurchase, by check or money order, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, the full price of repurchase as stated above, the terms of which will be stated by the contract and required by law.

If I am allowed to repurchase the parcel, I understand that there will be conditions on the repurchase, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. To combine any split tax parcels across structure or property into common ownership.
- B. To pay all county-incurred maintenance costs and administrative fees related to the tax forfeiture of the parcel prior to the repurchase.
- C. To pay and keep current all taxes and assessments.
- D. To keep and maintain property insurance on structures for the life of the contract for deed.
- E. To comply with all state and local code requirements.
- F. To not remove any structure, minerals, sand, gravel, topsoil, subsoil, peat, timber or timber products until the contract for deed has been paid in full.

In submitting this application, I understand that it will be disclosed to the County Board as part of a resolution, and that all of the contents of this application will become accessible to any member of the public, and that the County may use any data or information provided for communication and other uses as needed.

Signature



Date

4-27-21

Signature



Date

6/8/21

CONTACT**St. Louis County**Land and Minerals Department
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WEB: stlouiscountymn.gov

Incomplete Applications: All application questions must be filled in for this repurchase application to be complete. All incomplete applications will be returned to applicant to be completed and resubmitted.

Contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due, which increases monthly.

OFFICE USE ONLY**TAX DELINQUENCY**

Taxes became delinquent in (Year):

2016

Taxes remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of:

2017

REPURCHASE COSTS (Check Payable to St. Louis County Auditor)

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of the repurchase is:

\$9,743.02

Thru: Date

2/28/21

This amount is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241 and 282.251, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees and maintenance costs.

Paid in full.

4000-RP FORM, Rev. 11-2019



Saint Louis County

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Julie Marinucci
Land and Minerals Director

July 9, 2021

Re: Repurchase contract compliance and requirements for 3609 Hwy 100 in Aurora

On May 6, 2021 Bruce Housey and Paula Schaeffbauer submitted an application and payment for the repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land, legally described as the SE ¼ of the NW 1/4 , Sec 32 Twp 57 Rge 15 (570-0012-04400). Conditions of this repurchase include resolution of any state, county or municipal code violations within 60 days. These actions include:

- Meeting Ordinance-62-Zoning-Amended-2016, Section 6.25 Inoperable Vehicles Storage Administrative Standards "C" guidelines (see exhibit A)
- Meeting Ordinance-62-Zoning-Amended-2016, Section 6.27 Salvage Facility Standards Conditional Use Standards "C" guidelines (see exhibit B)
- the removal and proper disposal of abandoned personal property and blight
- inspection and approval of the on-site wastewater treatment system

Periodic site inspections between January 16 and June 3, 2021 by Land and Minerals staff reveal the repurchasing party has not met the required compliance standards with state, county or municipal code on this property. The SLC Sheriff deputy blight officer also performed an inspection of the property on June 6, 2021, and informed the applicants of the need for ordinance compliance. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the rural Aurora community of White Township, and St. Louis County to cancel this repurchase contract, should any state, county or municipal code violations not be corrected within 60 days of the Board approval.

Christopher A. Johnson
Tax Forfeited Property Asset Management
Land and Minerals Department
Saint Louis County, MN

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320 West 2nd Street, GSC 302
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 726-2606
Fax: (218) 726-2600

□ Pike Lake Area Office
5713 Old Miller Trunk Hwy
Duluth, MN 55811
(218) 625-3700
Fax: (218) 625-3733

□ Virginia Area Office
7820 Highway 135
Virginia, MN 55792
(218) 742-9898
Fax: (218) 742-9870

EXHIBIT A

Ordinance-62-Zoning-Amended-2016

Section 6.25 Inoperable Vehicles Storage Administrative Standards “C”

A. No Permit Required: Minimum Standards: No permit shall be required for the storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles on property if the following standards are met:

1. All stored vehicles shall meet the principal structure setback requirements of the zone district in which they are located.
2. All stored vehicles shall meet the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency standards for motor vehicle environmental compliance.
3. If the vehicles are stored on shoreland property, the parcel shall be 2.5 acres or larger in size and vehicles shall be stored 300 feet or greater from the shoreline.
4. There shall be no more than five unlicensed or inoperable vehicles on a parcel, unless the vehicles are screened from ordinary public view and all standards above are met.

EXHIBIT B

Ordinance-62-Zoning-Amended-2016

Section 6.27 Salvage Facility Standards Conditional Use Standards “C”

A. Permit Required: Minimum Standards: All salvage facilities under the jurisdiction of this ordinance shall meet the following minimum standards. These standards shall apply to all salvage facilities regardless of the year of salvage facility establishment. A new salvage facility requires a conditional use permit if allowed in the land use district where it is located with the following standards:

1. Wetland Conservation Act requirements shall be followed.
2. All salvage facilities shall have a minimum property line and road setback of 100 feet. No activity except fencing, berms, or other screening may take place in the setback area.
3. No salvage facility shall be allowed within 300 feet of a protected water.
4. All waste including batteries, tires and hazardous waste shall be kept on the property in a manner acceptable to the appropriate solid waste authority or disposed of in a manner acceptable to the county and state and federal regulations.
5. A record shall be kept of all salvage material and waste brought in and out of the property.
6. The local fire department shall be notified of all flammable and hazardous material stored on the property including: amounts, types, and location.
7. Fire breaks and roads shall be approved by the local fire department.
8. The salvage facility shall conform to all St. Louis County sewage treatment standards.
9. The salvage facility shall conform to all the standards for wells of the State Health Department including the sealing of abandoned wells.
10. Access to the site shall be obtained from the appropriate road authority.

























Here are the photos from 3609 hwy 100 and I spoke with a female who said she would explain to Brad my recommendations let me know what else we need
Sent from my iPhone

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 322

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Reclassification of State Tax
Forfeited Lands to Non-
Conservation

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide financial return to the county and taxing districts.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize the reclassification of state tax forfeited lands as non-conservation.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1, 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.

The parcels described in the attached list forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of real estate taxes and were previously classified as conservation. The Land and Minerals Department has determined that the parcels are suitable for private ownership and is recommending that they be reclassified as non-conservation. The reclassification must be approved by the municipality or town which has 60 days in which to weigh in on the reclassification. Parcels located in the city of Duluth have been reviewed by city staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board reclassify the described state tax forfeited parcels as non-conservation.

Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Lands to Non-Conservation

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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 the attached County Board File 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. _____ 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, 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.

RECLASSIFICATION OF STATE TAX FORFEITED LAND

PARCEL	LDKEY	TWP	RGE	SEC	LOT	BLK	PLAT	LEGAL	COMMENTS
010-0139-00020	100035	49	15	26		0	AUDITORS PLAT NO 27 DULUTH	LOTS 2 THRU 4 AND 7 THRU 9	
010-2420-07340	125367	49	15	13		33	HUNTER/MARKELLS GRASSY POINT ADDN TO DULUTH	LOTS 25 THRU 30	
010-2550-00160	102191	49	15	26	16	1	IRONTON 4TH DIVISION DULUTH	EX PART TAKEN FOR HWY	
010-3300-03660	103137	49	15	26	2	28	MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH	LOT: 0002 BLOCK:028	
425-0010-02990	123061	64	19	19	3		LEIDING TOWN OF	LOT 3	
430-0010-01310	111616	62	20	8			LINDEN GROVE TOWN OF	NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4	
435-0020-03880	111815	55	18	21			MCDAVITT TOWN OF 55-18	THAT PART OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LYING S OF G N RY RT OF WAY	
495-0045-00120	123093	62	18	18	5	2	NORTH SIDE ADDITION TO COOK TOWN OF OWENS	Lot 5, Block 2	
570-0023-00200	114099	58	15	18			WHITE TOWN OF	SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4	
625-0011-02721	121652	61	13	20			UNORGANIZED 61-13	THAT PART OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 DESC AS FOLLOWS: ASSUMING THE S LINE OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 SEC 20 TO BEAR S88DEG52'34"W AND FROM THE SE CORNER OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4, BEING ALSO THE SE CORNER OF SEC 20, RUN S88DEG52'34"W ALONG SAID S LINE A DISTANCE OF 630.38 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE S88DEG52'34"W ALONG SAID S LINE A DISTANCE OF 331.69 FT; THENCE N29DEG14'33"W A DISTANCE OF 187 FT MORE OR LESS TO THE SHORE OF COLD LAKE; THENCE NELY ALONG THE SHORE OF COLD LAKE A DISTANCE OF 602 FT MORE OR LESS TO A POINT THAT BEARS N05DEG13'52"W FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S05DEG13'52"E A DISTANCE OF 238 FT MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.	
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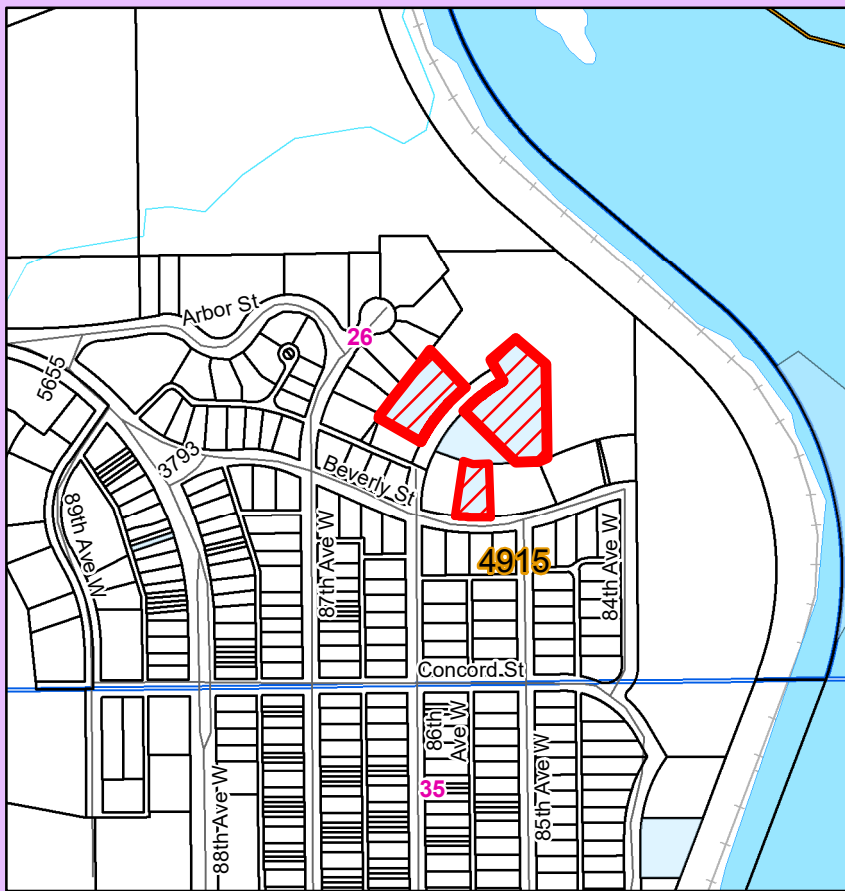


