



Land Exchange Board

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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Minutes of the August 19, 2026 meeting

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met in person on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Board members Governor Tim Walz and State Auditor Julie Blaha were present. Luke Anderson represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the March 26, 2026, Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.

The request was considered and approved by the Board.

2. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that they be authorized to purchase 21.90 acres of wetland easements and 808.23 acres of habitat easements. The acquisitions had the certification of the respective County Boards.

The request was considered and approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Julie Blaha
State Auditor and Secretary
of the Land Exchange Board

Two Rivers Watershed District and State of Minnesota

Land Exchange # A10025

Final approval is recommended for Land Exchange #A10025 between the State of Minnesota and Two Rivers Watershed District.

This project is in Kittson County and involves 470 acres of land owned by the Two Rivers Watershed District. Their land was valued at \$360,000.

The state land involves 480 acres of acquired lands, administered by the Division of Wildlife and is valued at \$348,000. The DNR is willing to pay the \$12,000 difference in value.

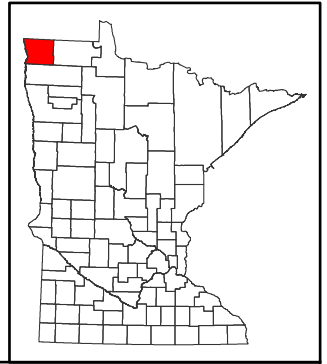
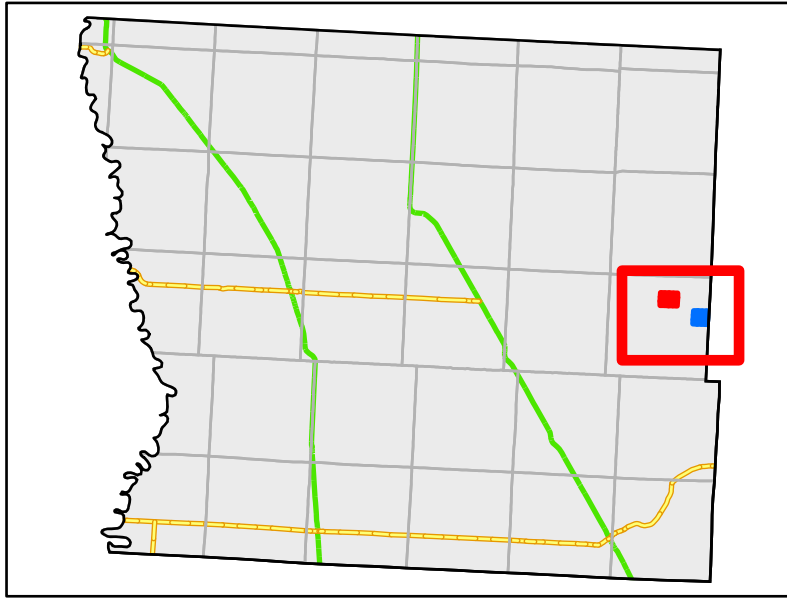
The intent of this exchange is to provide land that would be more suitable for flood damage reduction and control for Two Rivers Watershed District. The state would acquire higher ground lands more suitable to lease for agricultural purposes. This exchange is a partner project of EXA0010028, which was approved by the Land Exchange Board on December 3, 2025.

The title to the lands to be administered by the DNR has been reviewed and finds the title to be acceptable.

