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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, P.E. – Public Works Director / County Engineer

RE: 18 June 2024 County Board Meeting – **CONSENT AGENDA**
Vacate Right of Way from old CSAH 2

Date: 12 June 2024

Summary

It is requested that the County Board vacate right of way from an old alignment of CSAH 2, near Trunk Highway (TH) 61.

Background

CSAH 2 is owned by Goodhue County and intersects Trunk Highway (TH) 61 near Frontenac. In 1960, the CSAH 2 / TH 61 intersection was modified, resulting in the west leg being offset to the north and the old pavement being removed. Since then, the County has retained ownership of the property from the old alignment of CSAH 2, despite no roadway being present.

The County is proposing a reconstruction project on CSAH 2. The current intersection, involving the west leg being offset to the north, functions satisfactorily from a safety and operations standpoint, so the County plans to maintain the current configuration of the CSAH 2 / TH 61 intersection.

The County acquired property, via settlement, from an adjacent landowner. The landowner negotiated in good faith. As part of negotiations, the landowner expressed interest in the property, owned by the County, from the old alignment, as it is adjacent to their property. The parcel from the old CSAH 2 alignment has little to no value to the County due to a lack of utility, nor would it likely have any value to other agencies given its proximity to a railroad.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 163.11, the County may vacate any such portion of highway by resolution. Vacating highway right of way requires the County Board to pass a resolution, and involves notifying adjacent landowners, posting the signed resolution in the Administration Office for 10 days, filing the signed resolution in the Administration Office after the posting, and recording the signed resolution.

Recommendations

It is the recommendation of staff for the County Board to vacate the ROW from old CSAH 2, as shown in Exhibit A and described in the resolution.

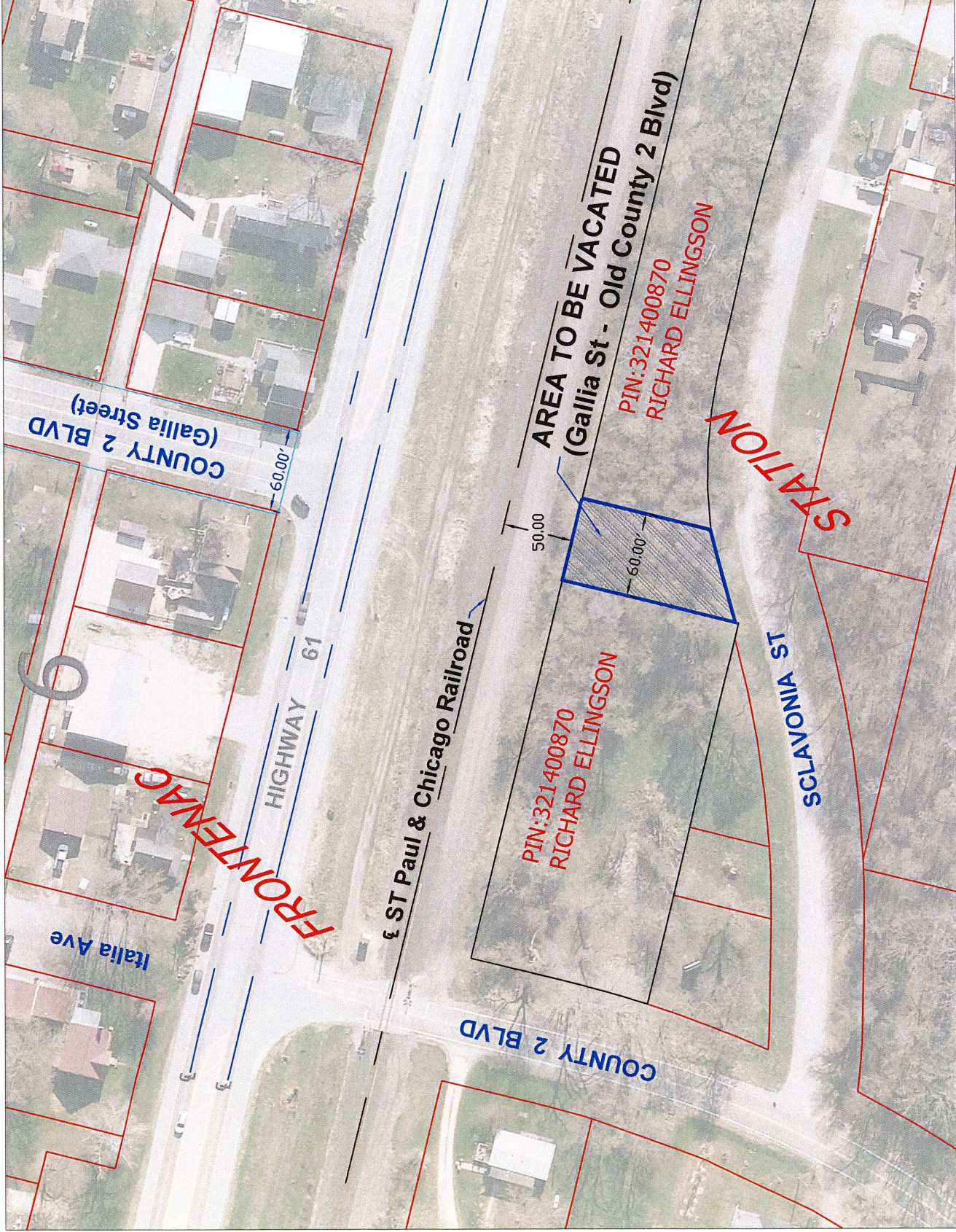
"To effectively promote the safety, health, and well-being of our residents"