St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department

Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Land to Non-Conservation

Legal : CITY OF DULUTH
LOTS 2 THRU 4 AND 7 THRU 9
AUDITORS PLAT NO 27
Parcel Code: 010-0139-00020
LDK: 100035

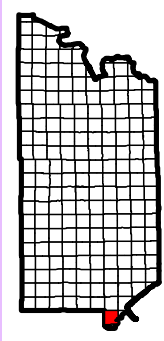
Legal: CITY OF DULUTH
LOT: 0002 BLOCK:028
MORGAN PARK OF DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-3300-03660
LDK: 103137



City of Duluth Sec: 26 Twp: 49 Rng: 15

Commissioner District # 3

- State Tax Forfeited Land
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- Road
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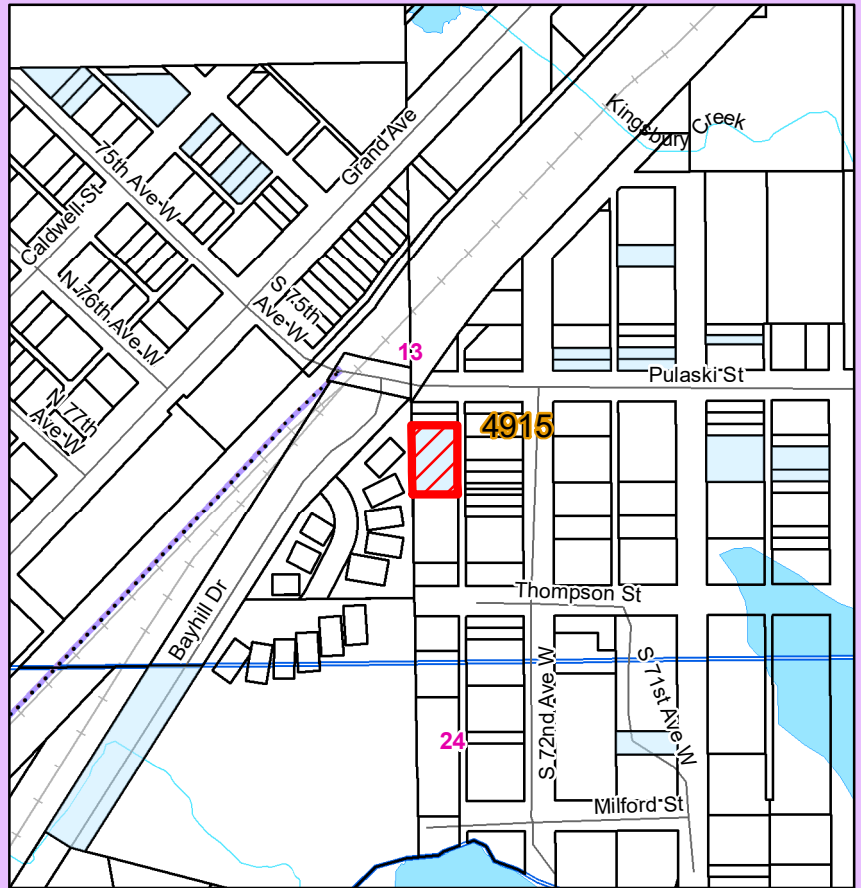
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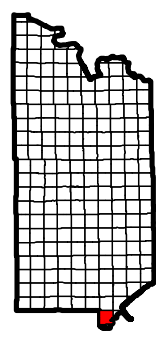
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LOTS 25 THRU 30, BLOCK 33
HUNTER/MARKELLS GRASSY POINT
ADDN TO DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-2420-07340
LDK: 125367



City of Duluth Sec: 13 Twp: 49 Rng: 15

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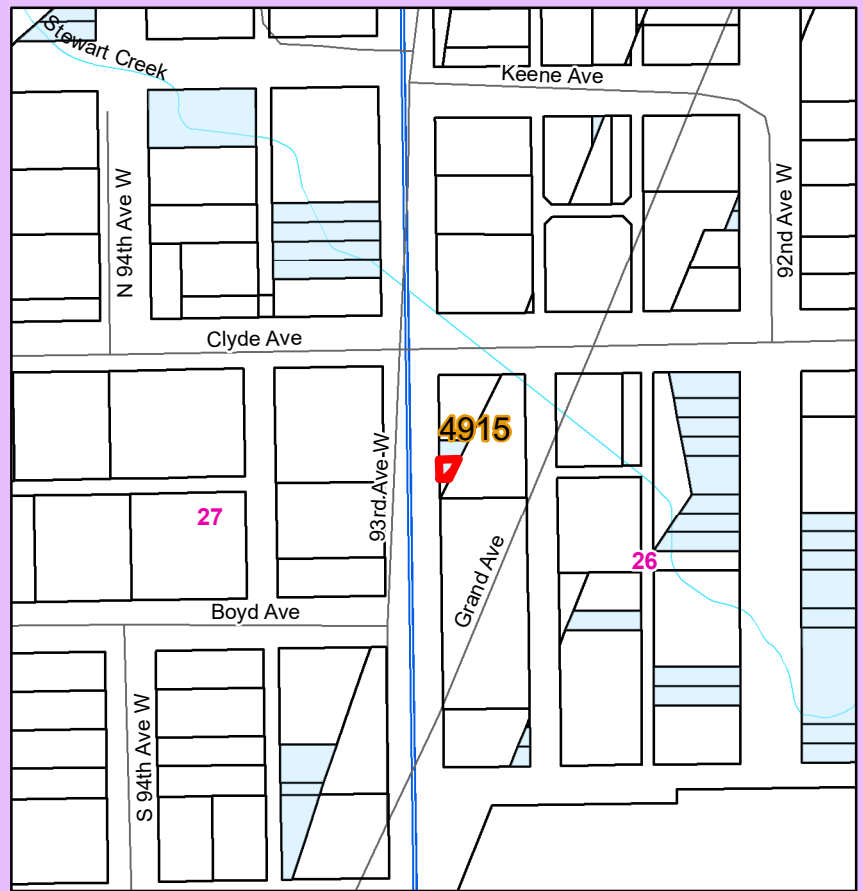
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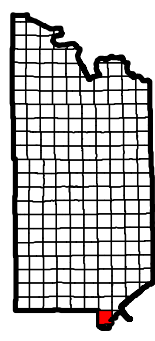
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LOT 16, BLOCK 1
EX PART TAKEN FOR HWY
IRONTON 4TH DIVISION DULUTH
Parcel Code: 010-2550-00160
LDK: 102191



