CONSENT AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2023

Camp 5 Township, Melgeorge's Elephant Lake Lodge Resort, 6376 County Road 180, Orr, Minnesota

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and/or noncontroversial 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Minutes for June 27, 2023.

Public Works & Transportation Committee - Commissioner Musolf, Chair

- 1. Authorize purchase of three (3) brine storage and blending systems from VariTech Industries, Inc., of Burnsville, MN, for the State of Minnesota contract price of \$331,068.51. [23-267]
- 2. Bid awarded to **KGM Contractors, Inc.,** Angora, MN, in the amount of \$893,502.29 for a grading, aggregate base, bituminous surfacing and signing project located on various county and township roads within St. Louis County (**CP 0000-458860, SP 069-070-048, HSIP 6923(255)**). [23-274]

Finance & Budget Committee - Commissioner Nelson, Chair

- 3. Abatement list for Board approval. [23-268]
- 4. Establish a public hearing on July 25, 2023, at 9:35 a.m. at the Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN, to consider an application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License by The Hideaway Bar, Inc., dba The Hideaway Bar, Unorganized Township 61-13. [23-273]
- 5. Purchase of Property and Related Insurance coverage on major structures and equipment, amended contents, and boiler and machinery from Chubb Group of Insurance Companies through Marsh McLennan Agency, LLC of Duluth, MN, for the period July 24, 2023, to July 24, 2024, at the annual premium of \$494,720; and further, authorize the Purchasing Division to add or delete county properties or increase the base amount on future determination of valuation of county structures during the policy period. [23-275]
- 6. Approve the use of up to \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds for the remodel of the St. Louis County Department of Motor Vehicle Service Center. [23-276]

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- 7. Authorize use of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding in the amount up to \$144,200 to assist with the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Parking Lot Improvement project. [23-277]
- 8. Authorize use of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding in the amount up to \$100,000 to assist with the Mesabi Fit Coalition/Virginia Community Foundation project. [23-277]
- 9. Application for a Special Event Liquor License to temporarily expand the designated sale/service area of the County On-Sale Liquor License by Frygard, LLC dba Timbers Edge Grill & Bar, Unorganized Township 56-17, for the dates of July 14, 2023, and July 25, 2023 (rain date August 1, 2023).
- 10. Application for a Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License by Buyck Volunteer Fire Department, Portage Township, for the date of August 5, 2023, renewal.
- 11. Application for a Special Event Liquor License to temporarily expand the designated sale/service area of the County On-Sale Liquor License by Dawghouse Bar & Grill, LLC dba Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Northland Township, for the dates of August 25 27, 2023.

Central Management & Intergovernmental Committee - Commissioner Grimm, Chair

- 12. Authorize renewal/amendment of a Joint Powers Agreement for the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training. [23-269]
- 13. Reappoint Ray Svatos and Diana Werschay to the St. Louis County Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2024, and reappoint Steve Filipovich, David Pollock and James McKenzie to the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment with terms expiring December 31, 2024. [23-270]
- 14. Approve the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Assessment Year 2023, Payable 2024 meeting dates of June 21 and June 22, 2023.

Public Safety & Corrections Committee - Commissioner Harala, Chair

15. Approve a new Emergency Support Services Administrator job class and approve reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff – Division Commander position to an Emergency Support Services Administrator position in the Sheriff's Office. [23-279]

Environmental & Natural Resources Committee - Commissioner Jugovich, Chair

16. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (homestead) by Eric Daniel Harp, Aurora, MN (parcel ID No. 100-0077-00560). [23-271]

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- 17. Application for repurchase of state tax-forfeited land (non-homestead) by Sheila M. Putkonen, Chisholm, MN (parcel ID No. 020-0010-00210). [23-272]
- 18. Approve the adoption of the Northeast Minnesota Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. [23-280]
- 19. Appraisal reports for a Public Intermediate Oral Timber Auction being held on August 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cotton Town Hall, Cotton, MN.

Official Proceedings of the County Board of Commissioners

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 27, 2023, are hereby approved.

State Contract Purchase of Three Brine Storage and Blending Systems

BY COMMISSIONER		
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WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's Campus Improvement Plan budget includes three (3) brine storage and blending systems for Kugler, Culver and Whiteface campuses purchased separately; and

WHEREAS, VariTech Industries, Inc., of Burnsville, MN, responded with the State of Minnesota contract price for three (3) brine systems for \$331,068.51.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase order for the installation of three (3) brine storage and blending systems from VariTech Industries, Inc., of Burnsville, MN, in the amount of \$331,068.51 payable from Fund 405, Agency 405191 (Culver), 405192 (Kugler), and 405193 (Whiteface), Object 660266.

Award of Bid: Grading, Aggregate Base, Bituminous Surfacing, and Signing Project (CP 0000-458860, SP 069-070-048, HSIP 6923(255))

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WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for project CP 0000-458860, SP 069-070-048, HSIP 6923(255); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on June 8, 2023, and the low responsible bid was determined.

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

LOW BIDDER ADDRESS AMOUNT
KGM Contractors, Inc. 9211 Hwy. 53 \$893,502.29
Angora, MN 55703

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-458860, SP 069-070-048, HSIP 6923(255)

Fund 220, Agency 220745, Object 652700 – Federal and State Aid Funds

Abatement List for Board Approval

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. 61875.

Establish Public Hearing to Consider Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Unorganized Township 61-13)

BY	COMMISSIONER	

RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 9:35 a.m. at the Proctor City Hall, 100 Pionk Drive, Proctor, MN, regarding the application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for The Hideaway Bar, Inc. dba The Hideaway Bar.

Purchase of Property Insurance

BY COMMISSIONER	

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has in excess of \$642,197,905 in property to insure; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been purchasing property insurance on a loss limit basis which is less expensive with lower deductibles than a scheduled buildings type of insurance; and

WHEREAS, The current policy expires on July 24, 2023, and St. Louis County received a proposal from the current insurer, Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, through Marsh McLennan Agency, LLC of Duluth, MN, to provide coverage at the rate of \$.076 per \$100 of value for the coming year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of Property and Related Insurance coverage on major structures and equipment, amended contents, and boiler and machinery from Chubb Group of Insurance Companies through Marsh McLennan Agency, LLC of Duluth, MN, for the period July 24, 2023, to July 24, 2024, at the annual premium of \$494,720. payable from Fund 720 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Agency 720001 (Property, Casualty, Liability), Object 635100 (Insurance).

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Purchasing Division is authorized to add or delete county properties to the policy or increase the base amount on future determination of valuation of county structures during the policy period.

St. Louis County Service Center Remodel - American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Service Center completes 113,000 transactions per year on average to better assist local communities with Motor Vehicle, Drivers Licenses/ID's, Passports, Property Taxes, and Department of Natural Resource Vehicle transactions; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Safety and Risk Management reviewed the Service Center work areas and has recommended modifications to help improve ergonomics, create better social distancing for customers, and better meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$100,000 of American Rescue Act Plan Revenue Loss funds for the remodel of the St. Louis County DMV Service Center.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That all construction and renovations shall be in compliance with local zoning regulations, state building code and accomplished using St. Louis County purchasing rules.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the above project be payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Projects Funding - Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade has identified a project and approached the County seeking financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, The County has unallocated funds remaining as part of its American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds that could be used to support the projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$144,200 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to assist with the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Parking Lot Improvement project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade and/or related recipients for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Projects Funding - Mesabi Fit Coalition/Virginia Community Foundation

BY COMMISSIONER

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Mesabi Fit Coalition/Virginia Community Foundation has identified a project and approached the County seeking financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, The County has unallocated funds remaining as part of its American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds that could be used to support the projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to assist with the Mesabi Fit Coalition/Virginia Community Foundation project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Mesabi Fit Coalition/Virginia Community Foundation shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the program.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate County officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the Mesabi Fit/Virginia Community Foundation and/or related recipients for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss.

Application for Special Event Liquor License to Temporarily Expand the Designated Sale/Service Area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Unorganized Township 56-17)

BY COMMISSIONER	
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RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06, authorization is hereby granted to Frygard LLC dba Timbers Edge Grill & Bar, Unorganized Township 56-17, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the date of July 14, 2023, and the date of July 25, 2023 (rain date August 1, 2023) as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

Application for Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor (Portage Township)

BY	COMMISSIONER	

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for a Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61962:

Buyck Volunteer Fire Department, Portage Township, Temporary On-Sale 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License, for the date of August 5, 2023, renewal.

Application for Special Event Liquor License to Temporarily Expand the Designated Sale/Service Area of the County On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Northland Township)

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Ordinance No. 28, Section 11, Subdivision 11.06 authorization is hereby granted to Dawghouse Bar & Grill, LLC dba Dawghouse Bar & Grill, Northland Township, to sell/serve outside the designated serving area of the County Liquor License for the dates of August 25-27, 2023, as per application on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

Renew/Amend Minnesota Workforce Joint Powers Agreement

BY COMMISSIONER		
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WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake to create the Minnesota Local Workforce Development Area #3 as part of the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training; and

WHEREAS, The JPA has been amended from time to time over the years to clarify programs and operational components guiding the JPA's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, The County has received notice of proposed amendments to the JPA which require County Board authorization to approve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the renewal/amendment of a Joint Powers Agreement for the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training.

Citizen Reappointments to the St. Louis County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

BY COMMISSIONER	

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appoints citizens to serve on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Two current members, Ray Svatos and Diana Werschay, wish to be reappointed to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Three current members, Steve Filipovich, David Pollock, and James McKenzie, wish to be reappointed to the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Ray Svatos and Diana Werschay have been serving as de facto members of the Planning Commission and Steve Filipovich, David Pollock, and James McKenzie have been serving as de facto members of the Board of Adjustment since the expiration of their prior terms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints Ray Svatos and Diana Werschay to the St. Louis County Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2024.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board reappoints Steve Filipovich, David Pollock, and James McKenzie to the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment with terms expiring December 31, 2024.

Official Proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

BY COMMISSIONER	
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RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for the meetings of June 21 and June 22, 2023, are hereby approved.

Approval of New Job Class – Emergency Support Services Administrator and Reallocation of a 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff – Division Commander Position to Emergency Support Services Administrator

WHEREAS, Whenever vacancies occur in the Sheriff's Office, a review is done to determine if the position should be filled as is or if it should be reallocated to a level more aligned with the needs of the Office; and

WHEREAS, After the recent review of a recently vacated position, it was determined that creation of an Emergency Support Services Administrator job class and reallocation of a 1.0 FTE position, Deputy Sheriff – Division Commander, to that Emergency Support Services Administrator class was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Service Commission approved the creation of the Emergency Support Services Administrator job class specification at its May 8, 2023 meeting and the Civil Service Supervisors bargaining unit has accepted the salary grade recommendation at Grade E30A; and

WHEREAS, County fiscal policies specify that any position change greater than three pay grades must go before the County Board for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the new Emergency Support Services Administrator job class, assigned to Pay Grade E30A in the Civil Service Supervisors Unit Pay Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the reallocation of a vacant 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff – Division Commander position (Deputy Sheriff Supervisor Unit, \$7,117/mo. at Grade T31B, Step 1, position code 0852-003) to an Emergency Support Services Administrator position (Civil Service Supervisors Unit, \$6,704/mo. at Grade E30, Step 1) in the Sheriff's Office.

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Harp (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 applicant, Eric Daniel Harp of Aurora, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lot 2, Block 4, ZUPONCIC ACRES 1ST ADD TO AURORA

Parcel ID No: 100-0077-00560

LDKey: 130468; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made satisfactory downpayment to enter into a ten-year contract for deed to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 to repurchase the homestead property; and

WHEREAS, Approving the repurchase will promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by Eric Daniel Harp of Aurora, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$7,147.39, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$23.59, recording fee of \$46, for a total of \$7,241.98, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Repurchase of State Tax-Forfeited Land – Putkonen (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 applicant, Sheila M. Putkonen of Chisholm, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax-forfeited land legally described as:

Legal: Lots 20 and 21, Block 1, CHISHOLM

Parcel ID No: 020-0010-00210

LDKey: 130433; and

WHEREAS, The applicant was the owner of record at the time of forfeiture and is eligible to repurchase the property; and

WHEREAS, The applicant has made satisfactory downpayment to enter into a four-year contract for deed to pay the amounts due and owing under Minn. Stat. § 282.241 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 Sheila M. Putkonen of Chisholm, MN, on file in County Board File No. 61911, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$5,780.37, deed fee of \$25, deed tax of \$19.08, recording fee of \$46, and maintenance cost of \$11, for a total of \$5,881.45, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund), plus a service fee of \$500 to be deposited into Fund 100 (General Fund).

Authorization to Approve and Adopt the Proposed Northeast Minnesota Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

WHEREAS, The Counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Koochiching, Cook, Lake, Itasca, St. Louis, and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) executed a Joint Powers Agreement to develop and complete a Solid Waste Management Plan for the seven-county region in Northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Minnesota requires that Minnesota counties develop and update a Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with applicable statutes and rules including Minnesota Statute § 115A and Minnesota Rules 9215; and

WHEREAS, The Western Lake Superior Sanitary District must comply with applicable statutes and rules including Minnesota Statute § 458D; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board and the WLSSD Sanitary Board recognize the need to plan for and practice sound methods of managing solid waste; and

WHEREAS, The seven-county region represented by the Northeast Waste Advisory Council and the Solid Waste Officers of the Northeastern Region have developed a regional solid waste management plan satisfying the statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board supports the plan as a collective effort to address solid waste management through reduction, recycling, composting and other elements necessary to effectively manage solid waste generated in the seven-county region; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Solid Waste Subcommittee approved the plan at its May 26, 2023 meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves and adopts the Northeast Minnesota Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That any changes recommended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as a result of the required public comment period ending July 21, 2023, be incorporated and made part of the Plan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board agrees to maintain and implement the plan as required by Minnesota Rules 9215.0530.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board submits this document to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for final approval pursuant to applicable Minnesota law.

Appraisal Reports for a Public Intermediate Oral Timber Auction

BY	COMMISSIONER	
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WHEREAS, It is the intent of the county to allow companies with fewer resources and employees to bid in certain rounds without competition from companies with greater resources and employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at PUBLIC INTERMEDIATE ORAL TIMBER AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 25 (totaling \$836,371.31), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61859, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the terms and conditions as outlined in County Board File No. 61859.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the County Board authorizes the Land and Minerals Department to refuse registrations for the August 17, 2023 intermediate timber auction from companies which are an affiliate of, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 90.01, Subd. 1a, a company which does not qualify to bid in the round requested and/or share common employees and/or equipment with said company.



Land and Minerals Department

Intermediate Oral Timber Auction List

August 17, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Cotton Town Hall



Government Services Center 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302 Duluth, MN 55802 218-726-2606 Pike Lake Area Office 5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, MN 55811 218-625-3700 Virginia Area Office 7820 Highway 135 Virginia, MN 55792 218-742-9898

NOTICE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY PUBLIC INTERMEDIATE TIMBER AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the St. Louis County Auditor shall sell to the highest bidder the designated timber located on the following described parcels of land forfeited to the state for the nonpayment of taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 1(1982); and that this auction may include other lands which the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department is authorized to manage, subject, in part, to the following conditions:

- To be eligible to bid at a St. Louis County Timber Auction, a Responsible Operator Application Form must be on file at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802, at least 2 working days prior to the auction. An application can be obtained at any Land and Minerals Department Office.
- 2. To be eligible to bid on Rounds A and/or B of a St. Louis County **Intermediate Auction**, a Registration Form must be on file with the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department, 320 West 2nd Street, Suite 302, Duluth, MN 55802, at least **2 working days prior** to the auction. *See next page for more information on the Intermediate Auction.
- 3. A minimum of **15 percent** of the appraised value shall be paid immediately following the auction along with obtaining contractor signature. Fully signed contracts will be mailed to winning bidders after the auction. The remaining balance shall be paid prior to entry. **REQUIRED DOWN PAYMENT IS SPECIFIED ON LIST.**
- 4. Minimum bid shall be the appraised value of the sale. Bids shall be at 1 or more percent over and above the appraised prices. The final percent bid is to be added to the price of each kind of timber advertised, unless otherwise stipulated in individual contract regulations. Species denoted as No Bid will not be subject to the percent bid increase.
- 5. Many of the tracts have special requirements. The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department offers sales of various sizes, species and products to meet the needs of a wide variety of purchasers. There are some sales offered on this auction that allow the purchaser to decide if they want to purchase the sale as offered, either all species scaled or a mix of scaled and SOAV species, or choose to have all the species sold as SOAV. These are identified with the following sentence in the comments of each tract: "The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV)". If there is any conflict between the Timber Sale Package and this advertisement, the Timber Sale Package is the controlling document. The Timber Sale Package contains maps, volume and values, contract information and harvest provisions, and is available at the applicable AREA OFFICE listed below or on the county website:

Virginia Area Dave Skurla, Area Land Manager 7820 Highway 135 Virginia, MN 55792

218-742-9898

Pike Lake Area Nate Anderson, Area Land Manager 5713 Old Miller Trunk Highway Duluth, MN 55811

218-625-3700

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Sale will be held at:
Cotton Town Hall
Highway 53, Cotton, MN
11:00 A.M. - August 17, 2023

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department does not accept cash payments.

Payment must be made by Check or Money Order.

St. Louis County Intermediate Timber Auction Terms and Procedure

St. Louis County Intermediate Timber Auctions have three rounds of bidding (**Round A, Round B, Round C**). Each round has specific bidding provisions outlined below.

Round A (Tracts 1-12)

<u>Eligible Bidders:</u> Pre-registered businesses with a Responsible Operator Application Form on file with the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department as outlined in item 1 under the "Notice of St. Louis County Timber Auction" and with **5 or less** employees as determined by the information submitted on the required Registration Form.

*Each business is limited to a maximum of 1 contract in Round A. Once a bidder/business is successful in receiving 1 contract, that bidder/business can no longer bid for the remainder of Round A.

*If a contract is purchased in this round, the contract is deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.

*Note: Those wishing to bid on Round A of a St. Louis County Intermediate Timber Auction must pre-register by filling out and returning the Registration Form included in this booklet at least 2 working days prior to the auction.

Round B (Tracts 13-25)

<u>Eligible Bidders:</u> Pre-registered businesses with a Responsible Operator Application Form on file at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department as outlined in item 1 under the "Notice of St. Louis County Timber Auction" and with **15 or less** employees as determined by the information submitted on the required Registration Form.

*Successful bidders in Round A can also bid in Round B.

*Each business is limited to a maximum of 1 contract in Round B. Once a bidder/business is successful in receiving 1 contract, that bidder/business can no longer bid for the remainder of Round B.

*If a contract is purchased in this round, the contract is deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.

*Note: Those wishing to bid on Round B of a St. Louis County Intermediate Timber Auction must pre-register by filling out and returning the Registration Form included in this booklet at least 2 working days prior to the auction.

Round C (Any Unbid Tracts from Previous Rounds)

<u>Eligible Bidders:</u> All businesses with a Responsible Operator Application Form on file at the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department as outlined in item 1 under the "Notice of St. Louis County Timber Auction".

*There are no requirements as to business size. Successful bidders in Round A and B can also bid in Round C.

*There is no restriction as to the number of tracts a business can purchase in Round C.

Auction Procedure

Auctioneer will offer tracts in sequential order as outlined in the auction booklet: Round A, Round B, Round C.

Upon conclusion of Round A, auctioneer will immediately begin Round B and offer tracts in sequential order as outlined in auction booklet. Any tracts remaining unbid from Round A will be offered at the end of Round B. Any tracts remaining unbid from Round A and B will be offered on Round C.

Please Note:

Successful bidders pay down payment and submit signature immediately following the auction. For contracts offering the option of choosing Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV), successful bidders must elect to choose this option when paying the down payment pursuant to Minnesota Statute 90.14.

If a contract is purchased under restricted bidding conditions (in Round A or Round B), the contract is deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.

Timber Sale Operators must have the following minimum training for at least the owner of the firm and the foreman who will supervise the logging on St. Louis County Lands:

- Master Logging Certification; or
- Minnesota Logger Education (MLEP) Member in Good Standing; or SFI Training FISTA member: or
- Training equivalent to the Minnesota SFI Implementation Committee Training Standard for a trained Professional Logger.

All field employees must have training in best management practices.

Published as follows is the list of timber to be offered at public auction sale as announced and advertised in the official newspaper within this county.

Round A Tracts 1-12

*Contracts purchased in this round are deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.



St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



Tract #: 1 V23-571304 Sale Administrator: Karl Rudstrom

Virginia Area Total Appraised: C19230082 Down Payment Required:

Required: \$6,617.39 Expires: 4/15/2026 Twp. 57N Rge. 13W Sec. 4, 9 and Twp. 58N Rge. 13W Sec. 32, 33

47° 27.156' N 92° 0.155' W

C19230082 Total Acres: 245.9 Blocks: 7

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.4	14.2
Birch	4.0	11.1
Spruce-Black	3.9	8.8
Pine-Jack	5.3	14.1
Balsam Fir	2.5	7.8
Spruce-White	5.0	11.6

Comments:

\$44,115.94

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.
- The purchaser will be required to secure a Road Use Permit from the USFS Laurentian Ranger District in Aurora, MN. The Road Use Permit will involve road toll fees or a maintenance agreement.
- The USFS Private Road Special Use Permit and its requirements become part of this contract.

