

WALKER, GIROUX & HAHNE, LLC
225 1ST STREET N SUITE 2400
P.O. BOX 960
VIRGINIA, MN 55792
218-749-4880 FAX 218-749-8528

TO: CRAIG WAINIO
FROM: PATTY SABIE
DATE: December 2, 2014

CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON "NONAUDIT SERVICES" LETTER

Craig,

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that we are required to have on file to document that you have been designated by the City Council to oversee, monitor, accept responsibility and evaluate the "nonaudit services", which include preparation of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to be included in the audit.

Please have a council member sign the letter also, and return to our office.

Please call if you have questions.

Thank you,



**MOUNTAIN IRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.
A G E N D A**

- I. Roll Call
 - II. Consent Agenda
 - A. Receipts
 - B. Bills and Payroll
 - C. Communications (#5-16)
 - III. Public Forum
 - IV. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor's Report
 - B. City Administrator's Report
 - 1. Non Audit Services Letter(#1-2)
 - C. Director of Public Work's Report
 - D. Library Director/Special Events Coordinator's Report
 - E. Sheriff's Department Report
 - F. City Engineer's Report
 - G. City Attorneys Report
 - H. Liaison Reports
 - V. Unfinished Business
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Fire Hose Quotes (#3-4)
 - VII. Communications (#5-16)
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjourn
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NONAUDIT SERVICES

Nonaudit services performed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, LLC (check applicable items):

1. Preparing a trial balance based on entity management's chart of accounts.
2. Maintaining depreciation schedules for which entity management has determined the method and rate of depreciation and salvage value of the assets.
3. Preparing draft financial statements based on entity management's chart of accounts and trial balance and any adjusting, correcting, and closing entries that have been approved by entity management.
4. Preparing draft notes to the financial statements based on information determined and approved by entity management.

With regard to the above nonaudit services performed by Walker, Giroux & Hahne, LLC during the audit of City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota for the year ended December 31, 2014, I confirm the following:

1. I have been designated by the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the nonaudit services.
2. I will monitored the performance of the nonaudit services.
3. I will make all decisions that involved entity management functions related to the nonaudit services and accept full responsibility for those decisions.
4. I will evaluate the adequacy of the services performed and accept responsibility for the results.

Craig Wainio, Administrator
Printed Name and Title

Signature

Craig Wainio, Administrator has been designated by the City of Mountain Iron, Minnesota to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the above nonaudit services.

Printed Name and Title

Signature



The Department Sales And Service

TNT Fire Protection

"Protection You Can Count On"

222 N.W. 5th Street Chisholm, MN 55719

Phone (218)254-4919 • 1-800-247-1328 • Fax (218) 254-4919

To: Mt Iron Fire Dept

ATT:

2-10-15

**quotation
quotation**

(PLEASE REFER TO PROPOSAL NO. WHEN ORDERING)

**20 or more Snap-tite Type 8D Attack Hose 1 1/2" X 50' color of your choice NST threads
No questions asked Warranty. Price per each 102.00**

**20 or more Snap-Tite 8D DJ attack hose. 3" X 50' Color of choice. NST threads
10 year No Questions asked warranty. Price per each 202.00**

Free Freight provided with One Time Order of \$5888.00 or more.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

We shall furnish only the equipment shown on the quotation for the price quoted. Any additional equipment needed to meet specifications shall be charged for in accordance with our original quotation.

We appreciate this opportunity to quote you and thank you for your inquiry.

TNT FIRE PROTECTION

Dave Andrews

ULTIMATE SAFETY CONCEPTS INC.
 DBA: CLAREY'S SAFETY EQUIPMENT
 P.O. BOX #5827
 ROCHESTER, MN 55903-5827
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 (507)-289-6749

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QUOTE DATE 2/10/2015

QUOTE NO 159644

<< QUOTE >>

S 135877
 O ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 L CITY OF MOUNTAIN IRON
 D 8586 ENTERPRISE DRIVE SOUTH
 MOUNTAIN IRON, MN 55768

S MOUNTAIN IRON FIRE DEPT.
 H 8866 SLATE STREET
 I MOUNTAIN IRON, MN 55768
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NET DUE 315.00

