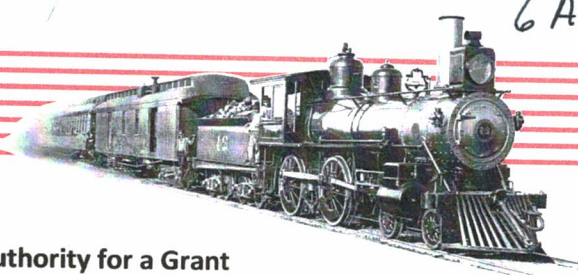


St. Louis & Lake Counties REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY



RESOLUTION

Of the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for a Grant Application to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriation for Design and Construction of the CSAH 88 to Ely Segment of the Mesabi Trail

WHEREAS, the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority (hereafter known as the "Rail Authority") is a political subdivision and local government unit of Minnesota organized/operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota (M.S. 398A); and

WHEREAS, the Rail Authority has been working to construct the planned 155 mile long Mesabi Trail from Grand Rapids to Ely with 126 miles of trail constructed to date; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Authority has a need for grants to complete construction of the planned Mesabi trail; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Authority has provided project administration and maintained the Mesabi Trail since inception year 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Authority supports the year 2021 grant application to the LCCMR in the amount of \$2,200,000 to perform environmental clearance, design and construction of the Mesabi Trail segment beginning at the intersection of County State Aid Highway 88 and State Highway 169 and ending in the City of Ely, a distance of approximately 2.8 miles in length where seen on the attached map; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved if the Rail Authority is awarded a grant by the LCCMR, the Rail Authority hereby agrees to accept the grant award and may enter into an agreement with the LCCMR for the above referenced project. The Rail Authority will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements as stated in the grant agreement; and

Be It Further Resolved that Rail Authority Chair, Keith Nelson or Vice Chair, Rick Goutermont, are hereby authorized to submit and execute all documents, agreements and applications which may result from this grant located at St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, 111 Station 44 Road, Eveleth, MN 55734.

Be It Further Resolved that the Rail Authority hereby assures the Mesabi Trail will be properly maintained.

Commissioner Goutermont, supported by Commissioner Hurd moved acceptance. This resolution passed on the following vote:

Yeas: Goutermont, Hurd, Nelson, Boyle, McDonald
Nays:

Adopted this 15th day of April 2020



Keith Nelson, Chair