Access:

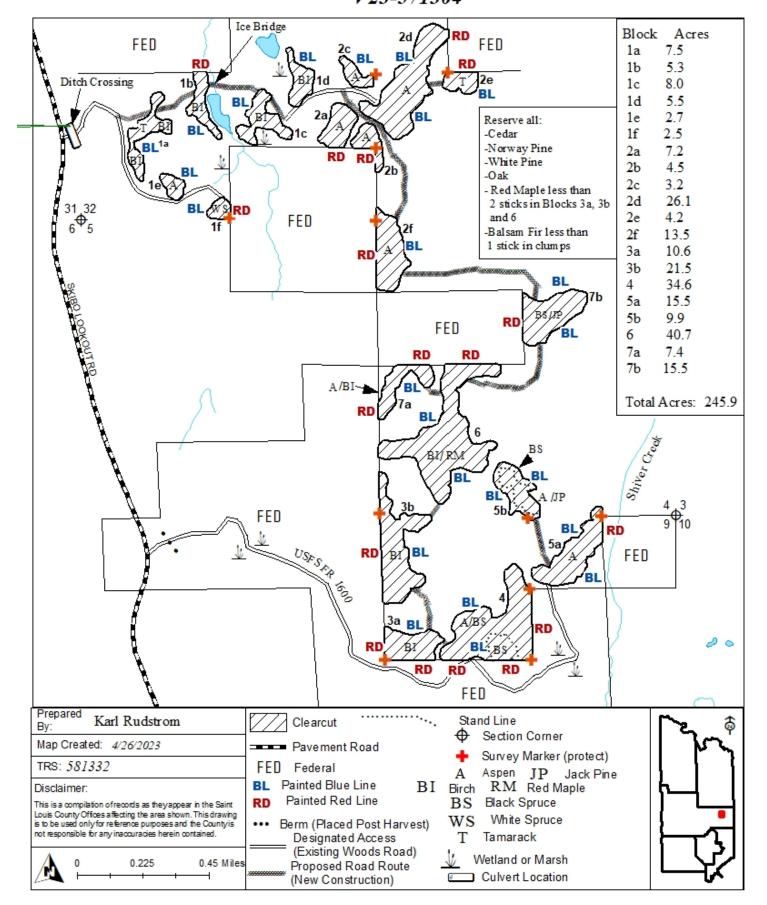
Road-Use permit for Forest Road 1600 must be secured by the logger. Road use permit can be obtained at no cost at the USFS Laurentian Ranger District Office in Aurora, MN. Culvert placement needed off Hwy 11 as per Public Works Driveway Permit. Berm must be placed at designated location as per Special Use Permit requirements.

Block		Operational Periods						
1-7		Frozen ground						
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total F	or All Blocks							
	Ash pulpwo	ood	Х	36 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$36.00
	Aspen pulp	wood		1206 Cords	@	\$19.06	=	\$22,986.36
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		247 Cords	@	\$7.66	=	\$1,892.02
	Birch pulpy	vood	X	1194 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$1,194.00
	Red Maple	pulpwood	X	189 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$189.00
	Jack Pine p	ulpwood		286 Cords	@	\$13.01	=	\$3,720.86
	Black Sprud	ce pulpwood		698 Cords	@	\$15.42	=	\$10,763.16
	White Spru	ice pulpwood		233 Cords	@	\$13.38	=	\$3,117.54
	Tamarack p	oulpwood	Х	217 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$217.00
				1	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$44,115.94

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 7
Ash pulpwood			33				3
Aspen pulpwood	167	410	78	220	111	174	46
Balsam Fir pulpwood	44	60	28	47	28	16	24
Birch pulpwood	200	111	332	35	16	438	62
Red Maple pulpwood	4	27	52			93	13
Jack Pine pulpwood	25	93		5	90		73
Black Spruce pulpwood	41	154	5	240	91	3	164
White Spruce pulpwood	57	28	33	20	29	51	15
Tamarack pulpwood	30	62			52		73

C19230082

St. Louis County V23-571304





St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction

Tract #: 2 **Pike Lake Area**

C19230091 **Total Acres: 70.7** Blocks: 2

F23-502025 Total Appraised: \$45,835.40 Down Payment Required: \$6,875.31

Expires: 4/15/2027

Sale Administrator: Mark Baker

Twp. 50N Rge. 20W Sec. 24, 25

46° 47.455' N 92° 49.184' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Maple-Sugar	4.8	11.6
Aspen	7.6	14.3
Basswood	7.1	14.8
Oak-Red	6.9	18.9
Birch	6.5	13.6
Maple-Red	5.6	15.1

Comments:

- The topography of the area is rolling to steep hills, with some wetland
- A standard clearcut requires cutting all stems greater than 2" diameter. That will not be required here, and operator may leave non-merchantable trees standing.
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will not be allowed.

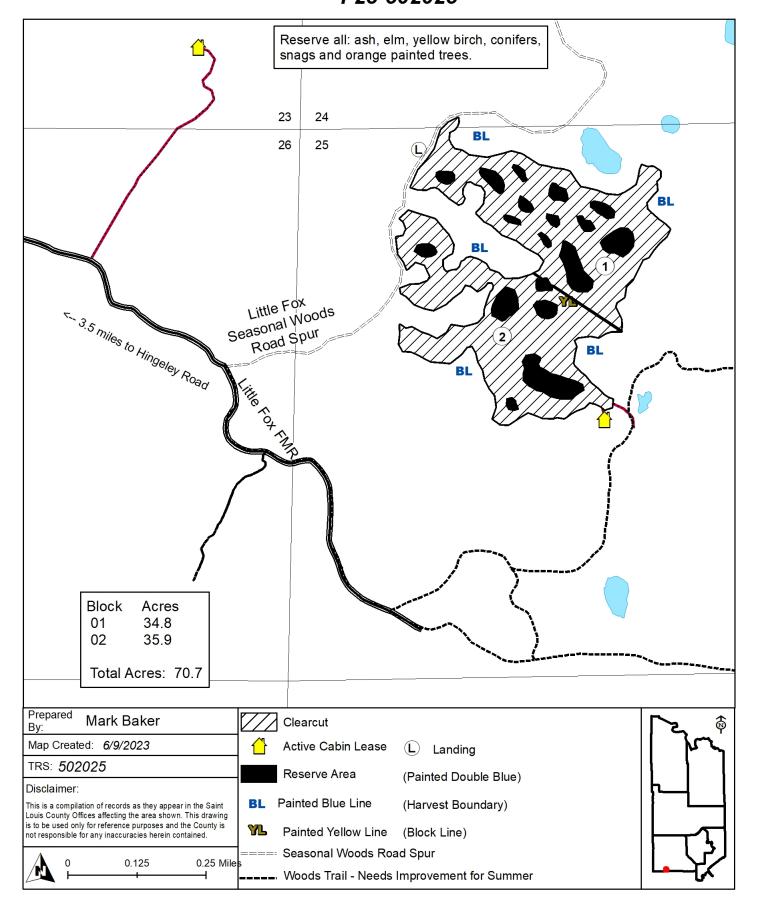
Block	Operational Periods
1,2	Dry soil after July 1st

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised \	/alue	Total Value
Total For All Blocks							
	Aspen pulpwood		784 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$20,548.64
	Basswood pulpwood		747 Cords	@	\$7.83	=	\$5,849.01
	Birch pulpwood		590 Cords	@	\$6.94	=	\$4,094.60
	Red Maple pulpwood		52 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$286.00
	Sugar Maple pulpwood		789 Cords	@	\$6.09	=	\$4,805.01
	Red Oak pulpwood		709 Cords	@	\$14.46	=	\$10,252.14
			7	otal	Appraised	l Value:	\$45,835.40

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	386	398
Basswood pulpwood	368	379
Birch pulpwood	290	300
Red Maple pulpwood	26	26
Sugar Maple pulpwood	388	401
Red Oak pulpwood	349	360

C19230091

St. Louis County *F23-502025*





St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



Tract #: 3 Pike Lake Area C19230090 Total Acres: 108.9

Blocks: 4

Total Appraised: \$45,073.74

Down Payment Required: \$6,761.06

Sale Administrator: Anna Earley
Twp. 55N Rge. 12W Sec. 7, 18

47° 15.363' N 91° 54.781' W

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Expires: 4/15/2027

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Spruce-Black	4.4	8.3
Tamarack	5.5	9.8
Aspen	5.5	13.8
Pine-Jack	4.8	10.9
Birch	3.5	8.9
Spruce-White	7.2	13.9

B23-551218

Comments:

- There is an outbreak of Spruce budworm infecting the conifer species on this sale.
- Only currently live trees were cruised.
- This sale is being reoffered with REDUCED PRICES.

Access:

Access to Blocks 3 and 4 will require road construction.

Operational Periods:

Block 4 contains wetter areas that may need to be harvested during frozen ground conditions.

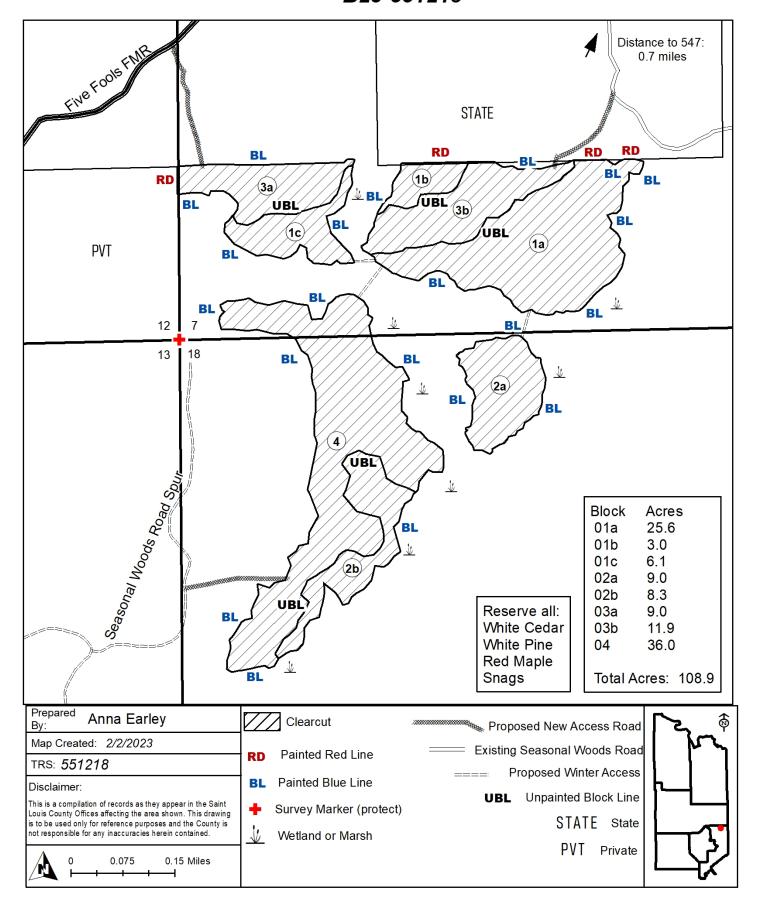
Block	Operational Periods		
1, 2	Frozen ground		
3, 4	Frozen ground or Dry soil after July 1st		

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	Total For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		444 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$10,580.52
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		11 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$105.38
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		197 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$1,243.07
	Jack Pine pulpwood		328 Cords	@	\$16.26	=	\$5,333.28
	Norway Pine pulpwood		23 Cords	@	\$29.59	=	\$680.57
	Black Spruce pulpwood		1167 Cords	@	\$19.27	=	\$22,488.09
	White Spruce pulpwood		161 Cords	@	\$16.72	=	\$2,691.92
	Tamarack pulpwood		559 Cords	@	\$3.49	=_	\$1,950.91
			Total Appraised Value:			\$45,073.74	

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Aspen pulpwood	3	114	142	185
Balsam Fir pulpwood	2	2	2	5
Birch pulpwood	4	14	45	134
Jack Pine pulpwood	4		140	184
Norway Pine pulpwood			23	
Black Spruce pulpwood	686	231	103	147
White Spruce pulpwood	24	28	21	88
Tamarack pulpwood	513	22	24	

C19230090

St. Louis County *B23-551218*







St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



Tract #: 4 Pike Lake Area C19230096

Total Appraised: \$38,143.02 Down Payment Required: \$5,721.45

Expires:

Twp. 53N Rge. 16W Sec. 9, 10, 15

Sale Administrator: Erik Anton

47° 4.958' N 92° 21.920' W

Total Acres: 77.1 Blocks: 3

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.2	8.8
Birch	1.7	5.6
Balm Of Gilead	3.0	5.0

K23-531615

Comments:

4/15/2026

- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.

Access:

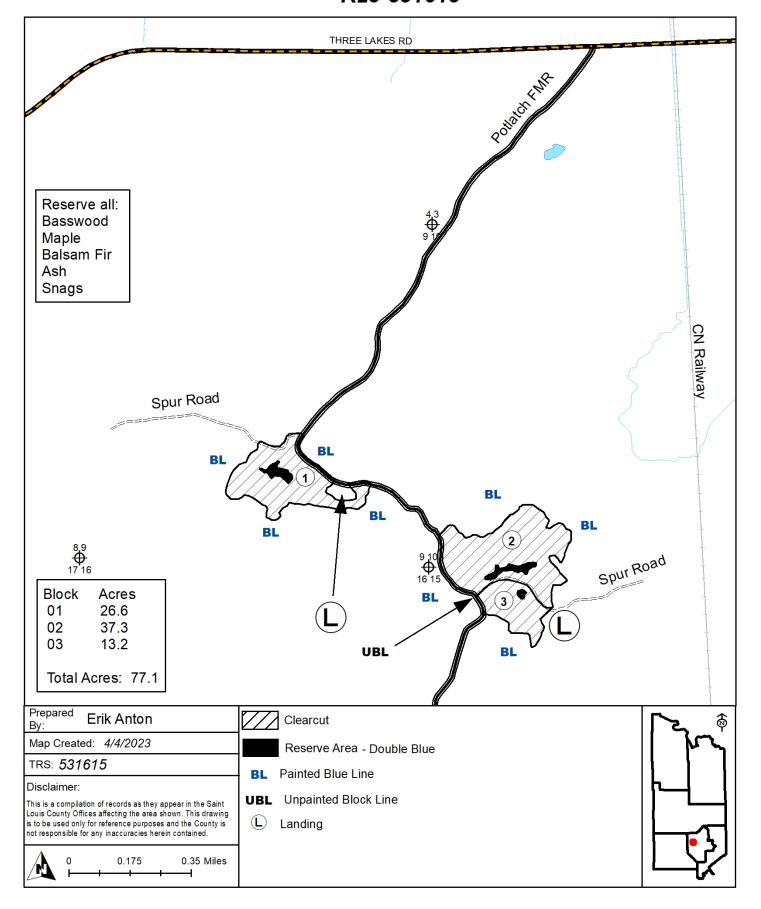
Sale access will be the Potlatch Forest Management Road off the Three Lakes Road (CSAH 49). Both blocks have spur roads that will be used for access. Large pre-existing designated landings will be used for sale operations.

Block		Operational Periods						
1,2,3		Frozen ground						
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised \	/alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	3						
	Aspen pulp	owood		1582 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$37,699.06
	Balm Of Gi	lead pulpwood		14 Cords	@	\$24.50	=	\$343.00
SOAV	Birch pulp	wood		16 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$100.96
				1	Γotal	Appraised	Value:	\$38,143.02

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
Aspen pulpwood	573	745	264
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		10	4
Birch pulpwood	6	7	3

C19230096

St. Louis County *K23-531615*







Tract #: 5 **Pike Lake Area** C19230098 **Total Acres: 66.8**

Blocks: 2

Total Appraised: \$35,932.65 Down Payment Required:

\$5,389.90 **Expires: 4/15/2026** Twp. 53N Rge. 16W Sec. 4 and Twp. 54N Rge. 16W Sec.

Sale Administrator: Alexander Richardson

47° 7.175' N 92° 22.558' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.2	7.3
Balsam Fir	2.7	9.1

K23-541633

Comments:

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements
- A gate key will be made available for inspection of the sale area. Contact the sale administrator.

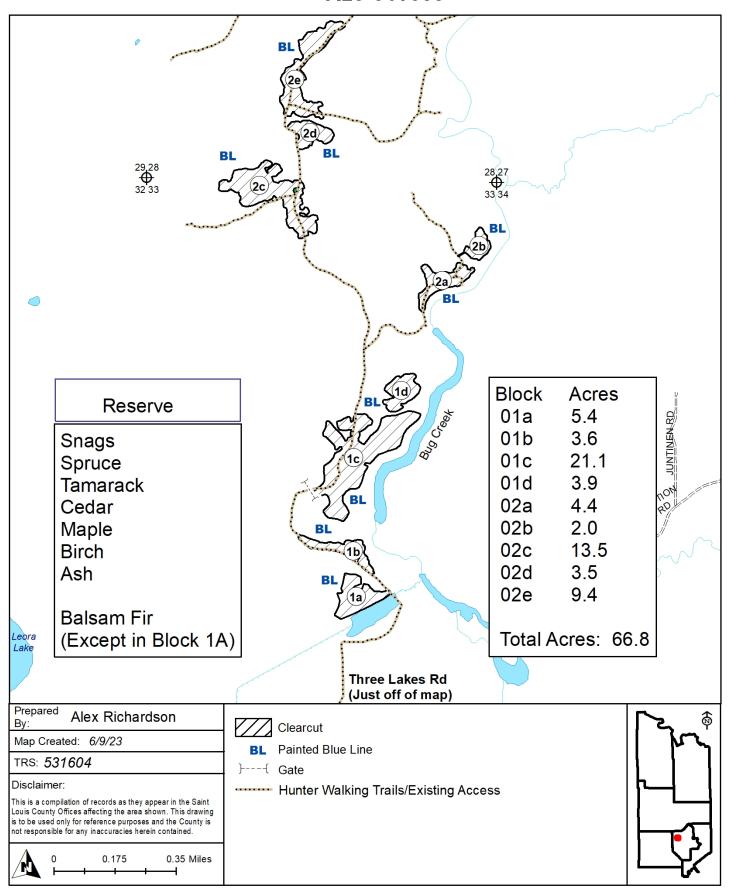
Access:

Access utilizes the Bug Creek Hunter Walking Trail.

Block		Operational Periods				
1,2		Frozen ground				
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Val	ue Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	·				
	Aspen pulp	owood		1493 Cords	@ \$23.83	= \$35,578.19
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		37 Cords	@ \$9.58	= \$354.46
				Т	otal Appraised V	alue: \$35,932.65

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	694	799
Balsam Fir pulpwood	37	

St. Louis County *K23-541633*







Tract #: 6 Pike Lake Area C19230092

Total Acres: 59.4

Blocks: 2

F23-532113

Total Appraised: \$22,558.61 yment Required: \$3,383.79

Down Payment Required: \$3,383.79 Expires: 4/15/2026 **Sale Administrator: Daniel Preiner**

Twp. 53N Rge. 21W Sec. 12, 13

47° 4.823' N 92° 56.264' W

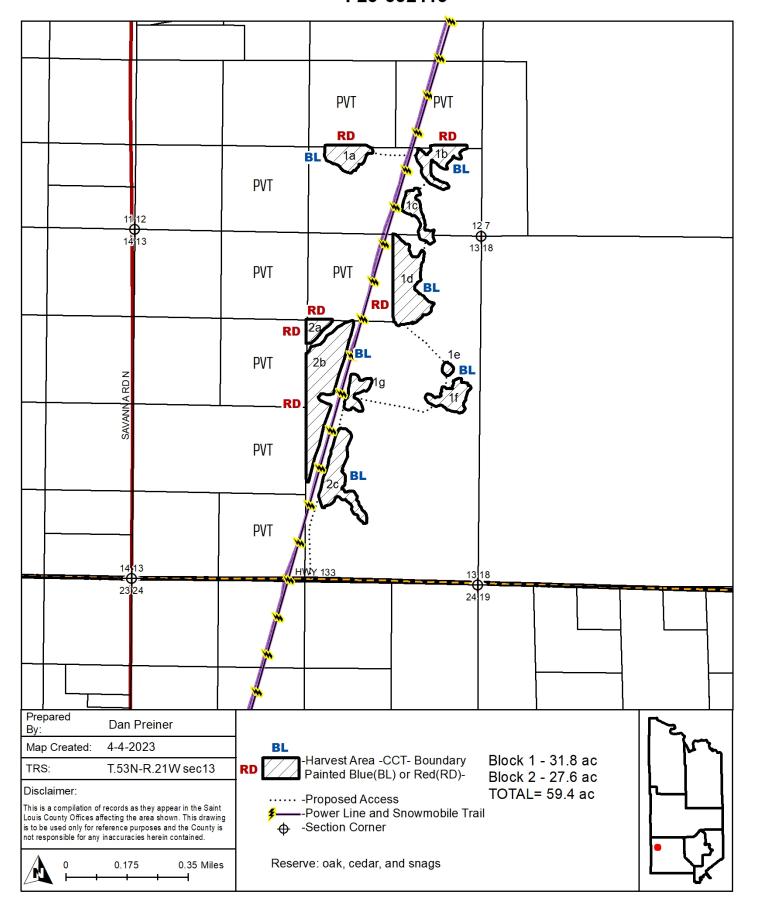
Species Sticks Dia. Aspen 4.3 9.3 Spruce-Black 4.5 7.8 Balsam Fir 3.1 7.5 Ash 3.1 7.4 Birch 3.3 9.8 Maple-Red 2.6 7.4

Block	Operational Periods
1,2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	'alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Ash pulpwood		93 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$465.00
	Aspen pulpwood		530 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$12,629.90
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		1 Cords	@	\$24.50	=	\$24.50
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		226 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$2,165.08
	Birch pulpwood		64 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$403.84
	Red Maple pulpwood		42 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$210.00
	Black Spruce pulpwood		344 Cords	@	\$19.27	=	\$6,628.88
	Tamarack pulpwood		9 Cords	@	\$3.49	=	\$31.41
			1	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$22,558.61

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Ash pulpwood	21	72
Aspen pulpwood	179	351
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood	1	
Balsam Fir pulpwood	118	108
Birch pulpwood	48	16
Red Maple pulpwood	34	8
Black Spruce pulpwood	178	166
Tamarack pulpwood	9	

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Tract #: 7
Pike Lake Area
C19230097
Total Acres: 36.2

Blocks: 3

K23-541606

Total Appraised: \$31,202.20

Down Payment Required:

Expires: 4/15/2026

Sale Administrator: Erik Anton

Twp. 54N Rge. 16W Sec. 6, 7

47° 11.254' N 92° 24.746' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.6	11.5
Ash	3.4	7.8
Balm Of Gilead	3.7	8.3
Balsam Fir	2.8	7.6
Birch	3.5	10.7
Basswood	3.3	11.0

Comments:

\$4,680.33

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).