SLS1	SLS2	DUE DATE	DISC DUE DATE	ORDER NO	ORDER DATE	SHIP DATE	SHIP NO
31		3/2/2015	2/10/2015	00116892	2/10/2015		

TERMS DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMER PO NUMBER	SHIP VIA
Net 20		FREIGHT

ITEM ID	TX CL	UNIT	ORDERED	SHIPPED	UNIT PRICE	EXTENSION
PRH-17B/50/15NS DJ HOSE, 50' 1.75" COLORED, CPLD 1.5"	1	EA	1.00	.00	110.0000	110.00
PRH-30B/50/25NS DJ HOSE, 50' 3" COLORED, CPLD 2.5" NST	1	EA	1.00	.00	205.0000	205.00
S SHIPPING AND HANDLING - NOT INCLUDED IN THIS QUOTE	1	EA	1.00	.00	.0000	0.00

Monthly 1.5% service charge on past due invoices

Federal Tax ID 45-5156066

TAXABLE	NONTAXABLE	FREIGHT	SALES TAX	MISC	TOTAL
0.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00
	PREPAYMENT	4 3.00		NET DUE	315.00

COMMUNICATIONS
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

1. St. Louis County Assessor's Office, a letter concerning training sessions for the Board of Appeal and Equalization.
2. PERA, a letter concerning the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan's status for 2014.
3. Range Mental Health Center, a letter thanking the City for its' support.
4. Sax-Zim Bog Birding Center, a letter requesting the City's sponsorship of needed materials.



Saint Louis County

County Assessor • 212 Courthouse • 100 North 5th Avenue West
Duluth, MN 55802-1291 • Phone: (218) 726-2304
www.stlouiscountymn.gov

David L. Sipila
County Assessor

Cory J. Leinwander
Assistant County Assessor

Terry A. Johnson
Assistant County Assessor

February 6, 2015

Dear Clerk:

The Department of Revenue has scheduled six catch-up Board of Appeal and Equalization (BAE) training sessions before the 2015 Board of Appeal and Equalization season begins. These sessions will accommodate jurisdictions that were in compliance with the training requirements on December 1, 2014 but lost their trained member due to city/township elections, resignations, or other circumstances. This training is open to any board members, but these "catch-up" sessions will only benefit those boards that were already in compliance with the training requirements and would otherwise lose their right to hold their BAE because they would not have a trained member present at the 2014 BAE meeting. **It will not enable those boards that were not already in compliance to regain their boards for 2015.** If you are unsure of who was trained or their expiration dates, you can find that information on the Department of Revenue website at: <http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/localgov/proptaxadmin/Pages/lbaetraining.aspx>.

To register for the class in Cotton, call Lora Dugas in our office at 726-2304. **Our class will be at the Cotton Community Center on 3/24/15 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.** Registration requires name, phone number, city or township name, title/position, and county name (if not St. Louis). Registration for this class ends 3/13/15.

Also, please review the date, time and place of your **tentatively** scheduled 2015 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization or Open Book meeting. If a change is necessary, please contact me by calling (218) 726-2378 or e-mailing ANDERSONL3@STLOUISCOUNTYMN.GOV no later than February 20th. If your jurisdiction has a local assessor, please discuss any change with that individual first. A schedule has been sent to all local assessors. Your finalized calendar and materials to conduct your meeting will arrive at a later date.

The Notice of Valuation & Classification allows us to list the name and address of the clerk for correspondence to the local board

. **Please review the name and address on the envelope you received this letter in. This is what will be on the notices. If you wish to have anything different, please contact me by calling (218) 726-2378 or e-mailing ANDERSONL3@STLOUISCOUNTYMN.GOV.**

Sincerely,

Lana Anderson
County Assessor's Office
Enclosure

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212 Courthouse
100 North 5th Avenue West
Duluth, MN 55802-1291
(218) 726-2304

105 SLC Service Center
320 Miners Drive East
Ely, MN 55731-1402
(218) 365-8206

Hibbing City Hall • Room 200
401 East 21st Street
Hibbing, MN 55746
(218) 62-6089

Northland Office Center • Suite 2R
307 1st Street South
Virginia, MN 55792-2666
(218) 749-7147

