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Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING
IN DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case type: Probate
Court File No.: 36-PR-14-827

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EXEMPT ESTATE

In Re the Estate of:
Vivian Loane Etienne
Kurt Etienne,

Petitioner,

For the Estate of,
Vivian Loane Etienne,
Decedent

Notice is given that a Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's assets.

IT IS ORDERED and notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on January 8th, 2015 at 2:00 (p.m.), by this Court at the Koochiching County Courthouse, 715 4th Street, International Falls, MN 56649.

Notice is further given that (subject to Minn. Stat. Sec. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 12-4-14
/s/ **Charles H. LeDuc**
Judge of the District Court

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: 12-4-14
/s/ **Sara Thompson, Deputy**
Court Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 36-PR-14-824

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: Lester Paul Gooler, a/k/a Lester P. Gooler,
Decedent

It is ordered and Notice is given that on January 8, 2015, at 2:00 (p.m.) a hearing will be held in this Court at 715 Fourth Street, International Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated December 11, 1987 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Sandra Lee Nelson, whose address is 8126 Greenslope Drive, Austin TX 78759 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: 12-4-14
(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT
/s/ **Charles H. LeDuc**
Judge of District Court

Dated: 12-4-14
/s/ **Sara Thompson, Deputy**
Court Administrator

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Public Notice

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION I.S.D. #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
Monday, November 17, 2014
Falls High School Cafeteria
5:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARIES:
1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gordon Dault at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL: Members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Willi Kostluk and Dena Wenberg. Also present was student member Gary Harala and Superintendent Kevin Grover. Member absent was Darrell Wagner.

Media Present: The Journal

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.0 OPEN FORUM
5.1 November Students of the Month certificates were presented to Teagan Anderson & Jackson Volom.
5.2 Public Open Forum; There was no one to address the Board under Open Forum.

6.0 Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 20, 2014 and the special meeting of November 6, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.0 Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$209,925.75. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:
8.0 Program Consent: Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by M. Hebner to approve items 8.1-8.3.
8.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$17,265.77
9/3/14 Boise Paper; Pallet of Copy Paper to FES \$1200.00
10/24/14 Schwan's Cares; 6th Grade Trip \$129.98
10/28/14 Marshall Knudson Grant; TAGS Group \$1000.00
11/6/14 Falls Education Foundation; Falls High School \$5883.64
11/6/14 Falls Education Foundation; Falls Elementary School \$6145.65
11/5/14 Bronco Track Boosters; FHS Bronco Track Team \$2906.50
TOTAL \$17,265.77

8.2 Adopt the Indian Education Transmittal of Resolution and Parent Committee Roster for the 2014-15 school year.
8.3 Approve the request from FHS Choir to fundraise for a field trip to Minneapolis in March, 2015. Notation was made that fundraisers must be service oriented.

9.0 Personnel Consent: Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve items 9.1-9.7. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9.1 Approve the hire of Bill Schrader as a half-time custodian effective November 10, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

9.2 Approve the hire of Honey Hoopman as a regular-route, non-union bus driver effective 9-2-14.

9.3 Approve the hire of Staci Nelson as an Educational Support Professional effective November 10, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.

9.4 Approve the hire of Abigail Oveson as an Educational Support Professional effective October 24, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.

9.5 Approve the hire of Karen Bates and Erin Warren as co-coaches for Speech for the 2014-15 season and in accord with Schedule "D" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

9.6 Recognize the following individuals as Type III van drivers for recreation program activities: Jay Bartkowski, Darrell Boe, Jessica Crosby, Heather Lynch, Brock Morrison, Julie Olson, Jimmy Sauser and Kristen Wold

9.7 Recall Barb Johnson from ULA effective January 5, 2015, to fill the Community Education secretarial vacancy.

10.0 Policy Consent: Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve items 10.1-10.2. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.1 Approve corrected Policy 426 At Will reflecting correction to wage scale and hours for the hourly Accounts Payable and Receivable position.

10.2 Reaffirm Rental Fees for Non-School Events document as an attachment to Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities & Equipment.

10.3 Receive a draft version of a School Meal Charge Policy to be formally adopted at the regular meeting in December.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

11.0 Moved by M. Holden, seconded by M. Hebner to approve the hire of Minnesota School Board's Association for strategic planning/goal setting in the amount of approximately \$3900 plus travel expenses. Motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

12.0 Moved by G. Dault, seconded by M. Hebner to participate in the Education Innovation Partners Program. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13.0 Moved by W. Kostluk, seconded by M. Holden to approve a request from Rosa Christianson for adjustment of her placement on the salary schedule from step 6 to 8 for 2013-14 and step 7 to 9 for 2014-15 with retroactive pay. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

14.0 Receive revised FY15 Revenue and Expenditure budgets.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

15.0 Administrative Reports:

15.1 Tim Everson, Principal
15.1.1 Enrollment grades 6-12 is 627.
15.1.2 Winter sports have begun.
15.1.3 Several administrators have met with a local Economic Development Committee to focus on future training needs to enable young adults to remain in the community.
15.1.4 Parent-teacher conferences will be held on December 10th & 11th.