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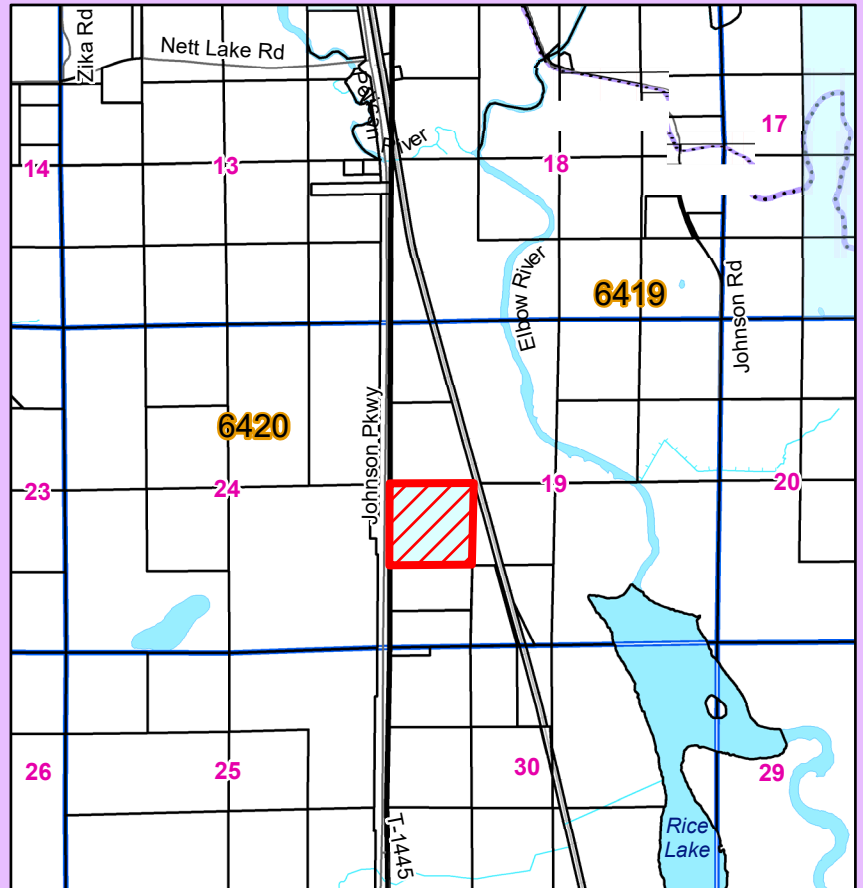
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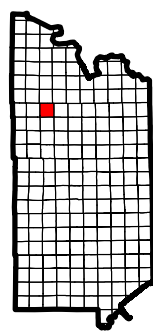
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LOT 3
Sec 19 Twp 64 Rge 19
Parcel Code: 425-0010-02990
LDK: 123061



Town of Leiding Sec: 19 Twp: 64 Rng: 19

Commissioner District # 4

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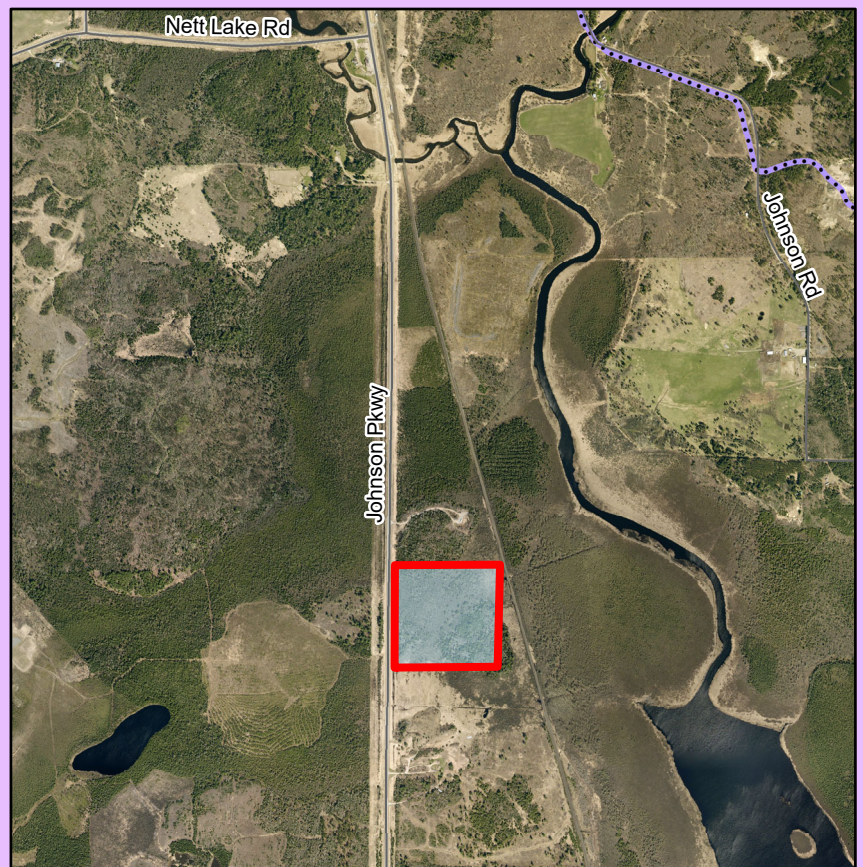


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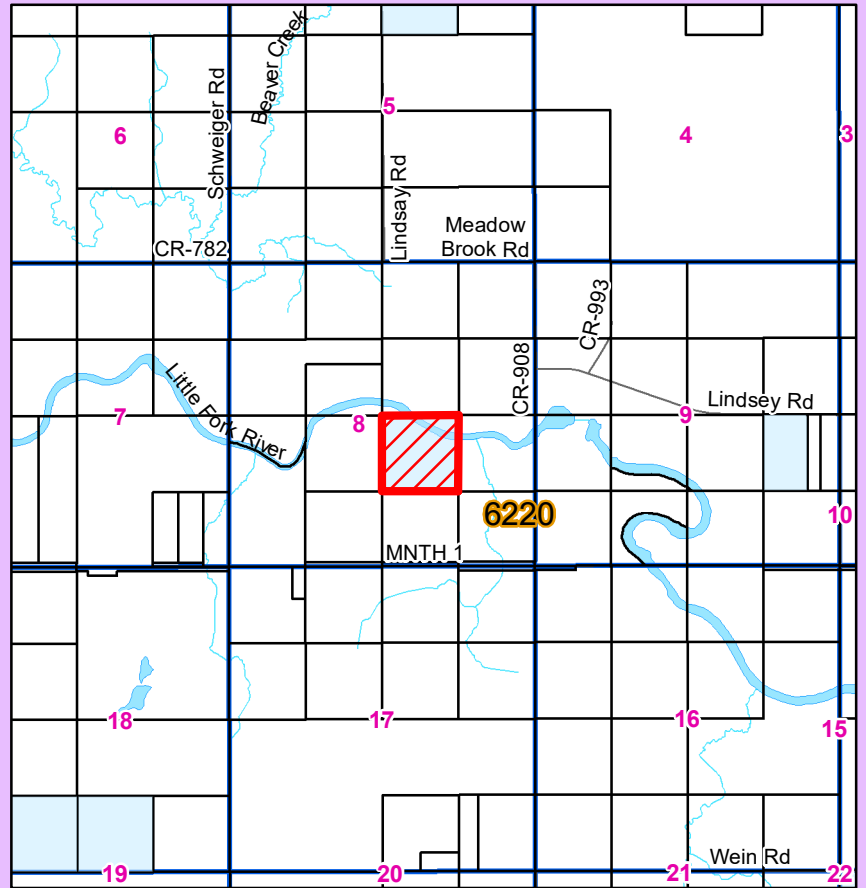




St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department

Reclassification of State Tax Forfeited Land to Non-Conservation

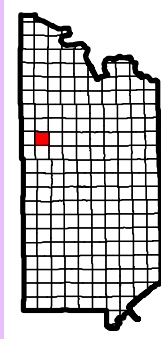
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Commissioner District # 4

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- Water
- Road
- Area of Interest
- Tract