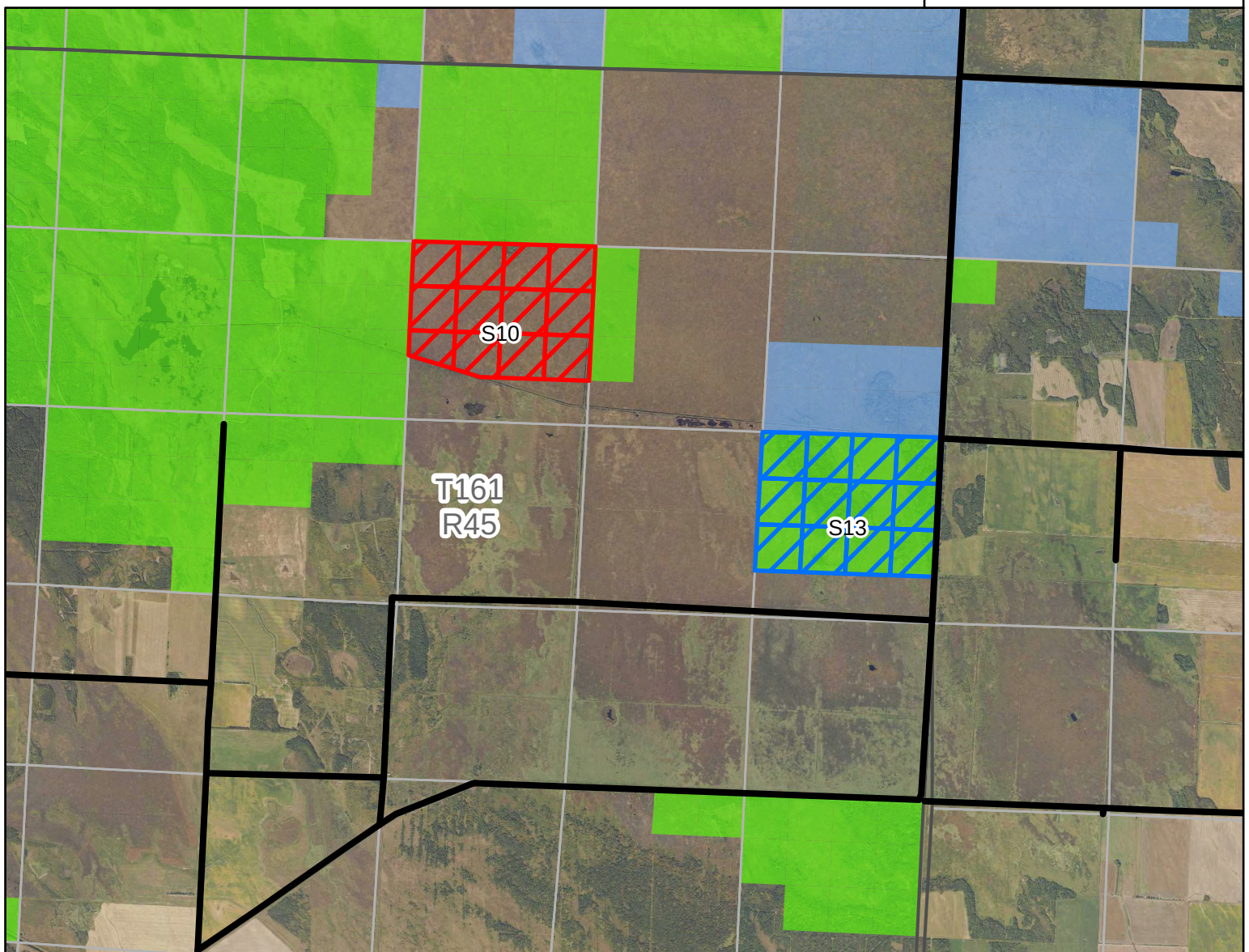
All standard procedures have been followed in developing this exchange. The DNR held a public hearing on October 29, 2025, in Bemidji, MN. No objections or comments were received regarding the exchange proposal.

EXA0010025 - Kittson County

State of Minnesota & Two Rivers Watershed District



-  Two Rivers to State
-  State to Two Rivers
-  Trust Fund Lands
-  Acquired Lands
-  Roads



A10025 Two Rivers Watershed District and Department of Natural Resources

LAND EXCHANGE BOARD RESOLUTION

Upon all the files and records relating hereto and upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Natural Resources,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Land Exchange Board does hereby unanimously approve Land Exchange #A10025 between the State of Minnesota and Two Rivers Watershed District, subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall be reserved to the state in said lands to be conveyed in exchange, all mineral and waterpower rights as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

2. That the Commissioner of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to execute such instruments of conveyance as may be necessary to consummate said exchange and the Secretary of this Board is authorized to append to such instruments a certificate of unanimous approval by the Board, and

3. That the land to be received by the state is to be classified as acquired land.

Unanimously adopted by the Minnesota Land Exchange Board at its meeting held on September 22, 2026.