2015 LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION AND OPEN BOOK MEETINGS

CVT	Jurisdiction	C/T	Date	Time	am/pm	Type	Location	2/6/15
10	Duluth	City	05/20/15	4:30	pm	Open Book	City Hall	
15	Biwabik	City	04/27/15	5:15 - 6:15	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
20	Chisholm	City	04/21/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
30	Ely	City	04/09/15	5:00 - 6:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
40	Eveleth	City	04/29/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
60	Gilbert	City	05/07/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
80	Tower	City	04/20/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
90	Virginia	City	04/14/15	10:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	City Hall (call 748-7500 for appt)	
100	Aurora	City	04/22/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	City/Town Government Center	
105	Babbitt	City	04/22/15	09:30 - 10:30	am	LBAE	Babbitt Municipal Center	
110	Brookston	City	04/07/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Duluth	
115	Buhl	City	05/05/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	City Hall	
120	Cook	City	04/08/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia	
125	Floodwood	City	04/21/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
139	Hibbing	City	05/12/15	1:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
140	Hibbing	City	05/12/15	1:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
141	Hibbing	City	05/12/15	1:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
142	Hoyt Lakes	City	04/08/15	6:30 - 7:30	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
145	Iron Junction	City	04/23/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia	
150	Kinney	City	05/13/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	Kinney/Great Scott Library	
156	Leonidas	City	05/12/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia	
160	McKinley	City	04/08/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia	
165	Meadowlands	City	04/22/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Meadowlands Community Center	
175	Mountain Iron	City	04/30/15	6:30 - 7:30	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
180	Orr	City	04/30/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	City Hall	
185	Proctor	City	04/23/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Community Center, Council Chambers	
190	Winton	City	04/15/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Winton Community Church	
200	Alango	Twp	04/21/15	5:00 - 6:00	pm	LBAE	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9808 Hwy 22	
205	Alborn	Twp	05/06/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
210	Alden	Twp	05/14/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
215	Angora	Twp	04/22/15	7:00 - 8:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
225	Arrowhead	Twp	04/16/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
230	Ault	Twp	04/29/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
235	Balkan	Twp	04/15/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Community Center	
240	Bassett	Twp	04/21/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
250	Beatty	Twp	05/08/15	10:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
260	Biwabik	Twp	04/08/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
270	Breitung	Twp	04/30/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Breitung Town Hall	
275	Brevator	Twp	04/16/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	East Brevator Town Hall	
278	Camp 5	Twp	04/30/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
280	Canosia	Twp	04/09/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
285	Cedar Valley	Twp	04/15/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
290	Cherry	Twp	04/28/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Community Center	
295	Clinton	Twp	05/06/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
300	Colvin	Twp	04/16/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
305	Cotton	Twp	05/06/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Community Center	
308	Crane Lake	Twp	05/07/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Fellowship Hall	
310	Culver	Twp	04/16/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Duluth	
315	Duluth	Twp	04/07/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
317	Eagles Nest	Twp	05/02/15	10:00 - 11:00	an	LBAE	Town Hall	