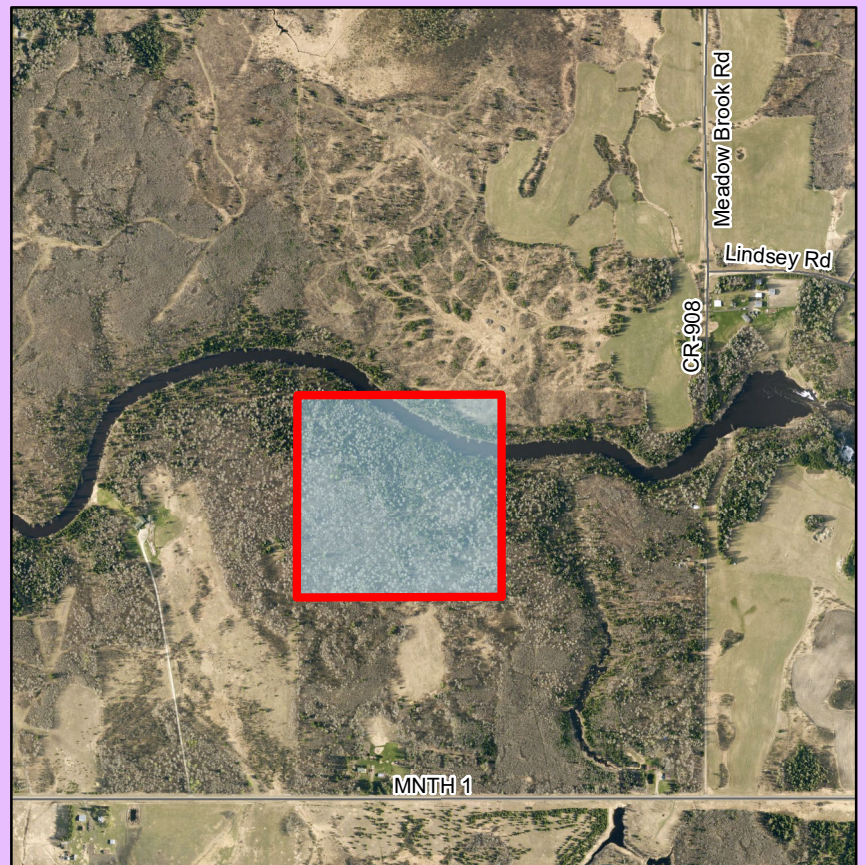


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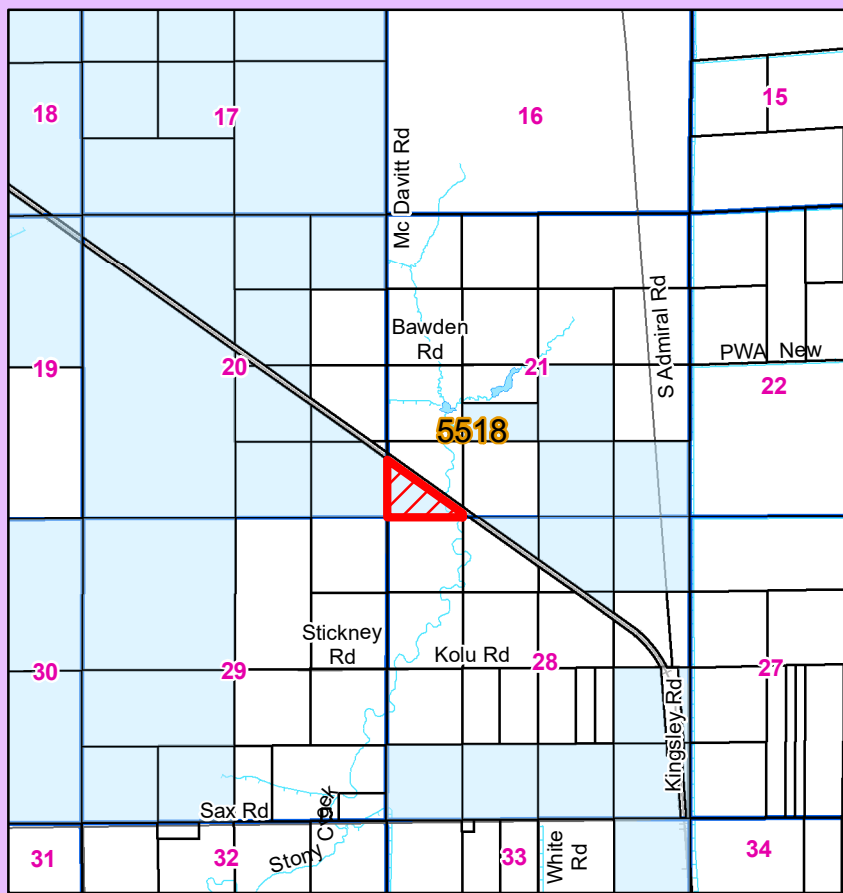




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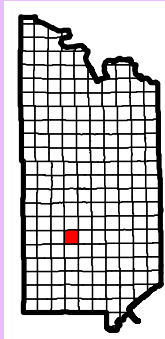
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Town of McDavitt Sec: 21 Twp: 55 Rng: 18

Commissioner District # 6

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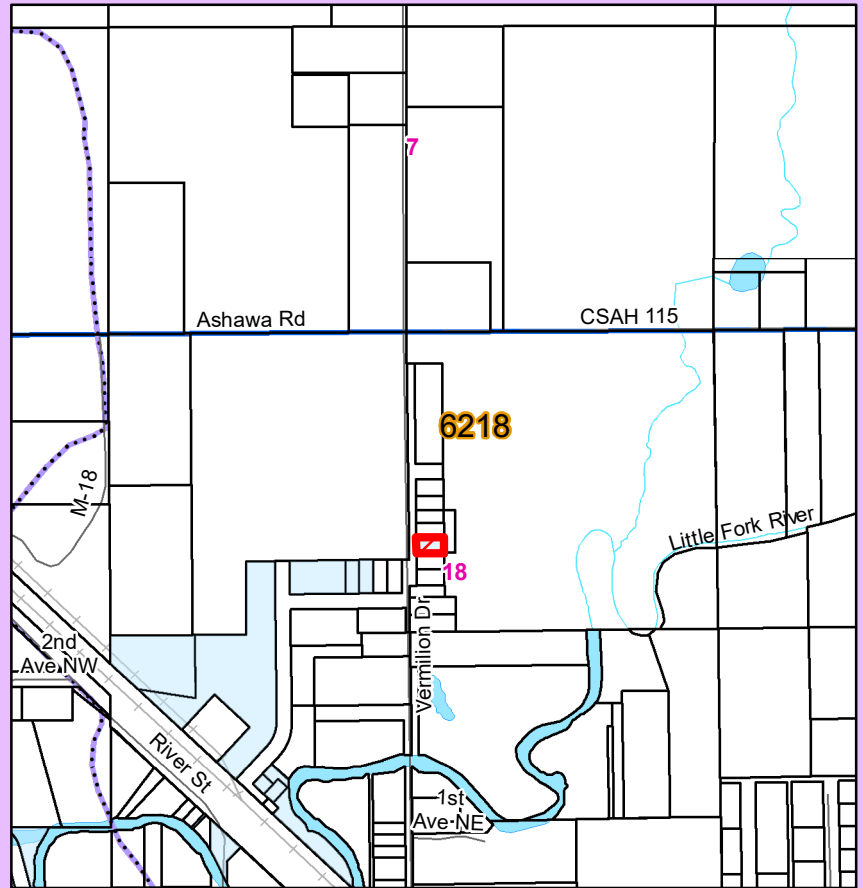




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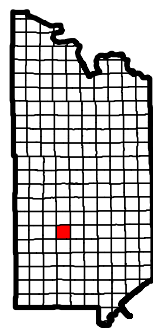
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Commissioner District # 4

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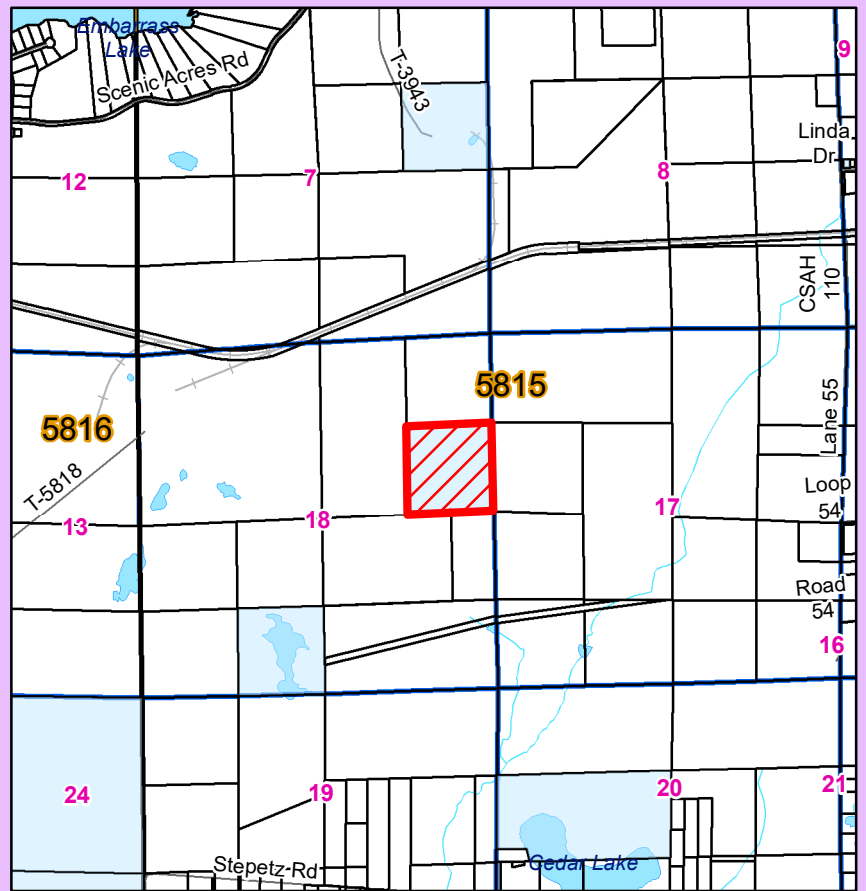
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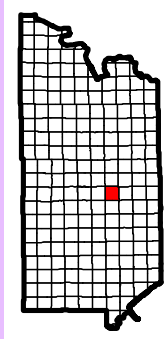
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Town of White Sec: 18 Twp: 58 Rng: 15

