

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MINNESOTA,  
HELD ON JUNE 4, 2024**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of St. Louis, Minnesota, met this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, at 10:01 a.m., at the St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, Minnesota, with the following members present: Commissioners Annie Harala, Patrick Boyle, Ashley Grimm, Paul McDonald, Keith Musolf, Mike Jugovich and Chair Keith Nelson - 7. Absent: None - 0.

Chair Nelson asked for a moment of silence to honor those men and women who serve and protect this great nation and for those individuals adversely affected by conflict or violence both here and abroad; followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Commissioner Harala said that Avery Hildebrand, Public Land & Outdoor Recreation Program Manager of Conservation Minnesota, spoke during this morning's public comment period regarding passage of the constitutional amendment to reauthorize the lottery dedication to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Commissioner Harala said she has a letter of support available if Commissioners are interested in signing.

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

St. Louis County Mail Ballot Notice and Procedures with Map: Notice to Voters in Mail Ballot Precincts in St. Louis County 2024 State Primary and State General Election Voting Procedures.—62177

James Foldesi, County Engineer/Public Works Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-219, Vacation of Part of County Trunk Highway No. 15 in Government Lot 2, Section 14, T52N, R15W; Grand Lake Township.—62178

Darren Jablonsky, Economic and Community Development Interim Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-233, Establish a Public Hearing on the 2024 Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding.—62179

Brian Fritsinger, Deputy Administrator, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-223, Cancel July 2, 2024 County Board Meeting.—62180

James Gottschald, Human Resources and Administration Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-224, Camp Esquagama Boundary Line Agreement.—62181

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-225, State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Permit – Ranger ATV (Bassett Township 58-13).—62182

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-226, State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Permit – Voyageur Country

ATV (Camp 5 Township 66-19).—62183

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-227, Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way – Yard, Garden, Dock, Parking and Miscellaneous Leases on State Tax-Forfeited Land.—62184

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, and Nancy Nilsen, County Auditor/Treasurer, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-228, State Tax-Forfeited Land Use Lease – Maki.—62185

Julie Marinucci, Land & Minerals Director, submitting Request for Board Action No. 24-236, Support of Boulder Lake Management Area and Environmental Learning Center.—62186

Avery Hildebrand, Public Land & Outdoor Recreation Program Manager, Conservation Minnesota, submitting a letter of support for the constitutional amendment reauthorizing the lottery dedicated to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.—62187

Upon motion by Commissioner Harala, supported by Commissioner Boyle, resolutions numbered 24-284 through 24-304, as submitted on the consent agenda, were unanimously adopted as follows:

**BY COMMISSIONER HARALA:**

RESOLVED, That the official proceedings of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of May 28, 2024, are hereby approved.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-284

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 254A.08 requires that counties provide detoxification services; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has supported detoxification and hold services from the Range Mental Health Center (RMHC) in Virginia with county funds for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Human Services will increase the contract starting June 1, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Public Health and Human Services Director to increase the contract with Range Mental Health Center for detoxification and hold services for the period June 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, payable from Fund 230, Agency 232006, Object 606000:

**Provider**

Range Mental Health Center

Civil Commitment – Court Ordered Holds

Out of County Civil and Non-Civil Commitment Holds

**2024**

\$1,060,862

\$375 per hold per day

\$375 per hold per hold per day

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-285

WHEREAS, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 100 (3rd Ave. North/Main Street), beginning at a point 0.22 mile east of MNTH 135 and ending at CSAH 110, for a total length of 1.83 miles within the City of Aurora, is programmed to be reconstructed in 2026 and is further identified as CP 0100-556174, SAP 069-700-018; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department entered into an engineering services agreement with KLJ Engineering, LLC to complete planning and preliminary engineering services to develop a

recommended layout for this project corridor; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department desires to approve an amendment under this existing engineering services agreement with KLJ Engineering, LLC to complete preliminary engineering services for a railroad crossing grade separation on CSAH 100 (Main Street).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to approve Amendment No. 1 under the existing Engineering Services Agreement, and approve any other amendments authorized by the County Attorney, with KLJ Engineering, LLC to complete preliminary engineering services for a railroad crossing grade separation on CSAH 100 (Main Street) in the City of Aurora.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this project is identified as CP 0100-556174, SAP 069-700-018. The original contract value with KLJ Engineering, LLC is \$73,448.70. The not-to-exceed fee to complete preliminary engineering services for a railroad crossing grade separation on CSAH 100 (Main Street) is \$31,117.40. The amended contract value is \$104,566.10. Payment will be made from Fund 204, Agency 204265, Object 626600.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-286