CVT	Jurisdiction	C/T	Date	Time	am/pm	Type	Location	2/6/15
320	Ellsburg	Twp	04/15/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Melrude Town Hall	
325	Elmer	Twp	04/16/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Fire Hall	
330	Embarrass	Twp	04/14/15	6:30 - 7:30	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
335	Fairbanks	Twp	04/29/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Petrell Hall	
340	Fayal	Twp	04/22/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
350	Field	Twp	04/22/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
355	Fine Lakes	Twp	05/05/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
360	Floodwood	Twp	04/30/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	Floodwood City Hall	
365	Fredenberg	Twp	05/13/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	Open Book	Town Hall	
370	French	Twp	04/21/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
375	Gnesen	Twp	05/07/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
380	Grand Lake	Twp	04/08/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
385	Great Scott	Twp	04/28/15	1:00-2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
387	Greenwood	Twp	05/14/15	10:00-11:00	am	Open Book	Town Hall @ 3000 Co Rd #77	
390	Halden	Twp	04/14/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
395	Hermantown	City	05/05/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	5105 Maple Grove Road	
400	Industrial	Twp	05/05/15	7:00 - 8:00	pm	LBAE	Community Center	
402	Kabetogama	Twp	04/23/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Virginia	
405	Kelsey	Twp	04/14/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
410	Kugler	Twp	04/14/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	BREITUNG Town Hall	
415	Lakewood	Twp	04/16/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Duluth	
420	Lavell	Twp	04/07/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
425	Leiding	Twp	04/30/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
430	Linden Grove	Twp	04/23/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
435	McDavitt	Twp	04/07/15	11:00 - 12:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
440	Meadowlands	Twp	04/09/15	5:00 - 6:00	pm	LBAE	Meadowlands Community Center	
450	Midway	Twp	04/28/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	New Town Hall	
460	Morcom	Twp	04/14/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Bear River School	
465	Morse	Twp	04/30/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
470	Ness	Twp	04/09/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Meadowlands Community Center	
475	New Independence	Twp	05/06/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
485	Normanna	Twp	04/22/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
488	North Star	Twp	04/21/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
490	Northland	Twp	04/14/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Volunteer Fire Hall	
495	Owens	Twp	04/23/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Dennis Carlson res: 9176 Johnson Rd	
502	Pequaywan	Twp	04/09/15	7:00 - 8:00	pm	LBAE	Volunteer Fire Hall	
505	Pike	Twp	04/29/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
510	Portage	Twp	05/07/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Volunteer Fire Hall	
515	Prairie Lake	Twp	04/14/15	12:00 - 1:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
520	Rice Lake	Twp	04/15/15	6:00 - 7:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
525	Sandy	Twp	05/06/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
530	Solway	Twp	05/11/15	5:00 - 6:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
535	Stoney Brook	Twp	04/27/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
545	Sturgeon	Twp	04/15/15	3:00 - 4:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
550	Toivola	Twp	04/07/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	Open Book	County Assessor's Office/Duluth	
555	Van Buren	Twp	04/09/15	09:00 - 10:00	am	LBAE	Town Hall	
560	Vermilion Lake	Twp	04/29/15	2:00 - 3:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
565	Waasa	Twp	05/05/15	4:00 - 5:00	pm	LBAE	Town Hall	
570	White	Twp	04/09/15	10:00 - 11:00	am	LBAE	Aurora City Hall	
575	Willow Valley	Twp	04/14/15	1:00 - 2:00	pm	LBAE	Farmer's Club Hall	
580	Wuori	Twp	04/21/15	3:00 - 4:00	pr	LBAE	Town Hall	

Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota

60 Empire Drive, Suite 200

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103-2088

Member Information Services: 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026

Employer Response Lines: 651-296-3636 or 1-888-892-73

PERA Fax Number: 651-297-2547 ♦ PERA Website: www.mnpera.org



January 27, 2015

Jill Clark
City of Mountain Iron
8586 Enterprise Drive South
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Dear Jill Clark:

I am pleased to report that 2014 was another good year for the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter (SVF) Retirement Plan. Your fire department is a member of the SVF Plan that is administered by PERA. Assets of the SVF Plan are invested by the State Board of Investment (SBI). In 2014, those assets returned 6.46%. Over the past three calendar years, the annualized investment return was 10.34%, and since the plan's inception five years ago, the return is 8.82%, well above our goal of 6%. I am enclosing a basic income statement showing activity that occurred in your fire department's SVF account during the year.

Required municipal contribution amounts for 2015 were sent to you last July. Many entities do not have a required contribution due in 2015 because there are sufficient assets in their fire department's account to cover expenses and benefits. If you do need to pay a required contribution, it is not due until December 31. I will be sending a reminder of the amount due (if any) this coming July. At the same time, I will let you know if you need to make a contribution to the SVF Plan in 2016, and if so, how much. Legislation was passed during 2013 to allow municipalities to make voluntary contributions at any time.

The SVF Plan continues to grow. An additional 13 fire departments joined on January 1st. There are now 92 fire departments and roughly 2,100 firefighters in the SVF Plan.

If you ever have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at dave.dejonge@mnpera.org or by phone at 651-201-2641.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave DeJonge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Dave DeJonge
Assistant Director, PERA

Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan
 Financial Statement
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
 Mountain Iron Fire Department

Additions

Fire State Aid	\$ 11,169.19	
Fire Supplemental Aid	\$ 2,702.29	
Supplemental Benefit Reimbursement	\$ -	
Voluntary Municipal Contribution	\$ -	
Required Municipal Contribution	\$ 5,814.00	
Benefit Overpayment Reimbursement	\$ -	
Adjustment to Initial Asset Transfer	\$ 3,098.20	
Net Investment Income	<u>\$ 19,549.38</u>	
Total Additions		\$ 42,333.06