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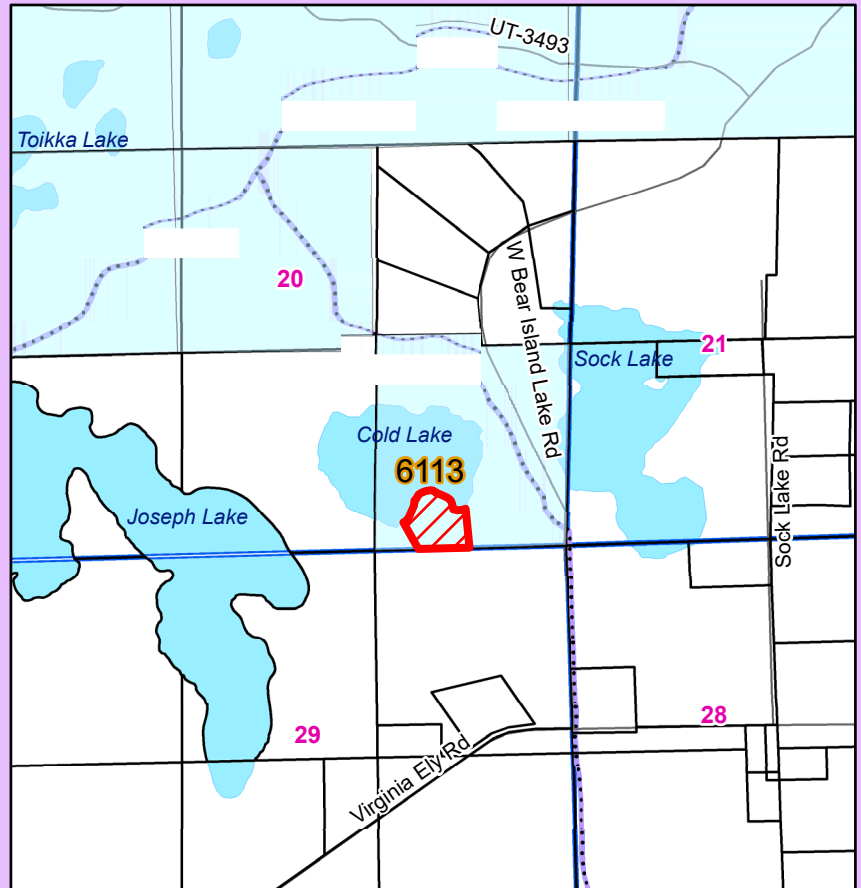
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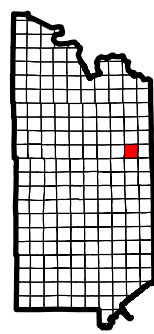
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Commissioner District # 4

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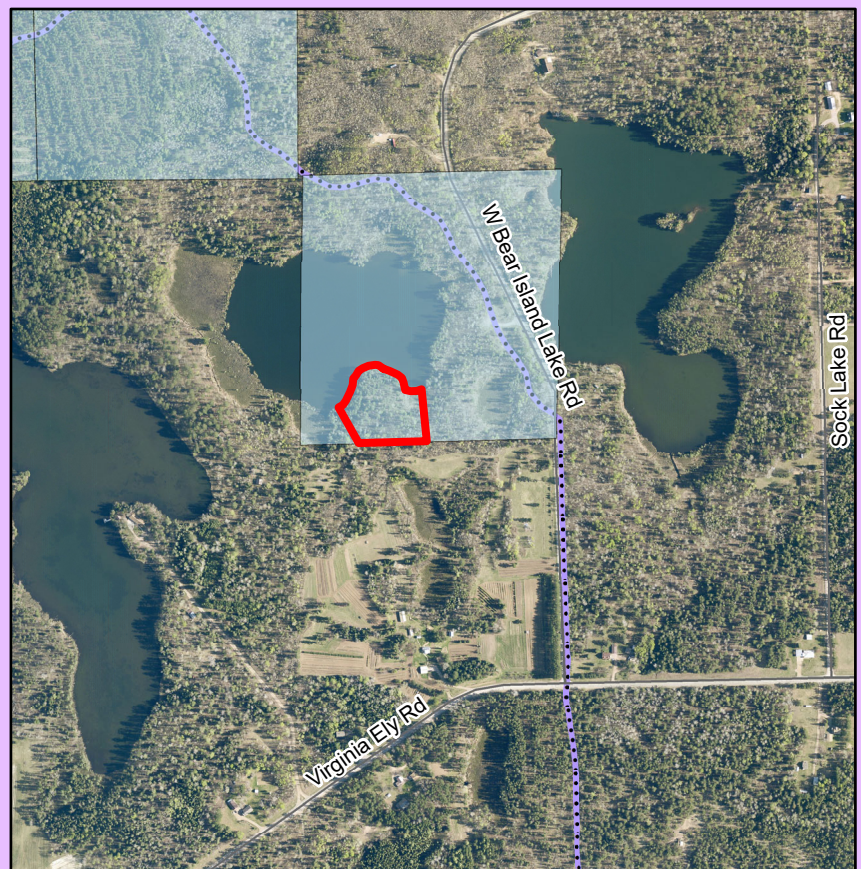


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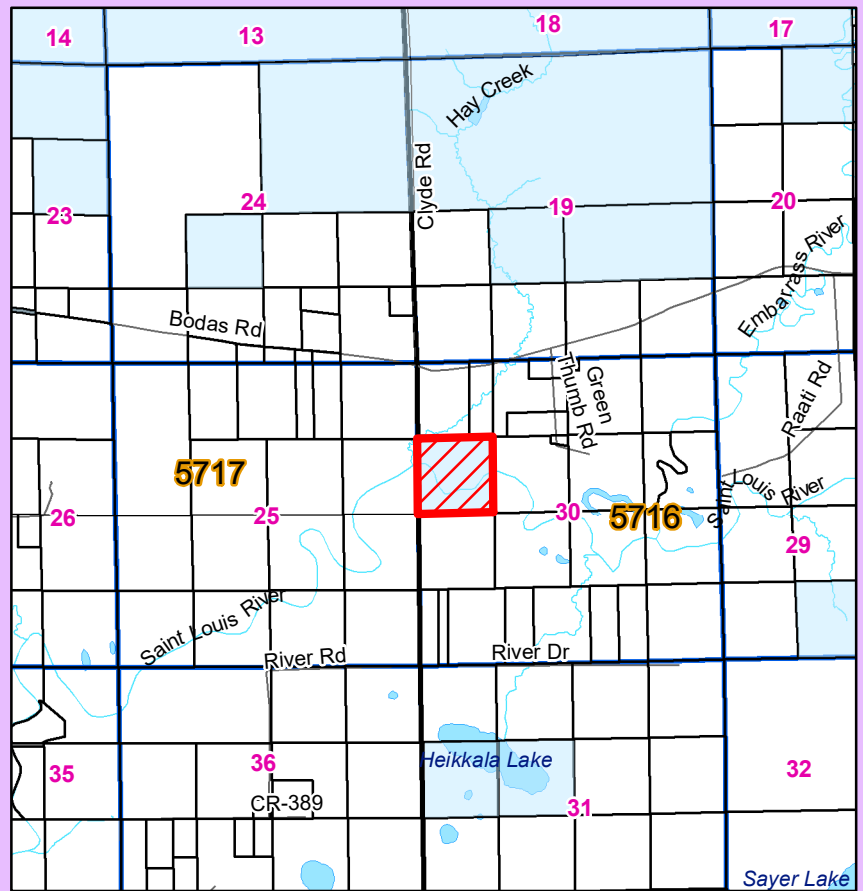




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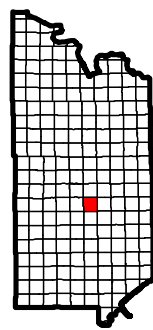
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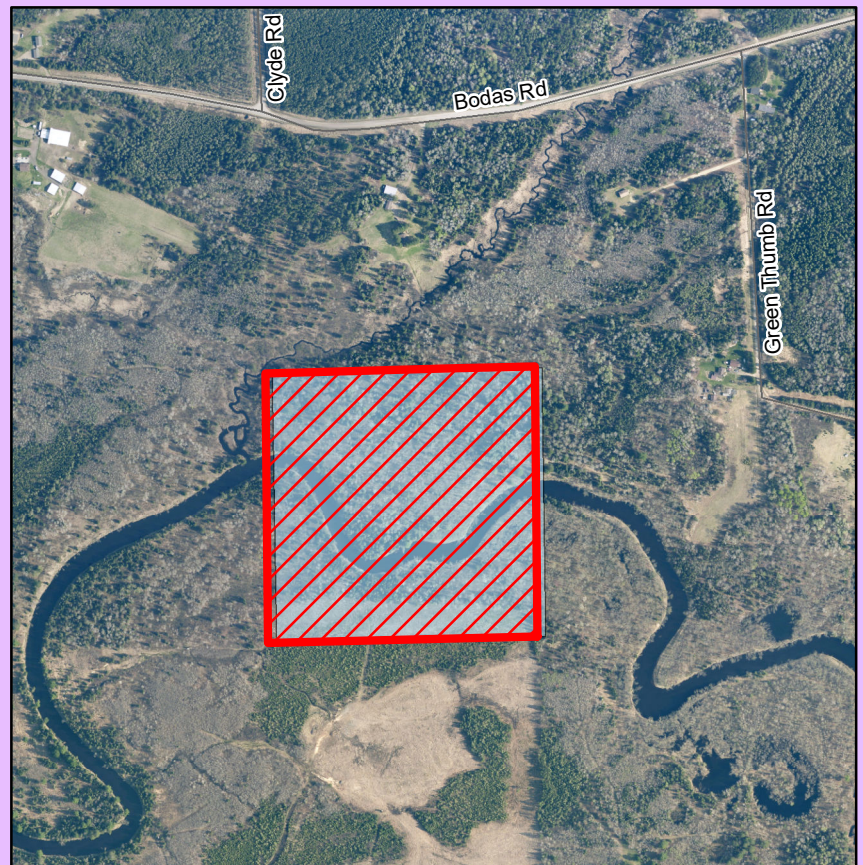