Julie Blaha, State Auditor and Secretary
of the Minnesota Land Exchange Board

Beltrami County and Chase Todavich

Land Exchange # B10030

Final approval is recommended for Land Exchange # B10030 between Beltrami County and Chase Todavich.

This exchange involves 161 acres of tax forfeited land for 129 acres of land owned by Chase Todavich.

The tax forfeited land is valued at \$336,000 and the private land is valued at \$321,500. Mr. Todavich has agreed to pay the \$14,500 difference in value.

If completed, the land exchange will consolidate public land holdings and increase efficiencies in land management. It will allow access to an additional 300 acres of tax forfeited timber production. Mr. Todavich will benefit by acquiring property to consolidate current landownership.

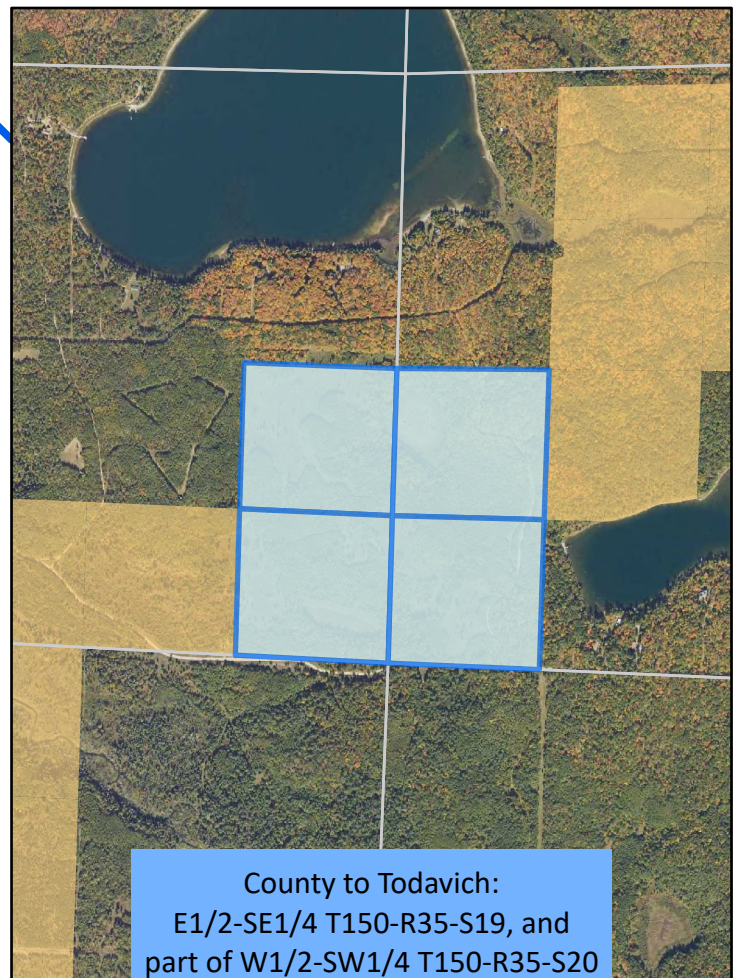
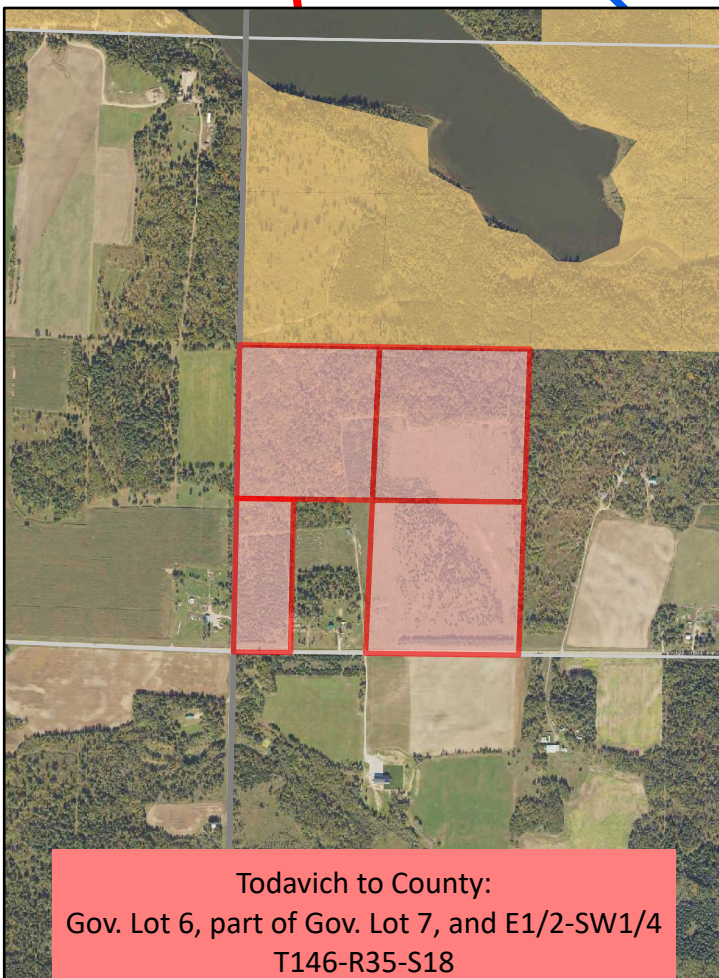
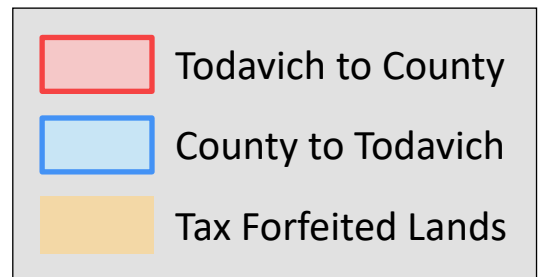
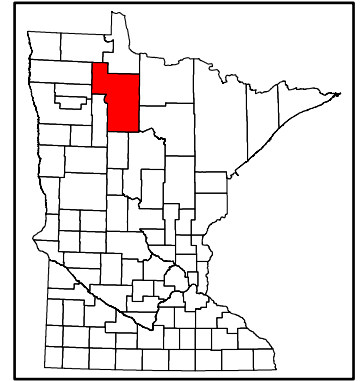
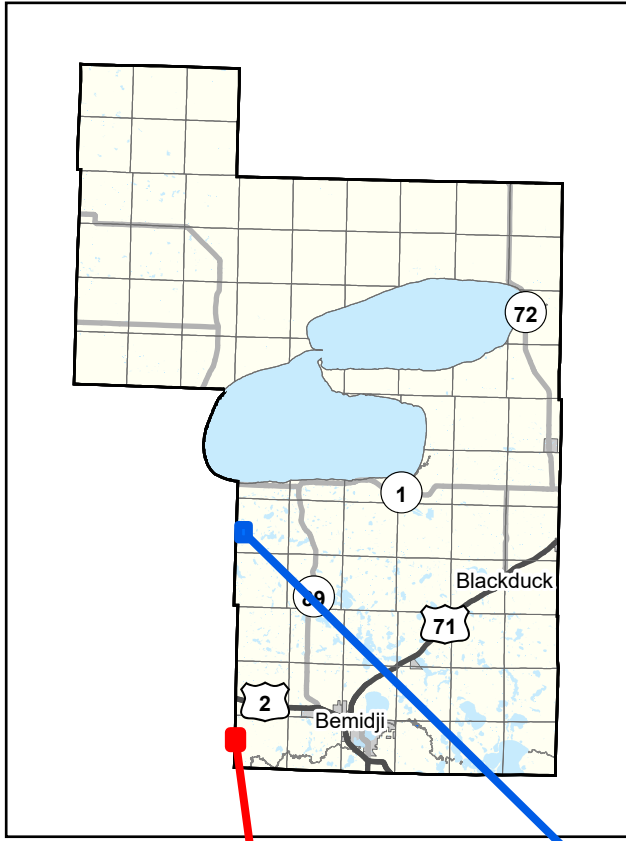
The Beltrami County Board has approved this exchange. Resolutions are on file as evidence that all steps have been taken to comply with the law prior to submission to the Land Exchange Board for approval.

A public hearing was held on May 5, 2026, with no adverse testimony received.