Access:

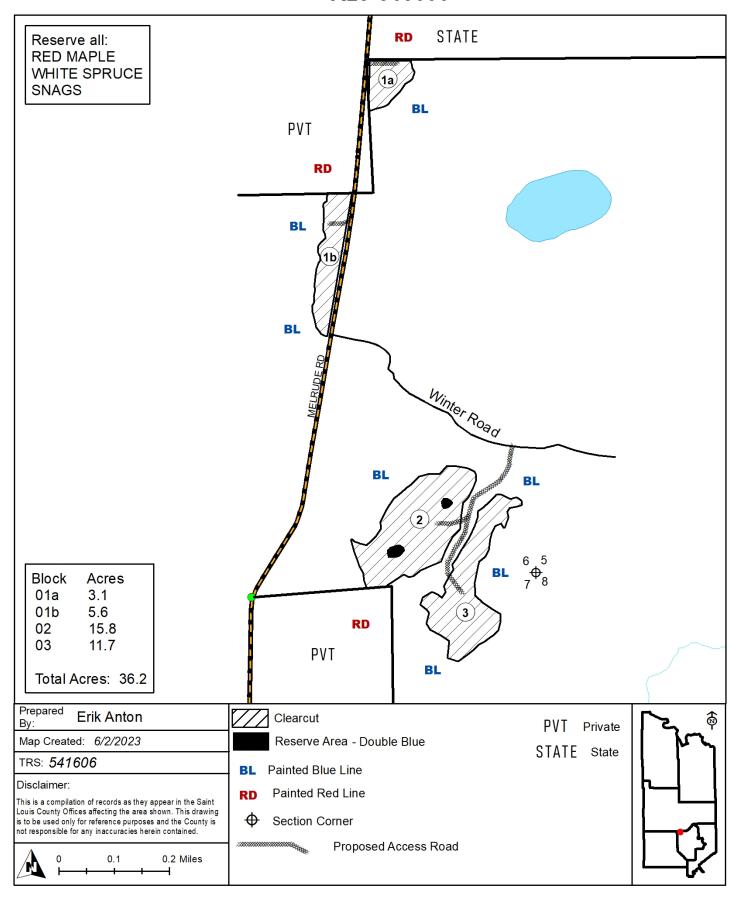
Block 1 will be short access roads pushed into the stands; two temporary driveways will need to be installed. Blocks 2 and 3 will be accessed using a pre-existing winter road for approximately 0.4 miles, the route will require some brushing. Between blocks 2 and 3 a winter road will need to be pushed in for approximately 0.25 miles. Landings can be extended into the two blocks if needed. The St. Louis County Public Works Access Driveway Permit and its requirements become part of this contract. This includes traffic control requirements for culvert installations.

Block		Operational Periods				
1, 2, 3		Frozen ground				
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						_
SOAV	Ash pulpwood		66 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$363.00
	Aspen pulpwood		1083 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$28,385.43
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		68 Cords	@	\$26.95	=	\$1,832.60
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		50 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$526.50
SOAV	Basswood pulpwood		5 Cords	@	\$7.83	=	\$39.15
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		8 Cords	@	\$6.94	=	\$55.52
			1	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$31,202,20

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
Ash pulpwood	43	21	2
Aspen pulpwood	167	473	443
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood	5	31	32
Balsam Fir pulpwood	31	12	7
Basswood pulpwood		5	
Birch pulpwood	4	2	2

St. Louis County *K23-541606*







Tract #: 8 Virginia Area C19230078 C23-661711

Total Appraised: \$24,048.38

Twp. 66N Rge. 17W Sec. 11

Sale Administrator: Hayden Pocquette

Total Acres: 45 Blocks: 1 Down Payment Required: \$3,607.26 Expires: 4/15/2026

48° 12.526' N 92° 29.275' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.4	15.0
Balsam Fir	2.5	8.0
Ash	3.6	10.4
Birch	3.4	9.3
Pine-Jack	6.0	15.8
Maple-Red	2.1	8.2

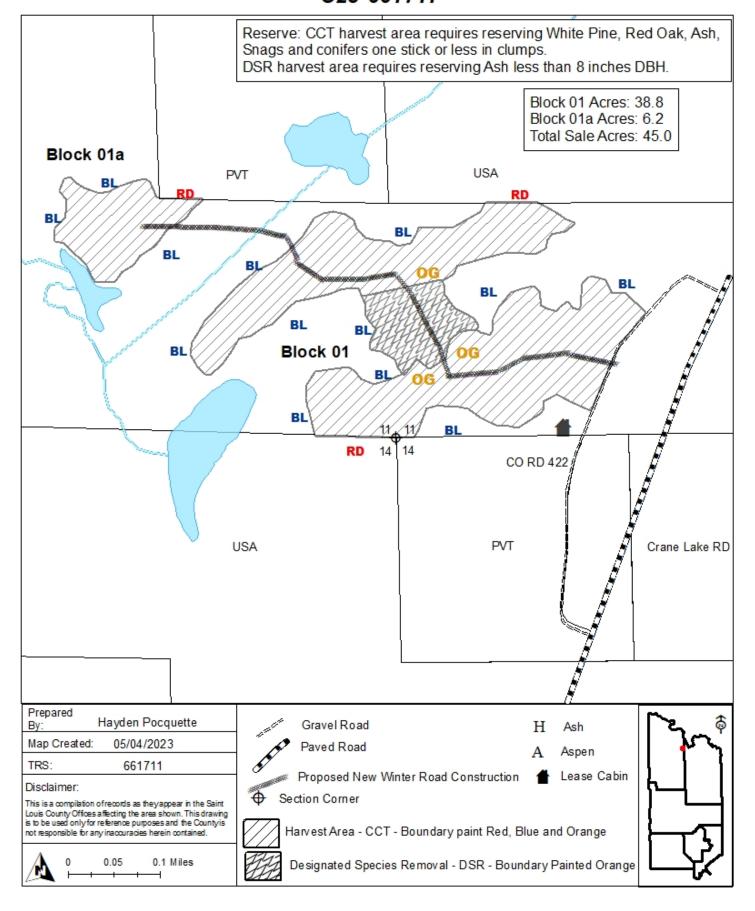
Comments:

- Whole tree chipping/grinding will not be allowed.
- All species will be scaled.

Block	Operational Periods
All	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised V	/alue	Total Value
Total I	For All Blocks						
	Ash pulpwood		111 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$610.50
	Aspen pulpwood		774 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$20,286.54
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		15 Cords	@	\$26.95	=	\$404.25
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		104 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$1,095.12
	Birch pulpwood		54 Cords	@	\$6.94	=	\$374.76
	Red Maple pulpwood		22 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$121.00
	Jack Pine pulpwood		22 Cords	@	\$17.89	=	\$393.58
	Norway Pine pulpwood		11 Cords	@	\$32.55	=	\$358.05
	White Spruce pulpwood		22 Cords	@	\$18.39	=	\$404.58
			1	Γotal	Appraised	Value:	\$24,048.38

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Sale Administrator: John Muhich

Twp. 60N Rge. 21W Sec. 28

Tract #: 9 Virginia Area C19230086 Total Acres: 30.9

Blocks: 1

V23-602128

Total Appraised: \$7,994.16

Down Payment Required: \$1,199.12

47° 39.153' N 93° 0.651' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.4	13.5
Spruce-White	7.9	17.5
Maple-Red	3.5	12.0
Ash	3.5	8.2
Balsam Fir	3.9	8.9

Comments:

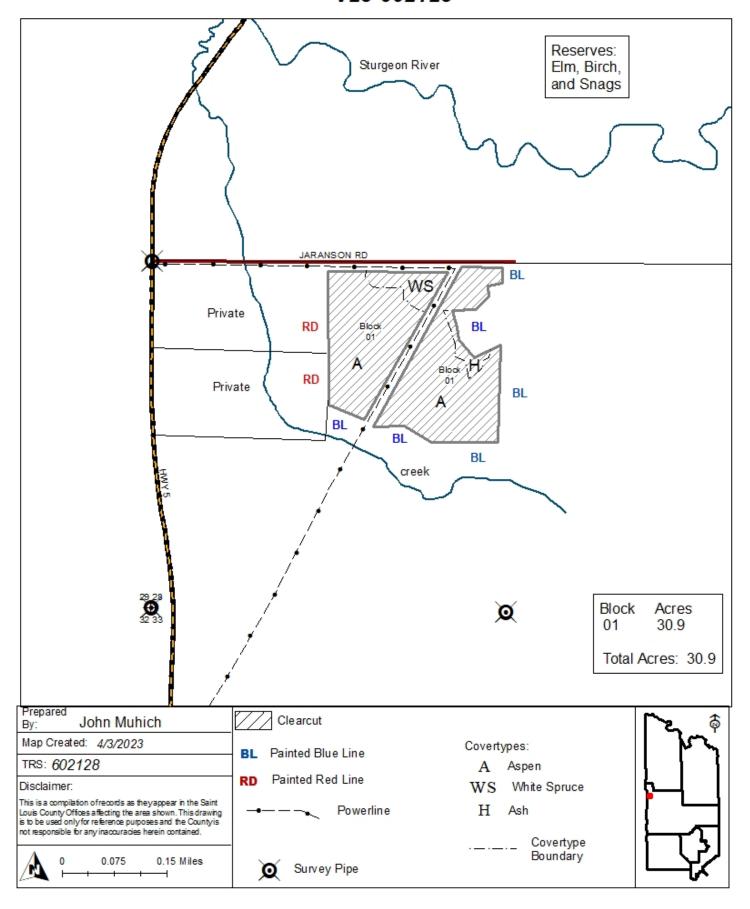
Expires: 4/15/2026

- This sale does not meet our cruising error standards. Please talk to the Sale Administrator for more information.
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.

Block		Operational Periods				
1		Frozen ground				
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value	Total Value

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Ash pulpwood		77 Cords	@	\$3.30	=	\$254.10
	Aspen pulpwood		259 Cords	@	\$19.44	=	\$5,034.96
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		58 Cords	@	\$11.35	=	\$658.30
	Red Maple pulpwood		85 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$425.00
	White Spruce pulp & bolts		102 Cords	@	\$15.90	=	\$1,621.80
			Т	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$7,994.16

St. Louis County V23-602128







Tract #: 10 Virginia Area C19230076 Total Acres: 22.8 C23-651719

Total Appraised: \$8,795.35

Down Payment Required: \$1,319.30

Twp. 65N Rge. 17W Sec. 19

Sale Administrator: Shontel Adam

48° 6.052' N 92° 34.769' W

Blocks: 1

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.6	10.8
Spruce-Black	4.2	7.9
Balsam Fir	3.2	7.2
Maple-Red	2.6	8.2
Spruce-White	6.2	19.0
Birch	3.0	8.4

Comments:

Expires: 4/15/2026

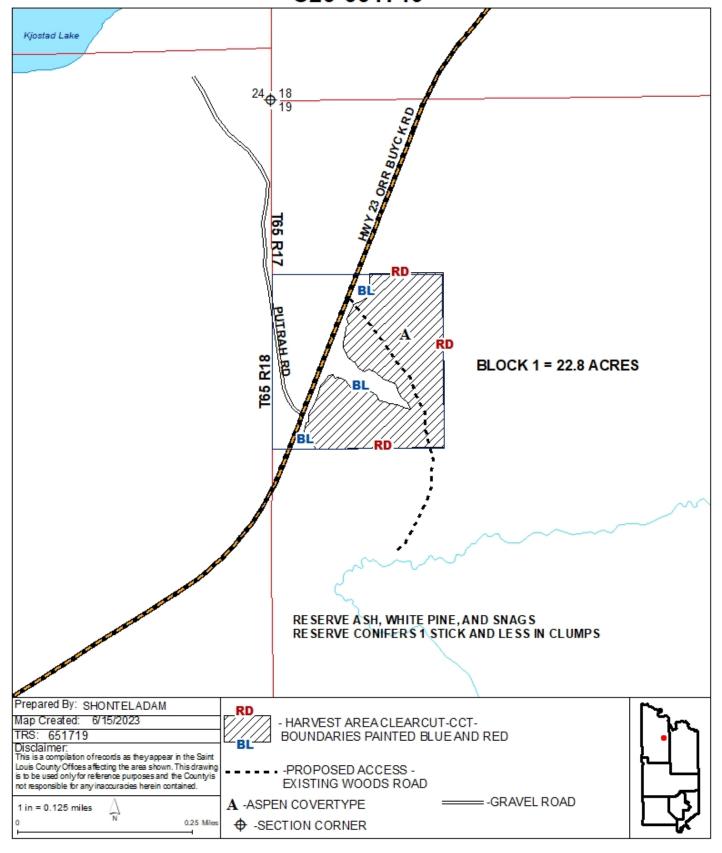
- This sale does not meet our cruising error standards. Please talk to the Sale Administrator for more information.
- -All species will be scaled.

Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		267 Cords	@	\$21.45	=	\$5,727.15
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		73 Cords	@	\$8.62	=	\$629.26
	Birch pulpwood		21 Cords	@	\$5.68	=	\$119.28
	Red Maple pulpwood		52 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$260.00
	Jack Pine pulpwood		3 Cords	@	\$14.64	=	\$43.92
	Black Spruce pulpwood		83 Cords	@	\$17.35	=	\$1,440.05
	White Spruce pulpwood		37 Cords	@	\$15.05	=	\$556.85
	Tamarack pulpwood		6 Cords	@	\$3.14	=	\$18.84
				otal	Appraised	Value:	\$8,795.35

St. Louis County

C23-651719







Tract #: 11 V23-581330 Sale Administrator: Robert Cozzo

Virginia Area C19230084 Total Acres: 27.8 Total Appraised: \$5,201.46

Down Payment Required: \$780.22

Expires: 4/15/2026

Twp. 58N Rge. 13W Sec. 30 47° 28.901' N 92° 2.667' W

District 4

Blocks: 1

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Birch	3.7	8.0
Balsam Fir	2.6	6.3
Aspen	5.5	9.6
Spruce-Black	3.4	7.7
Pine-Jack	4.1	10.6
Maple-Red	3.3	8.0

Comments:

- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.
- This sale does not meet our cruising error standards. Please talk to the Sale Administrator for more information.

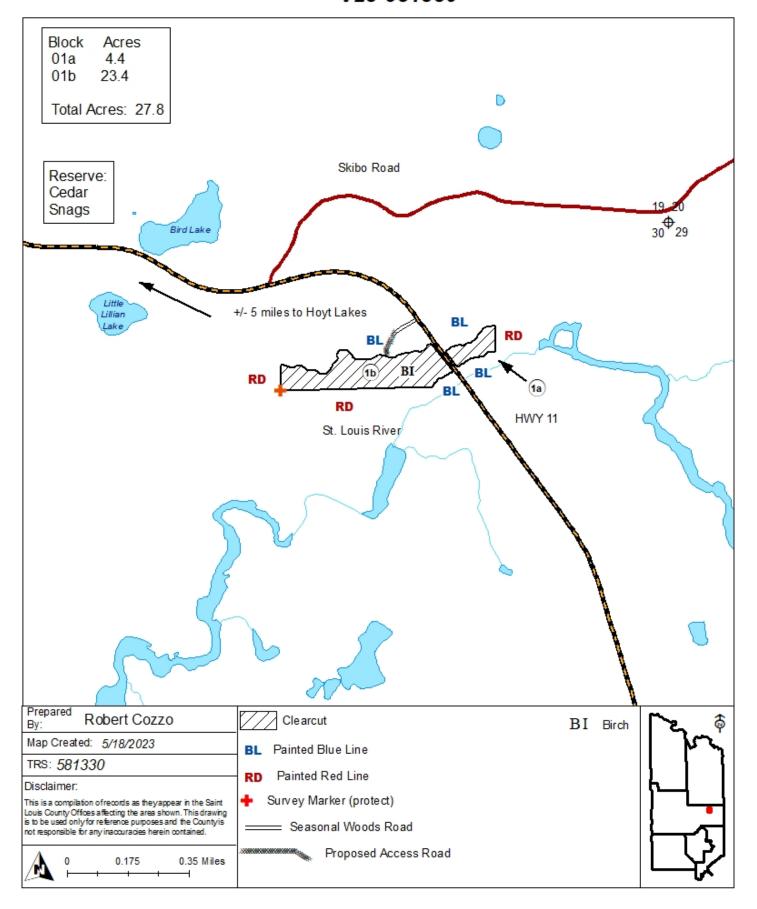
Access:

Culverts and/or road fabric may be supplied.

Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Ash pulpwood		1 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$5.00
	Aspen pulpwood		85 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$2,025.55
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		88 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$843.04
	Birch pulpwood		103 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$649.93
	Red Maple pulpwood		8 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$40.00
	Jack Pine pulpwood		18 Cords	@	\$16.26	=	\$292.68
	Black Spruce pulpwood		68 Cords	@	\$19.27	=	\$1,310.36
	Tamarack pulpwood		10 Cords	@	\$3.49	=	\$34.90
			7	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$5,201.46

St. Louis County V23-581330









Tract #: 12 Virginia Area C19230079 Total Acres: 22.7

Blocks: 2

E23-611520

Total Appraised: \$5,565.43

Down Payment Required: \$834.81

Expires:

Twp. 61N Rge. 15W Sec. 20

47° 44.825' N 92° 16.565' W

Sale Administrator: Tom Salzer

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.5	11.1
Pine-Norway	4.7	11.7
Pine-Jack	4.6	13.3
Balsam Fir	2.2	7.0
Spruce-White	5.3	12.3
Spruce-Black	3.0	8.3

Comments:

4/15/2026

- This sale does not meet our cruising error standards. Please talk to the Sale Administrator for more information.
- This sale includes a self-directed thinning. 15-foot-wide skid trails will be cut with 40-foot-wide leave strips. Harvesting and skidding equipment width must not exceed 12 feet.
- Whole tree chipping/grinding will not be allowed.

Access:

Mesabi Bike Trail and snowmobile trail share the access route

Operational Periods:

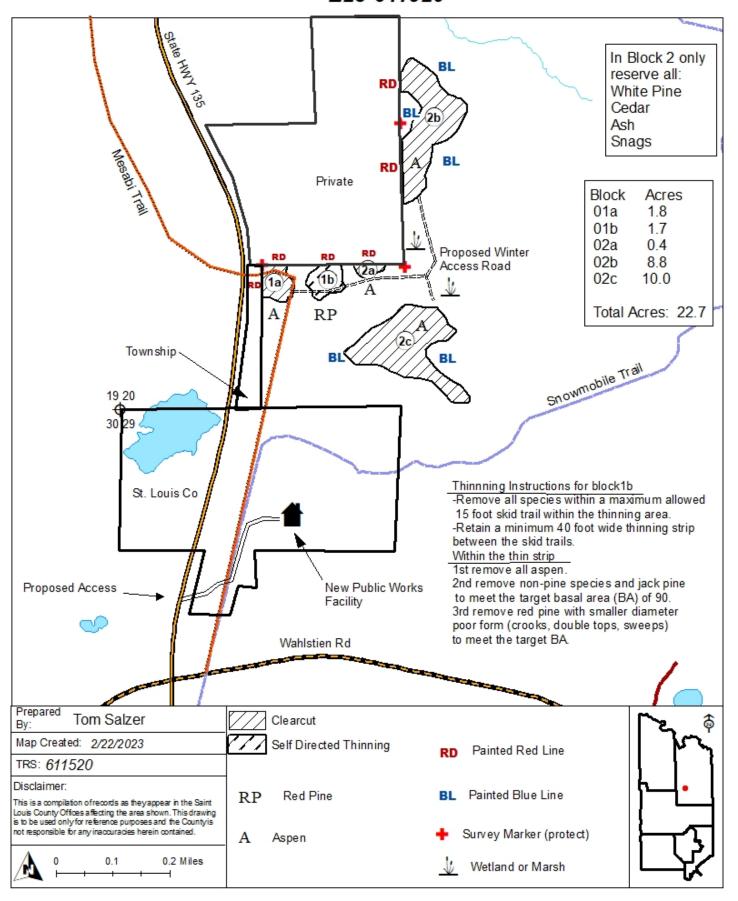
Block 1b operational period is from August 1 to March 15.

