



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

January 22, 2013
Immediately following the Board Meeting, which begins at 9:30 A.M.
Industrial Town Hall, 7519 County Road 871, Saginaw, MN

Directions from South: North on Highway 53 through Hermantown, turn left onto MN 194 West, which becomes Highway 2. Proceed on Highway 2 until about one mile past the Highway 33 intersection and turn right onto County Road 874/ Independence Road. Travel 1.4 miles, turn left onto County Road 871/Albert Road. Industrial Town Hall is on the right.

Directions from North: South on Highway 53, merge onto Highway 33 South. Turn right on County Road 874/Independence Road. Take first right onto County Road 871/Albert Road. Industrial Town Hall is on the right.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes of January 15, 2013

Health & Human Services Committee – Commissioner Stauber, Chair

1. County Burial Policy [13-30]

Environment & Natural Resources Committee – Commissioner Nelson, Chair

2. Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – McCray [13-31]

Public Works & Transportation Committee – Commissioner Forsman, Chair

3. Rice Lake Road Safe Routes to School Grant Application [13-32]
4. Installation of Intersection Conflict Warning System [13-33]
5. Installation of Ground-in-Wet-Reflective Edgeline [13-34]

Finance & Budget Committee – Commissioner Raukar, Chair

6. Flood Related Abatement List for Board Approval [13-35]

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee – Commissioner Jewell, Chair

7. Establish Public Hearing to Consider Renaming Johnson Point on Pelican Lake to “Eagle Point”, March 12, 2013, 9:45 a.m., St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN [13-36]

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

At this time, Commissioners may introduce items for discussion or report on past and future activities.

ADJOURNED:

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATES:

February 5, 2013 Commissioners' Conference Room, Courthouse, Duluth, MN

February 12, 2013 Hermantown City Hall, 5105 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN

February 26, 2013 City Council Chambers, City Hall, Hibbing, MN

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Location: Duluth Courthouse, County Commissioners Conference Room
Present: Commissioners Jewell, O'Neil, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar, and Chair Dahlberg
Absent: Commissioner Forsman
Convened: Chair Dahlberg called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Raukar/O'Neil moved to approve the consent agenda. (6-0)

- Minutes of January 8, 2013
 - Approve CY 2013 Out-of-Home and Day Treatment Contracts for Services to Families and Children and Rescind County Board Resolution No. 12-663 **[13-17]**
 - Cancellation of Contracts for Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land – Olson **[13-18]**
 - Utility Easement across State Tax Forfeited Land to Great River Energy **[13-19]**
 - Special Sale to the City of Babbitt **[13-20]**
 - Request for Snowmobile Trail Use across County Fee Land (Hibbing) **[13-21]**
 - Acquisition of Right of Way – Ugstad Road Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement (Midway Township and City of Proctor) **[13-22]**
 - Waiver of Ordinance No. 28, Section 11.05 – Billy's (Rice Lake Township) **[13-23]**
 - Abatement List for Board Approval **[13-24]**
 - Establish Public Hearing to Consider Application to the Minnesota Investment Fund, Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 9:40 a.m., Hermantown City Hall, Hermantown, MN **[13-25]**
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REGULAR AGENDA

Finance & Budget Committee

Raukar/Nelson moved to authorize an increase to the Land and Minerals Department revenue and expense budget as a result of the June 2012 Storm Event. Administrator Kevin Gray explained that each year the County Board adopts a resolution that allows for transfers and appropriations within funds for the current budget year. In addition, the 2012 Budget Resolution (No. 11-636, dated December 13, 2011) requires that increases to the original governmental funds revenue and expenditure budgets cannot be made without County Board approval. The Land and Minerals Department requests an increase in its revenue and expense budget in the amount of \$522,000 as a result of grants received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Aid Disaster and State Aid Administration Grants. After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Nelson/Stauber moved to have the discussion regarding proposals for Camp Esquagama from Committee of the Whole to the January 22, 2013 Board meeting. Administrator Gray explained that earlier this Fall, St. Louis County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP)

offering the opportunity for interested parties to submit proposals to “provide a viable arrangement for strategic leadership, property management and operation/administration services that would provide for the financially sustainable and self-sufficient operation of vibrant, high-value youth, adult, and community camping and recreation programming on the Camp Esquagama property in Biwabik, Minnesota.” Through this RFP, St. Louis County sought to transition camp operations and management to a model that would position the camp to be less reliant on operational support and facility subsidies. Most importantly, this model would continue to provide youth, adult, and community camping and recreation opportunities at the site for many years to come.

The Arrowhead Center and the YMCA Camping Services presented to the Board two distinctly different proposals. Ray Connaughton and Steve Popowitz facilitated the presentation for Arrowhead Center. Lee Branville, member of the Arrowhead Board, spoke of a vision for Camp Esquagama.

At 12:32 p.m., Chair Commissioner Dahlberg broke the meeting for lunch.

At 1:42 p.m., Chair Commissioner Dahlberg re-convened the meeting.

Chris Francis, Duluth Area Family YMCA President and CEO; Eric Sommer; Bridgit Maruska; and Damita Miller-Chasson presented for the YMCA.

After further discussion, the motion passed. (6-0)

Central Management & Inter-Governmental Committee

Jewell/Raukar moved to re-appoint two individuals to the Civil Service Commission. The motion passed. (6-0)

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Nelson spoke of a Duluth News Tribune mining article. \$11,956,641 is the total St. Louis County and its taxpayers took in from taconite money.