The title was reviewed and approved by the attorney general in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 94.344, subdivision 10.

Land Exchange EXB0010030

Chase Todavich & Beltrami County



B10030 Beltrami County and Chase Todavich

LAND EXCHANGE BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 94.344, a proposal has been submitted to the County Board of Beltrami County, State of Minnesota, for the exchange of certain Class "B" tax forfeited lands owned by the State of Minnesota, for certain other lands owned by Chase Todavich, and

WHEREAS, By its resolution, the Board of County Commissioners of Beltrami County, State of Minnesota, approved such exchange of Class "B" lands owned by the State of Minnesota, subject to conditions as fully set forth in said resolution, and,

WHEREAS, Upon all the files and records before it relating to such exchange and upon approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Minnesota Land Exchange Board does hereby unanimously approve the proposal to exchange the following described private lands being and lying in Beltrami County, to-wit:

See attached legal description

for the following described tax forfeited Class "B" lands situated in the County of Beltrami, State of Minnesota:

See attached legal description

The Class B land is subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall be reserved to the state in said lands to be conveyed in exchange, all mineral and waterpower rights as provided by law;
2. Easements for rights-of-way for existing public roads and highway, telephone lines, power lines and railroads, if any;
3. Mineral rights outstanding of record in third parties, if any; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Revenue is hereby authorized to execute such instruments of conveyance as may be necessary to consummate said exchange and the Secretary of this Board is authorized to append to such instruments a certificate of unanimous approval by the Board.

Unanimously adopted by the Minnesota Land Exchange Board at its meeting held September 22, 2026.

Julie Blaha, State Auditor and Secretary
of the Minnesota Land Exchange Board

Legal Descriptions: EXB10030 Todavich to State

SECT-18 TWP-146 RANGE-035 LOT 6;

SECT-18 TWP-146 RANGE-035 W 478.5' OF LOT 7;

SECT-18 TWP-146 RANGE-035 E1/2 OF SW1/4.

Legal Descriptions: EXB10030 State to Todavich

SECT-19 TWP-150 RANGE-035 NE1/4 OF SE1/4;

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SECT-20 TWP-150 RANGE-035 W1/2 OF SW1/4; LESS & EXCEPT THAT PART OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SECT-20, TWP-150 NORTH, RANGE-035 WEST: COMMENCING AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SAID CORNER IS DOCUMENTED BY DOCUMENT NO. A000529106; THENCE SOUTH 89°31'48" EAST, BEARING BASED ON BELTRAMI COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 318.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°00'57" WEST, ALONG EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 929.29 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF LAND TO BE DESCRIBED AND SAID POINT IS DESIGNATED BY AN IRON PIPE, ½ INCH IN DIAMETER, STAMPED LS 15483; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°00'57" WEST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 151.79 FEET TO A POINT DESIGNATED BY AN IRON PIPE, ½ INCH IN DIAMETER, STAMPED LS 15483; THENCE NORTH 81°33'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 62.18 FEET TO A POINT DESIGNATED BY AN IRON PIPE, ½ INCH IN DIAMETER, STAMPED LS 15483; THENCE SOUTH 08°27'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 150.14 FEET TO INTERSECTION WITH A LINE BEARING NORTH 81°33'00" WEST FROM POINT OF BEGINNING AND SAID INTERSECTION IS DESIGNATED BY AN IRON PIPE, ½ INCH IN DIAMETER, STAMPED LS 15483; THENCE SOUTH 81°33'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 84.53 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife

