Reports show high water quality in three watersheds

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Water quality in two northeastern Minnesota watersheds is considered outstanding, and in a third watershed, many streams have exceptionally high water quality.

That's according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's water quality monitoring and assessment reports for the Lake Superior-South, Bigfork and Nemadji River watersheds. These three watersheds represent about 3,000 square miles, or 20 percent, of the 10 watersheds in northeastern Minnesota.

Outstanding water quality in the first two watersheds may be related to larger areas of undisturbed landscape. Undeveloped portions of the Nemadji are covered by forests and wetlands, including state forests, wildlife management areas and other public lands which feature natural buffers and conditions that are protective of clean water.

Some of the cleanest waters in the Lake Superior-South watershed are McCarthy and Captain Jacobson Creeks and the West Branch Little Knife, Gooseberry and Stewart Rivers. These streams have excellent fish and aquatic invertebrate (bug) communities, and the habitat required to sustain them. They often support highly-sensitive species that are generally not found in stream systems with highly-disturbed watersheds.

A large majority of the Bigfork River system is in excellent condition; it is one of the healthiest watersheds in the state with more than 150 stream miles that support recreation and aquatic life. The Big Fork's top waters include Macafee Brook, Plum Creek, Turtle River, Deer Creek and Bowerman Brook. More than 100 lakes met recreation- based standards including Turtle, North Star, and Gunn.

Although water quality monitoring results show a different story in the Nemadji, there are some bright spots to be found in the watershed, including State Line Creek and the Net River.

But the news is not all good. Agency research confirmed the lakes and streams in the Lake Superior-South watershed, stretching along Minnesota's North Shore from Duluth to Silver Bay, and the Big Fork River watershed, in Itasca and Koochiching Counties, are also showing some signs of stress.

High levels of bacteria and nutrients, eroding stream banks and loss of sensitive aquatic species were found in streams in all three watersheds during the past four years of monitoring and assessment. A handful of lakes, such as Jesse, Round, and Bowstring, dominated by large watersheds and relatively shallow conditions are not meeting recreation expectations. Additional testing should indicate whether these stressors are more likely due to natural causes or from human activities.

Testing also identified high mercury levels that limit the number of fish people can safely consume from the Lake Superior-South, Nemadji River and Big Fork River watersheds.

Clay soils eroding from the Nemadji watershed's steep stream banks are sometimes visible as distinct red pools carried by the current from Superior Bay through the shipping channels into Lake Superior.

Read the Bigfork River monitoring and assessment report at www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=20347 or contact April Lueck at (651) 757-2363 or april.lueck@state.mn.us.

Public Notices

Public Notice

DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: March 23, 2015

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

The Journal
March 28th
April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
& May 2nd 2015

Public Notice

MINUTE SUMMARY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015;
9:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee
MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner McBride

The Board approved the March 3rd meeting agenda; approved the minutes from the February 24, 2015 meeting; authorized the County Board to join the VFW members in visiting with residents of the Littlefork and Good Samaritan Care Centers; appoint Karen Lorenzen to a 5 year term on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board; to set an evening committee meeting of the County Board in Northome to meet with the City Council at their request; approved a revised County Data Practices Policy for incorporation of the records security safeguard requirement; cancelled the March 24th County Board meeting and authorized the Administration Assistant to approve Board Claim payments as needed with payment ratification by the County Board at the March 31st meeting.

000 The Administration Director reviewed a 2014 County Budget year end report and reported on the County's Public Assistance Awards from the 2014 Summer Flood Event.

2015/03-08 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to amend Board Motion 2013/12-13 to reflect a two year, FY 2014 and FY 2015, BWSR Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-09 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to table the request to rescind motion 2015/02-07 for appointment of Quay Whitbeck to the County Board of Adjustment for more information on meeting procedures. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-10 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee that to approve an agreement with Wilkens Industries, Inc. to rehab one of the Transfer Station walking floor MSW semi trailers at a cost not to exceed $40,000. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-11 Motion by Adee, seconded by Ecklund to approve the 2015 Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota allocating funds to Koochiching County in the amount of $4,962.00. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee to approve expenditure up to $4,000 from the VSO Enhancement Grant for technology equipment and software for the Veteran Service Office. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-13 Motion by Adee, seconded by Ecklund to approve expenditure up to $5,300 from the 2015 Human Services Budget for (4) laptops that are needed by staff working as the MnCHOICES Program assessors. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-14 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to approve expenditure up to $8,700 for a Xerox copier/printer from the 2015 Land and Forestry Budget. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/03-15 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve a revised County Abatement Policy. Voting yes: Pavleck, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
A full copy of the minutes is available on the County website at www.co.koochiching.mn.us and for public inspection at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