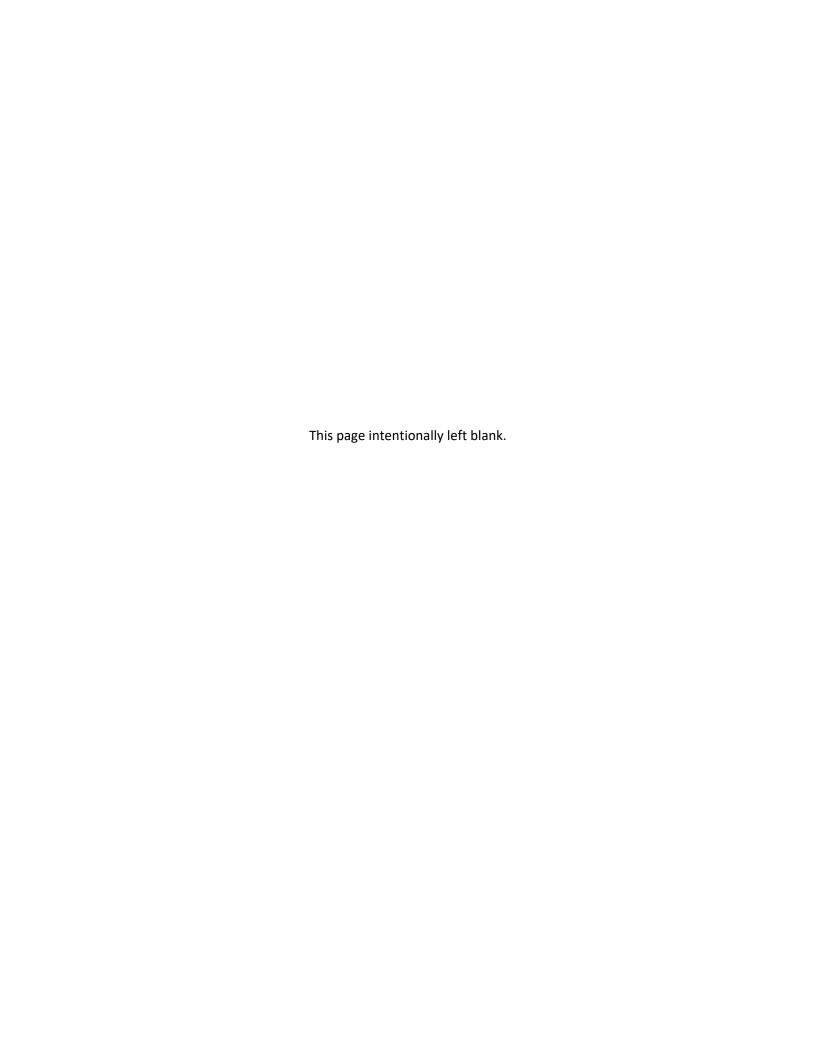
Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground or Dry soil after July 1st
2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value		/alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		237 Cords	@	\$19.06	=	\$4,517.22
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		12 Cords	@	\$7.66	=	\$91.92
	Birch pulpwood		6 Cords	@	\$5.05	=	\$30.30
	Red Maple pulpwood		5 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$25.00
	Jack Pine pulpwood		41 Cords	@	\$13.01	=	\$533.41
	Norway Pine pulpwood		19 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$95.00
	Black Spruce pulpwood		9 Cords	@	\$15.42	=	\$138.78
	White Spruce pulpwood		10 Cords	@	\$13.38	=	\$133.80
			Total Appraised Value:				\$5,565.43

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	30	207
Balsam Fir pulpwood	12	
Birch pulpwood		6
Red Maple pulpwood		5
Jack Pine pulpwood	3	38
Norway Pine pulpwood	10	9
Black Spruce pulpwood		9
White Spruce pulpwood		10

St. Louis County E23-611520





Round B Tracts 13-25

*Contracts purchased in this round are deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.





Twp. 52N Rge. 17W Sec. 13, 23, 24

Tract #: 13 K23-521713 Sale Administrator: Tim Rutka
Pike Lake Area Total Appraised: \$156,923.82

Down Payment Required: \$23,538.57

Expires: 4/15/2026 46° 59.094' N 92° 26.693' W

Blocks: 7

C19230095

Total Acres: 235.7

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.1	12.3
Maple-Red	3.7	11.0
Balsam Fir	3.5	9.3
Maple-Sugar	3.4	10.4
Spruce-White	5.4	14.6
Ash	4.0	10.2

Comments:

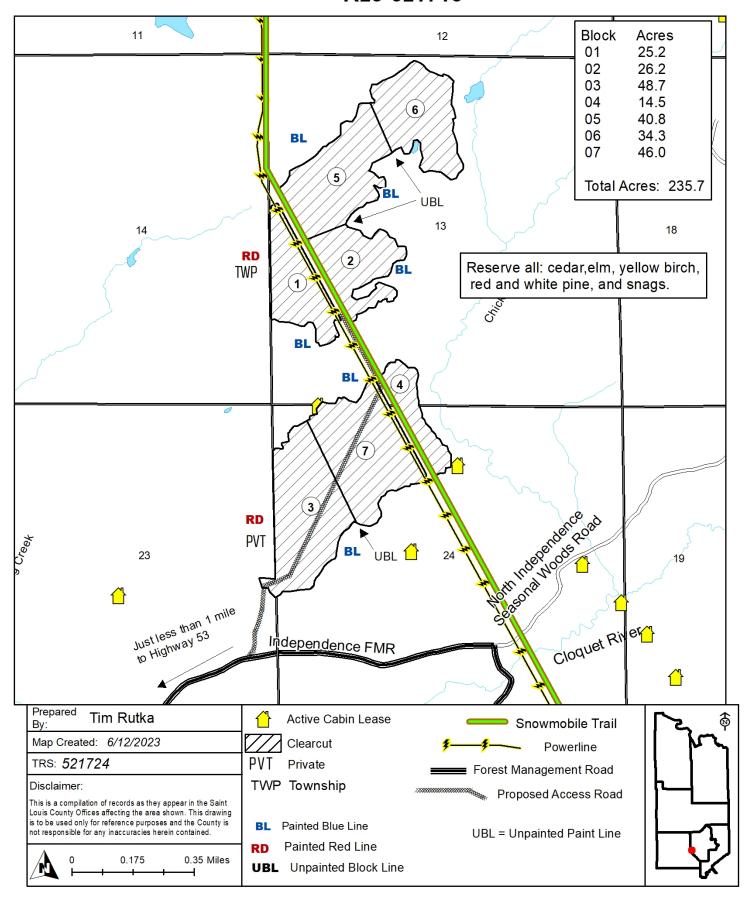
- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).

Block	Operational Periods
1,2,3,4	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised Value		Total Value		
Total	For All Blocks							
	Ash pulpwood		126 Cords	@	\$6.00	=	\$756.00	
	Aspen pulpwood		5060 Cords	@	\$28.59	=	\$144,665.40	
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		15 Cords	@	\$29.40	=	\$441.00	
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		216 Cords	@	\$11.49	=	\$2,481.84	
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		122 Cords	@	\$7.57	=	\$923.54	
SOAV	Red Maple pulpwood		510 Cords	@	\$6.00	=	\$3,060.00	
SOAV	Sugar Maple pulpwood		167 Cords	@	\$6.64	=	\$1,108.88	
	Black Spruce pulpwood		12 Cords	@	\$23.13	=	\$277.56	
	White Spruce pulpwood		160 Cords	@	\$20.06	=	\$3,209.60	
	Total Appraised Value:							

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 7
Ash pulpwood	81	5	14		7	6	13
Aspen pulpwood	643	659	828	260	1026	862	782
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		4			6	5	
Balsam Fir pulpwood	5	16	61	32	24	20	58
Birch pulpwood	16	19	13	7	30	25	12
Red Maple pulpwood	50	81	67	17	126	106	63
Sugar Maple pulpwood	39	32	2		50	42	2
Black Spruce pulpwood		2	2		3	3	2
White Spruce pulpwood	52	11	31	6	17	14	29

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Tract #: 14 V23-561632
Virginia Area Total Appraised: \$133,818.46

Down Payment Required:

Expires:

\$20,072.77

4/15/2026

Twp. 56N Rge. 16W Sec. 27, 28, 29, 32, 33

Sale Administrator: Brandon Pierzina

47° 17.738' N 92° 23.638' W

Virginia Area C19230081 Total Acres: 228 Blocks: 5

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.9	12.0
Spruce-Black	3.2	8.0
Balsam Fir	2.9	8.0
Spruce-White	4.2	11.1
Tamarack	4.2	9.4
Ash	3.5	6.5

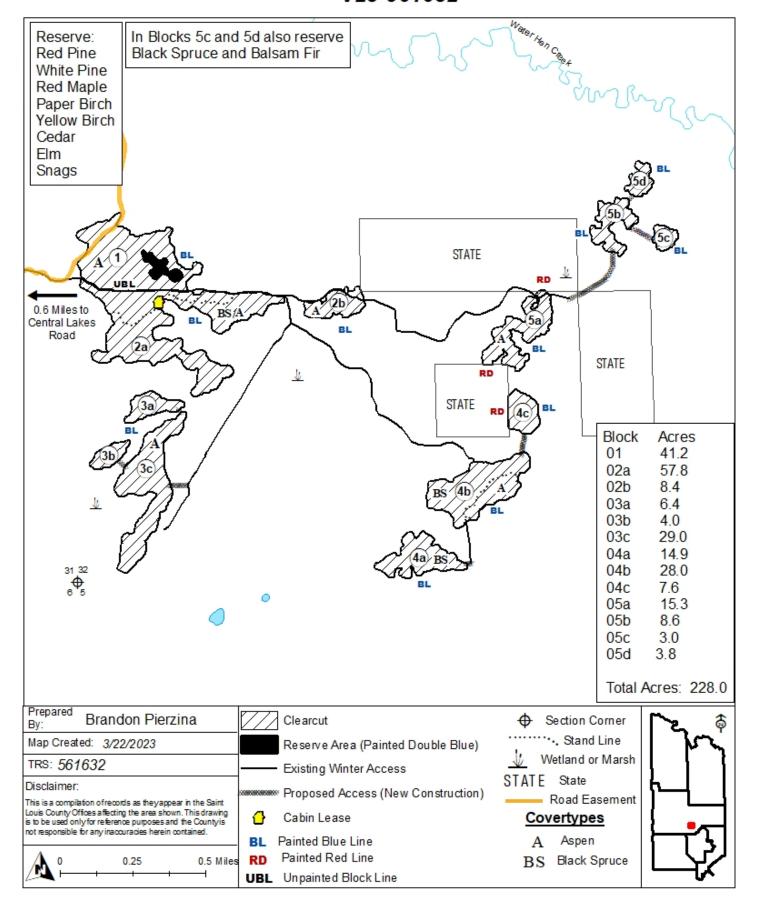
Comments:

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.
- A minimum of \$1000 of the downpayment will be retained and will be held until the satisfactory completion of the contract.

Block		Operational Periods						
1-5		Frozen ground						
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	P	Appraised V	/alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	3						
	Ash pulpw	ood		79 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$434.50
	Aspen pulp	owood		3516 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$92,154.36
	Balm Of Gi	ilead pulpwood		57 Cords	@	\$26.95	=	\$1,536.15
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		227 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$2,390.31
	Jack Pine p	oulpwood		2 Cords	@	\$17.89	=	\$35.78
	Black Spru	ce pulpwood		1583 Cords	@	\$21.20	=	\$33,559.60
	White Spru	ice pulpwood		168 Cords	@	\$18.39	=	\$3,089.52
	Tamarack _I	pulpwood		161 Cords	@	\$3.84	=_	\$618.24
				1	Γota	l Appraised	Value:	\$133,818.46

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
Ash pulpwood		9			70
Aspen pulpwood	995	1025	732	300	464
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood					57
Balsam Fir pulpwood	39	44	15	33	96
Jack Pine pulpwood		2			
Black Spruce pulpwood	13	518	231	807	14
White Spruce pulpwood	24	10	37	78	19
Tamarack pulpwood		45	6	110	

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Sale Administrator: John Muhich

Tract #: 15 Virginia Area C19230083 Total Acres: 143

Blocks: 4

Total Appraised: \$2,676.00

Down Payment Required: \$401.40

Expires: 4/15/2026

Twp. 58N Rge. 12W Sec. 6, 7

47° 31.734' N 91° 54.788' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Birch	3.8	11.5
Balsam Fir	3.0	8.6
Aspen	5.0	13.9
Spruce-Black	4.3	8.8
Maple-Red	2.8	9.3
Spruce-White	4.7	12.7

V23-581207

Comments:

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- This sale is being re-offered with REDUCED PRICES.
- This timber sale is adjacent to a DNR State of Minnesota timber sale. The DNR plans to improve the timber sale access road. For more information contact Eveleth DNR Forester.
- The purchaser will be required to secure a Road Use Permit from the USFS Laurentian District in Aurora, MN. The road use permit will involve road toll fees and a road maintenance agreement.
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met
- There is an outbreak of Spruce Budworm infecting mainly Balsam Fir on this sale. Only currently live trees were cruised.

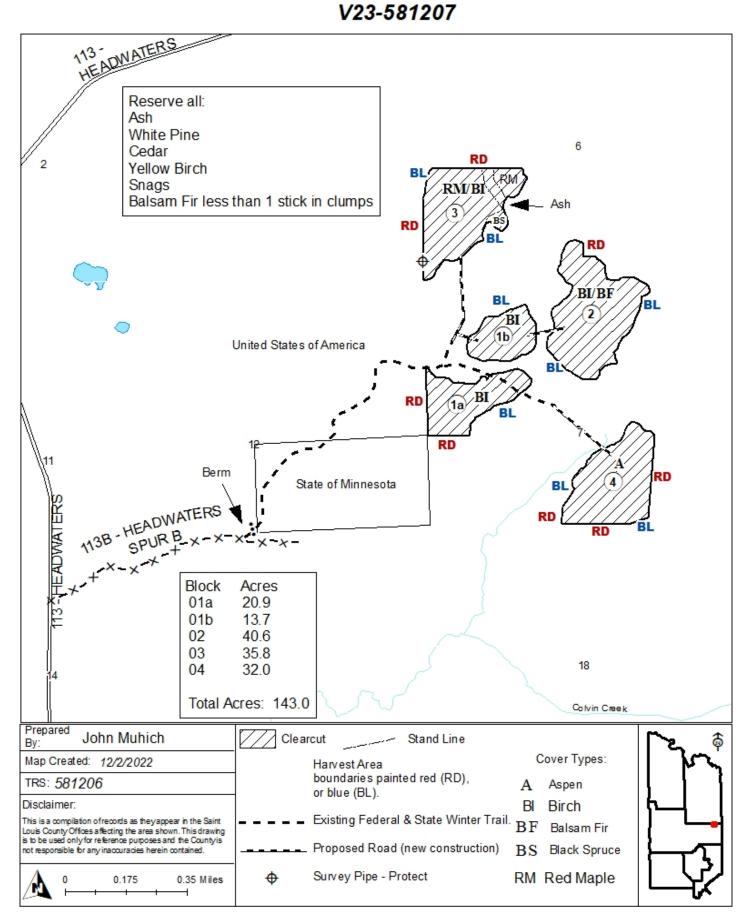
Access:

Fed Special Use Permit LAU100296 requires blocking the road with a berm after harvesting is completed (see harvest provisions). State access permit 144-18-2406 and the USFS Special Use Permit expires 4-15-2026.

Block		Operational Periods						
ALL		Frozen ground						
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	/alue	Total Value
Total I	For All Blocks							
	Aspen pulp	wood		332 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$332.00
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		488 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$488.00
SOAV	Birch pulpy	wood		702 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$702.00
SOAV	Red Maple	pulpwood		362 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$362.00
	Jack Pine p	ulpwood		121 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$121.00
	Black Sprud	ce pulpwood		282 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$282.00
	White Spru	ice pulpwood		293 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$293.00
	Tamarack p	oulpwood		96 Cords	@	\$1.00	=	\$96.00
				1	Total	Appraised	Value:	\$2,676.00

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Aspen pulpwood	77	78	50	127
Balsam Fir pulpwood	207	165	20	96
Birch pulpwood	301	110	190	101
Red Maple pulpwood	45	19	292	6
Jack Pine pulpwood				121
Black Spruce pulpwood	40	80	49	113
White Spruce pulpwood	95	62	22	114
Tamarack pulpwood		31	3	62

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Sale Administrator: Casey Anderson

Tract #: 16 Virginia Area C19230077 Total Acres: 87.4

Blocks: 2

C23-652001

Total Appraised: \$53,030.87

Down Payment Required: \$7,954.63

equired: \$7,954.63

Expires: 4/15/2026

Twp. 65N Rge. 20W Sec. 1, 2

48° 9.018' N 92° 51.028' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Pine-Norway	6.5	16.2
Aspen	4.6	12.7
Balsam Fir	2.4	7.1
Maple-Red	2.1	7.5
Pine-Jack	3.5	8.5
Birch	2.8	8.2

Comments:

- This sale includes a self-directed thinning. 15-foot-wide skid trails will be cut with 40-foot-wide leave strips. Harvesting and skidding equipment width must not exceed 12 feet.
- All species will be scaled.

Operational Periods:

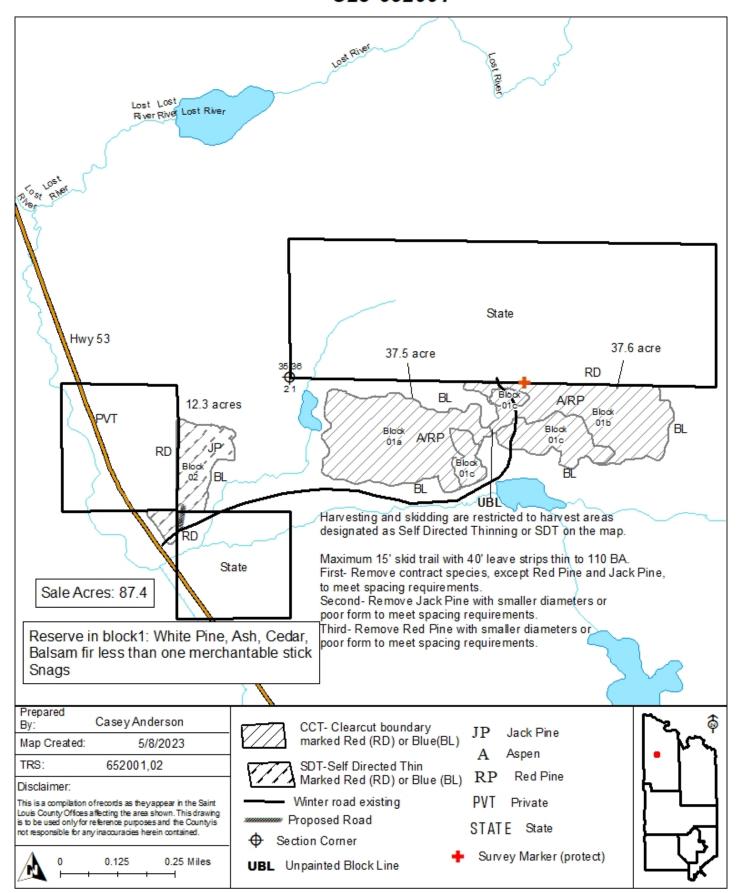
- BLOCK #2- Pine harvesting operation period is August 1 to March 15. This date may be modified with approval, contact sale administrator for information.

Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground
2	

SOAV	SOAV Product		Total Volume	A	ppraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	Total For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		865 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$22,671.65
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		5 Cords	@	\$26.95	=	\$134.75
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		353 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$3,717.09
	Birch pulpwood		103 Cords	@	\$6.94	=	\$714.82
	Red Maple pulpwood		266 Cords	@	\$5.50	=	\$1,463.00
	Jack Pine pulpwood		85 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$425.00
	Norway Pine pulpwood		705 Cords	@	\$32.55	=	\$22,947.75
	Black Spruce pulpwood		25 Cords	@	\$21.20	=	\$530.00
	White Spruce pulpwood		23 Cords	@	\$18.39	=	\$422.97
	Tamarack pulpwood		1 Cords	@	\$3.84	=	\$3.84
				otal	Appraised	Value:	\$53,030.87

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	830	35
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood	5	
Balsam Fir pulpwood	348	5
Birch pulpwood	103	
Red Maple pulpwood	266	
Jack Pine pulpwood		85
Norway Pine pulpwood	685	20
Black Spruce pulpwood	15	10
White Spruce pulpwood	18	5
Tamarack pulpwood		1

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Tract #: 17 Pike Lake Area C19230094

Total Acres: 60.5

Blocks: 2

Block

Total Appraised: \$11,534.00

Down Payment Required: \$1,730.10

Expires: 4/15/2026

Sale Administrator: Daniel Preiner

Twp. 54N Rge. 19W Sec. 34

47° 7.053' N 92° 44.276' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Spruce-Black	3.4	7.4
Tamarack	3.4	7.4

F23-541934

Comments:

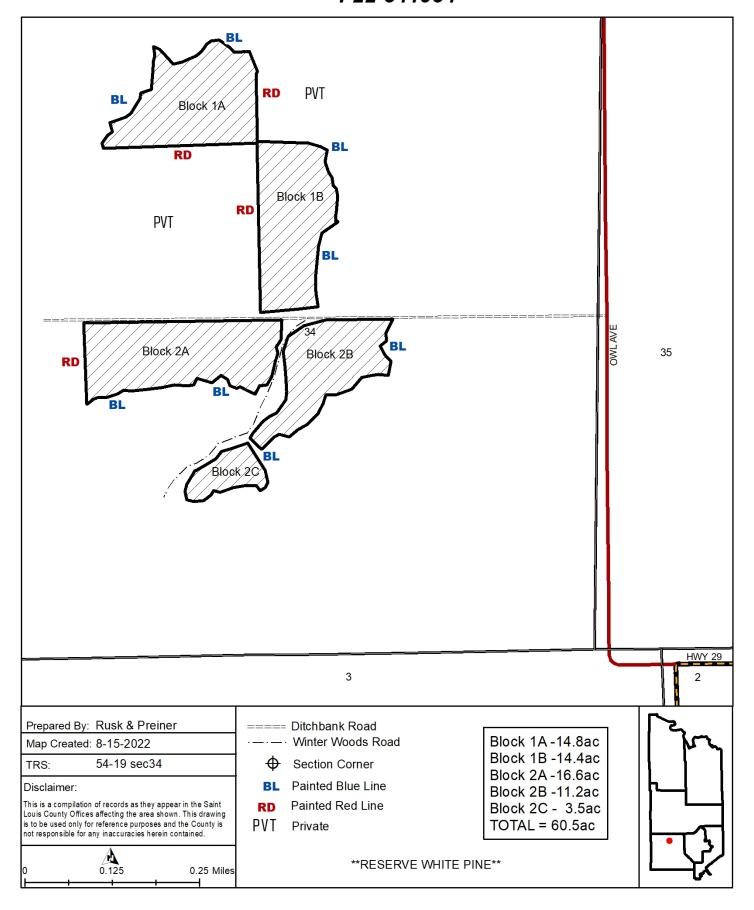
- Reoffered with REDUCED PRICING: Black Spruce has been reduced to \$10.00/cord. The Tamarack has been reduced to \$1.00/cord and is SOAV and No Bid.