Commissioner O’Neil said that former Duluth Mayor Robert Beaudin passed away. Mr. Beaudin loved Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota, stated Commissioner O’Neil; he will be remembered for his advocacy for the people and his work in economic development. A visitation will be held January 17, 2013 and funeral services are scheduled for January 18, 2013.

Commissioner Stauber thanked everyone for the discussion, stating that discussion is healthy.

Commissioner Jewell also commented on the Duluth News Tribune mining article, stating that the pictures were good. In fact, the pictures clearly showed how unsafe the mines were in the past and the years of fighting it took to bring safety to the mines has been significant to mine workers.

At 3:26 p.m., Raukar/Jewell moved to adjourn the committee of the whole meeting. (6-0)

Chris Dahlberg, Chair of the County Board

Roberta Museta, Clerk of the County Board

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 – 30

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 1

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** County Burial Policy

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Ann M. Busche, Director
Public Health & Human Services

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Adults will be self-sufficient, providing for their own welfare and that of their children.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to amend the County Burial Policy and adopt Minn. Stat. §261.035 as the County Burial Policy.

BACKGROUND:

When a person dies in St Louis County without means to provide for his or her funeral or final disposition, the county is required by Minn. Stat. §261.035 to provide for that final disposition. The County Board adopted Resolution No. 01-357, dated June 5, 2001, which revised the County Board's funeral policy (Resolution No. 96-764, adopted September 26, 1996), and established not to exceed amounts for the services provided by funeral homes. In addition, the resolution stipulated that after January 1, 2003 the funeral fee schedule may be adjusted without further action of the Board, said adjustment to be determined by the Director of the Social Service Department (now Public Health and Human Services department) and the County Attorney's office.

Minn. Stat. §261.035 has subsequently been amended since the 2001 resolution and therefore, the Board's policy is no longer in conformity with state statute. The two changes are as follows:

- 1) Current Board policy indicates that unless specifically contrary to the religious or moral beliefs of the decedent, final disposition shall be by cremation without a funeral service. Minn. Stat. §261.035 states "If it is determined that cremation is not in accordance with the decedent's personal preferences or the known practices of the decedent's faith tradition or the personal preferences of the decedent's spouse or the decedent's next of kin, the county board shall provide for a burial and funeral."
- 2) Minn. Stat. §261.035 has also added language specifying "the county board shall pay for cremation of the person's remains and the person's burial or interment if the spouse or next of kin does not want to take possession of the ashes."

The County Board policy should be revised to reflect current law; however, it appears prudent to adopt Minn. Stat. §261.035 as county policy rather than change county policy each time there is a state statute change.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board rescind Board Resolution No. 01-357, adopted June 5, 2001, to adopt Minn. Stat. §261.035 as the County Burial Policy.

County Burial Policy

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, when a person dies in St Louis County without means to provide for his or her funeral or final disposition, the county is required by Minn. Stat. §261.035 to provide for that funeral and final disposition; and

WHEREAS, the St Louis County Board adopted Resolution No. 01-357, dated June 5, 2001, and adopted a revised funeral policy; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §261.035 has subsequently been amended since the 2001 resolution and therefore, the county's policy is no longer in conformity with state statute; and

WHEREAS, the county policy must be revised to reflect current law and it appears prudent to adopt Minn. Stat. §261.035 as county policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board rescinds Resolution No. 01-357, dated June 5, 2001, and adopts Minn. Stat. §261.035 as the County Burial Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the funeral fee schedule may be adjusted without further action of the County Board; said adjustment will be determined by the Director and Public Health and Human Services Department (PHHS) and the County Attorney's office. The PHHS county burial procedure will be amended to reflect any adjustment and a copy will be provided to all funeral homes and members of the County Board. In no case shall an adjustment exceed the U.S. Consumer Price Index average for all items without prior County Board approval.

David McCray, Hibbing, MN

Parcel Code	140-0030-00850
Taxes and Assessments	\$7,411.34
Service Fees	\$114.00
Deed Tax	\$24.46
Deed Fee	\$25.00
Recording Fee	\$46.00
Court Costs	\$320.00
Total	\$7,940.80

Repurchase of State Tax Forfeited Land - McCray

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, costs, and interest; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, David McCray of Hibbing, MN, has applied to repurchase state tax forfeited land legally described as:

CITY OF HIBBING

LOT: 0015 BLOCK: 004, AVIATORS FIELD ADDITION

PARCEL: 140-0030-00850

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

WHEREAS, approving the repurchase will correct undue hardship and promote the use of lands that will best serve the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St Louis County Board approves the repurchase application by David McCray of Hibbing, MN, on file in County Board File No. _____, subject to payments including total taxes and assessments of \$7,411.34, service fee of \$114, deed tax of \$24.46, deed fee of \$25, recording fee of \$46 and court costs of \$320; for a total of \$7,940.80, to be deposited into Fund 240 (Forfeited Tax Fund).