Deductions

PERA Administrative Fee	\$ 660.00	
Auditor/Accounting Fee	\$ 1,950.00	
Adjustment to Initial Asset Transfer	\$ -	
Benefit-- Alan Mattila	\$ 37,000.00	
Benefit--	\$ -	
Benefit--	\$ -	
Benefit--	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Deductions		<u>\$ 39,610.00</u>

Net Increase / (Decrease)

\$ 2,723.06

Net Assets Held in Trust at FMV

Beginning of Year (12/31/2013)	<u>\$ 299,766.95</u>
End of Year (12/31/2014)	<u><u>\$ 302,490.01</u></u>

RMHC

Range Mental Health Center, Inc.

Celebrating Our 54th Year of People Helping People



504 First Street North
Virginia, MN 55792
218-749-2881
800-450-4714
Fax 218-741-3080
www.rangementalhealth.org

**2014/2015 Board of Directors
Officers**

Mark Muhich, President
Tom Krause, Vice President
Angie Rogers, Treasurer
Gayle Dibley, Secretary
Pat Ives, Alt. Secretary

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Patricia Claesson
Larry Cuffe
Edmund Draper, M.D.
David Ekern
Keith Harvey
Shannon Plombon
Kathleen Sulentich, M.D.
Robert Tomassoni

Associate Board Member

Judge Donovan Frank

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opportunity
employer*



United Way

January 29, 2015

City of Montain Iron
8586 Enterprise Dr. S.
Mt. Iron, MN 55768

Dear City of Montain Iron,

Thank you for supporting the Range Mental Health Center, Inc. (RMHC) in 2014. Your generous and ongoing support allows RMHC to continue our mission of providing comprehensive integrated behavioral health care services to the citizens of northern Minnesota, thereby helping people reach and maintain productive and dignified lives. In 2014, the Dustin Damm Walk, Dustin Damm Dog Walk, Project Warmth and the Colordash 5K all raised funds to support members of our communities who are struggling with mental health issues. We hope that you will consider continuing your support of our mission.

Enclosed please find your 2014 annual statement report. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please visit our website at rangementalhealth.org to learn more about services offered at Range Mental Health Center, Inc. If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact Sherry Norvitch at 218-749-2881.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Sandy Wallin
Development/Clubhouse Manager

RMHC remains exempt under 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization status, federal tax ID number #41-0849301. Your donation may be tax deductible as allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for more details and retain this letter for your records.

1/30/2015

Annual Statement Report

<u>Constituent Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Gift Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City of Montain Iron	5/14/2014	Gift-in-kind	\$ 35.00

10.14.14

DIRECTOR: MARK "SPARKY" STELSARS

CMA ADMINISTRATION - MD 1804

501C3 NON-PROFIT

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR SPAZ-ZIM BOG BIRTHING CENTER - BRANCHURE ATTACHED

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CONTACT VOLUNTEER - PAULA FERING

218 263 8188 LEAVE MESSAGE PLEASE #

833 MAIN STREET HOB, MD 55746

I WILL RETURN YOUR CALL!

BIRTHING AREA

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED A BRANCHURE OF THIS UNIQUE MOTORACK BOG, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE BACKYARD OF THE 1804 RANGE CITIES. I HAVE RECENTLY BECOME A VOLUNTEER ON THIS END OF THE BIRTHING CENTER HOSPITAL, AND AM HAPPY TO HELP AS I CAN IN THE FURTHER PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS GREAT FACILITY AND THE PRESERVATION OF LOCAL AND Y EMPOUS.

OUR IMMEDIATE REQUEST OF SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE FOR TWO HEAVY/DURABLE STEEL CORNER-TIC TABLES (LIKE THOSE FOUND OUT @ THE TWO RIVERS COTTAGES) FOR THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE OUR CENTER. MOST VISITORS COME FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES DURING THE WINTER AND SPRING SEASONS SO OUTSIDE SEATING IS IMPORTANT. HAVING A SPACK LUNCH OUTSIDE ON A WARM, SUNNY WINTER DAY AFTER A HIKE IS GREAT FUN - THESE TWO TIC TABLES WILL BE USED OFTEN AND BY MANY.