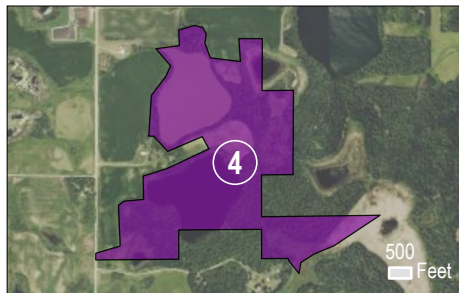
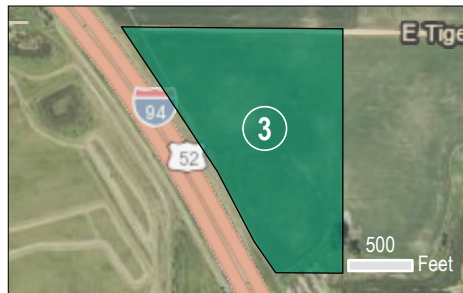
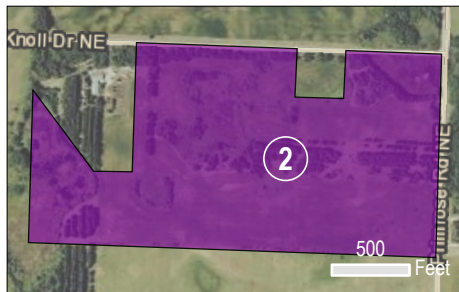
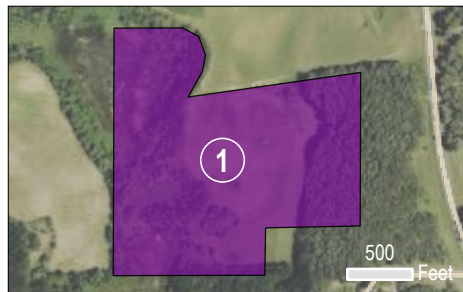
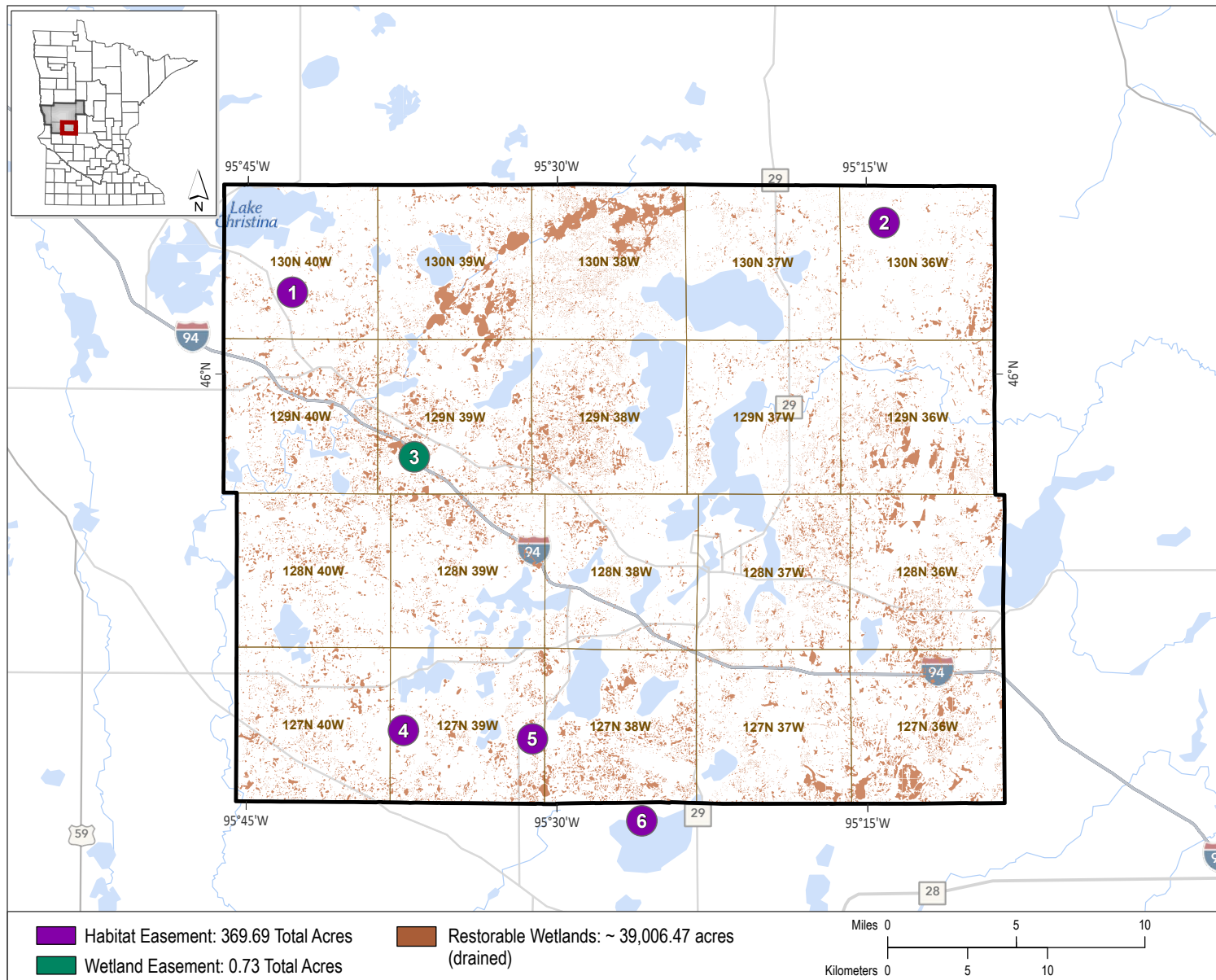
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EASEMENT ACQUISITION REQUEST

