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# **Le Sueur County, MN**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2014**

**Board Meeting**

## **Item 6**

**Darrell Pettis- County Administrator / Engineer Items**

**Staff Contact:**



Cleveland History Center



LCHS Museum



Le Sueur Museum



Old Settlers Log Cabin



Ottawa Stone Church

## ***Le Sueur County Historical Society***

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 17, 2014

RE: Le Sueur County District Court

Case No. 40-CV-14-570

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### **Historical Society files suit to compel release of funds**

LE CENTER, MINN. – Le Sueur County Historical Society (LCHS) filed suit in Le Sueur County District Court today seeking release of nonprofit financial assets. Defendants named in the matter are Elysian Bank and Le Sueur County Historical Society Museum Elysian Chapter 1 (Elysian Chapter 1).

The civil suit seeks release of assets held by the Elysian Bank in excess of \$250,000. The Society's goal is to obtain an order from the court declaring Le Sueur County Historical Society as the true owner of the accounts and ordering Elysian Bank to release the money to LCHS.

Though the suit has been served and filed, the lines of communication are open between counsel for Plaintiff Le Sueur County Historical Society and the attorney for Defendant Elysian Bank. Both parties are working toward an expeditious resolution to the accounts issue.

The other defendant in the matter is a former local chapter that is not a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and has no association with Le Sueur County Historical Society. According to the Complaint, Elysian Chapter 1, by vote of its Board and members in December 2010, chose not to consolidate with LCHS. Thus, over 3 years ago, Elysian Chapter 1 terminated the formal relationship with LCHS and forfeited all use of subordinate 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, real and personal property, name, logo and other possessions.

Attorneys Greg Merz and Quentin Wittrock of Gray, Plant, Mooty Law Firm in Minneapolis represent Le Sueur County Historical Society in the matter on a pro bono basis.

Attorney Jennifer Urban of Urban Law Group in St. Louis Park serves as LCHS's nonprofit corporate counsel.

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