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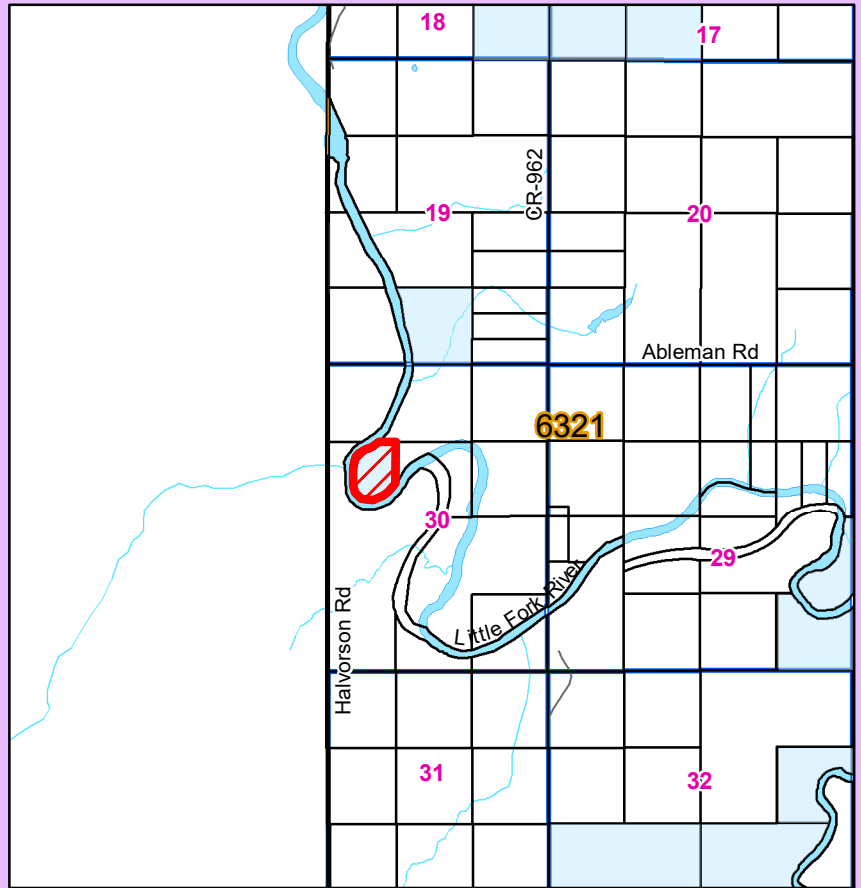
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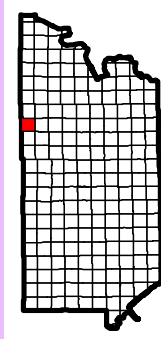
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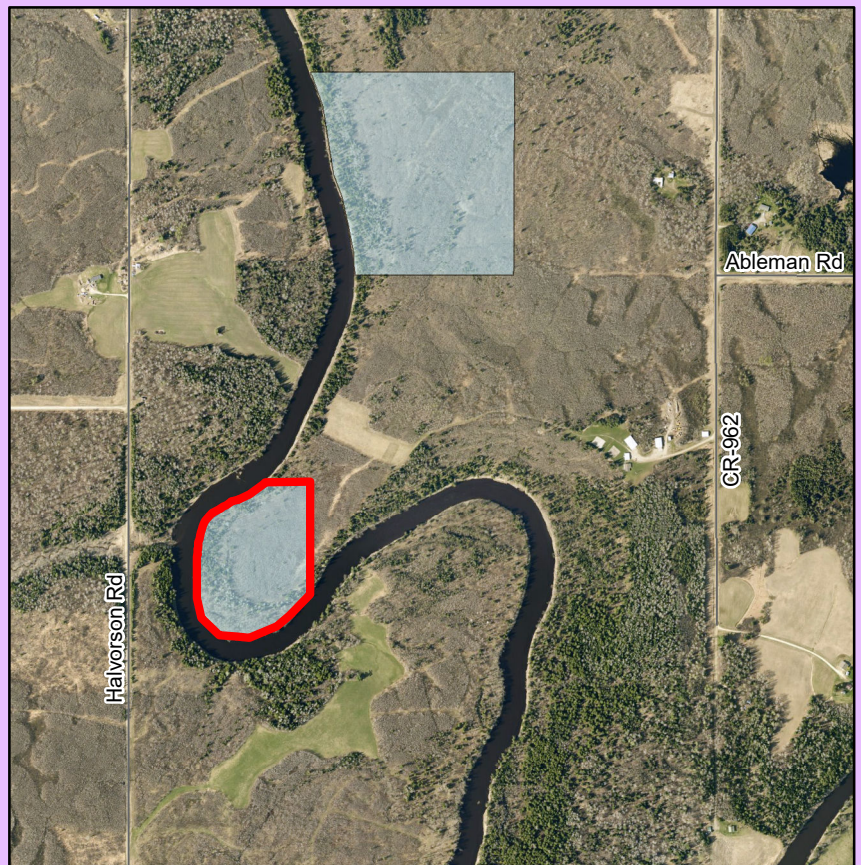


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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 323

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 8

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Consideration of Request for
Free Conveyance of State Tax
Forfeited Land to St. Louis
County – Integrated Waste
Management Facility

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Nancy J. Nilsen
County Auditor/Treasurer

Julie Marinucci, Director
Land and Minerals

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To perform public services.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to consider a request for a free conveyance of state tax forfeited property to St. Louis County for the potential development of an integrated waste management facility.

BACKGROUND:

On July 27, 2021, St. Louis County, acting as a political subdivision of the state of Minnesota, is expected to approve a resolution requesting a free conveyance of approximately 800 acres of state tax forfeited land for use in connection with a potential integrated waste management facility in Canyon.

The St. Louis County Board, acting as the administrator of state tax forfeited lands, must consider this request for a free conveyance. The documents supporting the request will be provided at the August 3, 2021 regular board meeting.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e), non-conservation state tax forfeited land may be conveyed by the Commissioner of Revenue to a governmental subdivision for an authorized public use with the favorable recommendation of the County Board. All property conveyed under a conditional use deed by the Commissioner of Revenue pursuant to this statutory provision is released from the use restriction and the possibility of reversion 30 years from the date the deed is acknowledged.

All 800 acres of requested land are currently classified as conservation and designated as memorial forest lands. Thus, to be eligible for conveyance, the land must be reclassified as non-conservation and withdrawn from the memorial forest.

State tax forfeited land which has been included in an established memorial forest and found more suitable for other purposes may be withdrawn from the memorial forest if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land. Additionally, conservation land may be reclassified as non-conservation land and conveyed if the County Board determines the land is more suitable for purposes other than forest management.

The Land and Minerals Department has determined, 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, that all 800 requested acres would be more suitable for purposes other than forest management and supports the free conveyance.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve St. Louis County's request for a free conveyance subject to payment of \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$250 administrative fee, \$25 deed fee and \$1.65 deed tax; for a total of \$526.65.

Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land to St. Louis County

BY COMMISSIONER _____

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. _____ 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, 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 these parcels 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 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, 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;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the state tax forfeited parcels described herein shall be withdrawn from Memorial Forest status if the Commissioner of Natural Resources approves the sale of such land;

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 forfeited land described in County Board File No. _____ to St. Louis County for an integrated waste management facility, upon payment of \$250 Department of Revenue fee, \$250 administrative fee, \$25 deed fee and \$1.65 deed tax; for a total of \$526.65.