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requests authorization to purchase 0.73 acres of wetland easements and 394.81 acres of habitat easements on private property in the counties listed below, under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act of March 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 451), as amended, and in compliance with the provisions of the Wetlands Loan Act of 1961, as amended (16 U.S.C. 715k-3 – 715k-5). The Wetlands Loan Act of 1961 requires that no land shall be acquired with monies from the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund unless the acquisition has been approved by the Governor of the State or the appropriate State Agency. In Minnesota, approval is provided by the Land Exchange Board.

<u>County</u>	<u>Wetland Acres</u>	<u>Habitat Acres</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Douglas	0.73	369.69	370.42
Grant		25.12	25.12
Total Acres	0.73	394.81	395.54

These tracts have been certified for acquisition by the respective county board. The location and legal descriptions of these acquisitions are depicted graphically on the attached county maps. Additional information about the individual acquisitions includes the following:

1. Casey L and Kimberly J. Englund, have agreed to sell a 31.30-acre habitat easement for haying on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
2. Craig K. and Julie A. Haseman have agreed to sell a 0.73-acre wetland easement that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
3. David J. and Valerie D. Kalina, have agreed to sell a 76.00-acre habitat easement for haying on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
4. Presco, et. al has agreed to sell a 162.40-acre habitat easement for haying on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
5. Jerry W. and Donna L. Rosenthal, have agreed to sell a 33.49-acre habitat easement for haying and grazing on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
6. Joseph P. and Brittney J. Rud, have agreed to sell a 66.50-acre habitat easement for haying on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Douglas County Board certified this easement acquisition on July 21, 2026.
7. Mark R. Lang, has agreed to sell a 25.12-acre habitat easement for haying on private land that will provide additional waterfowl nesting habitat in Minnesota. The Grant County Board certified this easement acquisition on August 4, 2026.