WHEREAS, William D. Bennett and Lydia M. Bennett are the owners of the following described property located in the Town of Grand Lake:

- Lots 11, 12, and 13, First Addition to Clear Water Addition. Parcel Identification Number 380-0070-00110;

TOGETHER WITH

- A part of Government Lot 2, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 16 West further identified as Parcel Identification Number 380-0020-02271; and

WHEREAS, Said property is presently encumbered by an apparent highway easement originally mapped and delineated where it then physically existed by the establishment of the plat of First Addition to Clear Water Division in 1930; said highway being identified as "County Trunk Highway No. 15"; and

WHEREAS, An investigation has determined that St. Louis County's interest in the segment of County Trunk Highway No. 15 so mapped and delineated in 1930 is not a fee interest but was occupied and maintained by St. Louis County as a public highway from 1930 until 1958 when it was relocated and realigned; and

WHEREAS, The segment of County Highway No. 15 located on the Bennett property described above is not needed for highway purposes or for access to private property; and

WHEREAS, The existence of this apparent highway easement is causing hardship to the owner in the development and enjoyment of their property; and

WHEREAS, The owners have requested that the segment of County Highway No. 15 located on their property be vacated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 163.11, subd. 4, St. Louis County hereby disclaims and extinguishes its interest in that segment of County Highway No. 15 described as follows:

All that part of County Trunk Highway No. 15, also known as the Taft Road, located in Government Lot 2, Section 14, Township 52 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Said County Trunk Highway No. 15 to be vacated lying between the Southeasterly extensions of the Southwesterly line of Lot 13, FIRST ADDITION TO CLEAR WATER DIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County, Minnesota and the Northeasterly line of Lot 11, said FIRST ADDITION TO CLEAR WATER DIVISION across said County Trunk Highway No. 15. Said right of way vacation contains 18,864 square feet or 0.43 acres.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That pursuant Minnesota Statutes § 163.11, Subd. 4, the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials cause personal service and posted noticed of the resolution.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-287

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has applied to the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for the construction of State Bridge 69L11 (County Bridge 618), further identified as CP 0025-572154, SP 069-625-021; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge construction project is available, and the project has been selected to receive Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) grant funding supported through the State Transportation Fund (Bridge Bonds); and

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$50,461.70 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper County officials are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the project will be funded by a combination of LBRP Funds (2023 LBRP Funds – SAAS Acct 379, \$50,461.70) Federal Funds (STBG, \$418,992.80), and State Aid Funds (\$54,286.50). LBRP funds received for this project will be receipted into Fund 220, Agency 220789, Object 530401.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-288

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$128,000.00 was issued to TNT Construction Group, LLC to crush 40,000 tons of Class 5 material in the Highway 1 pit to correct a fractured aggregate problem on County Road 599 (Trygg Road) for CP 0000-798459 (2024 North Crushing); and

WHEREAS, A quote was received and Change Order #2 in the amount of \$339,500.00 was issued to TNT Construction Group, LLC to remove and replace twelve inches of Class 5 to correct the fractured aggregate problem on County Road 599 (Trygg Road) for CP 0000-798459 (2024 North Crushing); and

WHEREAS, The administrative decision was made to invoke emergency purchasing to expedite the removal and replacement of Class 5 to secure the contractor and the favorable schedule to ensure replacement of the fractured aggregate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the Change Orders to TNT Construction Group, LLC of Grand Rapids, MN, in the amount of \$467,500 payable from Fund 200, Agency 201113, Object 650200 – Local Maintenance Funds.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-289

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department's 2024 equipment budget includes the lease/purchase of five (5) motor graders; and

