

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

### Agenda Item Memo

**DATE:** February 13, 2014

**SUBJECT:** ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Forest for the Future conversion

**PRESENTER:** Richard Peterson, DNR

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#### **Background:**

The Department of Natural Resources has received notice from the Itasca County Highway Department that it intends to improve safety on a road alignment on County Highway 226. The proposed road improvement project is in portions of sections 34 and 35 of township 57N R24W, over which the state holds a conservation easement funded with Outdoor Heritage Funds. The proposed easement contains approximately 10.12 acres (approximately 5.14 acres are within the existing highway right-of-way and approximately 4.98 acres is new highway right-of-way.) Itasca County has offered Blandin Paper Co., the fee owner of the property, \$6,972 in compensation, of which \$2,192 is the fund's share and would be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion to approve the conversion as presented and direct the deposit of the proceeds into the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

#### **Suggested Procedure:**

Once motion is before the council, it is up for discussion, amendments and final passage.

**Agenda Item # 7**



# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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January 15, 2014

William H. Becker  
Executive Director  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Bill:

Itasca County is planning to reconstruct and realign a portion of Itasca County Highway 336 in 2014 to improve safety by establishing a curved road alignment in place of the right angle alignment that currently exists. The project is in portions of section 34 & 35 of Township 57N R24W. This project will impact five parcels of land that are currently in the fee ownership of Blandin Paper Company and over lands which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part with Outdoor Heritage funds. The County will need to acquire an easement to facilitate the construction of this project. The State conservation easement will remain in place after the easement action.

The affected parcels are located in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34 Township 57N R24W and the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 35 of Township 57N R24W of Itasca County (see map and exhibits). The proposed easement areas contain approximately 10.12 acres of which approximately 5.14 acres is existing highway right of way acres and approximately 4.98 acres is new highway right of way acres. Blandin is currently reviewing the purchase price offer from Itasca County of \$6,972 or approximately \$1,400/acre. The easement's share of the total compensation is estimated to be approximately \$2,847 ( $0.4082954 \times \$6,972$ ). We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that \$2,192 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs and private funds contributed approximately 22.3% or  $0.777 \times \$2,847 = \$2,192$  ).

I believe this is a minor conversion or conveyance under the Council processes and I am hereby requesting the Council's approval for Blandin Paper Company to proceed with this easement request by Itasca County. Please respond at your earliest convenience with the Council's decision. Please contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to provide additional information or answer questions from the Council as requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Peterson".

