

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

### Agenda Item Memo

**DATE:** September 11, 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 Minnesota Power that it intends to exercise the use of eminent domain to secure an easement for the construction of a high voltage transmission line in the resulting right-of-way. The proposed easement would be on lands over which there is a conservation easement funded with Outdoor Heritage Funds. The affected parcels are located in section 17 Township 56N R24W in Itasca County. The proposed easement will affect approximately 4.86 acres and the power line will cross ¼ miles of eased land. Minnesota Power has offered Blandin Paper Co., the fee owner of the property, \$9,720 in compensation, of which \$3,083 is the fund's share and would be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. No compensatory lands have been offered.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

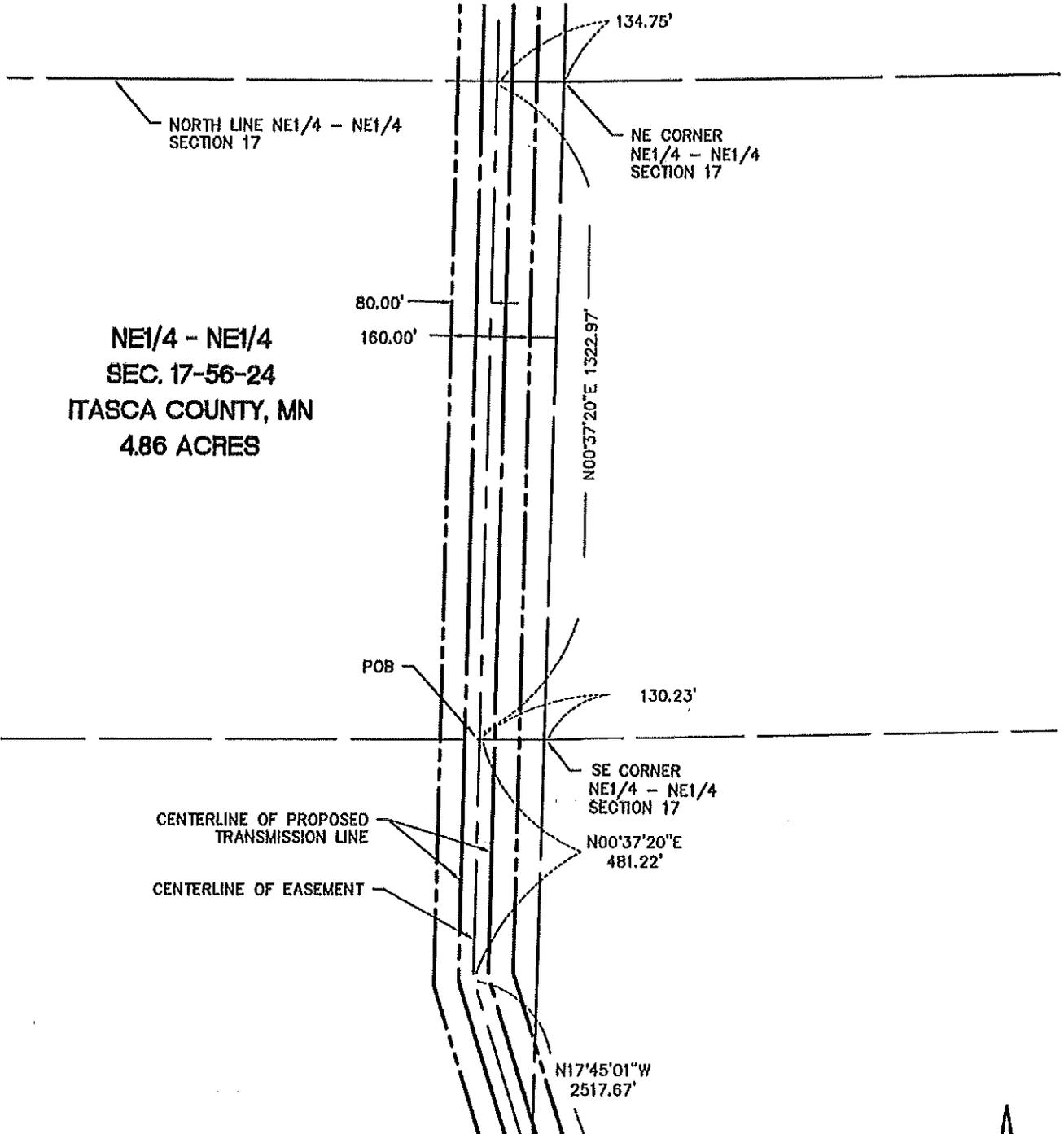
Motion to approve the conversion as presented and direct the deposit of the proceeds into the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

#### **Suggested Procedure:**

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

**Agenda Item # 4**

# Exhibit A



NE1/4 - NE1/4  
SEC. 17-56-24  
ITASCA COUNTY, MN  
4.86 ACRES

CENTERLINE OF PROPOSED  
TRANSMISSION LINE  
CENTERLINE OF EASEMENT

**LEGEND**

- Easement Centerline
- Transmission Centerline
- Transmission Right-of-Way Line
- Section Line
- Section Quarter Line
- Section Sixteenth Line



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RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT  
NE1/4 - NE1/4, SEC. 17  
TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH - RANGE 24 WEST

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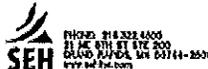
# Exhibit A

## Legal Description – MA 33445

A 160.00 foot wide strip of land across the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 17, Township 56 North, Range 24 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, being 80.00 feet on each side of the centerline described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 17; thence along the east line thereof on an assigned bearing North 01 degrees 39 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 508.90 feet; thence North 51 degrees 13 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 914.93 feet; thence North 17 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 2517.67 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 481.22 feet to a point on the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, said point lying 130.23 feet westerly of the southeast corner thereof, and being the Point of Beginning of the centerline to be described; thence continue North 00 degrees 37 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 1322.97 feet to a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, said point lying 134.75 feet westerly of the northeast corner thereof, and there terminating. Said strip of land contains 4.86 acres, more or less.