15.1.5 A "Bronco Zombie" day was held on Halloween where many students and staff dressed up. Participation in the event was higher than in past years demonstrating the improved school climate.
15.1.6 The tenth grade class was winner of first quarter's PBIS power tickets resulting in root beer floats served to the class by local law enforcement.

15.2 Melissa Tate, Principal

15.2.1 Enrollment Pre-5 is 584.

15.2.2 A technology committee was formed at Falls Elementary and recently traveled to Hibbing to research iPad initiatives.
15.2.3 A professional dance company will be here in December for a week-long residency to work with three classrooms culminating in an hour-long performance on December 12th.

15.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
15.3.1 Set a special meeting for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Falls High Cafeteria to install the incoming School Board members, elect officers and set committees.

15.3.2 MSBA Leadership Conference is scheduled for January 15-16 with Board members being encouraged to attend.

15.3.3 World's Best Workforce will be soon ready for submission but will be ongoing document.

15.3.4 Local 510 is revisiting potential participation in PIEP beginning in January.

15.3.5 The regular meeting in December will be held at 5:00 with the Truth in Taxation portion being held at 6:00.

16.0 Committee Reports:

16.1 Student member Gary Harala:

16.1.1 PBIS has been a positive influence on the school climate.

16.1.2 Girls' Hockey is currently 1-1 in their season with an upcoming home game on Thursday. Boys' Hockey will have their first game next Friday.

16.1.3 Boys' Basketball will have their first game on Friday and Girls' Basketball on December 1st.

16.1.4 Knowledge Bowl will attend a December tournament while the Math Team participated in their first meet on November 4th.

16.1.5 NHS & Student Council received their State Service Project and will work cooperatively to collect items for homeless shelters. They will also be competing for the You Rock Award which they currently hold.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wenberg to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: Willi Kostluk, Clerk

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Public Notice

December 1, 2014
City Council Minutes
4:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of International Falls, Minnesota, was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st day of December, 2014 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Eklund, Jaksa (arrived at 4:31 p.m.), Kalar, Rognerud, and Mayor Anderson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 17, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve transfer of Lodging Tax in the amount of \$207.85 from Fund 812 to Fund 101. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve payment of the claims from various funds of the city including checks 54642-54730 in the amount of \$237,030.57. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

Checks 98157-98172 were issued under blanket authorization in the amount of \$77,536.61.

None.

Mayor Anderson reported the Truth in Taxation public hearing and input meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to

rescind the Council's previous acceptance of a letter of resignation and approve leave of absence for Perryn Hedlund, Police Officer and Sheriff-elect, in lieu of previously approved resignation. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Shermoen discussed that when this appeared before the County Board at their last meeting to request for them to approve the Joint Resolution, there were several board members that had some concerns. Commissioner Pavleck wanted to see an agreement in place with Boise/Packaging Corporation of America (PCA) for permanent protection of Second Creek. They didn't want this to move forward without something in place. The other issue was the possible location of an industrial waste business within the Multi-Modal District. The County Board voted 5-0 for this to be tabled until these issues were addressed. City Attorney Shermoen in conjunction with City Administrator Anderson came up with a sentence that could be added to section 5 of the agreement that addresses the industrial waste business concerns. The addition to the agreement would be that the City of International Falls agrees not to locate any industrial waste business in the area unless the County approves it. Mr. Shermoen requested that the addition of this sentence to the prior proposed Joint Resolution be approved, and then ask the County Board to reconsider the request with this additional sentence added. Shermoen stated that this won't address the issue that Commissioner Pavleck has with having an agreement in place with the PCA, but hopefully this will allow the County Board to move forward without any further delay. Councilor Rognerud stated that it's the County, not the City, who has complete control over solid waste issues in all of Koochiching County. She was astounded that this would hold up the Annexation Agreement. Councilor Kalar stated that he understands they're environmentally concerned, but so is the City, and he believes that we're trying to work together and possibly get some economic development here. Councilor Jaksa expressed her concerns about how long the annexation process is taking. Mayor Anderson stated he thought the City has made good headway, the City Attorney and City Administrator have offered good language to add to the Joint Resolution, and he suggested adopting the additional language as part of the Joint Resolution. MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to update the Joint Resolution and Annexation Agreement with Koochiching County for the Multi-Modal site by inserting the proposed language to section 5 of the Joint Resolution as follows: "The City agrees not to locate any industrial waste business within the Annexation Area unless the County approves the business after receiving assurances there are adequate environmental protections for area residents," and furthermore, to request the County Board please act to approve the Joint Resolution on December 23, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Councilor Kalar stated that he felt the original draft is sufficient, and Councilor Eklund stated that it's been held up long enough and believes we should work together and move forward. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Rognerud and Jaksa voting "aye" and Councilors Eklund and Kalar voting "nay."