1 & 2		Frozen ground					
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	s					
	Black Spru	ce pulpwood		1076 Cords	@ \$10.00	=	\$10,760.00
SOAV	Tamarack _I	oulpwood	X	774 Cords	@ \$1.00	=	\$774.00
				T	otal Appraised	Value:	\$11,534.00

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Black Spruce pulpwood	454	622
Tamarack pulpwood	334	440

Operational Periods

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Tract #: 18 Pike Lake Area C19230093 Total Acres: 52.8

Blocks: 2

Total Appraised: \$44,818.14

Down Payment Required: \$6,722.72

Expires: 4/15/2027

14.6

Operational Periods

Twp. 54N Rge. 19W Sec. 1, 12

Sale Administrator: Josh Carlson

47° 10.808' N 92° 42.046' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	5.3	9.5
Balsam Fir	2.9	7.4

5.1

F23-541912

Comments:

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- Due to varying soil types throughout this landform and past cut history, it is encouraged to harvest the sale during the typically dryer months of late July into August.

Access:

Block

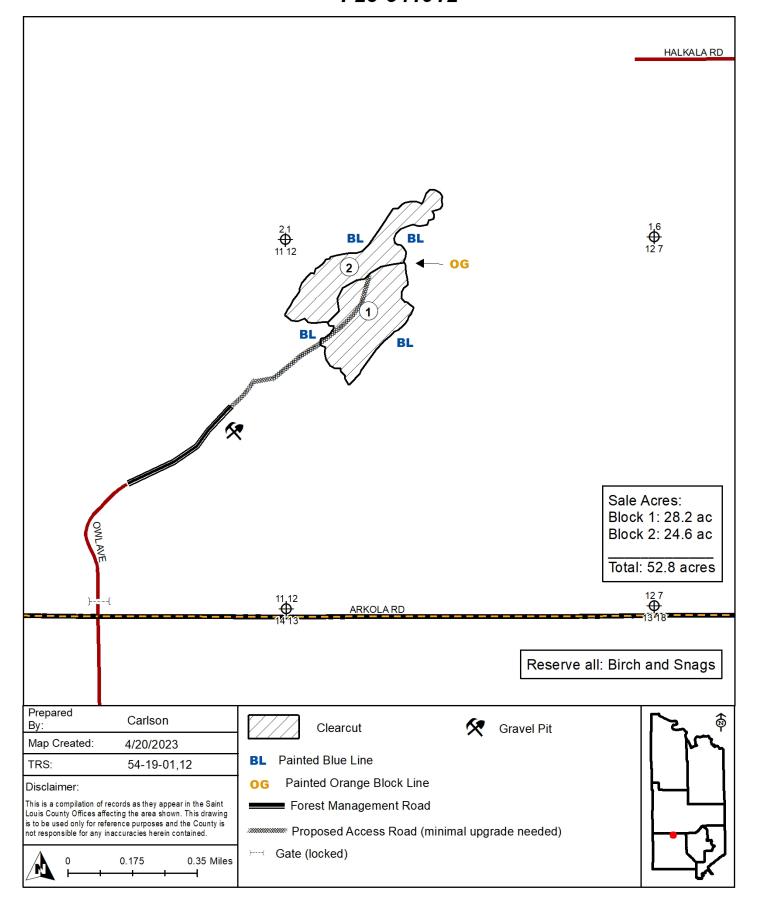
Spruce-White

Timber is accessed utilizing exiting road infrastructure with minimal road work needed to access timber sale.

1 & 2		Frozen ground or Dry	soil after July 1st					
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised \	/alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	·						
	Aspen pulp	owood		1617 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$42,381.57
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		179 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$1,884.87
	White Spru	ice pulp & bolts		30 Cords	@	\$18.39	=	\$551.70
				1	otal	Appraised	l Value:	\$44,818.14

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	720	897
Balsam Fir pulpwood	156	23
White Spruce pulp & bolts	11	19

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Tract #: 19 Virginia Area C19230085 **Total Acres: 60.2**

Blocks: 2

V23-581530 Total Appraised: \$33,259.45 **Down Payment Required:**

Expires: 4/15/2026

Sale Administrator: Karl Rudstrom Twp. 58N Rge. 15W Sec. 19, 30 and Twp. 58N Rge. 16W

Sec. 23, 24, 25, 26

47° 29.155' N 92° 18.417' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Spruce-Black	3.9	8.5
Aspen	4.6	11.2
Tamarack	4.4	10.2
Pine-Jack	4.9	9.6
Balsam Fir	2.8	9.6
Birch	4.0	11.0

Comments:

\$4,988.92

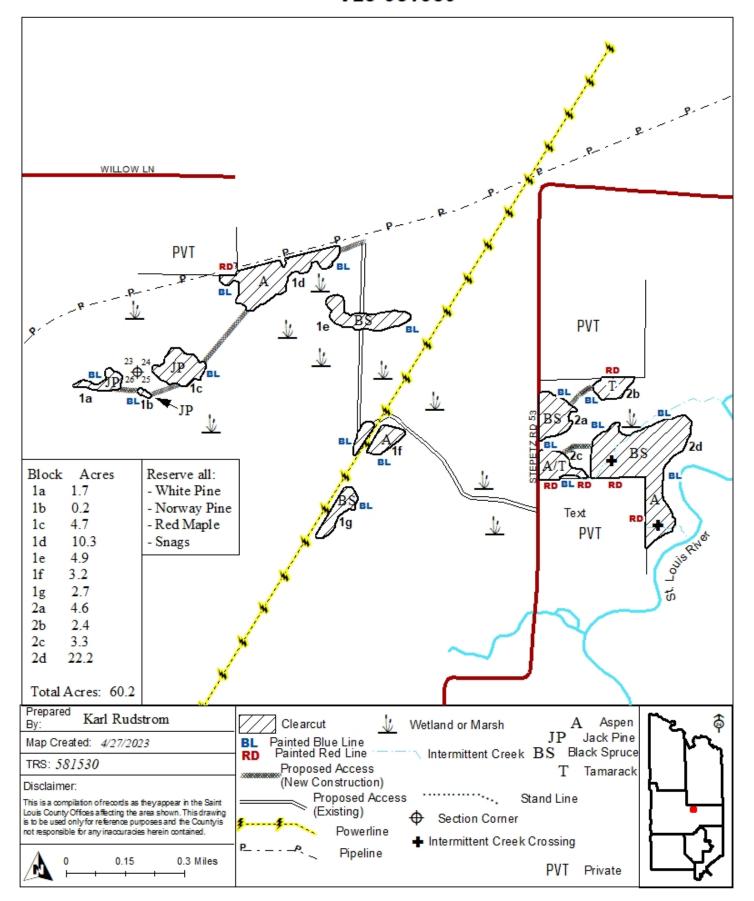
- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.

Block	Operational Periods
All	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Α	ppraised V	'alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		583 Cords	@	\$26.21	=	\$15,280.43
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		97 Cords	@	\$10.53	=	\$1,021.41
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		20 Cords	@	\$6.94	=	\$138.80
	Jack Pine pulpwood		89 Cords	@	\$17.89	=	\$1,592.21
	Black Spruce pulpwood		671 Cords	@	\$21.20	=	\$14,225.20
	White Spruce pulpwood		20 Cords	@	\$18.39	=	\$367.80
	Tamarack pulpwood		165 Cords	@	\$3.84	=	\$633.60
	Total Appraised Value:				\$33,259.45		

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	344	239
Balsam Fir pulpwood	67	30
Birch pulpwood	16	4
Jack Pine pulpwood	81	8
Black Spruce pulpwood	188	483
White Spruce pulpwood	16	4
Tamarack pulpwood	42	123

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Tract #: 20 Virginia Area C19230075 Total Acres: 97.6

Blocks: 2

C23-632117

Down Payment Required:

Total Appraised: \$18,306.65

equired: \$2,746.00 Expires: 4/15/2026 Sale Administrator: Casey Anderson

Twp. 63N Rge. 21W Sec. 17

47° 56.529' N 93° 3.660' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Spruce-White	3.0	8.4
Spruce-Black	3.4	7.6
Tamarack	3.6	8.9
Aspen	3.6	11.3
Balsam Fir	4.8	12.0
Birch	2.3	7.1

Comments:

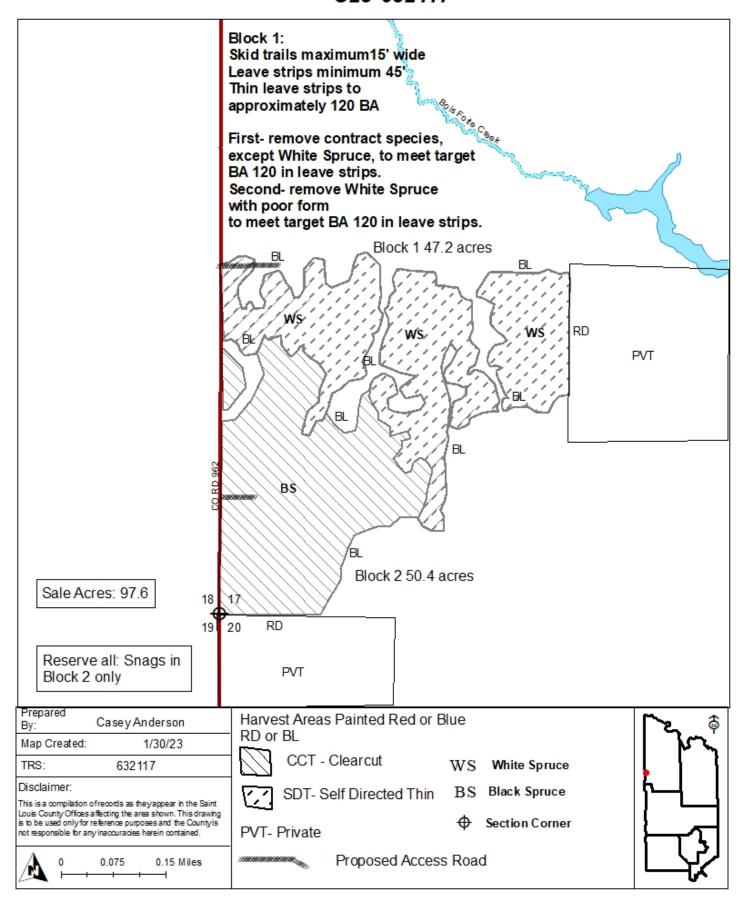
- This sale includes a self-directed thinning. 15-foot-wide skid trails will be cut with 45-foot-wide leave strips. Harvesting and skidding equipment width must not exceed 12 feet.
- This sale is being re-offered with reduced prices.
- All species will be scaled.

Block	Operational Periods
1,2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	ppraised V	'alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						_
	Aspen pulpwood		235 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$5,600.05
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		61 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$584.38
	Birch pulpwood		44 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$277.64
	Jack Pine pulpwood		2 Cords	@	\$16.26	=	\$32.52
	Black Spruce pulpwood		660 Cords	@	\$14.50	=	\$9,570.00
	White Spruce pulpwood		313 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$1,565.00
	Tamarack pulpwood		194 Cords	@	\$3.49	=	\$677.06
	Total Appraised Value:					\$18,306.65	

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	7	228
Balsam Fir pulpwood	4	57
Birch pulpwood	7	37
Jack Pine pulpwood	2	
Black Spruce pulpwood	10	650
White Spruce pulpwood	307	6
Tamarack pulpwood	95	99

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\$810.24

\$27,819.04

Tract #: 21 Virginia Area C19230074 Total Acres: 41.3

Blocks: 1

Block

C23-632014

Down Payment Required:

Operational Periods

Total Appraised: \$27,819.04

\$4,172.86

Expires: 4/15/2026

Sale Administrator: Christopher Lintula

Twp. 63N Rge. 20W Sec. 11, 14

47° 56.938' N 92° 51.624' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Spruce-Black	3.8	8.0
Tamarack	5.4	10.3

Tamarack pulpwood

Comments:

- The purchaser has the option to purchase this sale as advertised or to purchase all species as Sold On Appraised Volume (SOAV).

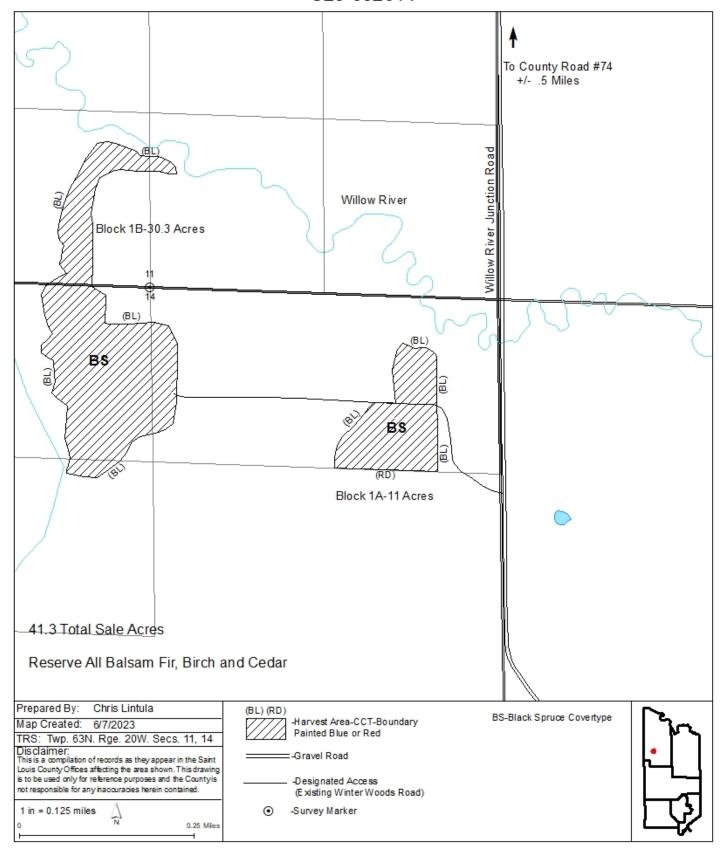
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\$3.84

Total Appraised Value:

1		Frozen ground					
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	Appraised \	Value	Total Value
Total	Total For All Blocks						
	Black Spru	ce pulpwood		1274 Cords	@ \$21.20	=	\$27,008.80

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Tract #: 22

B23-551214

Sale Administrator: Anna Earley

Pike Lake Area C19230089 Total Appraised: \$16,005.02 Down Payment Required: \$2,400.75

Twp. 55N Rge. 12W Sec. 14, 15

Total Acres: 40.1

Expires: 4/15/2027

47° 15.191' N 91° 50.065' W

Blocks: 2

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	4.8	11.4
Spruce-White	4.8	12.3
Balsam Fir	3.2	0.0
Balm Of Gilead	3.8	8.4
Pine-Norway	6.0	10.2
Tamarack	4.6	10.5

Comments:

- There is an outbreak of Spruce budworm infecting the conifer species on this sale. Only currently live trees were cruised.

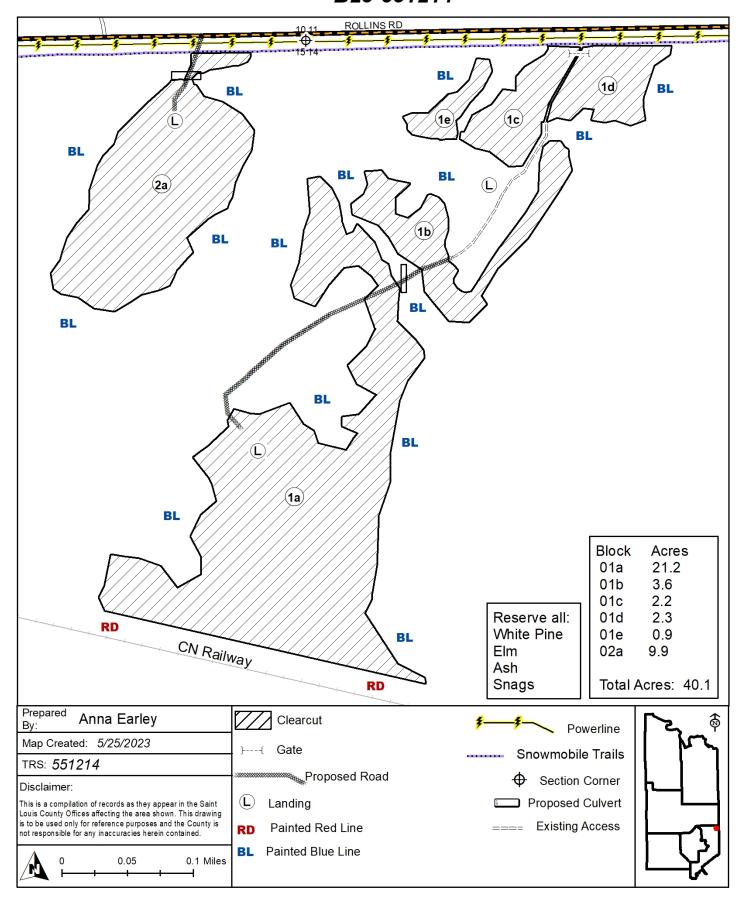
Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground or Dry soil after road restrictions are lifted
2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	Δ	Appraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
	Aspen pulpwood		510 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$12,153.30
	Balm Of Gilead pulpwood		11 Cords	@	\$24.50	=	\$269.50
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		42 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$402.36
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		6 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$37.86
	Jack Pine pulpwood		4 Cords	@	\$16.26	=	\$65.04
	Norway Pine pulpwood		23 Cords	@	\$29.59	=	\$680.57
	Black Spruce pulpwood		19 Cords	@	\$19.27	=	\$366.13
	White Spruce pulpwood		116 Cords	@	\$16.72	=	\$1,939.52
	Tamarack pulpwood		26 Cords	@	\$3.49	=	\$90.74
			1	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$16,005.02

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	325	185
Balm Of Gilead pulpwood	11	
Balsam Fir pulpwood	41	1
Birch pulpwood	6	
Jack Pine pulpwood	4	
Norway Pine pulpwood	23	
Black Spruce pulpwood	17	2
White Spruce pulpwood	116	
Tamarack pulpwood	26	

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St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



 Tract #: 23
 E23-621406
 Sale Administrator: James Simons

 Virginia Area
 Total Appraised: \$13,567.64
 Twp. 62N Rge. 14W Sec. 6

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 Down Payment Required: \$2,035.15
 Twp. 62N Rge. 14W Sec. 6

 Total Acres: 43
 Expires: 4/15/2026
 47° 53.196' N 92° 10.427' W

 Blocks: 1
 Blocks: 1

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	3.9	7.8
Balsam Fir	2.6	7.2
Birch	3.2	7.5
Spruce-White	4.3	9.8
Pine-Jack	4.6	9.0

Comments:

- This sale does not meet our cruising error standards. Please talk to the Sale Administrator for more information.
- The purchaser will be required to secure a Road Use Permit from the USFS LaCroix Ranger District in Cook, MN. The Road Use Permit will involve road toll fees or a maintenance agreement.
- The USFS Private Road Special Use Permit and its requirements become part of this contract.
- Roundwood chipping of scaled species will be allowed if scaling requirements are met.

Access:

Block

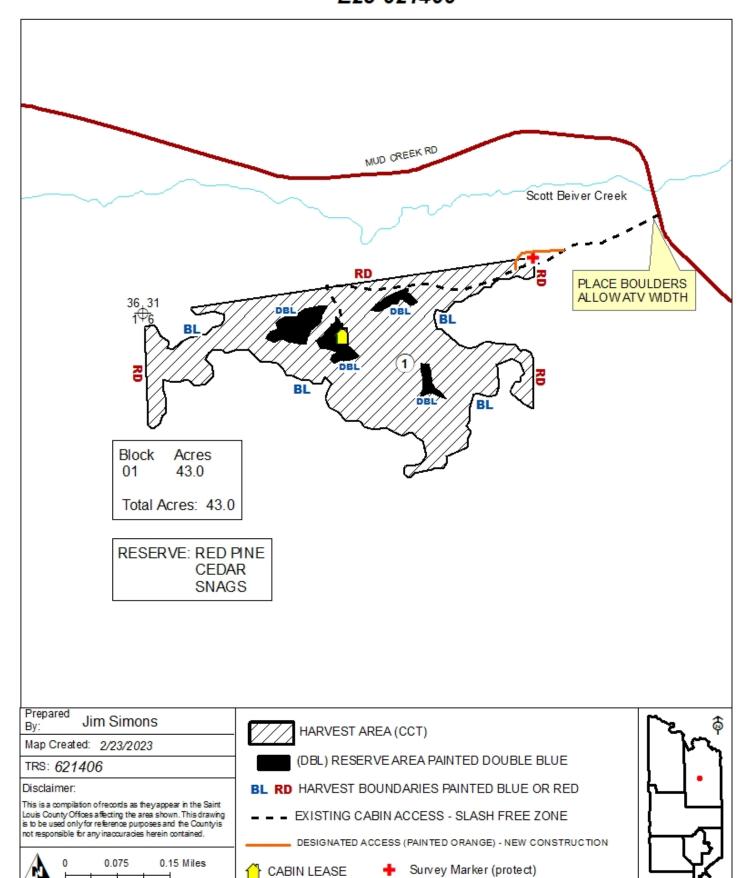
5.1 miles on #408 Mud Creek Road to sale access.

Operational Periods

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1		Frozen ground or Dry s	soil after July 1st					
SOAV	Product		No Bid	Total Volume	A	Appraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks	3						
	Aspen pulp	owood		506 Cords	@	\$23.83	=	\$12,057.98
	Balsam Fir	pulpwood		43 Cords	@	\$9.58	=	\$411.94
	Birch pulpy	wood		38 Cords	@	\$6.31	=	\$239.78
	Jack Pine p	oulpwood		25 Cords	@	\$16.26	=	\$406.50
	White Spru	ice pulpwood		27 Cords	@	\$16.72	=	\$451.44
				1	Tot al	Appraised	Value:	\$13,567.64

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St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



Tract #: 24
Pike Lake Area
C19230088

Total Acres: 48.4 Blocks: 2 B23-531212

Total Appraised: \$4,828.03 yment Required: \$724.20

Down Payment Required: \$724.20 Expires: 4/15/2027

Sale Administrator: Anna Earley

Twp. 53N Rge. 12W Sec. 1, 2, 11, 12

47° 5.879' N 91° 48.882' W

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Balsam Fir	2.7	6.4
Birch	4.2	10.7
Maple-Sugar	3.0	7.8
Spruce-White	4.4	10.7
Ash	3.4	8.5
Aspen	4.5	9.4

Comments:

- This sale is being reoffered with REDUCED PRICES and reduced balsam volume. The creek crossing and farthest block have also been removed.
- This sale is in the Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Area.
- There is an outbreak of Spruce Budworm infecting mainly the Balsam Fir on this sale.
- Only currently live trees were cruised.

