



*Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners*

St. Louis County, Minnesota

Adopted on: October 8, 2024 Resolution No. 24-504

Offered by Commissioner: Musolf

Public Sale of State Tax-Forfeited Properties

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

WHEREAS, The parcels described in County Board File No. 62220 have been classified as non-conservation as provided for in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282.01; and

WHEREAS, These parcels are not withdrawn from sale pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §§ 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of state tax-forfeited lands from sale; and

WHEREAS, Where approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources is required by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282, such approvals have been obtained; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 282.135 authorizes the county board to delegate to the county auditor any authority, power, or responsibility relating generally to the administration of tax-forfeited land, including developing the necessary policies and procedures to implement the sale of individual tax forfeited parcels by alternative methods as permitted by Minnesota Statutes § 282.01, subd. 4(c).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to offer the state tax-forfeited lands described in County Board File No. 62220 for sale at a public, online auction with prohibited purchaser and bidder conditions, starting at the fair market value in accordance with terms set forth in the Land and Minerals Department policy, and in a manner provided for by law. Funds from the auction are to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Commissioner Musolf moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Harala, Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Musolf, Jugovich and Chair Nelson – 7

Nays – None

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **NANCY NILSEN**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 8th day October, A.D. 2024, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 8th day of October, A.D., 2024.

NANCY NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR

By:

Clerk of the County Board/Deputy Auditor