WHEREAS, There are currently five (5) graders that are approaching the 12,000 hours life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, These five (5) graders will be traded in as part of this acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Motor graders have been sourced using Minnesota State Release M-439(5): Motor Graders and Related Accessories Contract and will be purchased from an authorized

distributor of RDO Equipment Company, McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, using the available State of Minnesota Contract (SWIFT 219846); and

WHEREAS, Replacing the graders will continue the progress towards managing the motor grader fleet under Target Life Cycle constraints and will allow the Public Works Department to continue to increase the number of dependable machines to perform maintenance operations at recommended levels.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the purchase of five (5) motor graders from McCoy Equipment of Duluth, MN, for \$1,168,314.00, payable from Fund 407, Agency 407001, Object 666200.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-290

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, Second Harvest Northland has identified a project to renovate its 60,000+ square foot facility to increase food distribution; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest Northland has submitted documentation seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funds to support its project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the use of up to \$100,735 of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss funding for the Second Harvest Northland Capital Project.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Second Harvest Northland 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 Second Harvest Northland for this project with funds for the above project payable from Fund 239, American Rescue Plan Action Revenue Loss.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-291

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a consolidated application process for entitlement funds under its Department of Community Planning and Development programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has prepared the draft 2024 Action Plan required by HUD; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a 30 day comment period on the Action Plan after which a public

hearing be conducted to allow citizen input prior to Plan submittal. The Action Plan will be available electronically through posting to the St. Louis County web site on the Community Development page and also through citizen contact with the Economic and Community Development Department offices in Duluth and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The 30 day comment period begins May 25, 2024, and will be completed June 25, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., at the Chisholm City Hall, 316 W. Lake St., Chisholm, MN, for the purpose of receiving citizen comments on the established priorities and funding recommendations included in the 2024 Action Plan.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-292

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Regional Landfill (Landfill) is the only municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill in northeastern Minnesota, providing MSW disposal to the County's Solid Waste Management Area (SWMA); and

WHEREAS, A major design element of the landfill permit is the on-site leachate treatment system; and

WHEREAS, Crucial components will need to be pre-ordered to meet system completion deadlines and the central part of this system is the reverse osmosis vibratory shear enhance processed (VSEP) leachate purification equipment, manufactured by New Logic Research, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, On November 16, 2021, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 21-642 for the design and construction of an upgraded leachate treatment system utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds; and

WHEREAS, The Department, under Minn. Stat. § 400, Subd. 4, which grants the county authority to negotiate and contract, forgoing the advertising for bids, for solid waste related services, requested and received a quote from New Logic Research, Inc., for \$1,073,508 that included additional recommended options.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into an agreement with New Logic Research, Inc. to purchase the VSEP equipment for \$1,073,508 payable from American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Loss Funding.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That New Logic Research, Inc. shall comply and submit all necessary information, documentation and reporting materials required by the County, State or US Treasury to ensure that the project meets any and all conditions as required under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-293

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board previously scheduled its 2024 County Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has requested to cancel the previously scheduled July 2, 2024 meeting scheduled at the Duluth Township, Duluth, MN.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the necessary steps to cancel the July 2, 2024 County Board meeting that was scheduled at Duluth Township, Duluth, MN – 10:00 a.m.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-294

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is the owner of Camp Esquagama, Tax Parcel ID Nos. 260-0040-00010 and 260-0014-00810, 4913 Pine Lane, Gilbert, Minnesota, 55741 ("the Camp"); and

WHEREAS, Michael and Teresa Kalb are the owners of a parcel of real property adjacent to

the southern boundary of the Camp, Tax Parcel ID No. 260-0016-00020, 6283 Camp Road, Gilbert, Minnesota, 55741 (the “Kalb Property”); and

WHEREAS, In or around September of 2007, a survey was completed raising questions regarding the appropriate location of a fence and boundary line separating the southern boundary of the Camp from the Kalb Property, to wit, clarity of ownership with respect to approximately 23.89 feet of shoreline and 3,660 square feet of property in the form of a long, narrow triangle of land below the fence line legally described as follows:

That part of Lot 1, Block 1 and Vacated Pine Street, PINE GROVE according to the recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County, Minnesota, located in Government Lot 5, Section 27, Township 58 North, Range 16 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of said Government Lot 5; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds West, assigned bearing, along the south line of said Government Lot 5 a distance of 335 feet more or less to the shoreline of Lake Esquagama; thence northerly along said shoreline a distance of 20 feet, more or less, to a point that bears North 86 degrees 48 minutes 13 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence South 86 degrees 48 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 337 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

(the “Subject Parcel”).

