

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #9
DATE: March 13, 2015
SUBJECT: ML 2009, Ch. 172, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 3 Forest for the Future conversion
PRESENTER: Richard Peterson, DNR

Background:

The Department of Natural Resources has received notice from Itasca County that it intends to undertake two road construction projects that will impact the outdoor heritage funded conservation easement held on land owned by Blandin Paper Co. The first project will entail the conversion of forestland to a permanent road easement and right-of-way for a county road reconstruction. The affected parcels are located in portions of sections 34 and 35 of T57N R24W in Itasca County. The proposed easement will affect approximately 3.62 acres. Blandin Paper Co., the fee owner of the property, has calculated a compensation of \$2,430 in compensation, of which \$771 is the fund's share and would be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. No compensatory lands have been offered.

The second project involves a road reconstruction that will require a permanent road easement across eight parcels in portions of section 36 T56N-R22W and sections 1 and 12 T55N-R22W and a temporary easement across portions of section 1 T55N-R22W. Approximately 3.27 acres of new easements will be acquired. Blandin Paper Co. has calculated a compensation of \$5,591, with \$1,774 returning 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.

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January 15, 2015

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Mark:

Itasca County is proposing two County Road projects in 2015 that will impact lands owned by Blandin Paper Company over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part by the Outdoor Heritage Fund which will result in a conversion of forestland to road right-of-way and a conveyance of a permanent road easement to Itasca County. The State's easement will remain in effect on the land.

Project 1: Itasca County is planning to reconstruct a portion of Itasca County Highway 336 in 2015. The bridge along this stretch of County Road 336 is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2015 and this road project is needed to reconstruct the road to appropriate standards. The project is in portions of Sec. 34 & 35 of T57N-R24W. This project will impact two parcels of land. The County will need to acquire an easement on the parcels to facilitate the construction of this project. The permanent easement is approximately 3.62 acres (shown on the attachments). Included within the easement description is approximately 2.00 acres of existing easement leaving approximately 1.62 acres of new easement to be acquired.

The estimated value of this acquisition is:

Permanent Easements	(1.62 acres) X (\$1,500/acre) =	\$2,430.
Total Value:		\$2,430
Easement Share:	(\$2,430) X (0.4082954) =	\$992
<u>OHF Share:</u>	<u>(\$992) X (0.777) =</u>	<u>\$771</u>

We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that approximately \$771 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs).

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Project 2: The Itasca County Highway Department is proposing a rehabilitation project on County State Aid Highway 16 during the summer of 2015. The proposed work will include reconstruction of the existing road which will require a permanent easement across 8 parcels in portions of Sec. 36 T56N-R22W and Sec. 1 & 12 T55N-R22W and a temporary easement across portions of Sec. 1 T55N-R22W. The permanent easement is approximately 19.08 acres (shown on the attachments) . Included within the easement is approximately 15.81 acres of existing easement leaving approximately 3.27 acres of new easements to be acquired. The temporary easement will terminate December 31, 2015 or at the end of the project, whichever is later and consists of approximately 4.05 acres.

The estimated values of the easements are:

Permanent Easements	(3.00 acres) X (\$1,500/acre) =	\$4,500.
	(0.27 acres) X (\$1,723 acre) =	\$ 466.
Temporary Easements	(3.30 acres) X (\$1,500/acre) X (0.10) =	\$495
	(0.75 acres) X (\$1,723/acre) X (0.10) =	\$130
Total Value:		\$5,591
Easement Share:	(\$5,591) X (0.4082954) =	\$2,283
<u>OHF Share:</u>	<u>(\$2,283) X (0.777) =</u>	<u>\$1,774</u>

We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and propose that approximately \$1,774 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs).