A SECOND SPONSORSHIP REQUEST WOULD BE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BIRD SEED. THERE ARE TEN STATIONS (SEE BRANCHURE) WHERE WE PROVIDE COMMUNAL FEEDING THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS AS SOON AS THE BIRDS HAVE WINTERED, MID - LATE NOVEMBER. A 50LB BAG OF MIXED SEED RUNS 55-65⁰⁰, A 50LB BAG OF SHELLED FEEDINGS RUNS 67-85⁰⁰, AND 50LBS OF A MIX+BERRY BLEND RUNS APPROX 85⁰⁰. AN INITIAL ESTIMATE OF 1200⁰⁰ WOULD COVER FIVE 50LB BAGS OF EACH.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT!

PLEASE ASK YOU ABOUT CAROL - THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND ANY FORM OF SPONSORSHIP. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH TO ARRANGE FOR DELIVERY OF THESE TABLES TO OUR BIRTHING CENTER AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PAULA FERING

218 263 8188 LEAVE MESSAGE PLEASE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF SPAZ-ZIM BOG

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Sax-Zim Bog IBA Birding Map



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Sax-Zim Bog Important Bird Area Its unusual habitat makes it unique

The 146,715 acre Sax-Zim Bog IBA is home to a unique array of bird species and habitats not found anywhere else in the United States.

Famous for attracting northern owls and other boreal species, Sax-Zim Bog is an ideal area for a wide variety of migrating and breeding species due to its many diverse habitats.

This level to gently rolling area is comprised mainly of extensive open bog habitat. Also found here are lake habitats, including Nichols, Murphy and Artichoke Lakes, river habitats that include sections of the St. Louis River and Whiteface River, pond, marsh, shrub swamp, sedge meadow and lowland brush habitats, as well as open farm areas.

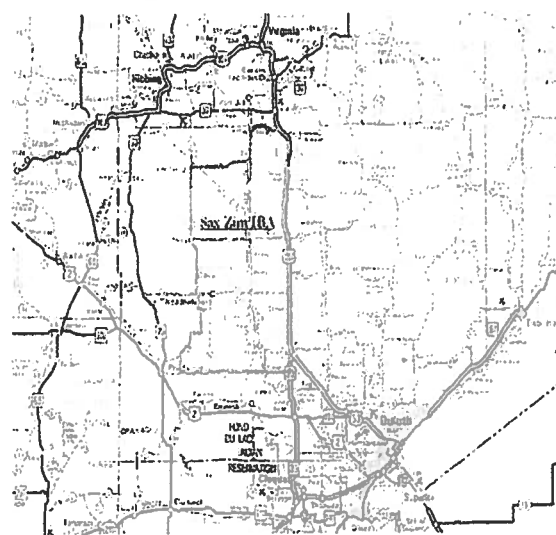
In addition to many bog plant species, including stemless lady's slippers, sundew and pitcher plants, there is a mix of northern white cedar, tamarack and lowland spruce. Upland areas contain norway and jack pine, aspen, birch and balsam.

Sax-Zim Bog includes parts of both the Cloquet Valley and Whiteface River State Forests. And, it also includes both Sax and Zim Wildlife Management Areas.

Moose, timber wolves, black bear, pine martens and deer inhabit the area.



Black Spruce Bog by "Boreal Images," Nisbett Photography



How To Get There

Located in St. Louis County, the Sax-Zim Bog IBA is approximately one hour northwest of Duluth. From the Duluth area, simply take Hwy. 53 north.

The IBA is approximately three hours north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. From the Twin Cities, take I-35 north to Hwy. 33 through Cloquet, and then north on Hwy. 53.

The eastern border of the IBA is formed by U.S. Hwy. 33 and 53; the southern border is County Road 8; the northern border County Road 27, then County Road 7 to the St. Louis River; and the western border is County Roads 5 and 29.

Birding Kiosk in Meadowlands

Duluth Audubon Society has an informational kiosk, which includes a birding logbook, at the Country Market store in Meadowlands. To get to Meadowlands, take County Road 133 east from U.S. Highway 53.








