

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
June 19, 2017
Minnesota State Capitol, Governor's Conference Room
Saint Paul, MN**

In attendance Governor Mark Dayton
 Lt. Governor Tina Smith
 Secretary of State Steve Simon
 Attorney General Lori Swanson
 State Auditor Rebecca Otto by telephone
 Commissioner of Administration Matt Massman

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Governor Mark Dayton.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Tom Landwehr, Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources, presented the request to approve the master lease agreement amending leases formerly held by Essar Steel Minnesota, LLC as authorized by Minn. Stat., sec. 93.20, subd 2.

Mr. Landwehr provided an overview of the materials included in the meeting packet and referenced new material distributed today that includes the minimum payable royalty, actual lease agreement, companies involved and a corrected resolution.

Secretary Simon questioned how many contracts are involved and what if any of the companies go bankrupt. Jess Richards, Director of Land and Minerals at the Department of Natural Resources was called upon to address questions.

Governor Dayton asked Auditor Otto and Attorney General Swanson if they had questions. Being none, Governor Dayton called for a motion to approve the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota, at its meeting on June 19, 2017, that it approves the following agreement that is recommended by the Commissioner of Natural Resources:

Master Lease Agreement Amending Leases Formerly Held by Essar Steel Minnesota, LLC.

Attorney General Swanson seconded, Lt. Governor Smith, Attorney General Swanson, and Secretary Simon voted aye.* Motion passed by majority vote.

Meeting was adjourned by Governor Dayton at 10:10 am.

*Auditor Otto joined the meeting by telephone and voted aye. The official public notice did not indicate a member would be join by telephone, thus, this vote is not recorded.