The Journal
April 4th, 2015

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage dated **January 18, 2008,** executed by **Lori Krall,** as mortgagor(s) to **U.S. Bank National Association ND** as mortgagee in the original principal amount of Forty-four Thousand ($44,000.00) Dollars, recorded with the **Koochiching** County Recorder, State of Minnesota, on **February 8, 2008,** as doc. no. **A000261680;** that all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage; that there is claimed to be due thereon the sum of Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and 23/100 ($42,590.23) Dollars on this date; and that pursuant to the power of sale therein the mortgage will be foreclosed and the property in **Koochiching** County, Minnesota, described as follows:
Lots 17 and 18, Block 3, Plat of Holler's Addition to Koochiching.
Property address: **1531 - 2nd Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649**
Parcel I.D. #: **92.120.03170**

will be sold by the sheriff of said county at public auction on **May 12, 2015,** at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at **Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, Courthouse Annex, 715 Fourth Street, International Falls**, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by the mortgage, including costs and attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption by the mortgagor(s), **her** heirs or assigns, within **six (6)** months from the date of sale. The mortgagor(s) must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on November 12, 2015 (if that date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the date to vacate is the next date thereafter which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday), if (i) the mortgage is not reinstated under §580.30, or (ii) the property is not redeemed under §580.23.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: March 2, 2015

U.S. Bank National Association, successor by merger to U.S. Bank National Association ND, Mortgagee

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March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, &
April 4th & 11th, 2015

Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

In Re: Estate of

Jill E. Martin, also known as Jill Elizabeth Martin,
Decedent.

DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 36-PR-15-215

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

Jerry R. Martin has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is ordered that on April 24 , 2015, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 715 Fourth Street, International Falls, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court probate the decedent's Will, determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:
Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Court File No. 36-PR-15-215

BY THE COURT

Dated: 3-30-15

/s/ **Charles H. LeDuc**
Judge of District Court

Dated: 3-30-15

/s/ Sara Thompson
Court Administrator

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Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

IN DISTRICT COURT

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Civil – Quiet Title Action

Court File No. 36-CV-15-182

SUMMONS

Daniel G. Ruelle and
Kathleen M. Ruelle,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

The unknown heirs of Earl Thompson, deceased; the unknown heirs of Esther B. Thompson, a/k/a Esther R. Thompson, deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in or on the real property described in the Complaint herein.

Defendants.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or email to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you receive this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:
Shermoen & Jaksa, PLLP
P.O. Box 1072
International Falls, MN 56649

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs' Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiffs should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiffs everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims dated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOULTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Koochiching County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The East 800 feet of Lot 25, Auditor's Plat 24

The object of this action is to quiet Plaintiffs' title to said real estate and to determine the adverse claims of the Defendants to the same and the rights of the respective parties therein, and the relief demanded in the Complaint consists wholly in excluding said Defendants from any interest in or lien on said real estate and no personal claim is being made against any of said Defendants.

8. Dated this 16 day of March, 2015.

SHERMOEN & JAKSA, PLLP

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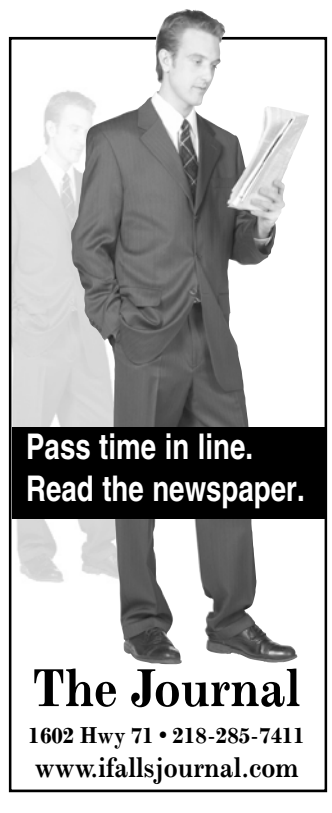
Public Notice

REQUEST FOR INSURANCE PROPOSALS

The Board of Education of Independent School District #362, Littlefork-Big Falls School will accept Requests for Proposals for the 2015-2016 school year for the following lines of coverage:

Property & Casualty Insurance
Workers Compensation Insurance

All requests for proposals must be received in the District Office, 700 Main Street, Littlefork MN 56653, no later than 3:00 pm, May 15, 2015. The School Board will take action on acceptance of coverage at the May board meeting. Specifications may be requested by contacting the district office at 218-278-6614x 100. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

Christopher Bachmeier
Superintendent
Littlefork-Big Falls School ISD #362

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