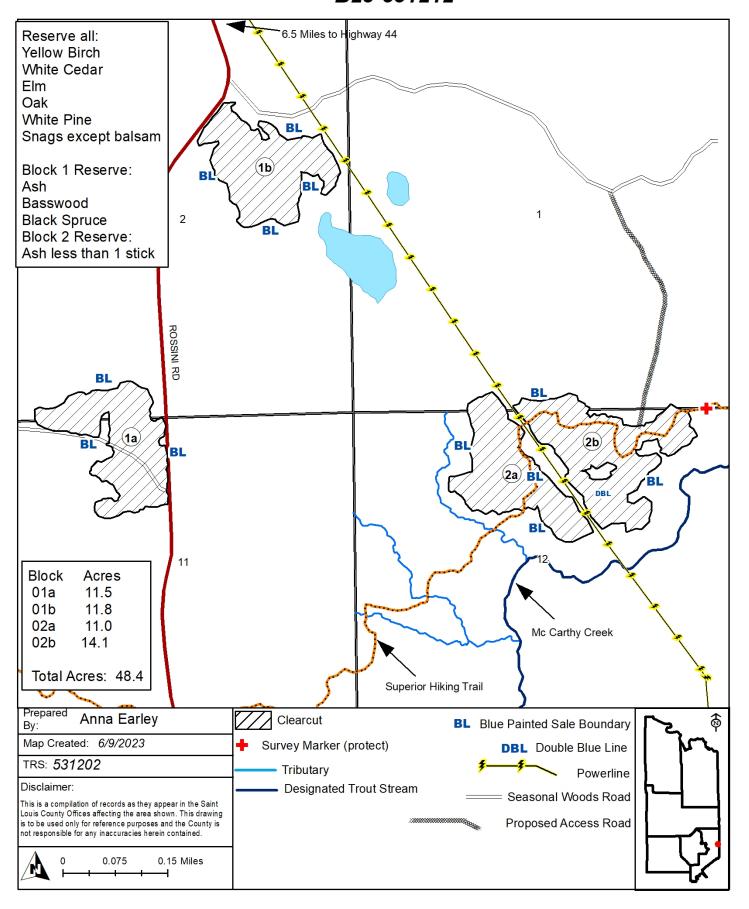
Block	Operational Periods
1	Frozen ground or Dry soil after July 1st
2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	A	Appraised V	alue	Total Value
Total	For All Blocks						
SOAV	Ash pulpwood		97 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$485.00
	Aspen pulpwood		61 Cords	@	\$19.06	=	\$1,162.66
	Balsam Fir pulpwood	X	50 Cords	@	\$7.66	=	\$383.00
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		193 Cords	@	\$5.05	=	\$974.65
SOAV	Red Maple pulpwood		3 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$15.00
SOAV	Sugar Maple pulpwood		110 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$550.00
	White Spruce pulpwood		94 Cords	@	\$13.38	=	\$1,257.72
			7	otal	Appraised	Value:	\$4,828.03

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Ash pulpwood		97
Aspen pulpwood	44	17
Balsam Fir pulpwood	35	15
Birch pulpwood	39	154
Red Maple pulpwood		3
Sugar Maple pulpwood	75	35
White Spruce pulpwood	32	62

C19230088

St. Louis County *B23-531212*







St. Louis County August 17, 2023 Timber Auction



Tract #: 25 Pike Lake Area C19230087 Total Acres: 27.7 B23-521315

Sale Administrator: Alexander Richardson

Twp. 52N Rge. 13W Sec. 9, 10, 15

Expires: 4/15/2026

Total Appraised: \$5,317.85

Down Payment Required:

46° 59.576' N 91° 59.097' W

Blocks: 2

Species	Sticks	Dia.
Aspen	3.9	9.3
Pine-Norway	4.5	8.3
Birch	3.5	10.4
Balsam Fir	1.9	8.3
Spruce-White	2.8	7.6
Maple-Red	1.5	7.0

Comments:

\$797.68

- There is an outbreak of Spruce budworm infecting the Balsam Fir and White Spruce species on this sale. Only currently live trees were cruised.
- This sale is being reoffered with REDUCED PRICES and we dropped the farthest block.

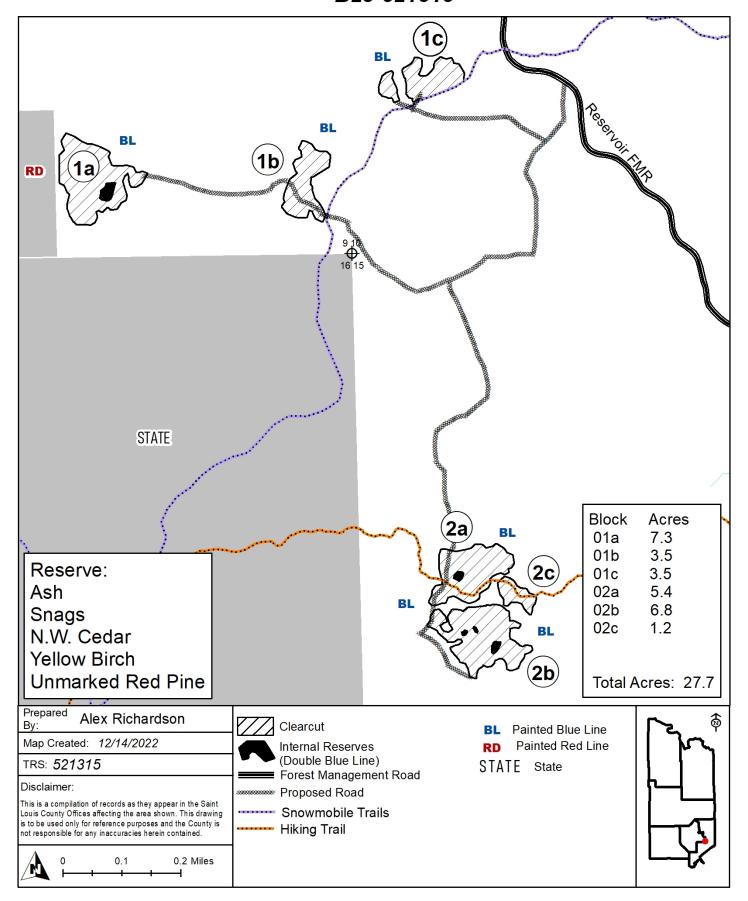
Block	Operational Periods
1,2	Frozen ground

SOAV	Product	No Bid	Total Volume	P	Appraised \	/alue	Total Value
Total For All Blocks							
	Aspen pulpwood		273 Cords	@	\$15.00	=	\$4,095.00
	Balsam Fir pulpwood		46 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$230.00
SOAV	Birch pulpwood		57 Cords	@	\$5.05	=	\$287.85
SOAV	Red Maple pulpwood		7 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$35.00
SOAV	Sugar Maple pulpwood		1 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$5.00
	Norway Pine pulpwood		51 Cords	@	\$5.00	=	\$255.00
	White Spruce pulpwood		41 Cords	@	\$10.00	=	\$410.00
			1	ota	Appraised	l Value:	\$5,317.85

Volume Per Block	Block 1	Block 2
Aspen pulpwood	74	199
Balsam Fir pulpwood	29	17
Birch pulpwood	56	1
Red Maple pulpwood	7	
Sugar Maple pulpwood		1
Norway Pine pulpwood		51
White Spruce pulpwood	6	35

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St. Louis County *B23-521315*



Round C Unbid Tracts from the Previous Rounds

Exhibit B1. Harvesting Provisions Standard Contract Provisions

1. Access, Landings and Skid Trails

1.1. Location

- 1.1.1 Std The location and construction of roads, skid trails, and landings must be approved by the Seller.
- 1.1.2 Std Place fueling and maintenance areas outside of filter strips, riparian management zones and wetlands, where possible. Locations must be approved by the Seller.

1.2. Specifications

- 1.2.1 Std No leaning, hanging or bent trees will be left, nor will stumps or debris be pushed against standing timber.
- 1.2.2 Std Placement of earthen material or corduroy may be required to prevent excessive rutting on roads or skid trails, as determined by the Seller.
- 1.2.3 Std All borrow pits, ditches and other exposed soil areas must be sloped to 2:1 or flatter unless approved by the Seller.
- 1.2.4 Std All logging roads and skid trails must be shaped so as to allow for proper drainage and erosion control at all times.
- 1.2.5 Std Water control structures, such as water bars, slash mats, diversion channels, hay bales or other appropriate measures must be constructed and maintained as needed or as determined by the seller.

1.3. Maintenance

1.3.1 Std - Purchaser must maintain or immediately repair any access that is located on an established road or trail. If damage occurs to a public road, purchaser will immediately contact the Seller and the road authority for direction and repair requirements.

1.4. Gating and Signing

1.4.1 Std - A sign, provided by the Seller, with the Timber Harvesting Contract number will be posted and maintained by Purchaser on the access to the sale area.

2. Slash

2.0.1 Std - No slash may be left within 50 feet of any road, trail, stream, red painted harvest boundary or structure unless otherwise agreed upon.

3. Harvest Practices

- 3.0.1 Std Cutting must proceed in a manner which will protect site productivity and ensure regeneration.
- 3.0.2 Std Painted boundary trees must not be cut.
- 3.0.3 Std Exposure of mineral soil must be minimized in filter strips. Equipment movement in the filter strip should generally be perpendicular to the wetland and not parallel to it.

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- 3.0.4 Std Skidding of timber within the right-of-way or across any road must be approved by the Seller.
- 3.0.5 Std Stump heights must be no more than the stem diameter or 10" whichever is less.

4. Reserves

4.0.1 Std - Reserve and limit damage to pre-existing coarse woody debris.

5. Operational Periods

5.1. Harvest and Skidding

- 5.1.1 Std Purchaser is responsible for monitoring conditions and postponing, shutting down or modifying operations to prevent site damage.
- 5.1.16 Std If this contract was purchased under restricted bidding conditions, the contract is deemed non-transferable and cannot be reassigned.

7. Other

7.0.1 Std - If an unsafe condition is identified, the purchaser is required to take immediate steps to mitigate the hazard and notify the Seller.

8. Scaling of Timber

- 8.0.1 Std Products to be ground scaled must be piled so that an accurate scale can be made.
- 8.0.2 Std Consumer Scaling
 - (1) The instructions in the load ticket booklet are part of this agreement.
 - (2) A scale ticket must accompany each load of scaled species delivered.
 - (3) Any penalties assessed against the Purchaser will be charged to the contract and subtracted from any block credit, down payment balance, or will be billed for each penalty assessed.
 - (4) Consumer Scaling is not allowed after the contract completion date unless a Consumer Scaling extension has been authorized by the Seller. Therefore, with the exception of SOAV wood and wood under a Consumer Scaling extension, all cut products that remain on the landings must be scaled by the seller.
- 8.0.3 Std Purchaser must give the Seller three days notice before on-site scales will be made. The Seller's costs may be billed to the Purchaser for all scaling involving less than 30 cords per scaling trip.

9. Timber Utilization

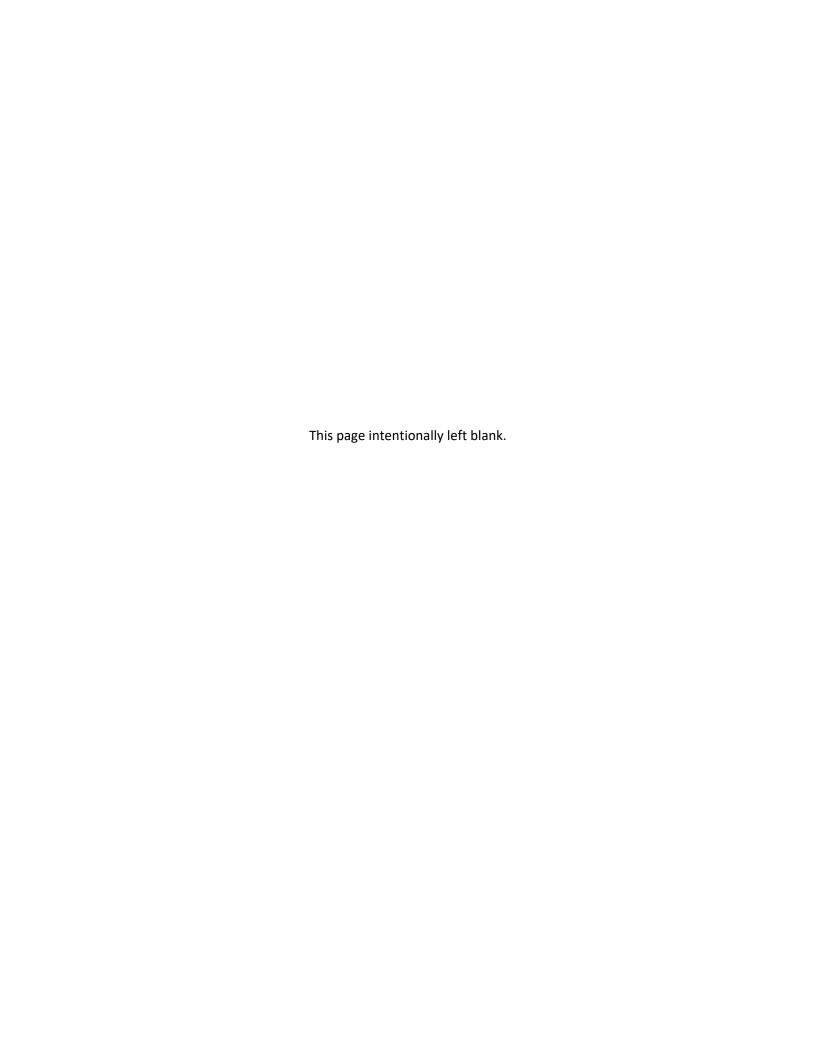
9.0.1 Std - No snags or coarse woody debris may be utilized.

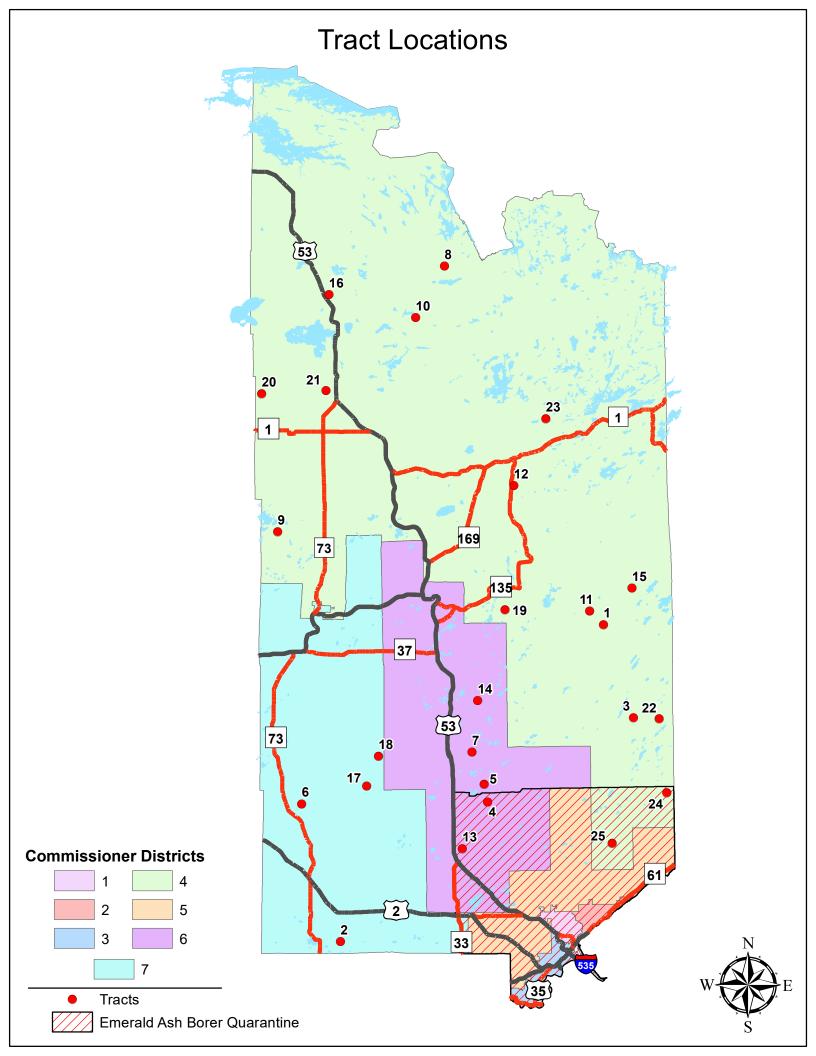
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- 9.0.2 Std All bole material in the main stem of trees of the species listed in the Contract as harvest trees which contain one 100-inch cordwood sticks with a top diameter of at least 3 inches for spruce and tamarack and 4 inches for all other species are included in the sale volume. All other material will be defined as residual (tops, limbs and undersized).
- 9.0.3 Std Purchaser will be billed for any timber that is sold and not utilized.
- 9.0.4 Std Some or all of the down payment may be held to ensure removal of bio-fuels piles.
- 9.0.5 Std Piles left on site beyond one year from completion of a Block may be disposed of by the Seller at the Purchaser's expense.
- 9.0.6 Std The Purchaser will notify the Seller of their intention to store cut products, including residues to be chipped, prior to placing any piles. The location of piles and their size will be at the Seller's discretion.
- 9.0.7 Std No less than 20% of the harvested tops on the sale must be reserved and evenly distributed on the site. The Seller and Purchaser will determine which species or combination of species will have tops reserved. No refunds will be made for residuals that are reserved.
- 9.0.8 Std SOAV species are intended to include the entire above ground portion of the tree, including residuals and may be removed at the discretion of the contractor, unless otherwise specified. Roundwood measure is shown for bidding purposes only, and does not include any estimate of residuals.
- 9.0.9 Std The residuals of the scaled species will be available for purchase on this sale. A contract amendment for the additional volume must be completed and additional payment made before any residuals may be removed.

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Land and Minerals Department

Intermediate Oral Timber Auction

11:00 A.M.
August 17, 2023
Cotton Town Hall
Cotton, MN



<u>Barrier Free:</u> All St. Louis County Timber Auctions are accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual needs for special services. Contact the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department (218-726-2606) prior to the auction, so necessary arrangements can be made.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA, HELD ON JUNE 27, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 27th day of June 2023, at 9:31 a.m., at the Halden Town Hall, Floodwood, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Keith Nelson, Mike Jugovich and Chair Patrick Boyle - 6. Absent: Commissioner Annie Harala - 1.

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

Commissioner Jugovich introduced James Pavlek. Mr. Pavlek welcomed the Board to the Township and commented that it is important that the Board continue to hold meetings in townships.

Chair Boyle opened the meeting to persons who wish to address the Board concerning issues not on the agenda. Bryana Salo said that yesterday was the two-year anniversary of the death of her brother due to an unprosecuted homicide. Ms. Salo reviewed a timeline of correspondence with the County Attorney's Office since her brother's death. Ms. Salo read the Oath of Office the County Attorney is required to take and questioned if the County Attorney is faithfully fulfilling their duty if they go back on their word. Clayton Cich, of Fredenberg Township, requested that the McKeever gravel pit be inspected and said that all gravel pit inspections and site visits should be documented. Mr. Cich commented that landfills should be run by private entities and questioned why the county would want to run a landfill when we can haul waste to other areas. Bruce Anderson, of Duluth, commented that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued to 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road should not have been issued because the owner had violations at another gravel pit. Mr. Anderson said that someone should step up and give their group some help with the gravel pit issue. Oly Olson, of Duluth, commented on safety concerns due to the increased truck traffic in Fredenberg and said the McKeever gravel pit is a year-round danger. Mr. Olson said the McKeever is in violation and needs to be inspected. Janet Olson, of Duluth, asked for an inspection of the McKeever pit and said the 6464 Fredenberg Lake Road CUP should not have been issued. Ms. Olson commented that it is heartbreaking for Bryana Salo's family and hopes someone reaches out to them and provide answers.

At 9:56 a.m., a public hearing was conducted, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-321, adopted June 13, 2023, to obtain public comment to further amend the 2023 Fee Schedule. Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger said that that St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (The Depot) staff has been reviewing the schedule and is proposing to further amend it to better align with additionally planned activities at the Depot. Different rates are proposed for Depot tenants, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations to encourage use of the Depot Theatre and its equipment. The proposed fee changes will help St. Louis County cover the operating costs of the Depot Theatre. Chair Boyle asked if there were any other governmental entities, supporters, opponents, or other comments from the public; no one requested the opportunity to speak. At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Grimm, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent.

Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Musolf, moved that the St. Louis County Board approves the amended 2023 Fee Schedule to include additional fees with regard to the Depot Theatre and its equipment usage. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent. Resolution No. 23-356.

Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed; six yeas, zero nays, one absent.