St. Louis County Land Department Tax Forfeited Land Sales

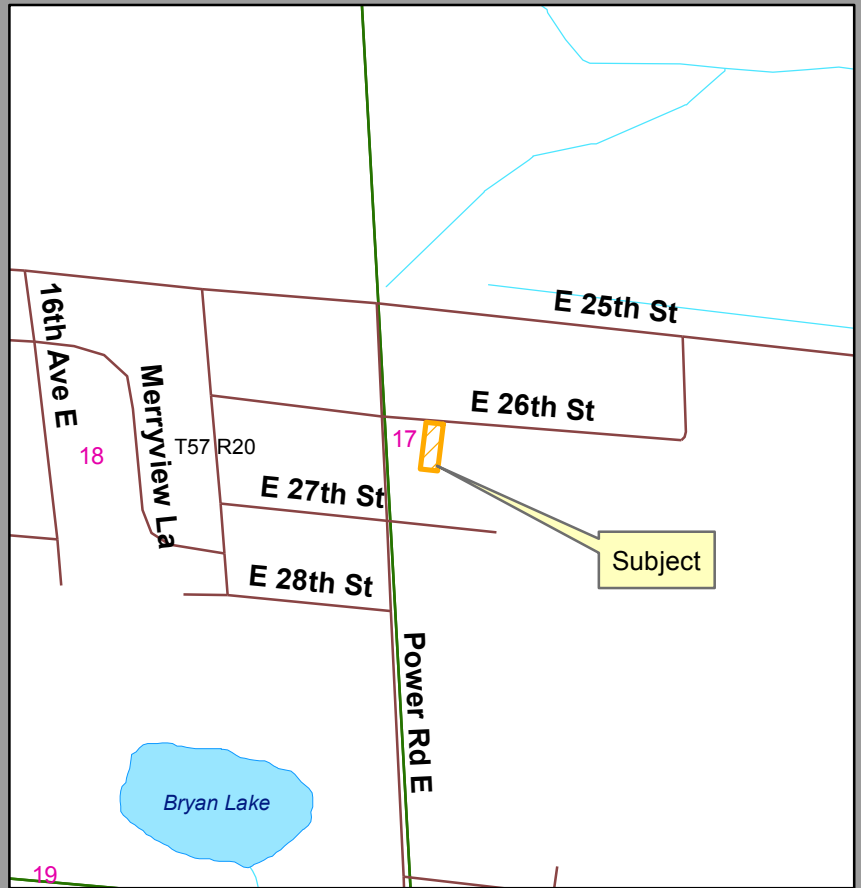
Repurchase of Property

Legal : CITY OF HIBBING
LOT: 0015 BLOCK:004
AVIATORS FIELD ADDITION
TO HIBBING

Parcel Code : 140-0030-00850

LDKEY : 71745

Address: 1914 E 26TH ST
HIBBING MN 55746

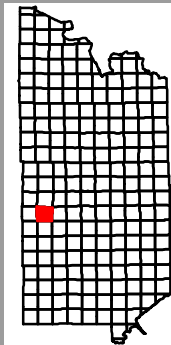


City of Hibbing

Sec: 17 Twp: 57 Rng: 20

Commissioner District # 7

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



St. Louis County, Minnesota

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as such. This drawing is a compilation of recorded information and data located in various city, county, state and federal offices. St. Louis County is not responsible for any incorrectness herein.

St. Louis County
Land Department

January 2013



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APPLICATION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 282.241, as amended by Chapter 268, Laws of 1987.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY AUDITOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

The undersigned, David & Shannon McCray, hereby makes application to repurchase from the State of Minnesota the following described land, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1987, Section 282.241, as amended; said land is situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota, and more particularly described as follows:

CITY OF HIBBING, LOT: 0015 BLOCK:004, AVIATORS FIELD ADDITION TO HIBBING

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

- the owner
- heir(s) of the owner
- the representative of the owner
- the person to whom the right to pay taxes is given by statute, to wit:
- designating under what claim of right, whether as mortgage or otherwise the right is exercised

That such taxes became delinquent in 2007 and remained delinquent and unpaid for the subsequent years of: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

That pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the total cost of repurchase \$7,316.40 which is the greater value of all delinquent taxes and assessments computed under Section 282.241, together with all accrued interest and penalties, including fees. Please contact our office at 218-726-2606 for the current amount due which increases monthly.

That a hardship would result to the petitioner unless said repurchase is allowed, for the reason that: applicant to state reasons why taxes were not paid.

Lay off

Please check the appropriate box below:

- There are one or more wells on this property (See enclosed well disclosure information sheet)
- No change since last well certificate Well disclosure completed - \$50.00 enclosed
- There are no wells on this property

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT REPURCHASE BE MADE IN THE NAME OF:

Name (s): *David McCray*

Are you currently in active military service? *no*

If you have been discharged within the last 6 months, provide discharge date *1/1/13* and documentation.

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

Dated: 1/9 2013

By: *David McCray*
(Signature)

Address: 1914 E 26th St
City: Hibbing State: MN Zip: 55746
Phone: 218 966-1901

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 32

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 3

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** Rice Lake Road Safe Routes to
School Grant Application

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to support a Safe Routes to School Grant Application to construct a sidewalk along Rice Lake Road/County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4 beginning at a point near Marshall School and ending at West Arrowhead Road.

BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation administers the federally funded grant program titled Safe Routes to School. It is a program to fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects to make improvements that encourage and support students to walk and bicycle to school. Safe Routes to School projects are funded at 100 percent with no local match required. The recipient of the grant must front the cost of the project and will be reimbursed during the course of the project.

St. Louis County is working in cooperation with the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council to submit a Safe Routes to School grant application to construct a sidewalk on Rice Lake Road/CSAH 4 beginning at a point near Marshall School and ending at West Arrowhead Road. The primary purpose of this sidewalk is to support students to walk to both Lowell Elementary and Marshall School. A secondary benefit would connect the existing sidewalk system on Central Entrance to the sidewalk system on West Arrowhead Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board support the application of a Safe Routes to School grant to construct a sidewalk along Rice Lake Road (County State Aid Highway No. 4) beginning at a point near Marshall School and ending at West Arrowhead Road.

