



*Resolution*  
*of the*  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
*St. Louis County, Minnesota*  
*Adopted on: November 1, 2011 Resolution No. 559*  
*Offered by Commissioner: Sweeney*

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**Direction to Pursue the Sale of Tax Forfeited Shoreland Lease Lots**

WHEREAS, St. Louis County began a shoreland lease program in the early 1950s, and expanded the program in the 1970s, as a way to “provide the public with the opportunity to lease tax forfeited shoreland in a manner reflective of its value to the user and the people of St. Louis County,” (County Board Resolution No. 88-815, dated October 25, 1988); and

WHEREAS, the county Land Department currently administers 278 such leases located on twenty-seven lakes, with annual lease fees based on a comprehensive market value appraisal of the properties conducted over 23 years ago; and

WHEREAS, no additional leases are being added to this number, effectively restricting the general public from participating in the program, with most of these leases held by the same lease holder, or passed on through family generations, since they were first offered; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Board has determined that the tax forfeited shoreland lease program no longer meets the criteria for which it was established, in that it does not reflect the true market values of the properties, nor does it provide the opportunity for all county citizens to equally participate in the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes and directs the County Land Commissioner to begin the process of obtaining a market value appraisal of all current shoreland lease properties, with the intention of offering these tax forfeited parcels for sale into private ownership, and to pursue special legislation for approval to sell these riparian lands as part of the county’s 2012 Minnesota Legislative Agenda.

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

Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Dahlberg, Forsman, Sweeney, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair O’Neil - 7  
Nays – None

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of County Auditor, ss.  
County of St. Louis

I, DONALD DICKLICH, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, A.D., 2011.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of County Board