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

Donna Viskoe, Purchasing Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-256, Amendment to County Purchasing Rules and Regulations Related to Single Source Purchasing.—61978

James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-263, Confidential Public Employees Association 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement.—61979

James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-264, Unrepresented Employees Compensation Plan Update and Salary Range Increases for 2023-2025.—61980

James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Board Letter No. 23-265, Management Compensation Plan Update, Salary Range Increases for 2023-2025 and Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan Policy Amendment.—61981

Julie Marinucci, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, submitting Board Letter No. 23-261, Gift of Land to St. Louis County (Parcel ID No. 010-3540-00620).—61982

Julie Marinucci, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, submitting Board Letter No. 23-262, Gift of Land to St. Louis County (Parcel ID No. 317-0010-00501, -00531).—61983

Upon motion by Commissioner McDonald, supported by Commissioner Nelson, resolutions numbered 23-338 through 23-355, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

BY COMMISSIONER McDONALD:

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of June 13, 2023, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-338

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration, has made funds available through their Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant for planning activities for rural health care networks; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) and community partners were awarded \$99,871.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, PHHS will enter into contracts with the Northeast Services Cooperative and Essentia Health to plan and develop rural behavioral health networks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes PHHS to accept the Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant in the amount of \$99,871 and contract with Northeast Services Cooperative and Essentia Health for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

BUDGET REFERENCE:

230-232006-540295-23290-99999999-2023

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-339

WHEREAS, Breitung Township has received State Park Road Account (SPRA) funding in the amount of \$418,000 for improvements to Stuntz Bay Access Road from Jasper Street to Lake Vermilion in Breitung Township, "Project" (SAP 069-600-051, CP 4598-710468); and

WHEREAS, The County is required to act as the fiscal agent and contract administrator for the State of Minnesota in administering the SPRA funds, and shall administer the construction contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Breitung Township shall prepare a plan for construction of the Project; and WHEREAS, Breitung Township will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of SPRA funds authorized to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement with Breitung Township to receive and administer Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Park Road Account (SPRA) program funding for the improvements to Stuntz Bay Access Road (SAP 069-600-051, CP 4598-710468). Funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220738, Object 551541.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-340

WHEREAS, Bids have been received electronically by the St. Louis County Public Works Department for CP 0000-458862, SP 069-070-050, HSIP 6923(244); and

WHEREAS, Bids were opened in the Richard H. Hansen Transportation and Public Works Complex, Duluth, MN, on May 25, 2023, and the low responsible bid was determined.

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

LOW BIDDER ADDRESS AMOUNT
NTTK, Inc. 23791 67th Avenue \$115,252.00
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to approve the contractor's performance bonds and to execute the bonds and contract for the above listed project payable from:

CP 0000-458862, SP 069-070-050, HSIP 6923(244)

Fund 220, Agency 220735, Object 652700 - Federal Funds - \$103,726.80

Fund 200, Agency 203669, Object 652800 – Local Funds - \$11,525.20

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-341

WHEREAS, The Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board (NRAJPB), on behalf of five (5) ATV clubs, has secured a State grant in the amount of \$1,960,000 from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) to complete work on various segments of the ATV trail system, hereinafter called the "Project" (CP 0000-754287); and

WHEREAS, The County shall act as the fiscal agent and contract administrator for any grants received by the NRAJPB and shall administer the planning, design, and construction contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, The County shall enter into cooperative agreements with each of the five (5) ATV clubs to complete work on various segments of the ATV trail system; and

WHEREAS, Each ATV club, or its Consultants, shall perform the planning, design,

environmental permitting, and right-of-way acquisition for the project; and

WHEREAS, Each individual ATV club will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost to complete the Project in excess of IRRR funds authorized to the NRAJPB and the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into cooperative agreements with five (5) ATV clubs to receive and administer Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation FY 2023 funding to complete various ATV trail system segments located in St. Louis County. This project is further identified as CP 0000-754287. Funds for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agencies 220739 - 220744, Object 532206.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-342

WHEREAS, On November 29, 2022, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 22-644 allowing for the temporary revision to increase the amount for purchases before requiring a purchase order to \$10,000.00 and the single transaction limit on a procurement card to \$5,000.00 and the monthly limit to \$10,000.00, expiring March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2023, the County Board Adopted Resolution No. 23-204 allowing for the extension of a temporary revision to the St. Louis County Purchasing Rules and Regulations to increase procurement card limits and increase the amount for purchases before requiring a purchase order to \$10,000.00 and the single transaction limit on a procurement card to \$5,000.00 and the monthly limit to \$10,000.00, expiring May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The subcommittee set up in early 2023, at the request of the Board, to review the Purchasing Rules and Regulations policy, is working to complete and review any and all requested items, but will not be able to meet the May 31, 2023 deadline.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the extension of a temporary revision to the St. Louis County Purchasing Rules and Regulations to increase procurement card limits and increase the amount of purchases before a purchase order to \$10,000 and the single transaction on the procurement card to \$5,000 and the monthly limit to \$10,000, expiring September 30, 2023.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-343

WHEREAS, As part of the Purchasing Rules and Regulations Review Committee, Section IV, C of the rules related to single source purchasing was discussed; and

WHEREAS, The Committee has identified a need to amend this section of the policy to better fit the various statutory obligations of the county pertaining to this type of procurement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the amendment of Section IV, C of the County's Purchasing Rules and Regulations, solely for the change in the Single Source Procurement Policy and Form, to be used immediately for all single source procurement.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-344

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through June 30, 2024: The Hideaway Bar, Inc. dba The Hideaway Bar, Unorganized Township 61-13, On-Sale & Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, transfer.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-345

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A, as amended, and Rules and Regulations adopted by this Board under St. Louis County Ordinance No. 28, dated May 22, 1978, as amended, the following application for an intoxicating liquor license is hereby approved, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61855.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license is approved contingent upon license holder paying real estate or personal property taxes when due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That if the named license holder sells their licensed place of business, the County Board may, at its discretion and after an investigation, transfer the license to a new owner, but without pro-rated refund of the license fee to the license holder.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That said license shall be effective through October 31, 2023: Fairhaven LLC dba Fairhaven LLC, Grand Lake Township, Seasonal On-Sale & Seasonal Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, new.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-346

WHEREAS, St. Louis County serves as the sponsor of various recreational trails that are part of the State of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Trail System; and

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of these trails is funded through the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grants issued with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, The Quad Cities ATV Club has requested sponsorship of the Quad Cities ATV System; and

WHEREAS, The County typically sponsors trails for a period of five (5) years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes sponsorship of the Quad Cities ATV Club Trail System for a period of five (5) years at no cost to the County, and authorizes the County Auditor to sign grant applications, agreements, and reimbursement claims to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for construction, maintenance and administration of the trail.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board Chair and/or the County Auditor are authorized to sign all easements, licenses, or other instruments associated with the trail, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this resolution is contingent upon the Quad Cities ATV Club being individually named as an insured on the general liability policy covering St. Louis County sponsored State Grant-in-Aid Trails, and the club naming the landowners over whose lands the trails travel as additional insureds on the general liability policy.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-347

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Confidential Public Employees Association (CPEA) collective bargaining agreement expired December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County and CPEA reached agreement on terms of a new collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2023-2025 Confidential Public Employees Association contract is ratified, and county officials are authorized to execute the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 61979.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-348

RESOLVED, That the Unrepresented Employees Compensation Plan document update is approved, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 61980.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That salary ranges for employees covered under the Unrepresented Employees Compensation Plan have been updated to reflect increases of: 3.00% effective December 17, 2022; 3.00% effective December 16, 2023, and 3.00% effective December 14, 2024; in addition, a one-time cash payment of \$400 is approved for employees in 2023 upon implementation of the updated salary ranges.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-349

RESOLVED, That the Management Compensation Plan document update is approved, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 61981.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the amended post-retirement health care savings plan policy covering appointed department heads and managers under the Management Compensation Plan is approved, a copy of which is on file in County Board File No. 61981.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That salary ranges for employees and officials covered under the Management Compensation Plan have been updated to reflect increases of: 3.00% effective December 17, 2022; 3.00% effective December 16, 2023, and 3.00% effective December 14, 2024; in addition, a one-time cash payment of \$400 is approved for employees in 2023 upon implementation of the updated salary ranges.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-350

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power desires to plat existing lease lots in the Township of Fredenberg; and

WHEREAS, All lots conform to lot of record standards of St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 and Subdivision Ordinance 60; and

WHEREAS, The final application and plat have been submitted pursuant to and in accordance with the County Lease Lot of Record Subdivision Plat procedure, and conform with the platting and recording requirements set forth by St. Louis County Subdivision Ordinance 60 and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance 61.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to the plat of Apple Lake Estates, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11, Township 52 North, Range 15 West (Fredenberg).

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-351

WHEREAS, Minnesota Power desires to plat existing lease lots in the Township of Gnesen; and

WHEREAS, The final application and plat have been submitted pursuant to and in accordance with the County Lease Lot of Record Subdivision Plat procedure, and conform with the platting and recording requirements set forth by St. Louis County Subdivision Ordinance 60 and Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance 61; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Gnesen held a public hearing on March 08, 2023, to solicit public input on the proposed plat and considered township input and public testimony.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board grants final approval to the plat of Carey Cove, Sections 31 & 32, Township 53N, Range 14W (Gnesen).

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-352

WHEREAS, Robert S. Kovatovich has offered a gift of land to St. Louis County, legally described as:

Legal: LOT 27, BLOCK 2, NORTONS STEEL PLANT DIVISION OF DULUTH

Parcel ID No: 010-3540-00620; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 465.03 provides that the county may accept a grant or devise of real property, with or without conditions, upon passage of a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the County Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts the donation of land identified herein and authorizes the appropriate county officials to take all steps necessary to effect final execution and recording of the transfer.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-353

WHEREAS, Kathleen C. Murphy has offered a gift of land to St. Louis County, legally described as:

Legal: Undivided 1/4 interest of Govt Lot 2, Section 4, Township 62 North,

Range 14 West

Parcel ID No: 317-0010-00501

AND

Legal: Undivided 1/4 interest of Govt Lot 3, Section 4, Township 62 North,

Range 14 West

Parcel ID No: 317-0010-00531; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 465.03 provides that the county may accept a grant or devise of real property, with or without conditions, upon passage of a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the County Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board accepts the donation of land identified herein and authorizes the appropriate county officials to take all steps necessary to effect final execution and recording of the transfer.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-354

RESOLVED, That the appraisal reports for the sale of timber to be offered at DECORATIVE PRODUCTS SEALED BID AUCTION, Tracts 1 through 12 (totaling \$67,052.00), as submitted by the Land Commissioner, on file in the office of the County Auditor, identified as County Board File No. 61859, are approved and the County Auditor is authorized to carry out the recommendations as listed in said appraisal reports.

Adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-355

BY COMMISSIONER GRIMM:

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at the Halden Town Hall, Floodwood, MN, to receive comment and consider the amendment of the Fee Schedule for various St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center services for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board previously adopted the 2023 Fee Schedule via Resolution No. 22-596 and the amended 2023 Fee Schedule via Resolution No. 23-96; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (The Depot) staff is proposing to amend the Fee Schedule to align with planned activities at the Depot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the amended 2023 Fee Schedule to include additional fees with regard to the Depot Theatre and its equipment usage.

Unanimously adopted June 27, 2023. No. 23-356

At 10:05 a.m., June 27, 2023, Commissioner Musc to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; six y	
	Patrick Boyle, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners
Attest:	
Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners	
(Seal of the County Auditor)	

ST. LOUIS COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION FOR THE ASSESSMENT YEAR OF 2023 PAYABLE 2024

The meeting of the 2023 St. Louis County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization (the "Board") was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in the Liz Prebich Conference Room, Government Services Center (GSC), Virginia, MN, by Phil Chapman, Deputy County Auditor/Clerk of County Board. By Resolution No. 23-302, adopted June 6, 2023, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners appointed the following members to serve on the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; roll call was taken:

John Vigen	District 1, present
Nathanael DeLoach	District 2, present
Sherri Puckett	District 3, present
Leonard Cersine	District 4, absent
Tim Peterson	District 5, present
Dawn Cole	District 6, present
Frank Bigelow	District 7, present

The oath of office was administered to each member present by Deputy Auditor Chapman.

Deputy Auditor Chapman asked for nominations for Chair of the 2023 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. Vigen/Cole nominated Tim Peterson for Chair; no other nominations were received. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to close nominations and declare Tim Peterson Chair by unanimous ballot. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Deputy Auditor Chapman asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the 2023 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. Bigelow/DeLoach nominated John Vigen for Vice-Chair; no other nominations were received. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to close nominations and declare John Vigen Vice-Chair by unanimous ballot. (6-0, Cersine absent)

County Assessor David Sipila was present for all meetings of the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Hearing appeals start time: 10:02 a.m.

Case No. 23-01, Gary & Mary Morgan, 116 N. Sherwood Forest Dr., Gilbert, MN, appealing parcel 060-0111-00020. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to increase the building value by \$4,100, bringing the total assessment to \$285,800. The appellant disagreed with the assessment because the property has no curb and gutter, flooding issues, and the property was previously used as a dump for concrete, steel rail, and re-rod. After further discussion, Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-38, Frederick K Reichel, 7361 Oak Narrows Rd., Cook, MN, appealing parcels 387-0307-00320 & 387-0307-00300. The appellants provided the Board with handouts and disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$1,073,000 because they are allowing a portion of their property to be used for a snowmobile/all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trail. Mr. & Mrs. Reichel commented that they allow use of their land for the trail due to public safety. Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation; motion failed. (3-3, Vigen, DeLoach, Peterson Vigen yeah; Puckett, Cole, Bigelow nay; Cersine absent). After further discussion, Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (4-2, Bigelow, Cole nay, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-56, James & Deborah Plutt, 9622 Yukon Circle, Bloomington, MN, appealing parcel 642-0082-00090. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$30,700. The Assessor recommended a land value reduction of \$27,000 due to a change in lake frontage grading and a building value reduction of \$3,700 due to changes to the residential structure including removal of basement finish, changing the gas fireplace to wood, number of stories, and the addition of a deck to the record. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$322,000. Bigelow/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Frank Bigelow exited the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Case No. 23-57, Mary & Larry Riley, 5848 Residence Club Lane, Biwabik, MN, appealing parcel 015-0061-00180. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$34,600. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$34,600 due to changes to the property record including correction of the bath count from 2.75 to 4, a small sauna was added, the amount of basement finish was updated, and a dimensional error on the main house was corrected. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$378,700. DeLoach/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Bigelow, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-14, James Henneberry, 26900 Baker Park Place, Sioux Falls, SD, appealing parcel 387-0035-04592. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$46,100. The Assessor recommended a land value reduction of \$46,100 due to adjustments to the quality of frontage and a bog adjustment applied to the swamp frontage. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$157,600. Puckett/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Bigelow, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-20, Rodney Aho, 2530 Birch Point Rd., Tower, MN, appealing parcel 387-0075-00400. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$63,800. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$63,800 due to adjustments for the added basement finish area, added gas fireplace, change to the foundation type on a 12 x 12 section, and an adjustment to the house over garage structure for story height. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$569,600. DeLoach/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Bigelow, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-54, Robert Nussear, 229 1st St. SW, Cook, MN, appealing parcel 120-0010-00260. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$10,100. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$10,100 due to adjustments for the bath count, effective age, new covered porch, and leaking roofing. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$89,300. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Bigelow, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-24, James & Amber Bretto, 114 Highland Dr., Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 140-0107-01025. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$71,400. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$71,400 due to adjustments for the quality of construction, square footage of a three-season porch, and quality and square footage of the basement finish. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$397,700. Cole/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Bigelow, Cersine absent)

The Board recessed at 11:12 a.m. At 11:26 a.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Frank Bigelow and Len Cersine.

Case No. 23-47, David Sandstrom, 3747 Highway 5, Hibbing, MN, appealing parcels 425-0010-01210, 425-0010-01221, 425-0010-01205 & 425-0010-01255. The appellant provided the Board a handout and commented that the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$157,200 was too high because of lack of access to the

property. The Assessor had recommended a land value reduction of \$27,100. The Assessor noted that a 30% land value reduction was applied because the property is landlocked with no road access. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$157,200. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (4-1, DeLoach nay; Bigelow, Cersine absent)

The Board recessed at 11:44 a.m. At 1:01 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Frank Bigelow, Len Cersine and Sherri Puckett.

Case No. 23-13, Thomas & Laura Blackwell, 8154 Norwegian Bay S., Cook, MN, appealing parcels 698-0040-00530, 698-0040-00560 & 698-0040-00520. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$214,700. The Assessor noted that the appellants scheduled an appointment to appear in-person before the Board; however, they did not appear, and the appellants refused entry to allow an interior inspection of the property. Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$214,700. (4-0, Bigelow, Cersine, Puckett, absent)

Case No. 23-41, Wanda Palo, 7544 Werner Rd., Wuori, MN, appealing parcel 580-0010-01535. The appellant disagreed with the removal of the Agricultural property tax classification. The appellant argued that there are other qualifications besides cattle that meet the requirements for the property to be classified as Agricultural. The Assessor noted that the appellant has not provided proper documentation or receipts for the property to remain classified as Agricultural. After further discussion, Peterson/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation to remove the Agricultural property tax classification. (3-1, Vigen nay; Bigelow, Cersine, Puckett absent)

The Board recessed at 1:40 p.m. At 1:45 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Frank Bigelow, Len Cersine, and Sherri Puckett.

Case No. 23-74, Mark Phaneuf, 5475 Jade Ln., Mountain Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0130-00290. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$528,000 due to the unfinished condition of the home. Frank Bigelow returned to the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Peterson/DeLoach moved to change the quality of the interior finish from above average to average. The adjustment resulted in a building value reduction of \$43,000, bringing the total assessed value to \$485,000. (4-1, Cole nay; Cersine, Puckett absent) Dawn Cole temporarily exited the meeting from 2:14 p.m. to 2:17 p.m.

Case No. 23-49, Duluth Grand, LLC c/o City of Duluth, 411 W. 1st St., Duluth MN, appealing parcel 010-0000-12402. Mark Bauer, appearing on behalf of the City of Duluth, said the parcel they are appealing is the Sheraton Duluth Hotel lease interest portion of the parking ramp. The appellant provided the Board with an appraisal report that valued the entire parking ramp \$3,550,000 and commented that a fair valuation would be in the \$7 million range. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's valuation of \$2,252,700 for parcel 010-0000-12402. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-18, John L. Roskoski, 5409 North Court, Mountain Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0010-02500. Edmund Roskoski, appearing on behalf of John Roskoski, disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$47,900. Mr. Roskoski asked that the property should be valued at \$40,400 due to the overall condition of the property and comparable sales in the area. Mr. Roskoski provided the Board with a handout that detailed comparable sales. Cole/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$47,900. (4-1, Vigen nay; Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-19, John Roskoski, 5409 North Court, Mountain Iron, MN, appealing parcel 175-0012-00150. Edmund Roskoski appeared on behalf of John Roskoski. Parcels 175-0012-00150, 175-0012-00160, and 175-0069-00900 were included in the Assessor's report to the Board because they are contiguous properties. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$800. The Assessor

recommended a building value reduction of \$800 due to the removal of the value of the 10x16 deck which has rotted beyond use. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$175,600 and commented that the property value should be lowered due the overall condition of the property. Mr. Roskoski provided the Board with a handout that detailed comparable sales in the area, an Appraisal of Real Property dated May 26, 2015, and documented building issues. Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$175,600. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-34, John & Sheila Colosimo, 307 13th St. N., Virginia, MN, appealing parcel 090-0071-00140. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$479,900 due to comparable sales in the area. After discussion, Peterson/Bigelow moved to reduce building value by 10% due to the quality of interior finishes. The adjustment resulted in a building value reduction of \$48,000, bringing the total assessed value to \$431,900. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-21, Terry & Carol Welander, 325 8th St. NW, Chisholm, MN, appealing parcel 020-0150-05870. The appellant disagreed with the Assessor's recommended assessment of \$185,400. The appellants questioned the legality of the process, specifically increases relating to the inflation rate and unrealized taxable gains. In addition, the appellants stated that they should be excluded from the process since they own private property. The Assessor noted that the appellant refused to allow an interior inspection of the property. Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-33, Michael Erjavec, 7547 N. Airport Dr., Eveleth, MN, appealing parcels 340-0010-02030, 340-0010-01960, 340-0010-02010, 340-0010-02700, 340-0010-02710, 340-0010-01872, 340-0010-01875 & 340-0010-01879. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$544,600 due to the land quality. After further discussion, Vigen/DeLoach moved to reduce land value for parcels 340-0010-02030, 340-0010-01960 & 340-0010-02710 by 10% to account for a high-pressure gas line that runs across the parcels. The adjustment resulted in a land value reduction of \$22,400, bringing the total assessed value to \$522,200. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

The Board recessed at 4:46 p.m. At 4:53 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Frank Bigelow. Len Cersine and Sherri Puckett.

Case No. 23-55, Robert Holmbeck, 3233 Anderson Rd., Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 141-0040-01880. Parcels 141-0040-02070, 141-0040-02100 & 141-0040-01880 were included in the Assessor's report to the Board because they are contiguous properties. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$382,600 because the land condition does not allow access to parcel 141-0040-01800 from the other parcels the appellant owns. Frank Bigelow entered the meeting at 4:56 p.m. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$382,600 because the properties are valued as a contiguous property. (4-1, Bigelow nay; Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-51, William & Yvonne Partyka, 5340 Twin Lakes Loop 4, Aurora, MN, appealing parcels 570-0012-00011 & 570-0012-00230. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to increase building value by \$7,300, bringing the total assessment to \$356,600. The adjustment was due to the addition of a 10 x 30 deck to the CAMA record. The appellant disagreed with the total assessment because of drainage and flooding issues prevent access to the property for 2-3 weeks during spring. Vigen/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$356,600. (4-1, Bigelow nay; Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-50, Scott Hautala, 3230 Anderson Rd., Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 141-0040-02030. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to increase building value by \$22,700, bringing the total assessment to \$491,800. The adjustment was due to corrections on the assessment record to change the bathroom count from 2 to 2.75, change basement finished square feet from 1,008 to 1,240 and the addition of an average quality sauna room. The appellant provided the Board with an appraisal report that valued the property

at \$379,000. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to accept the appellant's appraisal valuation of \$379,000. Board members noted there was not a time adjustment on the appraisal. After further discussion, the motion was amended to apply an 8% time adjustment to the appellants appraisal. The adjustment resulted in a reduction in building value of \$82,500, bringing the total adjustment to \$409,300. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-80, Russ Huseby, 4133 County Rd. 77, Tower, MN, appealing parcel 387-0010-01043. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$198,300 because the parcel was valued too high for an empty lot with no buildings. Peterson/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$198,300. (3-2, Bigelow, DeLoach nay; Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-59, Christopher & Terry McCabe, 205 Ore Be Gone Ct., Gilbert, MN, appealing parcel 060-0110-00090. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$381,000 because the property is valued higher than other comparable properties, lack of a basement, and no out-buildings on the property. Cole/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$381,000. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

The Board recessed at 6:25 p.m. At 6:28 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Len Cersine and Sherri Puckett.