Rice Lake Road Safe Routes to School Grant Application

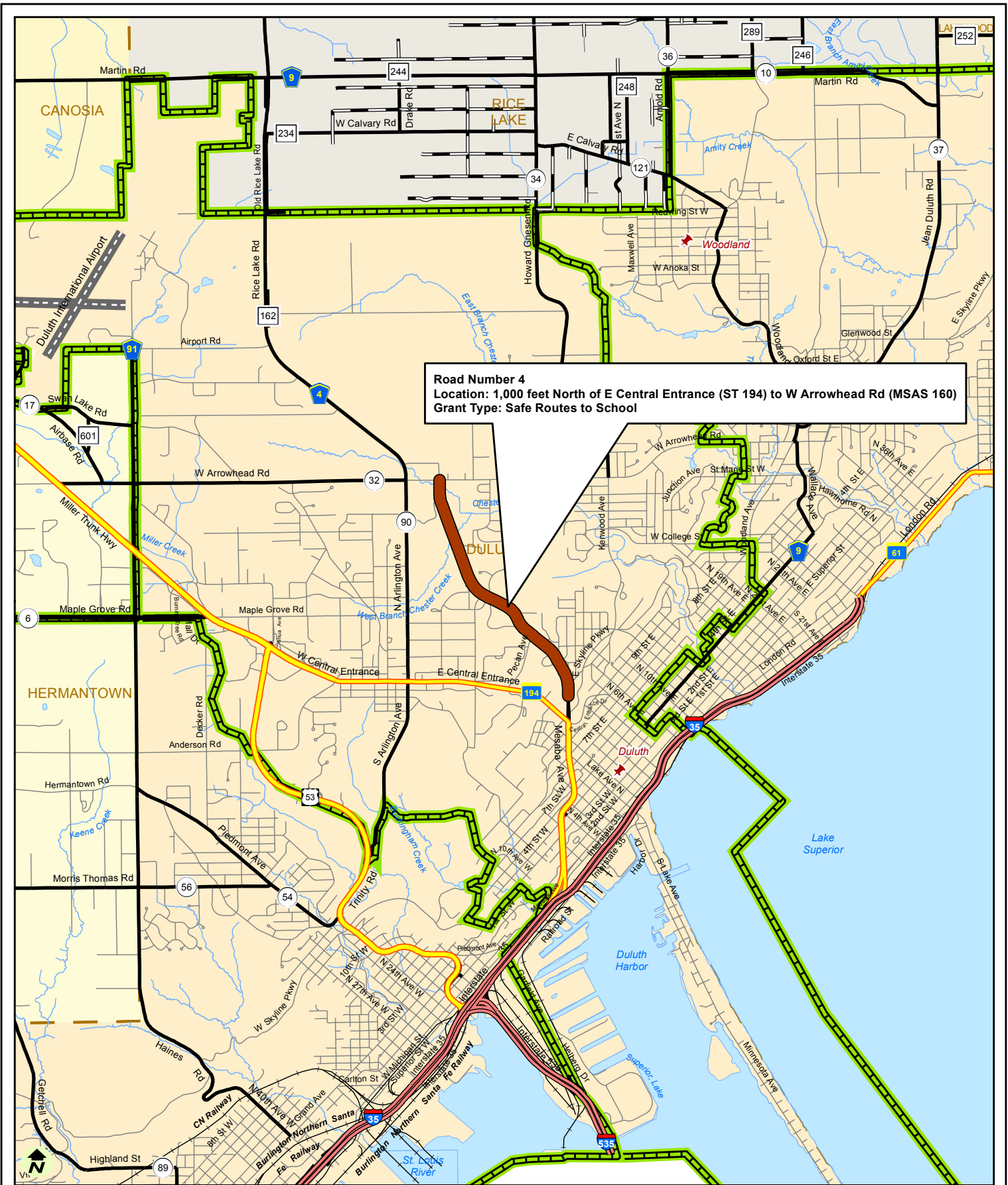
BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Program is a federally funded program to fund infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects to make improvements that encourage and support students to walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation administers the Safe Routes to School Grant Program for local agencies in Minnesota; and

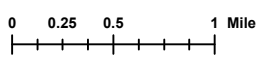
WHEREAS, St. Louis County is working in cooperation with the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council to submit a Safe Routes to School grant application to construct a sidewalk on Rice Lake Road (County State Aid Highway No. 4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board supports the Safe Routes to School grant application to construct a sidewalk on Rice Lake Road (County State Aid Highway No. 4) beginning at a point near Marshall School and ending at West Arrowhead Road.



Road Number 4
 Location: 1,000 feet North of E Central Entrance (ST 194) to W Arrowhead Rd (MSAS 160)
 Grant Type: Safe Routes to School

St. Louis County - Safe Routes to School



Map Components	
	Safe Routes to School
	Interstate Highway
	U.S./State Highway
	County Road - Paved
	County Road - Gravel
	Railroad
	Township Boundary
	Commissioner District
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 33

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 4

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** Installation of Intersection Conflict Warning System

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to install two (2) Intersection Conflict Warning Systems at the intersections of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 1 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 77, and US Trunk Highway No. 2 and CSAH 98.

BACKGROUND:

A significant number of crashes in St. Louis County, statewide, and nationally continue to occur at rural, two-way stop controlled intersections. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, in its 2004 Strategic Highway Safety Plan, identified improving the design and operation of highway intersections as a critical emphasis area. In 2007, MnDOT published the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan which listed critical emphasis areas. Based upon an updated crash analysis from 2010, improving the design and operation of highway intersections ranks as number two of the top ten safety emphasis areas for Minnesota.

