

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
December 5, 2017
Minnesota State Capitol, Room G23 Senate 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
 Commissioner of Administration Matt Massman

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Governor Mark Dayton. Governor Dayton moved to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes. State Auditor Otto requested the third paragraph be removed as it is paraphrased and to change the wording in the motion from including to excluding. With the changes, State Auditor Otto moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017. Lt. Governor Smith seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Tom Landwehr, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, presented the item as follows:

Request to Approve Issuance and Amendment of State Taconite Iron Ore Mining Leases to United States Steel Corporation as Required by Minnesota Statute 93.1925, subdivision1(1)

Commissioner Landwehr provided an overview of the materials contained in the meeting packet and indicated the request includes two new and four amended state taconite iron ore mining leases. Governor Dayton asked if there was any public comment from the meeting attendees.

- Being no public comment, Lt. Governor Smith moved for approval of the request to approve issuance and amend state taconite iron ore mining leases to United States Steel Corporation as required by Minnesota Statute 93.1925, subdivision1(1), and the motion was unanimously approved.

MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Jerry Hammer, General Manager of the Minnesota State Fair, presented the request to approve the Minnesota State Fair real estate purchase as required by Minnesota Statute 37.19. The proposed acquisition is of 1.87 acres on Como Avenue, adjacent to the east edge of the State Fair's Como parking lots. The additional acquisition will be designed as studio space and offices for 3,000 part-time employees. Additionally, the space will be used for training, administrative and operations functions, and public safety.

Governor Dayton complimented the State Fair for its well-done, extraordinary work during the Fair.

- Lt. Governor Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of real estate as required by Minnesota Statute 37.19. State Auditor Otto seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Governor Dayton at 10:15 am.