The Subject Parcel contains approximately 0.1 acres, and a Certificate of Survey depicting the property is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, In March 2024, the county and the Kalbs reached an agreement-in-principle concerning settlement of shared boundary line questions and related matters, including a county commitment to survey the Subject Parcel, convey the property via quit claim deed, and record the conveyance following receipt of verified payment in the amount of \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, County officials believe that execution of this agreement and conveyance of the Subject Parcel will provide quiet title, clarity, and an enduring peace of mind for the county, and Camp officials have confirmed that conveyance of the Subject Parcel will not affect the operations of the Camp or delivery of Camp activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board approves the execution of a settlement agreement and undertaking of all steps necessary to effect conveyance of the Subject Parcel legally described herein and further described on the Certificate of Survey to Michael and Teresa Kalb, by quit claim deed, in return for receipt of consideration in the amount of \$2,500, payable to Fund 100, Agency 104001.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the appropriate county officials are authorized to execute and record required agreements, conveyancing instruments, and any other related documents needed to finalize the conveyance of real property described herein, subject to final review and approval as to form and execution by the County Attorney or their designee.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-295

WHEREAS, The Ranger ATV Club is requesting permission to improve a 16-foot to 20-foot-wide trail across select parcels on State of Minnesota tax-forfeited lands for the purpose of developing a grant-in-aid ATV trail:

Parcel Number	Legal Description
240-0050-04880	NW ¼, SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 58N, RANGE 13W
240-0050-03050	S ½, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 58N, RANGE 13W
240-0050-03220	SW ¼ EX RY RT OF WAY 4.90 AC, SECTION 20,

240-0050-03280      TOWNSHIP 58N, RANGE 13W  
SW ¼ OF SE ¼, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 58N, RANGE 13W;  
and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the proposed trail route and determined that exercising the permit will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant permits across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board and the St. Louis County Auditor authorize Ranger ATV Club to improve a 16- to 20-foot-wide trail in the existing trail alignment on the designated parcels for a period of five years, subject to renewal at current County Board terms and conditions.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-296

WHEREAS, The Voyageur Country ATV Club is requesting permission to improve a 12- to 16-foot-wide trail across select parcels on State of Minnesota tax-forfeited lands in Camp 5 Township (T66-R19) for the purpose of developing a grant-in-aid ATV trail:

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
278-0050-00970	N ½ EX SW ¼ OF NW ¼ INC A STRIP OF LAND 25 FT ON EACH SIDE OF RY CENTER LINE IN SW ¼ OF NW ¼ AND NW ¼ OF SW ¼ AND E ½ OF SE ¼, SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 66N, RANGE 19W
278-0050-00900	A STRIP OF LAND 25 FT ON EACH SIDE OF THE CENTER LINE OF RY TRACK ACROSS NE ¼ OF NE ¼, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 66N, RANGE 19W
278-0050-00810	ALL;

and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department has reviewed the proposed trail route and determined that exercising the permit will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant permits across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board and the St. Louis County Auditor authorize Voyageur Country ATV Club to improve a 12- to 16-foot-wide trail in the existing trail alignment on the designated parcels for a period of five years, subject to renewal at current County Board terms and conditions.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-297

WHEREAS, The 2024 Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way, Yard, Garden, Dock, Parking and Miscellaneous Leases to be granted on state tax-forfeited lands are listed and legally described in County Board File No. 62184; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(d), authorizes the county auditor, as directed by the St. Louis County Board, to grant leases for temporary uses; and

WHEREAS, For the right-of-way leases, there are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the properties, and exercising the leases will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and