Sax-Zim Bog Festival of Birds

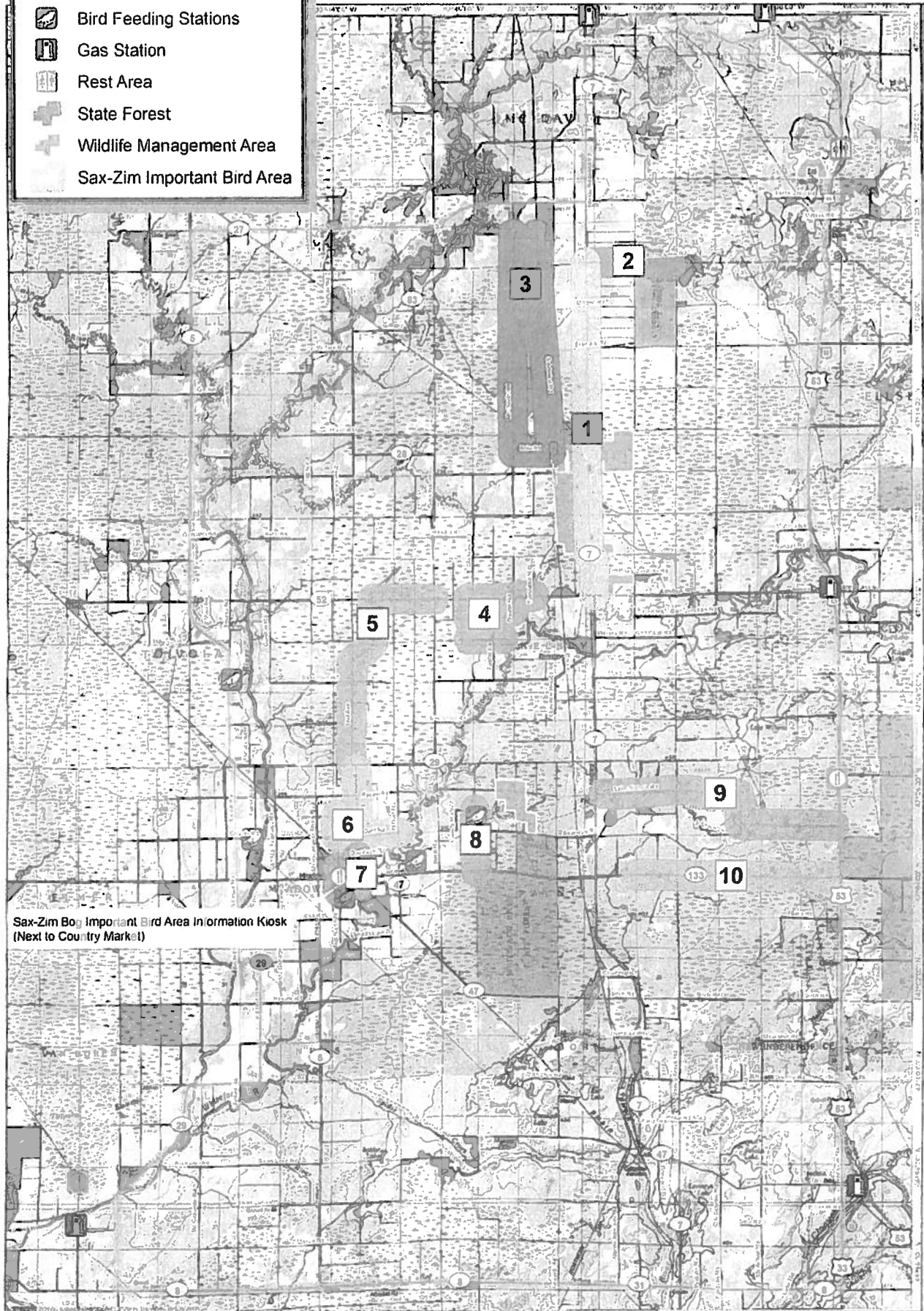
The community of Meadowlands hosts the Sax-Zim Bog Festival of Birds in February. For information and links, in season, visit www.duluthaudubon.org

Sax-Zim Bog Important Bird Area Duluth Audubon Society

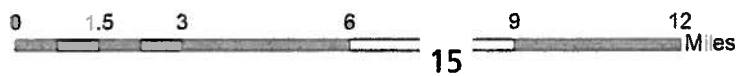


Legend

-  Food
-  Bird Feeding Stations
-  Gas Station
-  Rest Area
-  State Forest
-  Wildlife Management Area
-  Sax-Zim Important Bird Area



Sax-Zim Bog Important Bird Area Information Kiosk
(Next to Country Market)



Sax-Zim Bog IBA Most Popular Bird Watching Locations

1 County Road 7

Check grassy wetland areas for Le Conte's Sparrows and Yellow Rails. There is a good spot just west of the Byrne's Greenhouse on the west side of the railroad tracks. There is also a nice bog 1 mile south of Byrne's Greenhouse for Great Gray Owls, Connecticut Warblers, and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers. In the late fall and winter, check all the tree tops and snags for Northern Hawk Owls and Northern Shrikes. Rough-legged Hawks can be found late fall through mid-April all along County Rd. 7.