St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

Free Conveyance

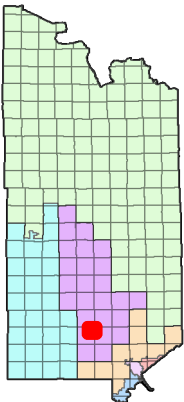
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T52N R17W

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Acres: Approximately 800

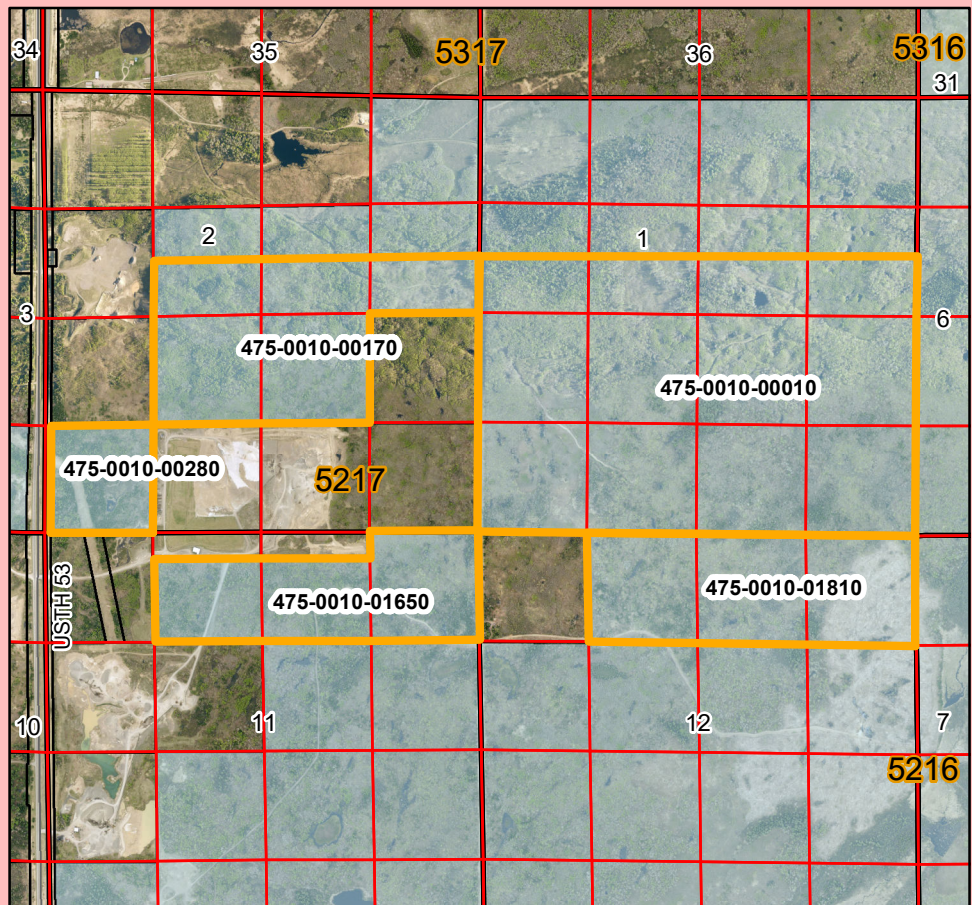
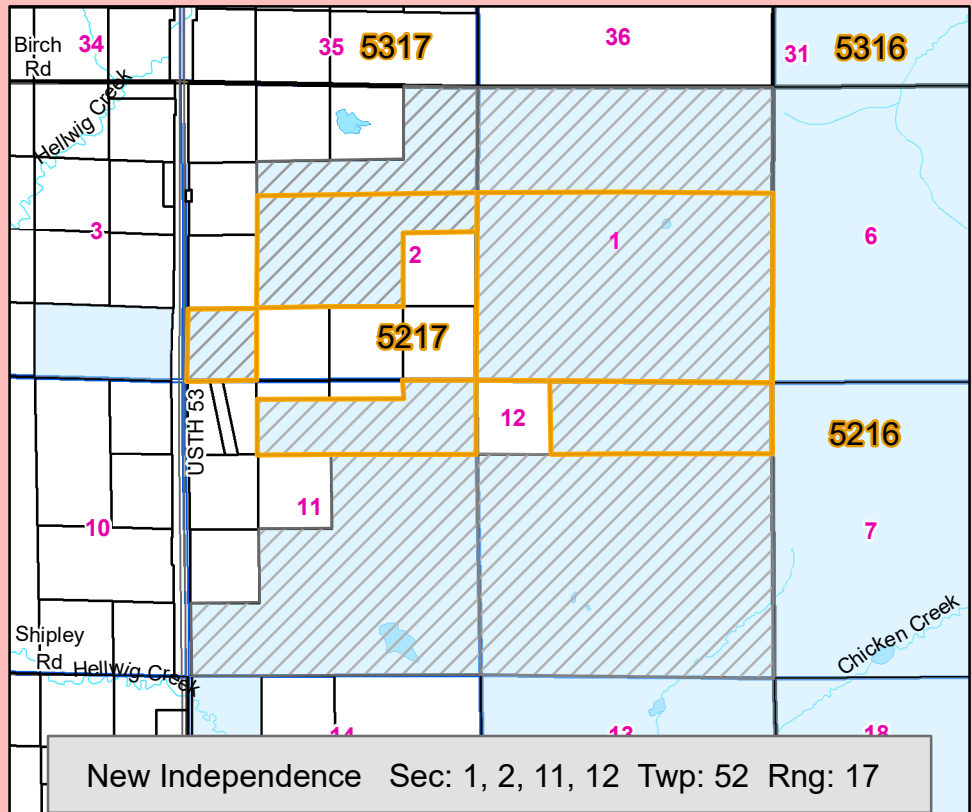
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SLC Integrated Waste Management Facility at Canyon

Parcel ID	Legal Description			Approx Acres
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475-0010-01650	Part of NE NW	Section 11	T52N-R17W	30
	Part of NW NE	Section 11	T52N-R17W	30
	NE NE	Section 11	T52N-R17W	40
475-0010-01810	NENW	Section 12	T52N-R17W	40
	NW NE	Section 12	T52N-R17W	40
	NENE	Section 12	T52N-R17W	40
475-0010-00010	S1/2 SW NW	Section 1	T52N-R17W	20
	S1/2 SE NW	Section 1	T52N-R17W	20
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Total				797.69

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 324

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Distribution of American
Recovery Act Funds, St. Louis
County Student Reengagement
Initiative

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Linnea Mirsch, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Children will be born healthy, live a life free from abuse and neglect, and will have a permanent living arrangement. Adults will live in the least restrictive living arrangement that meets their health and safety needs.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to invest and distribute up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

St. Louis County has been awarded approximately \$54,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for COVID Response, Recovery, Revenue Replacement and Infrastructure expenses for the period beginning March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024. As Public Health and Human Services has worked with Commissioners, Administration and partners across health, education and non-profit sectors throughout the pandemic conversations move from COVID Response to COVID Recovery. This Federal funding is intended to meet local needs, prioritize households, individuals and communities hardest hit by the crisis and lay the groundwork for an equitable recovery.

A critical need identified throughout the pandemic has been education. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota schools, and schools throughout St. Louis County, moved between various learning models. For some students, these new learning pathways worked well. For many students, however, the changes in learning modalities along with the other pressures and challenges adversely impacted their education. School districts around St. Louis County have reported that many students stopped attending, were unresponsive to outreach, fell behind in grades and credits, and some were unenrolled.

In an effort to proactively invest in COVID recovery, St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) has proposed a significant portion of COVID American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to invest in a proven program that is designed to get students back on track for academic success. PHHS is aware that the tools we have at our disposal for Educational Neglect reports through the Child Protection System or Truancy reports through the court system is insufficient to meet the significant challenges ahead during this COVID recovery period. PHHS collaborated with school districts throughout the county to assess the need and determine an effective solution, together, selecting the MN-based, evidenced-based model *Check & Connect*.

Check & Connect is an intervention used for more than 30 years with K-12 students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out. At the core of Check & Connect is a trusting relationship between the student and a caring, trained mentor who both advocates for and challenges the student to keep education salient. Students are referred to *Check & Connect* when they show warning signs of disengaging from school, such as poor attendance, behavioral issues, and/or low grades.

A multidisciplinary team of individuals from PHHS have worked on a comprehensive solicitation, application and selection process using the *Check & Connect* intervention model as a framework for contracting to meet the goals of the St. Louis County Student Reengagement Initiative.

- After extensive outreach and collaboration, an informational session with St. Louis County PHHS, Check & Connect was held Wednesday, June 23, 2021 with all Districts invited; and
- An email announcing the RFP opportunity was emailed Friday, June 25 to all attendees and Districts, with a deadline of July 6, 2021 for response.
- Respondents provided a narrative documenting the needs of their students and schools, their plan and level of proposed engagement with Check & Connect and a budget for the mentor positions they will add.
- All requests were funded in this proposal at level and budget requested.

It is important to note that not all districts responded to the solicitation to participate in this opportunity. Three chose not to apply and one district (Floodwood) requested to defer their application a year. Other districts or schools may decide to opt in or adjust their level of participation, and an additional \$120,000 has been set aside for that purpose.

We believe that the thoughtful and intentional intervention of 36.5 mentors across St. Louis County engaging with over 1,000 students at risk each year over three school years will be the difference we need to get kids back on track following the pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board invest and distribute up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic.