One of the highway safety countermeasures currently being evaluated and tested is an Intersection Conflict Warning System. This is an intelligent transportation system intended to provide the driver entering an intersection with additional information about a potential conflict with another vehicle. Various studies across Minnesota have been completed or are ongoing. Preliminary results suggest this system is effective at improving safety at rural, two-way stop intersections.

In a next step to evaluate the effectiveness of the Intersection Conflict Warning System, MnDOT will deploy these systems across the state. They will remain in service for many years to provide researchers with data for more exhaustive, rigorous studies of

effectiveness. Two intersections in St. Louis County were selected to deploy this warning system. The locations are at the intersections of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 1 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 77 which is located near Tower, and US Trunk Highway No. 2 and CSAH 98 which is located east of Hermantown.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorizing the cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to install two Intersection Conflict Warning Systems in St. Louis County.

Installation of Intersection Conflict Warning System

BY COMMISSIONER _____

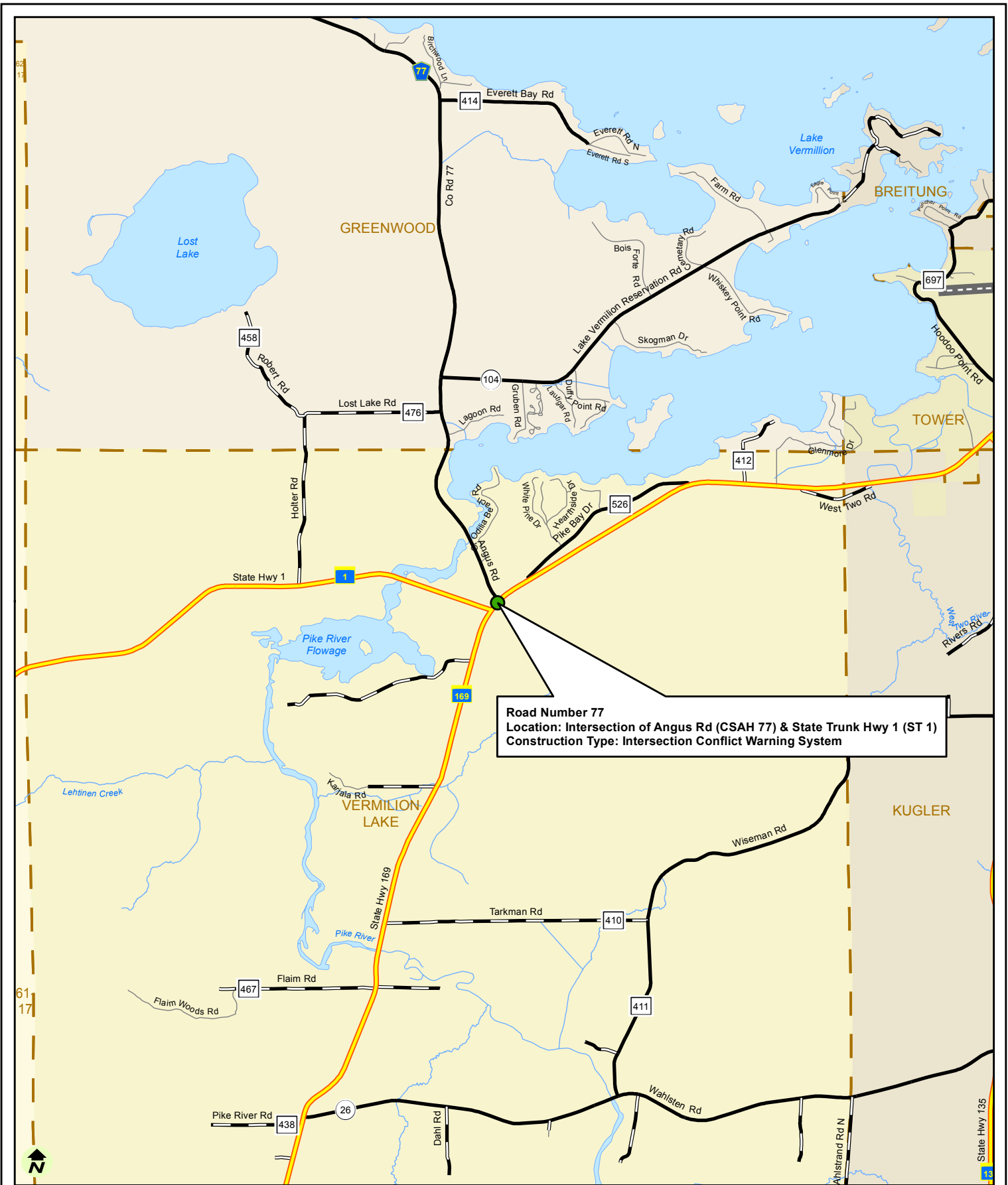
WHEREAS, improving the design and operation of highway intersections is a critical emphasis area in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has identified two intersections in St. Louis County to install the Intersection Conflict Warning System; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Public Works Department has reviewed and approved the warning system and proposed installation locations.

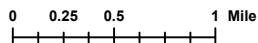
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Louis County enters into MnDOT Agreement No. 01469 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

Provide Electrical Energy for the new Intersection Conflict Warning System at the intersection of Trunk Highway 1 and County State Aid Highway 77 and Electrical Energy for the new Intersection Conflict Warning System at the intersection of US Trunk Highway No. 2 and County State Aid Highway No. 98, under State Project No. 8816-1765 (T.H. 1, 2), within St. Louis County.