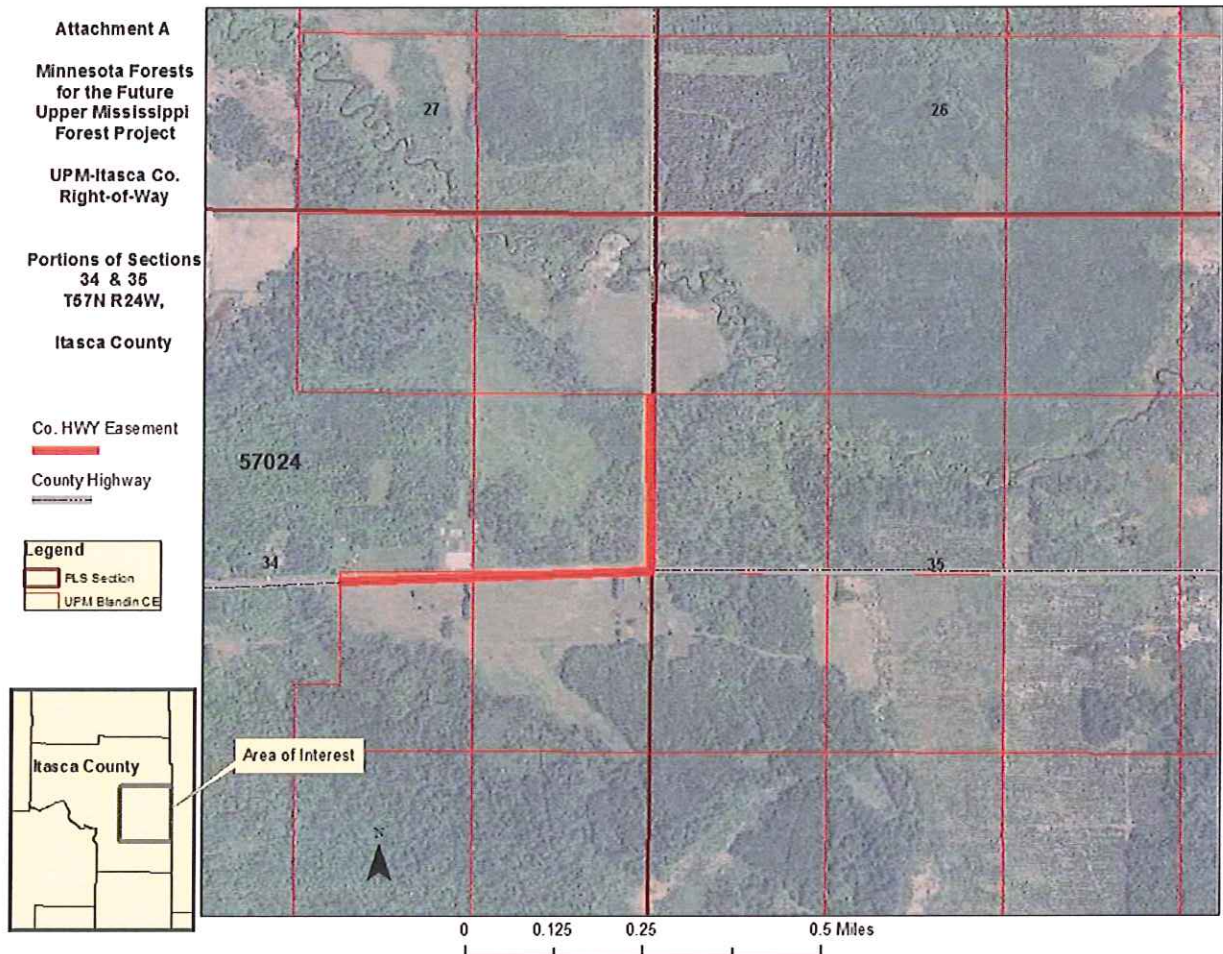
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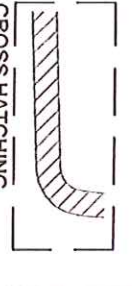
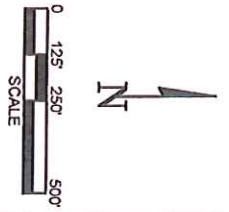
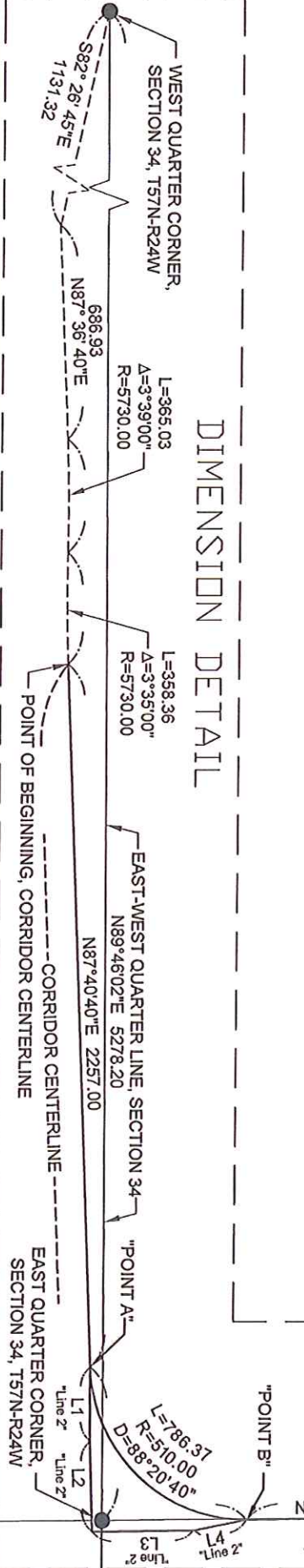
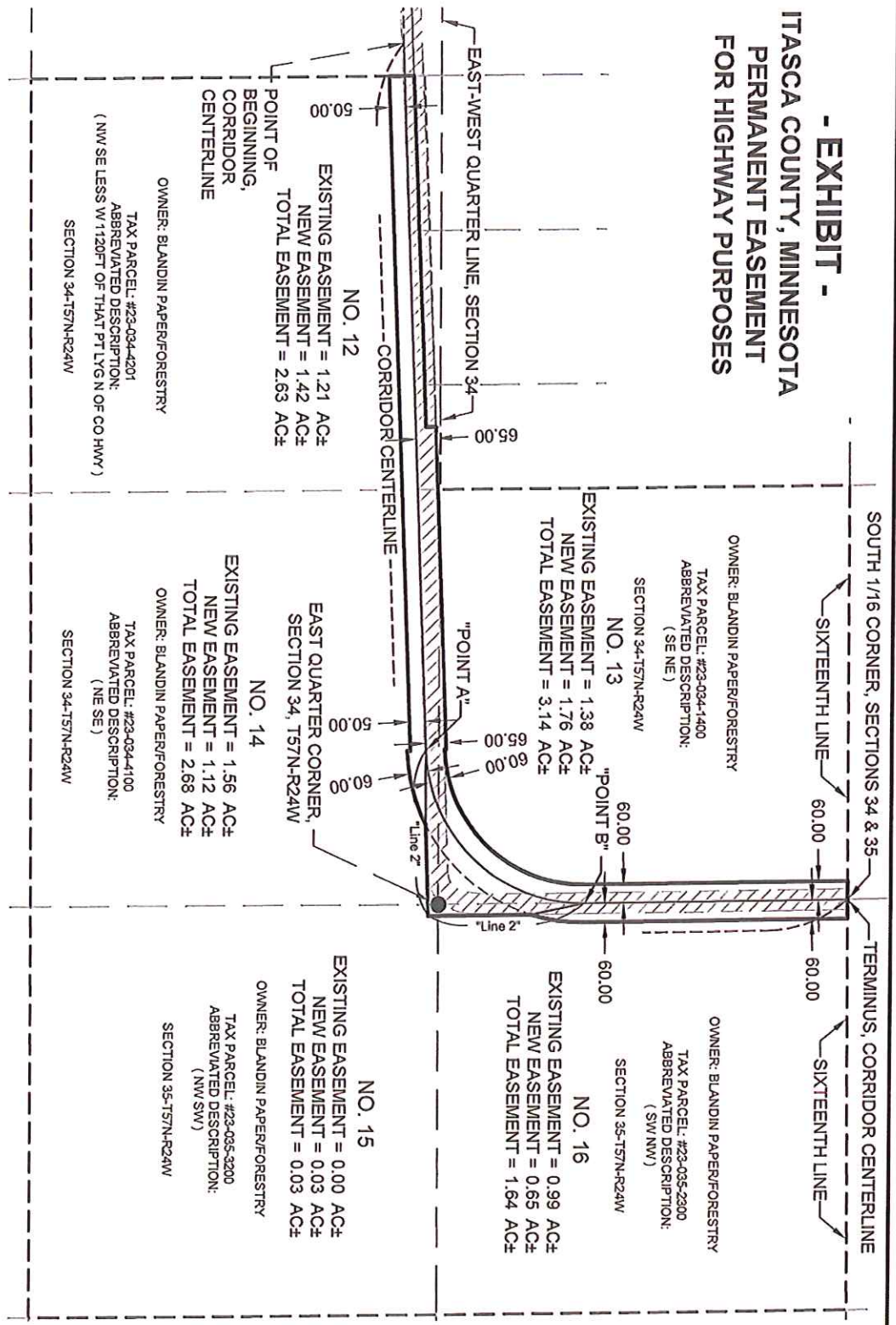


## Attachment 1: Easement locations for Itasca County Hwy 336 project





**- EXHIBIT -**  
**ITASCA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**PERMANENT EASEMENT**  
**FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES**



**"Line 2" DIMENSIONS**

L1 = N89° 34' 00"E	238.00
L2 = N88° 00' 00"E	290.40
L3 = N00° 40' 00"W	331.00
L4 = N11° 29' 00"W	176.13