2 Stone Lake Road

Le Conte's Sparrows can be found in the grassy wetlands just north of the entrance of Stone Lake Rd. on the north side of the road, and 2 miles east of Co. Rd. 7 in the large wetlands on the south side of the road. Northern Hawk Owls have been found here in the past during winter months. Winter finches (Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls, Purple Finches, and Pine Siskins) can be found during good finch seasons at the residential feeders on the far east side of Stone Lake Rd. Warblers (Yellow Redstart, Tennessee Blackburnian, Nashville, Chestnut-sided, Parula, Black-and-white, Yellow-rumped, Magnolia, and Mourning) and Wood Thrushes can be found in the back sections of Stone Lake Rd.

3 McDavitt/Admiral Roads

Check the tamarack/spruce bog habitat for Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Olive-sided Flycatchers, Alder Flycatchers, Connecticut Warblers, Black-backed Woodpeckers, Three-toed Woodpeckers, Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls, and winter finches, including White-winged and Red Crossbills.

4 Arkola Road Fields

Check all open pastures for Upland Sandpipers. The Sharp-tailed Grouse Lek is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Stickney and Arkola Rd. Look for the rectangular outhouse building in the back section of the field. Look for grouse here in March-May. Other species found in the area include Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, Brewer's Blackbirds, and Le Conte's Sparrows.

5 Owl Avenue

Bird the bog habitats for Connecticut Warblers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays, Black-backed Woodpeckers, and winter finches including crossbill species, Mourning Warblers, Palm Warblers, and possibly Olive-sided Flycatchers. Look for Great Gray Owls in the dawn/dusk hours. There is an alder marsh on the south side of Arkola Rd. before entering the bog habitat that is a good spot for Golden-winged Warblers and Alder Flycatchers.

6 County Road 29 Fields

This is all open pasture, with some wetlands, for Le Conte's Sparrows, Bobolinks, Meadowlarks, Brewer's Blackbirds, and the famous Sharp-tailed Grouse Lek. The Lek is 1.5 miles north of County Rd. 133 on the east side of the road. There are roughly 15 grouse using this Lek. The best times to look for the grouse is March-May. Also, look for Black-billed Magpies near the cow pastures. Occasionally, a Short-eared Owl can be found in these fields hunting for mice.

7 Meadowlands

Check feeders for Harris's Sparrows during spring migration and finches in the winter months. The best time to check the sewage ponds is the month of May. Also, check for shorebirds

and waterfowl. The dirt road on the other side of the gate is good for migrating warblers in May and nesting Black-billed Magpies.



Residents of Meadowlands have constructed bird feeding stations. Please respect private property as you enjoy the birds at these stations.

- 1) 10477 Pinewood Drive
- 2) 7879 Elmer Road
- 3) Country Market—9996 County Road 133
- 4) 7749 Little Whiteface Road
- 5) 7899 Blue Spruce Road

Check Sax-Zim IBA kiosk for updates to this list

8 Blue Spruce Road

Check the tamarack/black spruce bogs for Connecticut Warblers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Boreal Chickadees, Black-backed Woodpeckers, an assortment of warblers, and winter finches in the spruce trees or the feeders at the farm houses. Great Gray Owls can be found here as well.

9 Nichols Lake Road

Here is another good place to look for Great Gray Owls and Boreal Chickadees. Species of interest include American Bittern and Black-backed Woodpecker.

10 Highway 133 East

Check tamarack/black spruce bogs for Connecticut Warblers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Boreal Chickadees, Sedge Wrens, and Alder Flycatchers. This is not a bad stretch of road to look for Great Gray Owls throughout the year plus Northern Hawk Owls in the winter. The best times to look for these owls is dawn-dusk.

Please join Duluth Audubon Society in helping to protect and enhance our Important Bird Areas.