WHEREAS, Formal delegation is needed for any new lease requests and renewals in 2024 and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant Non-Exclusive Right-of-Way, Yard, Garden, Dock, Parking and Miscellaneous leases on or over tax-forfeit lands for a period of five years, as further described in County Board File No. 62184.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor and its designees to lease State tax-forfeited property per Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(d), under the terms and conditions laid out in County Board File No. 62184 and the most recent County Fee Schedule for 2024 and beyond.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-298

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 1(d), authorizes the County Auditor, as directed by the County Board, to lease state tax-forfeited land to individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state for temporary uses at such prices and under such terms as the County Board may prescribe; and

WHEREAS, The Land and Minerals Department has reviewed this request and is recommending a five (5) year, non-renewable and non-transferable lease to Erik Maki and David Maki located:

Legal: South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 30, Township 55 North, Range 15 West

Parcel ID No: 662-0010-04720.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the County Auditor to lease a 12-foot by 20-foot area of state tax-forfeited land to Erik Maki and David Maki for a period of five (5) years.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this lease is conditioned upon payment of a \$460 lease fee and a \$75 administrative fee for an initial payment of \$535 for 2024 and \$460 for the remaining years, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-299

WHEREAS, Kai Olstad has requested a non-exclusive, perpetual, 20-foot-wide underground utility easement across state tax-forfeited parcels for buried water, sewer, gas and power to access private property; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive, 20-foot-wide underground utility easement for buried water, sewer, gas and power to Kai Olstad across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 62097.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment in the amount of a \$80 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$92 recording fee, for a sum total of \$322, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-300

WHEREAS, Lake Country Power is requesting a 40-foot-wide non-exclusive utility easement across state tax-forfeited lands as part of an overhead powerline rebuild project on an

existing line in Unorganized Township 63-21; and

WHEREAS, The existing line is not under a current easement agreement; and

WHEREAS, Exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax-forfeited lands for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive utility easement to Lake Country Power across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 62097.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon payment in the amount of a \$2,470 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$2,666. Funds will be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-301

WHEREAS, Scott and Paula Castleman have requested a non-exclusive, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way and utility easement across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4a, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way and utility easement to Scott and Paula Castleman across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 62097.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment in the amount of a \$705.50 land use fee, a \$150.00 administration fee, and a \$46.00 recording fee, for a sum total of \$901.50, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-302

WHEREAS, Charles Stafford has requested a non-exclusive, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way easement across state tax-forfeited land to access private property; and

WHEREAS, There are no reasonable alternatives to obtain access to the property, and exercising the easement will not cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 282.04, subd. 4a, authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant easements across state tax-forfeited land for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board authorizes the St. Louis County Auditor to grant a non-exclusive, perpetual, 33-foot-wide right-of-way easement to Charles Stafford across state tax-forfeited lands as described in County Board File No. 62097.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the granting of this easement is conditioned upon receipt of payment in the amount of a \$1,030 land use fee, a \$150 administration fee, and a \$46 recording fee, for a sum total of \$1,226, all to be deposited into Fund 240 (Tax-Forfeited Land Fund).

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-303

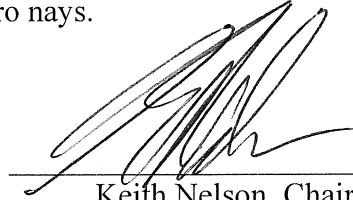
WHEREAS, St. Louis County, through the Land and Minerals Department, has been a supporting partner of the Boulder Lake Management Area (BLMA) and Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center (BLELC) since the early 1990's; and

WHEREAS, The current partners wish to re-envision and update the structure and mission of the BLMA and BLELC, reaffirm support within their respective organizations, and to position Boulder for continued growth and success for the next 30 years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board supports re-envisioning of the BLMA and BLELC by authorizing the Land Commissioner to negotiate and enter into the appropriate agreements, subject to form and execution by the St. Louis County Attorney's office.

Adopted June 4, 2024. No. 24-304

At 10:03 a.m., June 4, 2024, Commissioner Grimm, supported by Commissioner Jugovich, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; seven yeas, zero nays.



Keith Nelson, 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)