It is also recommended that the Board authorize PHHS to enter into contracts with the University of Minnesota to provide *Check & Connect* implementation and management (training, program coordination, evaluation, coaching, technical support), and selected school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County for three years of funding to support mentors and coordinators beginning August, 2021 through August, 2024 as follows:

Funding Table:

Fiscal Agent/ Contractor	Number of Mentors Requested	Coordinators	Funding (up to)
St. Louis County School District, and additionally as fiscal agent for the following Districts and schools:	4 FTE's	1 FTE (North)	\$795,000
Hibbing Public School District	4 FTE's		\$480,000
Mountain Iron School District	0.5 FTE		\$60,000
Rock Ridge School District	3 FTE's		\$360,000
Northland Learning Services	0.5 FTE		\$60,000
Marquette Catholic School	0.5 FTE		\$60,000
Assumption Catholic School	0.5 FTE		\$60,000
East Range Academy of Tech & Science	1 FTE		\$120,000
Subtotal St. Louis County School District and additional Districts and School incorporated in their contract			\$1,995,000
Ely School District	1 FTE		\$106,500
Mesabi East School District	2 FTE's		\$292,000
Vermilion Country School	.5 FTE		\$60,000
Proctor	3 FTE's	1FTE (South)	\$604,682
Duluth Public School District	14 FTE's		\$1,624,977
Duluth Edison Charter Schools	1 FTE		\$150,000
Stella Maris	1 FTE		\$80,000
<i>Set aside for potential future districts/schools</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>\$120,000</i>
8	36.5	2	\$5,033,159

University of Minnesota	Training, Program Coordination, Evaluation, Coaching, Technical Support	\$150,000
Total Distribution		\$5,183,159

**Distribution of American Recovery Act Funds
St. Louis County Student Reengagement Initiative**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, St. Louis County seeks to invest up to \$5,183,159 million in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, School districts around St. Louis County have reported that many students stopped attending, were unresponsive to outreach, fell behind in grades and credits, and some were unenrolled in the wake of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The traditional roles and responsibilities, tools and options available to St. Louis County for educational neglect and truancy concerns are inadequate to meet the support COVID needs and recovery priorities; and

WHEREAS, PHHS has been proactively collaborating with school districts throughout the County, along with the University of Minnesota, to assess the need and determine an effective solution utilizing a nation-wide, evidence-based intervention called *Check & Connect*; and

WHEREAS, There are 22 districts in St. Louis County with 107 schools and 25,551 students and 8 Independent School Districts and 7 individual schools have requested funding to support 36.5 FTE mentors and 2.0 FTE coordinators; and

WHEREAS, Additional districts and schools may adjust their level of participation and one district (Floodwood) has requested to defer their application for funding until the 2022/2023 school year requiring some flexibility for schools and districts to join for the second and third school year; and

WHEREAS, The 8 Independent School Districts and 7 individual schools have requested funding through an RFP process to support 36.5 FTE mentors and 2.0 FTE coordinators for three school years beginning August, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board invest and distribute up to \$5,183,159 in 2021-2024 American Recovery Act funds through its Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Department to support school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County to reengage students and get them back on track for academic success following the pandemic;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorize PHHS to enter into contracts with the University of Minnesota to provide *Check & Connect* implementation and management (training, program coordination, evaluation, coaching, technical support), and selected school districts and individual schools within St. Louis County for three years of funding to support mentors and coordinators beginning August, 2021 through August, 2024 as follows:

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Mesabi East School District	2 FTE's		\$292,000	239510
Vermilion Country School	.5 FTE		\$60,000	239511
Proctor	3 FTE's	1FTE (South)	\$604,682	239512
Duluth Public School District	14 FTE's		\$1,624,977	239513
Duluth Edison Charter Schools	1 FTE		\$150,000	239514
Stella Maris	1 FTE		\$80,000	239515
<i>Set aside for potential future districts/ schools</i>	<i>TBD</i>		<i>\$120,000</i>	<i>239517</i>
9	36.5	2	\$5,033,159	

Additional Contract	Service	Funding (up to)	Budget Agency Established
University of Minnesota	Training, Program Coordination, Evaluation, Coaching, Technical Support	\$150,000	239516
Total Distribution			\$5,183,159

BOARD LETTER NO. 21 – 325

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: St. Louis County Agricultural
Fair Association Funding
Request – Animal Buildings

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To manage the county's fiscal sponsored grants in an efficient and cost-effective manner to ensure success in their designated public use.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to consider a \$1,200,000 grant request to the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association for the construction of two new buildings on the fairgrounds in Chisholm, Minnesota.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Fair is a 137-year-old event and has been held over a decade in Chisholm. It is one of the ten largest County fairs in the state of Minnesota and is referenced as the FIVE BEST DAYS OF SUMMER.

The Fair is proposing an approximate \$1,200,000 improvement project including the construction of two new buildings. Building one is a 60x200 cattle, sheep, goat & swine barn and the second a 60x100 rabbit, poultry & small animal building. The structures currently being used for the display of these animals is inadequate. The Fair currently rents tents to house these exhibits—forcing the Fair to use a large portion of its annual funding to pay for these annual expenses. Building permanent structures would allow the Fair to offer a better way for fairgoers to view and interact with the animals—providing a more positive hands-on learning experience. The completion of this project will enable the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association to continue to offer educational opportunities through its animal exhibits—enabling over 20,000 annual visitors to learn the importance and impact of agriculture in everyday life. Permanent structures would not only create a more comfortable environment for the animals, but also improve the safety for both animals and fairgoers.

The St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association supports agriculture education for both members of 4-H and the general public. The last few years, the St. Louis County Fair has been experiencing an increase in animal exhibitors. Having newer, more permanent

exhibit buildings that met the needs of the animals and fairgoers would enable the Fair to accommodate larger number of animals and visitors. Increases in attendance further support local vendors at the Fair—providing them with more exposure, which could potentially lead to more economic growth in northeastern Minnesota.

The County previously supported and included this project as part of its 2020 and 2022 Capital Appropriation request to the State of Minnesota. The County most recently specifically requested \$600,000 with the assumption that the Fair would identify other sources for the remaining project monies. The Association has indicated that it hopes to move forward with this project prior to the completion of the 2022 Legislative session and as a result is seeking County assistance with the project(s).

RECOMMENDATION:

Should the St. Louis County Board support the request for funding from the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association, it is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve up to \$1,200,000 in one-time grant funding to be used for the construction of two buildings at the fairgrounds in Chisholm, Minnesota and further authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to execute appropriate agreements.

St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association Funding Request – Animal Buildings

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association (Association) has identified significant improvements necessary to its facilities located in Chisholm, MN; and

WHEREAS, The Association has requested St. Louis County to provide funding of \$1,200,000 for the construction of the two buildings; and

WHEREAS, The County has previously provided assistance for certain projects at the fairgrounds resulting in increased attendance and economic opportunities in the region; and

WHEREAS, The County has a commitment to its 4-H programs and the resulting positive hands-on experiences these programs provide our youth; and

WHEREAS, The provision of funding as requested is expected to be the last and final need for funding capital improvements at the Fairgrounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County approves a grant in the amount up to \$1,200,000 to the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association for the purposes of constructing new buildings at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds in Chisholm, MN.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That these funds be used exclusively for the construction of a cattle, sheep, goat & swine barn and rabbit, poultry & small animal buildings.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Administrator and County Attorney are authorized to negotiate and execute appropriate agreements payable from Fund 403, Object 403002 or if determined eligible by the County and prioritized by the County Board from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds or from other fund savings as a result of the County's receipt of ARPA funds.



St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association

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July 20, 2021

Dear Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association, I am writing to respectfully request \$1.2 million for the construction of new buildings on our fairgrounds. Because of current high construction costs these funds will be primarily allocated to construct a building for Cattle, Sheep and Swine. If there are adequate funds available after contracts are awarded, and depending on the amount of those funds available, they will be used to construct either a Rabbit, Poultry and Goat building or a new on-site fair office building.

We thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Toivola". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Toivola
President
St. Louis County Fair
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BOARD LETTER NO. 21 - 326

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: July 27, 2021

RE: Deputy Sheriff Unit: 2020 –
2022

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James R. Gottschald, Director
Human Resources and Administration

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To assist the county to meet and negotiate with employees in appropriate bargaining units and reduce the negotiations to a written agreement.

ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the St. Louis County Board approve the 2020-2022 Deputy Sheriff contract and authorize execution of the agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS).

BACKGROUND:

The Deputy Sheriff unit is comprised of 77 employees who work in the Sheriff's Department. The County's labor agreement with the Deputy Sheriff unit expired December 31, 2019. St. Louis County and LELS engaged in Interest Arbitration with the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services, to determine the terms of agreement of a new collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.

The arbitration award includes across the board increases of: 2.00% effective December 21, 2019; 2.25% effective December 19, 2020, and 2.25% effective December 18, 2021.

Effective January 1, 2020, a change in the cost sharing premium structure for St. Louis County's self-insured health plan. The cost sharing arrangement for single coverage includes the employer paying 91% of the premium and the employee paying 9%. For family coverage, the cost sharing arrangement includes the employer paying 82% of the premium and the employee paying 18%.

Other economic items include: effective December 18, 2021 a change in the length of service to receive longevity pay, this will be implemented with a phased in approach.

Other language changes include: employees' sick leave has been expanded to Sick and Parental Leave, where employees are allowed to use up to 3 weeks of paid sick leave for bonding purposes for the birth or adoption of a child(ren); an employee's probationary period can be extended up to 24 months to accommodate approved leaves and work accommodations.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board ratify the 2020-2022 Deputy Sheriff Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize the appropriate county officials to execute a written agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services consistent with the arbitration award.

Deputy Sheriff Unit 2020 – 2022

BY COMMISSIONER_____

RESOLVED, That the 2020-2022 Deputy Sheriff Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified, and the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. _____.