

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER DISCLAIMING AND EXTINGUISHING INTEREST IN TWO-TENTHS OF A MILE
(0.2 MILES) OF SISTER LAKE RD. / UNORGANIZED TERRITORY (UT) ROAD NO. 84
COUNTY OF LAKE, MINNESOTA**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Lake County Board of Commissioners held a virtual meeting for this Public Hearing. Board Chairperson Rich Sve and County Administrator Matthew Huddleston were present in the Lake County Service Center, Split Rock River Room, 616 Third Ave, Two Harbors, Minnesota. Other board members were present by video conference. Board Members Present: District 1 Commissioner Peter "Pete" R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick "Rick" L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard "Rick" C. Hogenson, District 4 Commissioner Jeremy M. Hurd, and District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Lake County Administrator Matthew Huddleston, Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan, and Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster.

This Public Hearing was made available to the public for persons to join remotely by telephone by dialing 1-888-742-5095 and entering Participant Code: 7635925916. In-person attendance is not allowed at this time. Lake County buildings are closed to the public due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Board Chairperson Rich Sve announced that there will be opportunity for Public Comments during this Public Hearing.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve opened this Public Hearing at 2:23 PM. Lake County Highway Engineer Krysten Foster reviewed the purpose of the hearing. Lake County has been asked to consider disclaiming and extinguishing interest in two-tenths of a mile (0.2 miles) of Sister Lake Rd. (Unorganized Territory (UT) Road No. 84) in T60 R6W through Parcels 24-6006-20010 and 24-6006-21310 abutting Harriet Lake. Extinguishing interest may also be referred to as vacating, vacation, abandoning, or abandonment. The proposed resolution is that the County of Lake disclaim and extinguish interest in abandoned UT Road No. 84 (Sister Lake Rd.) through the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 21 and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20 in Township 60N Range 6W to Harriet Lake in accordance with Minn. Stat. 163.11 Subd. 7. If the resolution is adopted, the Highway Department is directed to file and record the resolution with the county auditor and recorder.

Highway Engineer Foster reviewed that Minnesota Statute 163.11 grants county boards the power to alter county highways by resolution of the county board. Sister Lake Road was established by resolution of the county board as Unorganized Territory (UT) Road No. 84, but Lake County has no records of utilizing UT funds or county funds to construct or improve this highway through Parcel 24-6006-20010 in S20 T60 R6W or Parcel 24-6006-21310 in S21 T60 R6W, as identified on the exhibit, and currently owned by P. Martin. This interest is not a fee interest, and this interest is not recorded with the county recorder. This interest was established prior to 1979, and no highway maintenance through these parcels has occurred within the last forty-plus years. Extinguishing interest in this abandoned highway will not impact access rights for nearby property owners.

Board Chairperson Rich Sve opened the floor for public comments. The property owner spoke during public comments regarding why this abandonment is requested. Board Chair Sve opened the floor for additional public comments. Hearing no other public comments, the public comment portion of the hearing was closed at 2:29 PM.

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Highway Engineer Krysten Foster advises that Lake County has received no objection to this request and that this has not been used as a public highway for many years. County Commissioner Pete Walsh advised that he has spoken with and has heard no concerns from local people who fish the lake.

This Public Hearing was adjourned at 2:32 PM on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

ATTEST:

Laurel D. Buchanan
Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Board Chairperson
Lake County Board of Commissioners