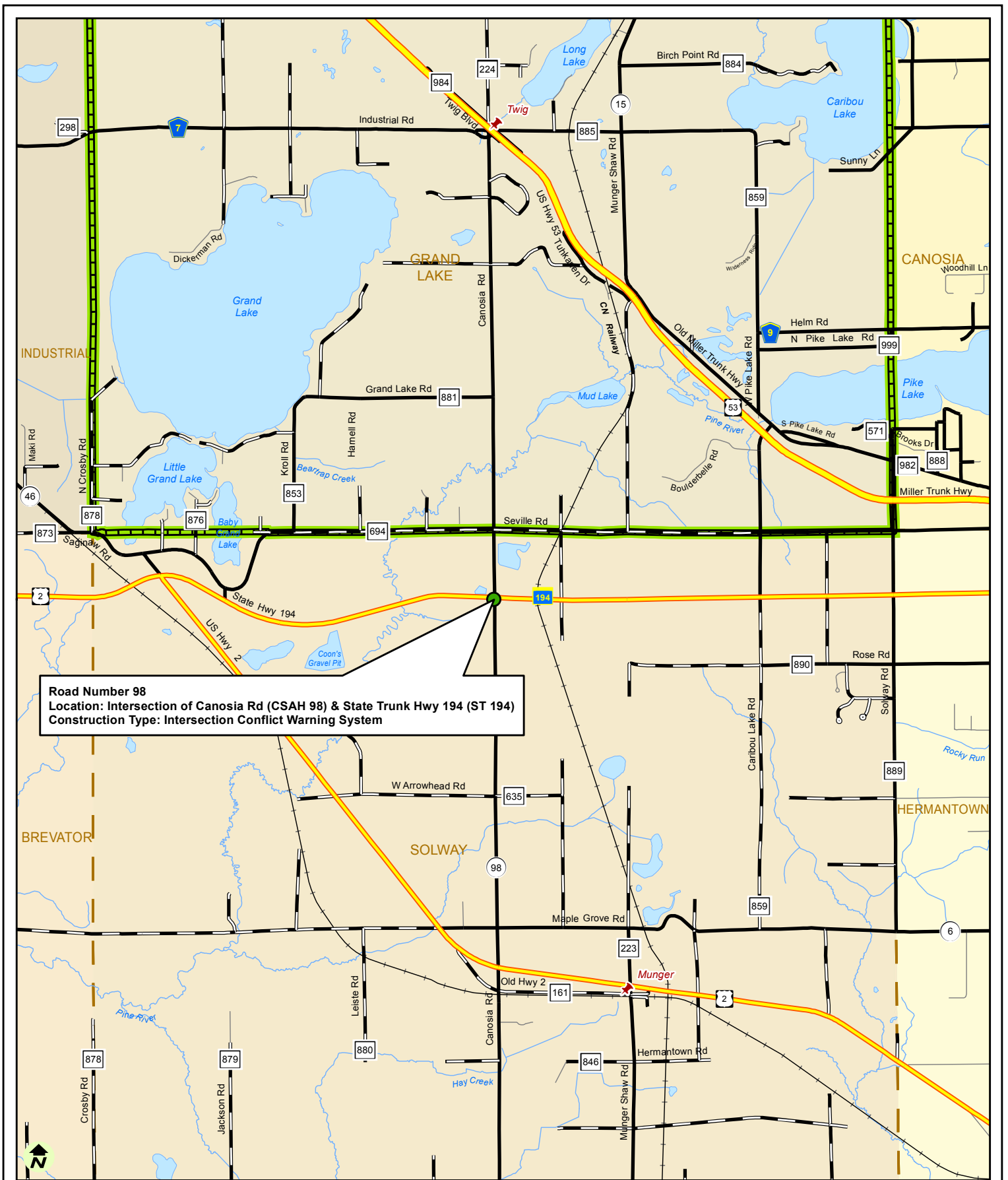


Road Number 77
 Location: Intersection of Angus Rd (CSAH 77) & State Trunk Hwy 1 (ST 1)
 Construction Type: Intersection Conflict Warning System

St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction

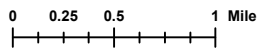


Map Components	
2013 Road & Bridge Construction	County Road - Paved
Intersection Conflict Warning System	County Road - Gravel
Interstate Highway	Railroad
U.S./State Highway	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream



Road Number 98
Location: Intersection of Canosia Rd (CSAH 98) & State Trunk Hwy 194 (ST 194)
Construction Type: Intersection Conflict Warning System

St. Louis County 2013 Road & Bridge Construction



Map Components	
2013 Road & Bridge Construction	County Road - Paved
Intersection Conflict Warning System	County Road - Gravel
Interstate Highway	Railroad
U.S./State Highway	Commissioner District
	Township Boundary
	City/Town
	Lake
	River/Stream

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 34

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 5

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** Installation of Ground-in-Wet-Reflective Edgeline

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

James T. Foldesi
Public Works Director/Highway Engineer

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

Provide a safe, well maintained road and bridge system.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to authorize a cooperative agreement with Carlton County, Itasca County, Lake County and Pine County to install ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline on various highways in these counties and St. Louis County.

BACKGROUND:

A significant number of crashes in St. Louis County, statewide, and nationally continue to occur on rural two-lane highways that involve a vehicle running off the road. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, in its 2004 Strategic Highway Safety Plan, identified keeping vehicles on the roadway as a critical emphasis area. In 2007, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) published the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan which listed critical emphasis areas. Based upon an updated crash analysis from 2010, keeping vehicles on the roadway ranks as number four of the top ten safety emphasis areas for Minnesota. In northeastern Minnesota, road departure crashes ranked as the number one critical emphasis area.