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Year 2015 license renewals: Duty Free Americas gasoline pumps
- Stock Tire Company - snowplow

Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to adopt Resolution #46-14 approving application to conduct off-site gambling International Falls Recreation Hockey Association. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to adopt Resolution #47-14 approving gambling site- International Voyageur Snowmobile Club. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve year 2015 license renewal for Border Bar & Pizza House, Inc., dba Border Bar for 3.2 off-sale, off-sale liquor, on-sale liquor, Sunday liquor, restaurant, amusement games, pool table and juke box licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve year 2015 license renewal for C & J Smith LLC, dba The Viking Bar for 3.2 off-sale, off-sale liquor, on-sale liquor, Sunday liquor, restaurant, cigarette, and pool table licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve year 2015 license renewal for Chocolate Moose Restaurant Company for wine on-sale, and restaurant licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve year 2015 license renewal for Phung, Boi Vi dba Rose Garden for 3.2 on-sale restaurant and bar, and restaurant licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve year 2015 license renewal for Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1259 dba Moose Lodge for club, gambling, restaurant, and juke box licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve year 2015 license renewal for Timberpins LLC for on-sale liquor, Sunday liquor, restaurant, bowling alleys, and pool table licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund

and carried unanimously.

Councilor Jaksa discussed the recommendation that the verbiage in part F of the Operating Agreement be changed so that KCC-TV would give ownership of their equipment to the City of International Falls. KCC-TV be fully responsible for the maintenance and repair of the equipment, and that the equipment be insured under the City's insurance. If insurance was purchased through the City, the insurance would be cheaper and would free up cash for more programming. Full payment of the insurance for the equipment would be paid to the City by KCC-TV, which would be no additional cost to the City of International Falls. Councilor Eklund questioned who would be responsible for future equipment purchases, and Jaksa confirmed that KCC-TV would be fully responsible for any future purchases. Councilor Eklund inquired about how much this would save KCC-TV on insurance costs, but Councilor Jaksa didn't have insurance quotes that showed the savings. Mayor Anderson also was interested in seeing some insurance quotes to see the possible savings, and also had concerns about the liability to the City by taking ownership of the equipment. Councilor Rognerud thought it would be a very small add on. City Attorney Shermoen suggested that the language be expanded to cover future purchases of equipment. MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to modify the Operating Agreement between the Cable Commission, KCC-TV, and the City of International Falls to take ownership of the KCC-TV equipment and include existing and future equipment under the City's insurance plan at the expense of KCC-TV. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Mayor Anderson stated that since he would like to see insurance quotes and Councilor Eklund requested to see the additional language on future equipment purchases, that this could not be considered. Mayor Anderson stated that since we don't have the additional language before us, and we don't have insurance quotes showing the possible savings, he ruled the motion out of order at this time.

None.

Chief Musich gave a brief report about department activities and also stated that November was a slow month. Fire Chief Mannausau was not present due to an emergency call, but his written report was available for review. Mayor Anderson stated that he met with the County Engineer, Joe Sutherland, on the bike trail. The bike trail to Ranier will be rebuilt in 2015. Possible signing will be put in place as well as having it rebuilt and widened. The City Administrator was requested to place the appointment of board members to the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District on the next meeting agenda. None.

Mayor Anderson recessed the meeting at 5:34 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. for the City Council Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing.

Mayor Anderson reconvened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and opened the public hearing with all members of the City Council present.

City Administrator Anderson informed the public that if they are present to discuss their property valuation, that the Board of Equalization meeting held in the spring/summer is for that purpose. Anne Blair, 306 Shorewood Dr, Steve Blair, 117 Riverview Blvd, and Joe Schwartz, 510 5th St, were present with concerns about their taxes going up. Councilor Jaksa explained the reasoning for taxes going up was because homes valued at \$80,000 or above were valued upwards. Councilor Jaksa stated that as the property increases in value and others stay the same, your taxes go up, so it's more about distribution, and less about tax levy increase. Councilor Jaksa also stated that many people had a tax decrease because their valuation went down, called shifting taxes.

City Administrator Anderson reviewed several 2015 budget highlights, the history of Local Government Aid (LGA), and gave a summary of the 2015 preliminary budget and levy. He said the levy increased \$42,188 which was 2% higher than the 2014 levy; however, due to growth in the tax base, if there was no change in an individual's property valuation, then the city portion of real estate taxes will go down. Councilor Jaksa said that she really appreciated the presentation. General discussion followed. Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing and public input portion of the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

City Administrator Anderson stated that the EDA has not formally reviewed and approved its budget; therefore, the City cannot approve the 2015 budget and levy at this time. Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 36-PR-14-825

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of: Valerie Jean Sjoblom, a/k/a Valerie J. Sjoblom, a/k/a Valerie Sjoblom
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 8, 2015 at 2:00 (p.m.) a hearing will be held in this Court at 715 4th Street, International Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated 9/27/2011 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jason Sven Sjoblom, whose address is 115 Park Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT

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