The sidelines of said strip shall be prolonged or shortened to terminate on the north and south lines of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter.



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# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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August 18, 2014

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

Bill:

Minnesota Power (MP), a utility company based in Duluth, Minnesota and owned by ALLETE, Inc. is preparing to exercise the use of eminent domain for the purpose of procuring an easement and right of way on Blandin Paper Company lands over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part with Outdoor Heritage Funds. MP intends to construct a new high voltage transmission line in the resulting right of way. The State conservation easement will remain in place after the condemnation action.

The affected parcel is located in Section 17 Township 56N R24W of Itasca, County (see map). The total area impacted is approximately 4.86 acres and the new power line will cross approximately 1/4 miles of eased Blandin property. This project will result in the construction of 2 parallel 115 kilovolt transmission lines within a proposed easement area measuring approximately 160 feet wide and 1,320 feet in length on the Blandin property.

MP has prepared a Statement of Compensation that shows that total expected compensation paid out from this action to be \$9,720. The easement's share of the total compensation is estimated to be approximately \$3,968 ( $0.4082954 \times \$9,720$ ). We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that approximately \$3,083 (77.7% of the \$3,968) be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs and private funds contributed approximately 22.3%.

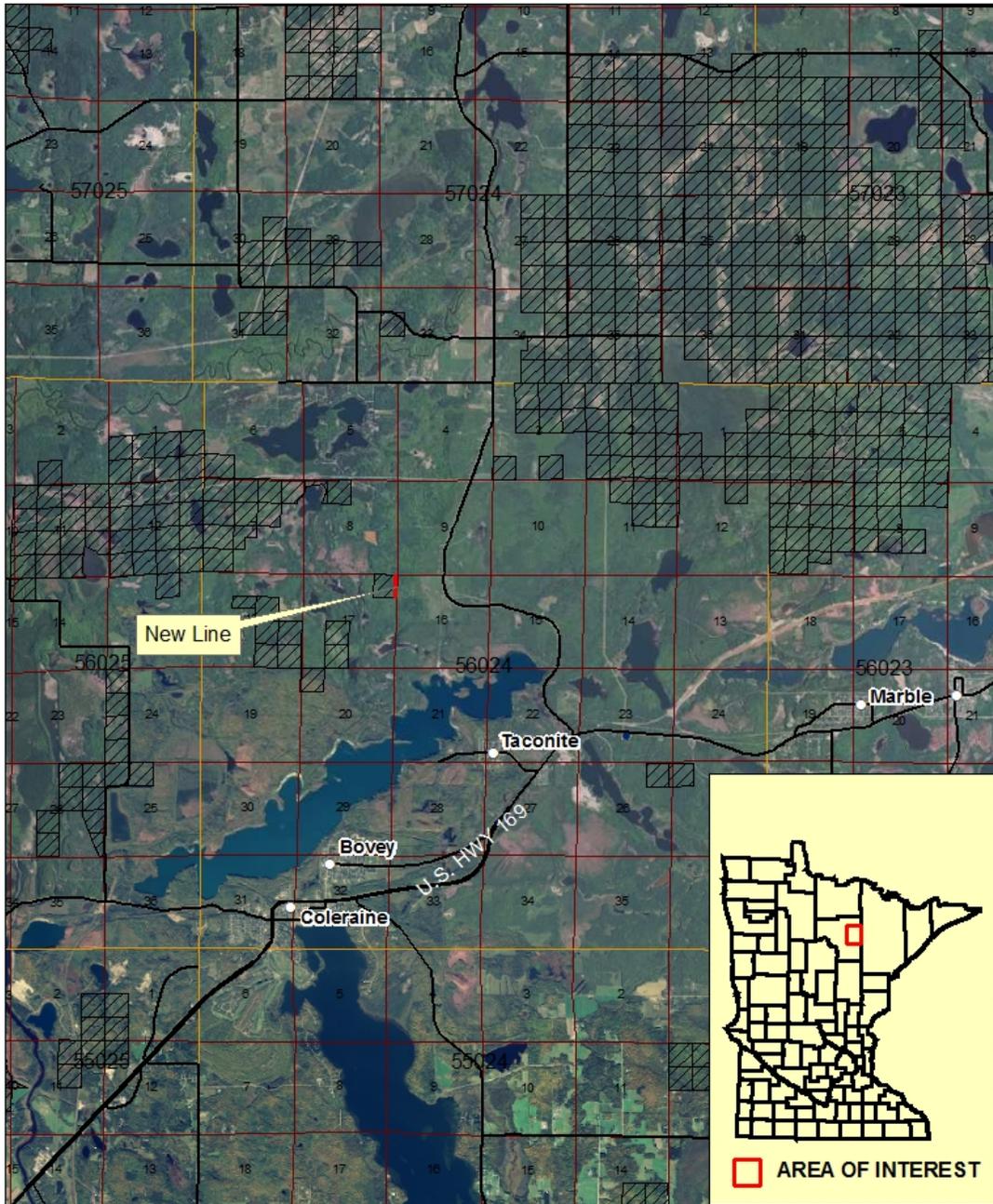
Please contact me if you have any questions and I will be happy to provide additional information or answer questions from the Council as requested.

Sincerely,

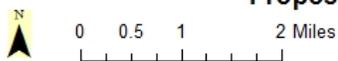
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**Blandin Paper Company**   
**Proposed Minnesota Power HVT Line** 



Map 8/18/14 rp