Exhibit A

Old County
Road 2
To be Vacated



Scale 1:100



I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision, and that I am a duly licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Jeff Ekblad 6/11/2024

JEFF EKBLAD
MN License No. 45776 Date

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

18 June 2024

WHEREAS, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2 intersects Trunk Highway (TH) 61; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the CSAH 2 / TH 61 intersection was modified, resulting in the west leg being offset to the north and the old pavement being removed; and

WHEREAS, the County has retained ownership of the property from the old alignment of CSAH 2; and

WHEREAS, the current intersection alignment, in which the west leg is offset to the north, functions satisfactorily from a safety and operations standpoint; and

WHEREAS, the County is proposing a reconstruction project on CSAH 2 that will maintain the current alignment of the CSAH 2 / TH 61 intersection; and

WHEREAS, an adjacent landowner has expressed interest in the property from the old alignment, which is owned by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board may, according to Minnesota Statute 163.11, vacate any such portion of highway by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That portion of the old Public Road described below shall be vacated pursuant to Minnesota Statute 163.11:
That portion of the County Road 2 (Gallia Street) Right of Way over, under, and across the Original Plat of Frontenac Station, on file and of record in the Goodhue County Recorder's Office, Goodhue County Minnesota, lying 50 feet south of the St Paul and Chicago Railroad tracks and north of the Sclavonia Street Right of Way as traveled. Subject to easements of record.
and;
2. That the Goodhue County Board directs that this resolution shall be served personally on each occupant of land through which the vacated portion of highway passes; and
3. That the Goodhue County Board directs that this resolution shall be posted for a period of at least ten days in the Goodhue County Administrator's office; and

4. That the Goodhue County Board directs that a copy of this resolution together with proof of service and affidavit of posting shall be filed in the Goodhue County Administrator's office; and
5. That the signed resolution shall be recorded in the Goodhue County Recorder's Office, State of Minnesota, County of Goodhue.

State of Minnesota
County of Goodhue

Flanders	Yes	___	No	___
Anderson	Yes	___	No	___
Betcher	Yes	___	No	___
Majerus	Yes	___	No	___
Greseth	Yes	___	No	___

I, Scott Arneson, duly appointed, qualified, and County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 18th day of June, 2024, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota this 18th day of June, 2024.

Scott Arneson
County Administrator