One of the highway safety countermeasures gaining in market share of safety countermeasures is ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline. In this strategy, equipment grinds a groove into the pavement where the edgeline is located. An epoxy pavement marking is sprayed into this groove with wet reflective glass beads. This treatment provides wet-reflective properties during nighttime wet conditions, and because of the groove, the pavement marking is removed (recessed into the groove) from the snowplow blade thereby increasing its service life.

MnDOT secured federal funding for the counties in northeastern Minnesota for a joint highway safety improvement project to install ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline. The

participating counties are Carlton, Itasca, Lake, Pine and St. Louis. St. Louis County will act as the contract administrator.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board authorize a cooperative agreement to install ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline in Carlton, Itasca, Lake, Pine and St. Louis counties.

Installation of Ground-in-Wet-Reflective Edgeline

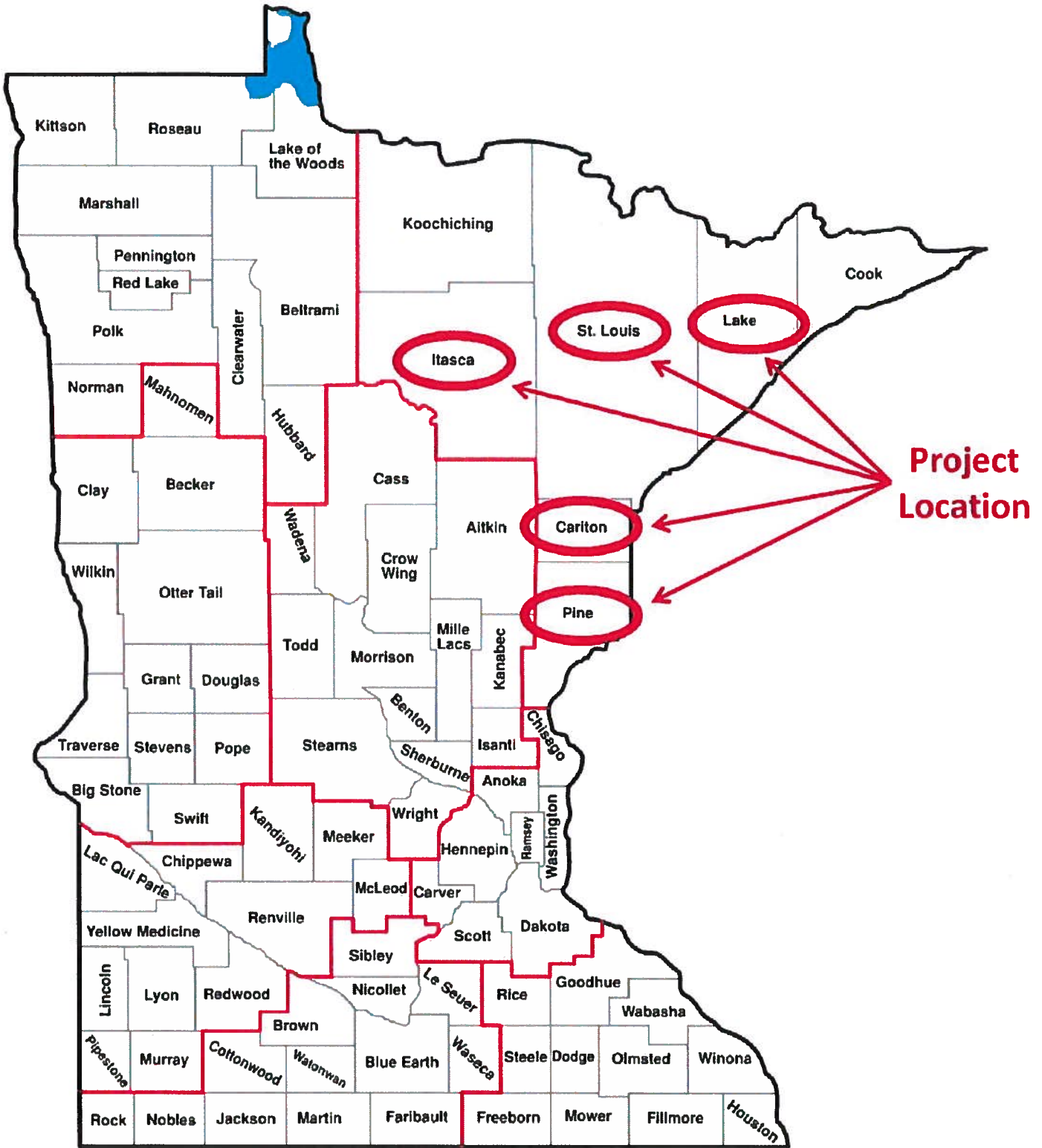
BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, keeping vehicles on the roadway is a critical emphasis area in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has secured federal funding for counties in District 1 for a joint highway safety improvement project to install ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the participating counties in this project are Carlton, Itasca, Lake, Pine and St. Louis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board authorizes the appropriate county officials to enter into a cooperative agreement, and any amendments authorized by the St. Louis County Attorney, with Carlton County, Itasca County, Lake County and Pine County to install ground-in-wet-reflective edgeline on various highways in these counties and St. Louis County.



BOARD LETTER NO. 13 - 35

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 6

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** Flood Damage Abatement List
for Board Approval

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

Mark Monacelli, Director
Public Records & Property Valuation

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to approve the attached abatements.

