

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-1530

Pertaining to the sale of property to Ramsey County located east of Rice Street, north of Country Drive, and south of Trunk Highway 694 in the City of Little Canada.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ramsey County Project P-3382 to reconstruct and improve the intersection of Rice Street and Trunk Highway 694 is scheduled to begin early 2019. The County is required to acquire the right-of-way rights and interests that are needed for this project and is proposing to buy these property interests directly from the owners. One such property identified is owned by The Board of Water Commissioners.

The property is located in the southeast quadrant of Interstate 694 and Rice Street. The Board has no infrastructure or any other assets within the parcel and it is not required for current or future maintenance, construction, improvement or operation of the Board's water works system. The total land area is 2.52 acres, approximately 1.98 acre of which is comprised of wetlands. The remaining upland area is comprised of mostly wooded, steeply sloped terrain.

The following has already occurred regarding the sale of this property:

- 1) The Board declared the property surplus by Board Resolution 18-912
- 2) The St. Paul City Council concurred with the Board by City Council Resolution 18-1001
- 3) The City of St. Paul transferred its interest to the Board via quitclaim deed
- 4) Ramsey County supplied staff with a certified appraisal stating the value to be \$17,500.

This resolution will serve to authorize the proper officers of the Board to execute a quitclaim deed in favor of Ramsey County in consideration of the appraised value of \$17,500.

The property is considered necessary for the project and it may be acquired by eminent domain if the County cannot acquire it voluntarily.

See attached Location Maps.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.