Case No. 23-06, Andrew Larson, 6492 Long Lake Rd., Makinen, MN, appealing parcels 676-0010-01415 & 676-0010-01416. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$12,400. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$12,300 and a land reduction of \$100. The adjustments were due to corrections to the foundation type, batch count, HVAC type, a new porch, barn size and corrections to the primary and contiguous parcel. The reductions resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$329,600. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-48, Curt Miles, Loyal Loon Properties LLC, 204 Seridan St. E., Ely, MN, appealing parcels 030-0010-00750, 030-0010-00930, 030-0260-01040, 030-0260-01160 & 030-0370-01650. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendations. Parcel 030-0010-00750, no change to the valuation of \$116,400. Parcel 030-0010-00930, decrease in building valuation of \$31,500, bringing the total assessment to \$157,500; the adjustment was due to building condition and deferred maintenance. Parcel 030-0260-01040, decrease in building valuation of \$15,300, bringing the total assessment to \$126,100; the adjustment was due to unfinished construction and deferred maintenance. Parcel 030-0260-01160, decrease in building valuation of \$10,800, bringing the total assessment to \$83,400; the adjustment was due to foundation issues. Parcel 030-0370-01650, decrease in building valuation of \$11,900, bringing the total assessment to \$87,900; the adjustment was due to removal of assumed new construction and deferred maintenance. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendations. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-26, Robert Tisovich, 1012 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN, appealing parcels 465-0080-00060 & 465-0080-00080. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$514,900. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-61, Holly & Steve Miller, 12474 Old Hwy. 169, Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 141-0050-05290. Frank Bigelow recused himself from discussion and voting. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to increase building value by \$35,400 and reduce land value by \$2,500, bringing the total assessment to \$258,500 because comparable sales used by the Assessor excluded sales next to her property and due to various building issues. Cole/DeLoach moved to keep the current assessment of value at \$225,600. (3-1, Vigen nay, Bigelow abstention; Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-42, Robin & Irene Vora, 1679 Daphne Ct., Bend, OR, appealing parcel 465-0208-00040. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$441,100. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-43, Gerri Anne Koskinen, 9 Harvey St. E., Ely, MN, appealing parcel 030-0010-02510. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$126,400. Bigelow/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-76, Michael & Nancy Magnine, 5376 Bear Creek Dr., Ely, MN, appealing parcels 665-0040-00220 & 665-0040-00210. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$150,400. Frank Bigelow temporarily exited the meeting from 7:02 p.m. to 7:04 p.m. DeLoach/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment. (4-0, Bigelow, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-68, Kelly Howard, 427 7th St. NW, Chisholm, MN, appealing parcel 020-0150-04450. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$38,600. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$38,600 due to adjustment to overall quality and condition of the residence and substantial cracking and heaving of the basement block. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$61,000. DeLoach/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

Case No. 23-15, William Galatz, 529 5th St., NE, Chisholm, MN, appealing parcel 020-0120-00730. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$8,200. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$8,200 due to adjustments to the overall condition of the residence and detached garage, and a reduction to the quality of the upper level and basement foundation. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$54,100. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, Puckett absent)

At 7:09 p.m. Chair Tim Peterson recessed the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. the County Board of Appeal and Equalization reconvened in the St. Louis River Room, Government Services Center (GSC), Duluth, MN. The following members were present: John Vigen, Nathanael DeLoach, Sherri Puckett, Frank Bigelow, and Chair Tim Peterson - 5. Absent: Leonard Cersine and Dawn Cole - 2.

Case No. 23-23, Mary Tyminski, 22 10th St. NW, Chisolm, MN, appealing parcel 020-0190-02400. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to increase the building value by \$8,400, bringing the total assessment to \$146,900. The appellant disagreed with the assessment due to the age and condition of the home and the condition of her neighbor's property. The Assessor commented that the adjustment to the building value was due to corrections to the assessment record including changing the exterior finish to vinyl, adjustments to the finished basement square footage, addition of a mini-split air conditioning unit, and age of the home. Dawn Cole entered the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$146,900. (2-3, Puckett, Vigen yeah; Bigelow, DeLoach, Peterson, nay; Cole abstention, Cersine absent) After further discussion, Bigelow/DeLoach moved to keep the assessment at \$138,500. (4-1, Vigen nay, Cole abstention, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-25, Saginaw Properties LLC, 7427 Seville Rd., Ste. 101, Saginaw, MN, appealing parcel 400-0010-06090. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$1,442,600. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$1,442,600 due to the actual income, expenses, and vacancy of the property. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$1,950,000. The appellant stated that they have invested over \$1 million in the property and questioned where their taxes were going and what they would receive from the county in return. The Board recommended that they contact their

County Commissioner; Deputy Auditor Chapman suggested that the appellant attend the county Truth in Taxation meetings. Peterson/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-45, Greg Billman, GMP Living, Inc., 5010 Miller Trunk Highway, Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 395-0010-03010, 395-0010-03011, 395-0010-03012, 395-0010-03014, 395-0010-03017, 395-0010-03018, 395-0010-03019 & 395-0010-03037. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended total assessment of \$10,076,300. The appellant said there are limited comparable properties because they operate in a specialized market and requested that valuation be determined using B- rental rates. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation of value. After the motion was made, Tim Peterson stated that he would recuse himself from the vote. Motion failed. (2-3, Puckett, Vigen yeah; Bigelow, Cole, DeLoach nay; Peterson abstention, Cersine absent) After further discussion, DeLoach/Cole moved to reduce total building value of all parcels by \$912,700, bringing the total assessment to \$9,163,600. Adjustments were made to the following parcels: 395-0010-03010, decrease in building value of \$123,100, total assessment of \$1,235,500; 395-0010-03011, decrease in building value of \$123,100, total assessment of \$1,235,500; 395-0010-03012, decrease in building value of \$174,300, total assessment of \$1,750,400; 395-0010-03014, decrease in building value of \$184,600, total assessment of \$1,853,300; 395-0010-03017, decrease in building value of \$123,100, total assessment of \$1,235,500; 395-0010-03018, decrease in building value of \$61,500, total assessment of \$617,800; 395-0010-03019, decrease in building value of \$61,500, total assessment of \$617,800; 395-0010-03037, decrease in building value of \$61,500, total assessment of \$617,800. Motion passed. (3-2, Bigelow, Cole, DeLoach yeah; Puckett, Vigen nay; Peterson abstention, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-52, Ray McClelland, 4766 Rice Lake Rd., Duluth MN, appealing parcels 010-2710-01770 & 010-2710-01772. The appellant disagreed with the Assessor's recommended assessment of \$47,500 because the parcels are in airport safety zone A and are unbuildable. Vigen/Puckett moved to reduce the total land value of both parcels by \$38,800, bringing the total assessment of both parcels to \$8,700. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-64, James Rich, 5094 Balsam Ave., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 305-0040-00140. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$23,200. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$17,200 due to changes to the interior finish and heat of the garage was removed and recommended a land value reduction of \$6,000 due to corrections to the quality of frontage. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$151,900. Bigelow/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-53, Meghan Jonas, 2318 W. 11th St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-2110-07200. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to decrease building value by \$4,100 and the total assessment to \$176,200 because the comparable properties used by the assessor were from different neighborhoods. After discussion, DeLoach/Puckett moved to reduce building value by \$6,200, bringing the total assessment to \$170,000. (5-1, Vigen nay, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-82, Allen Anderson, 2273 South Branch Trail, Makinen, MN, appealing parcel 641-0080-00100. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$222,500 due deteriorating condition of the home and the lack of police protection in the area. Peterson/DeLoach moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

The Board recessed at 12:37 p.m. At 12:47 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Frank Bigelow, Len Cersine and Dawn Cole.

Case No. 23-81, Duane & Barbara Kyrola, Caribou Lake Rd., Grand Lake, MN, appealing parcels 380-0022-00010, 380-0022-00020, 380-0022-00030, 380-0022-00040, 380-0022-00050, 380-022-00060, 380-0022-00070, 380-0022-00080, 380-0022-00090 & 380-0022-00100. Dawn Cole returned to the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Frank Bigelow returned to the meeting at 12:58 p.m. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended

assessment of \$384,600 because the parcels are part of the American Dream Plat and the appellant thought there would not be increases in value as part of the plat deferral program. DeLoach/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-05, Larry Stingl, 2110 W. 12th St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 365-0010-02305. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$57,100. The appellant asked for a reduction in land quality because only 8 acres of the land is good, and the rest of the parcel is swamp. Puckett/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (6-0, Cersine absent)

The Board recessed at 1:10 p.m. At 2:04 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Len Cersine.

Case No. 23-78, Paul & Brenda Roue, 5526 Loop 50A, Aurora, MN, appealing parcel 570-0022-00124. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$245,500. The appellant asked for a reduction in valuation because the property value using the old methodology was \$157,400; the facility does not have electric, monitoring, and is not gated. The assessor commented that the assessment is based on market derived data supplied by market participants. The Board questioned the number and sizes of the storage units; the assessor noted that the appellant has not returned their questionnaire. Peterson/Puckett moved to table the discussion to allow the assessor to re-calculate valuation based on the correct number and sizes of the storage units. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-62, Allete, Inc., 30 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 365-0010-00020, 365-0010-00060, 365-0010-00070, 365-0010-00080, 365-0010-00090, 365-0010-00100, 365-0010-00110, 365-0010-00120, 365-0010-00150, 365-0010-00210, 365-0010-00270, 365-0010-00290, 365-0010-00300, 365-0010-00310, 365-0010-00390, 365-0010-00460, 365-0010-00590, 365-0010-01410, 365-0010-01690, 365-0010-01700, 365-0010-01710, 365-0010-01730, 365-0010-01750, 365-0010-01760, 365-0010-01780, 365-0010-01790, 365-0010-01810, 365-0010-01850, 365-0010-01890, 365-0010-02050, 365-0010-02070, 365-0010- $02360,\ 365-0010-02410,\ 365-0010-02420,\ 365-0010-02430,\ 365-0010-04740,\ 365-0010-04820,\ 365-0010-02430,\ 365-0010-04740,\ 365-0010-0482$ 04880, 365-0010-05010, 365-0010-05110, 365-0010-05130, 365-0010-05170, 365-0010-05330, 365-0010-05350, 365-0010-05360, 365-0010-05540, 365-0010-06290, 641-0010-00700, 642-0010-01470, 642-0010-02460, 642-0010-02480, 642-0010-02540, 642-0010-02550, 642-0010-02670, 642-0010-02690, 642-0010-02710, 642-0010-02760, 642-0010-02780, 642-0010-02820, 642-0010-02860, 642-0010-02880, 642-0010-03040, 642-0010-03100, 642-0010-03150, 642-0010-03170, 642-0010-03250, 642-0010-03320, 642-0010-03340, 642-0010-03380, 642-0010-03390, 642-0010-03480, 642-0010-03500, 642-0010-05000, 642-0010-05020, 642-0010-05050, 642-0010-05070, 642-0010-05110, 642-0010-05150, 642-0010-05420, 642-0010-05440, 642-0010-05560, 642-0010-05630, 660-0010-02030, 660-0010-03590, 660-0010-03930, 660-0010-05360, 660-0010-05400, 660-0010-05550 & 660-0010-05710. Sean Worthington, appearing on behalf of MN Power/Allete, Inc. disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce value by \$1,439,800, bringing the total assessment to \$7,868,200. The appellant requested that parcels with acreage below the ordinary high water be valued at a base value of \$100 per parcel, the same way as values placed on underwater lots located on Whitewater Lake. The Assessor commented that the parcels being appealed are being used as water storage for hydro power and should be valued at \$100 per acre; the overall reduction of \$1,439,800 is the combined value of the adjustments to the parcels appealed. After further discussion, Vigen/DeLoach moved to accept the county recommendation to reduce overall value by \$1,439,800, bringing the total assessment to \$7,868,200. The following parcels were adjusted: 365-0010-00460, value decreased by \$200, total value \$371,700; 365-0010-01890, value increased by \$14,900, total value \$190,700; 365-0010-04880, value decreased by \$38,600, total value \$107,000; 641-0010-00700, value decreased by \$400, total value \$5,600; 641-0010-00840, value decreased by \$222,200, total value \$415,800; 642-0010-02540, value decreased by \$2,000, total value \$0; 642-0010-02760, value increased by \$100, total value \$3,700; 642-0010-02780, value decreased by \$100, total value \$38,300; 642-0010-05440, value decreased by \$100, total value \$4,900, 642-0010-05560, value decreased by \$4,700, total value \$2,900; 660-0010-05360, value decreased by \$17,600, total value \$255,800; 660-001005400, value decreased by \$94,700, total value \$656,500; 660-0010-05710, value decreased by \$1,074,200, total value \$3,300. Motion passed. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-04, Allete., Inc., 30 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 365-6000-45705, 365-6000-45710, 365-6000-45715, 365-0041-00030, 365-0041-00050, 642-0082-00210, 642-0081-00060, 642-0081-00070 & 641-0080-00070. Debra Kellner, appearing on behalf of MN Power/Allete, Inc. disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce value by \$57,200, bringing the total assessment to \$3,325,600. The appellant said the parcels being appealed have been identified as Environmentally Sensitive and are subject to Minnesota Power's Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) and have restricted use. In response to the county proposing a 5% reduction in value, the appellant proposed a 60% reduction in value based on the parcels being identified as Environmentally Sensitive. After further discussion, Vigen/Cole moved to reduce land values on the lots by 15% resulting in a reduction in land value of \$215,300, bringing the total assessment to \$3,167,500. The following parcels were adjusted: 365-6000-45705, land value decreased by \$19,700, total value \$674,700; 365-6000-45710, land value decreased by \$25,100, total value \$249,300; 365-6000-45715, land value decreased by \$22,900, total value \$293,200, 365-0041-00030, land value decreased by \$20,200, total value \$532,700; 365-0041-00050, land value decreased by \$26,100, total value \$651,800; 642-0082-00210, land value decreased by \$72,000, total value \$255,000; 642-0081-00060, land value decreased by \$16,000, total value \$264,800; 642-0081-00070, land value decreased by \$12,800, total value \$243,100; 641-0080-00070, land value decreased by \$500, total value \$2,900. Motion passed. (6-0, Cersine absent)

Case No. 23-11, Ronald Peterson, 9341 Amsden Way, Eden Prairie, MN, appealing parcel 642-0082-00210. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$44,700. The Assessor recommended a land value reduction of \$59,600 because of functionality, shape, and depth of the parcel and a building value increase of \$14,900 due to inspection adjustments. The appellant thought the reduction should be higher because the county applied a standard formula to a non-standard lot. The Board noted that this parcel was included as part of Case No. 23-04 and a 5% reduction has already been applied. After further discussion, DeLoach/Bigelow moved to reduce land value by an additional \$12,400 and to accept the assessor's recommended building value increase of \$14,900, bringing the total assessment to \$269,900. (5-1, Cole nay, Cersine absent)

The Board recessed at 3:54 p.m. At 4:06 p.m., the Board reconvened with all members present except Len Cersine, Dawn Cole, and Nathanael DeLoach.

Case No. 23-78 (appeal previously tabled) Paul & Brenda Roue, 5526 Loop 50A, Aurora, MN, appealing parcel 570-0022-00124. The assessor commented that a calculation was performed based on the information provided by the appellant and the valuation amounted to \$257,200; the assessor recommended an assessment of \$245,500. Dawn Cole returned to the meeting at 4:12 p.m. After further discussion, Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-46, Katie & Timothy Carter, 5765 Munger Shaw Rd Saginaw, MN, appealing parcel 380-0010-00700. The Assessor recommended to decrease building value by \$37,600 due unfinished interior work and corrections to the property record, bringing the total assessment to \$414,100 The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation because she stated that the county is valuing land at the incorrect rate. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (4-1, Bigelow nay; Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-03, Peter Jackson, 3874 Berg Rd., Hibbing, MN, appealing parcel 141-0020-03250. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$19,800. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$8,100 due to corrections in the amount of square footage of basement finishing and a land value reduction in the amount of \$11,700 due to an adjustment to the quality of land. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$335,700. Peterson/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-71, John Erspamer & Marcia Poutous, 534 Spruce St., Aspen, CO., appealing parcel 370-0010-03045. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$365,500. The appellant refused entry to allow an interior inspection of the property. Peterson/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$365,500. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-69, Lois Niemi, 7036 Pagendopf Rd., Maple Plain, MN, appealing parcel 713-0015-00440. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$2,500. The Assessor recommended a land value reduction of \$2,500 due to a change in use of a septic tank to a holding tank. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$264,100. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-72, Michael Sandnas, 513 Jackson St., Eveleth, MN, appealing parcel 040-0030-01440. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$76,200. The appellant refused entry to allow an interior inspection of the property. Vigen/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$76,200. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-77, Mark St. Vincent, 10850 Dearden Circle, Orlando, FL, appealing parcel 250-0054-00050. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$649,000. The Board noted that this was a letter appeal and the appellant had included an appraisal of value from 1992. Vigen/Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-73, Elaine Segan, 706 2nd Ave. NE, Chisholm, MN, appealing parcel 020-0160-03190. The appellant disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$427,800. Vigen/Cole moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-40, Blake Austin, 301 101st Ave. W., Duluth, MN, appealing parcels 010-3430-03680, 010-3430-03640, 010-3430-03650, 010-3430-03660 & 010-3430-03670. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$28,300. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$28,300 due to the removal of a hot tub, and a 10% reduction to the value of the house due to a functional issue with the layout. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$286,600. Bigelow/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-35, Gary Kubazewski, 5279 Ugstad Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 280-0013-00960. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$244,100. The appellant refused entry to allow an interior inspection of the property. Bigelow/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$244,100. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-22, Catherine Rackliffe, 5037 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 280-0015-00275. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$20,300. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$20,300 due an adjustment for the layout/design of the home and the condition of the deck and patio. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$358,300. Puckett/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-63, Jeffery Jezierski, 5092 McComber Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 280-6000-22420. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$35,800. The Assessor recommended a land value reduction of \$35,800 due to adjustments in land attributes and quality. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$193,500. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-58, Joseph & Cynthia Giesen, 1310 Annie Dr., Cotton, MN, appealing parcel 320-0033-00090. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$42,800. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$42,800 due to adjustments to the condition and effective age of the house. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$329,400. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-65, Darin & David Christenson, 110 Halsey Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN, appealing parcel 320-0020-03770. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$43,900. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$43,900 due to quality of construction and interior finish of the new cabin. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$144,200. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-60, Gerald & Jean Fitzsimmons, 4029 W. Tischer Rd., Rice Lake, MN, appealing parcel 520-0016-00522. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$4,500. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$4,500 due to condition of the residence. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$114,800. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-31, Daniel Jazdzewski, 4039 Fiskett Rd., Rice Lake, Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 520-0016-00252. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$393,000. Vigen/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment of \$393,000. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-44, Mary H Jordan, 209 N. 21st Ave. E., Duluth MN, appealing parcels 315-0010-02140 & 315-0010-02030. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$96,900. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$90,400 due to condition and deferred maintenance issues of the dwelling and lowering of the condition of the garage and barn; land value was decreased by \$6,500 because the site value was reduced. The reductions resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$269,200. Peterson/Puckett moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-36, Matthew and Stephanie Jahn, 3339 Lindahl Rd., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 450-0010-00763. The appellants disagreed with the assessor's recommended assessment of \$453,000. Cole/Bigelow moved to accept the assessor's recommended assessment. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Case No. 23-39, Richard Rodenwald, 117 S 60th Ave. W., Duluth, MN, appealing parcel 010-4500-02720. The appellant agreed with the assessor's recommendation to reduce total value by \$31,400. The Assessor recommended a building value reduction of \$31,400 due the class code being changed from single-family residence to duplex improvement. The reduction resulted in a recommended total assessment of \$125,700. Bigelow/Vigen moved to accept the assessor's recommendation. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a list of appellants who agreed no change was required and withdrew their appeal. Vigen/Bigelow moved to approve the list as presented. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

County Assessor Dave Sipila presented a spreadsheet of current year administrative changes. Bigelow/Vigen moved to approve the list as presented. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

With no further appeals to consider, Bigelow/Vigen moved to approve the following resolution:

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That the assessment rolls from the several assessment districts of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, for the year 2023, to-wit: Cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Brookston, Buhl, Chisholm, Cook,

Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Floodwood, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction, Kinney, Leonidas, McKinley, Meadowlands, Mountain Iron, Orr, Proctor, Rice Lake, Tower, Virginia, and Winton; and Towns of Alango, Alborn, Alden, Angora, Arrowhead, Ault, Balkan, Bassett, Beatty, Biwabik, Breitung, Brevator, Camp 5, Canosia, Cedar Valley, Cherry, Clinton, Colvin, Cotton, Crane Lake, Culver, Duluth, Eagle's Nest, Ellsburg, Elmer, Embarrass, Fayal, Fairbanks, Field, Fine Lakes, Floodwood, Fredenberg, French, Gnesen, Grand Lake, Great Scott, Greenwood, Halden, Industrial, Kabetogama, Kelsey, Kugler, Lakewood, Lavell, Leiding, Linden Grove, McDavitt, Meadowlands, Midway, Morcom, Morse, Ness, New Independence, Normanna, North Star, Northland, Owens, Pequaywan, Pike, Portage, Prairie Lake, Sandy, Solway, Stoney Brook, Sturgeon, Toivola, Van Buren, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Willow Valley, Wuori and all the Unorganized Towns, as returned by the respective assessors and local Boards of Review, are hereby ordered placed upon the tax lists by the County for the year 2023.

YEAS:

Vigen, Puckett, Cole, Bigelow, and Chair Peterson - 5

NAYS:

None - 0

ABSENT:

Cersine and DeLoach - 2

At 5:31 p.m., June 22, 2023, Bigelow/Peterson moved to adjourn the 2023 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. (5-0, Cersine, DeLoach absent)

Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board