BACKGROUND:

Certain property owners who sustained damage as a result of the June 19-20, 2012 flood event are eligible for abatements of 2012 property taxes. The attached list includes all property owners in St. Louis County, including the City of Duluth, who are eligible for flood damage abatements. St. Louis County and the City of Duluth have already requested and received reimbursement for these abatements through the State of Minnesota, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 273.1231–273.1235.

The intent of abatements is to provide equitable treatment to individual taxpayers while at the same time exercising prudence with the tax monies due to the taxing authorities within St Louis County. Abatements are processed in conformance with St. Louis County Board Resolution No. 93-861, dated November 30, 1993, outlining the Board's policy on abatement of ad valorem taxes. This policy provides direction for the abatement of: 1) Current year taxes; 2) Current year penalty and costs; 3) Past year taxes; and 4) Past year penalty, interest, and costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board approve the attached list of abatements for property owners who sustained flood related damage.

Flood Damage Abatement List for Board Approval

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, certain property owners who sustained damage as a result of the June 19-20, 2012 flood event are eligible for abatements of 2012 property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board approves the applications for flood damage abatements, correction of assessed valuations and taxes plus penalty and interest, and any additional accrual, identified in County Board File No. 59577.

Flood Abatement Parcels and reduction amounts

<u>PARCEL NUMBER</u>	<u>REDUCTION AMOUNT</u>
10-51	72.96
10-145	6.22
10-320-255	1,119.46
10-960-10	6,978.22
10-1020-580	548.42
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TOTAL

116,857.89

BOARD LETTER NO. 13 – 36

CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE CONSENT NO. 7

BOARD AGENDA NO.

DATE: January 22, 2013 **RE:** Establish Public Hearing to
Consider Renaming Johnson
Point on Pelican Lake to
“Eagle Point”

FROM: Kevin Z. Gray
County Administrator

RELATED DEPARTMENT GOAL:

To provide effective and efficient government.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The St. Louis County Board is requested to establish a public hearing to consider the renaming of Johnson’s Point to “Eagle Point” on Pelican Lake located in Leiding Township, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 83A.05, which governs the naming of state geological features.

BACKGROUND:

The St. Louis County Auditor has received a petition signed by residents of the Pelican Lake area in support of renaming Johnson’s Point located on the south shore of Pelican Lake in Leiding Township, Section 9, Township 64N., Range 20W. to “Eagle Pointe.” The petition signers have been verified as registered St. Louis County voters by the County Auditor.

D. Max and Mary A. Smith of Orr, MN provided the following information in support of the name change:

“This point on Pelican Lake has been home to bald eagle nests for many years. We feel that the name change to ‘Eagle Pointe’ would be a benefit to the private residents on both sides of the point and to commercial properties in the vicinity including the resort to the north and west of the point. The name ‘Johnson’s Point’ is not an asset to the surrounding neighborhood. The name ‘Eagle Pointe’ is more enticing to visitors considering a trip to Pelican Lake. Also, having the point and the lake itself both named after well known birds is an advantage.”

County Administration has contacted Peter Boulay, State Climatology Office, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Waters, about the proposed name

identification. Mr. Boulay researched geological features named "Eagle Point" in the state of Minnesota, and could not find another point identified by that name. However, he suggested dropping the proposed letter 'e' at the end of the word 'Pointe' for the more traditional spelling of "Point." The Smiths were agreeable. With this change, Mr. Boulay indicated the DNR would be supportive of the naming proposal and encouraged a positive action by the St. Louis County Board. Minnesota Statutes require that the County Board conduct a public hearing on any request for the naming or renaming of state geological features and waterways.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the St. Louis County Board establish a public hearing for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. in the County Board Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider renaming Johnson's Point located on the south shore of Pelican Lake in Leiding Township, Section 9, Township 64N., Range 20W. to "Eagle Point."

**Establish Public Hearing to Consider Renaming Johnson's Point to
"Eagle Point" on Pelican Lake, Leiding Township**

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Auditor has received a petition signed by residents of the Pelican Lake area in support of renaming Johnson's Point located on the south shore of Pelican Lake in Leiding Township, Section 9, Township 64N., Range 20W. to "Eagle Pointe," and at least fifteen (15) of the petition signers have been verified as registered voters by the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, D. Max and Mary A. Smith of Orr, MN provided the following information in support of the name change:

"This point on Pelican Lake has been home to bald eagle nests for many years. We feel that the name change to 'Eagle Pointe' would be a benefit to the private residents on both sides of the point and to commercial properties in the vicinity including the resort to the north and west of the point. The name 'Johnson's Point' is not an asset to the surrounding neighborhood. The name 'Eagle Pointe' is more enticing to visitors considering a trip to Pelican Lake. Also, having the point and the lake itself both named after well known birds is an advantage."; and

WHEREAS, County Administration has contacted Peter Boulay, State Climatology Office, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Waters, about the proposed name identification, and Mr. Boulay researched state geological features named "Eagle" in the state of Minnesota, and could not find another point identified with that name but suggested the more traditional spelling of "Point"; and

WHEREAS, with this spelling change, the DNR is supportive of the naming proposal and has encouraged a positive action by the St. Louis County Board; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes require that the County Board conduct a public hearing on any request for the naming or renaming of state geological features and waterways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Louis County Board establishes a public hearing for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. in the County Board Room, St. Louis County Courthouse, Duluth, MN, to consider renaming Johnson's Point located on the south shore of Pelican Lake in Leiding Township, Section 9, Township 64N., Range 20W. to "Eagle Pointe."