Sincerely,
Richard Peterson
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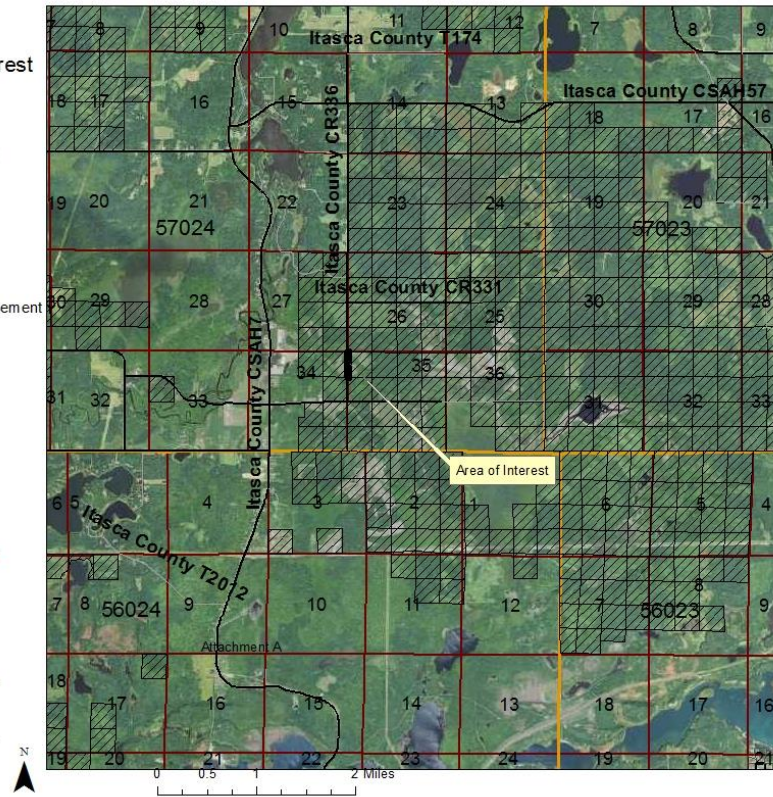
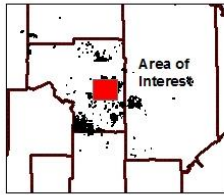


Project 1

Upper Mississippi Forest
 Itasca County
 Road Project
 County Highway 336

Legend

Blandin Conservation Easement

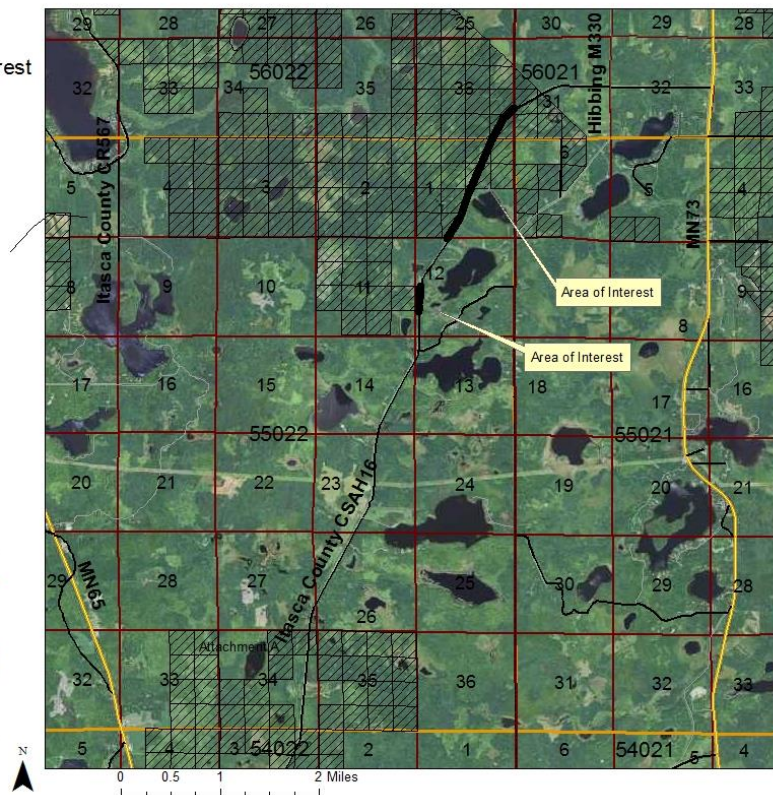
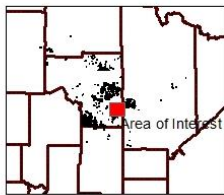


Project 2

Upper Mississippi Forest
 Itasca County
 Road Project
 County State Aid
 Highway 16

Legend

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