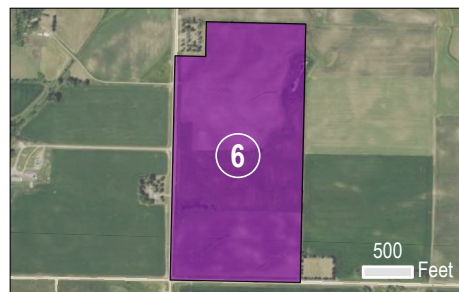
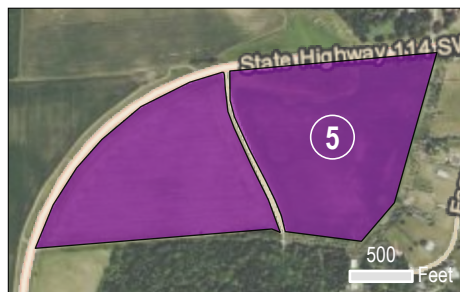
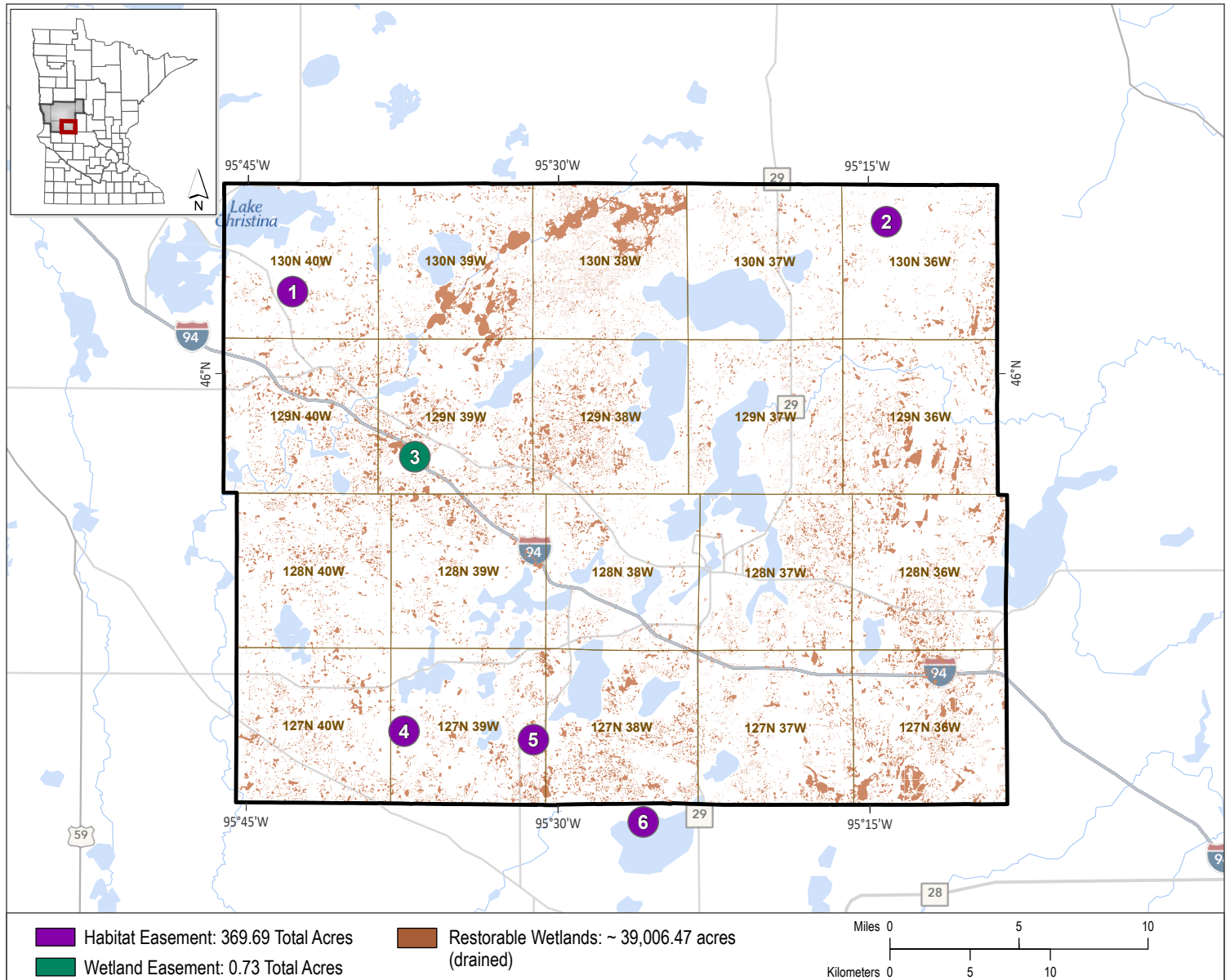


Tract 1
Englund, Casey, et al.
Habitat Easement: 31.30 acres
T. 130 N., R. 40 W., Section 28
(to be determined by survey)

Tract 2
Rud, Joseph P., et al.
Habitat Easement: 66.50 acres
T. 130 N., R. 36 W., Section 7
(to be determined by survey)

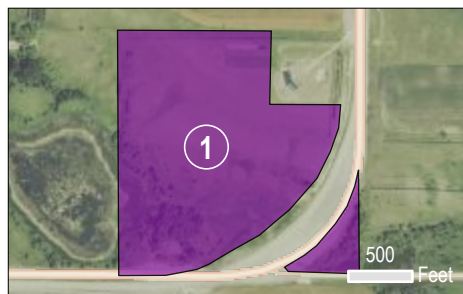
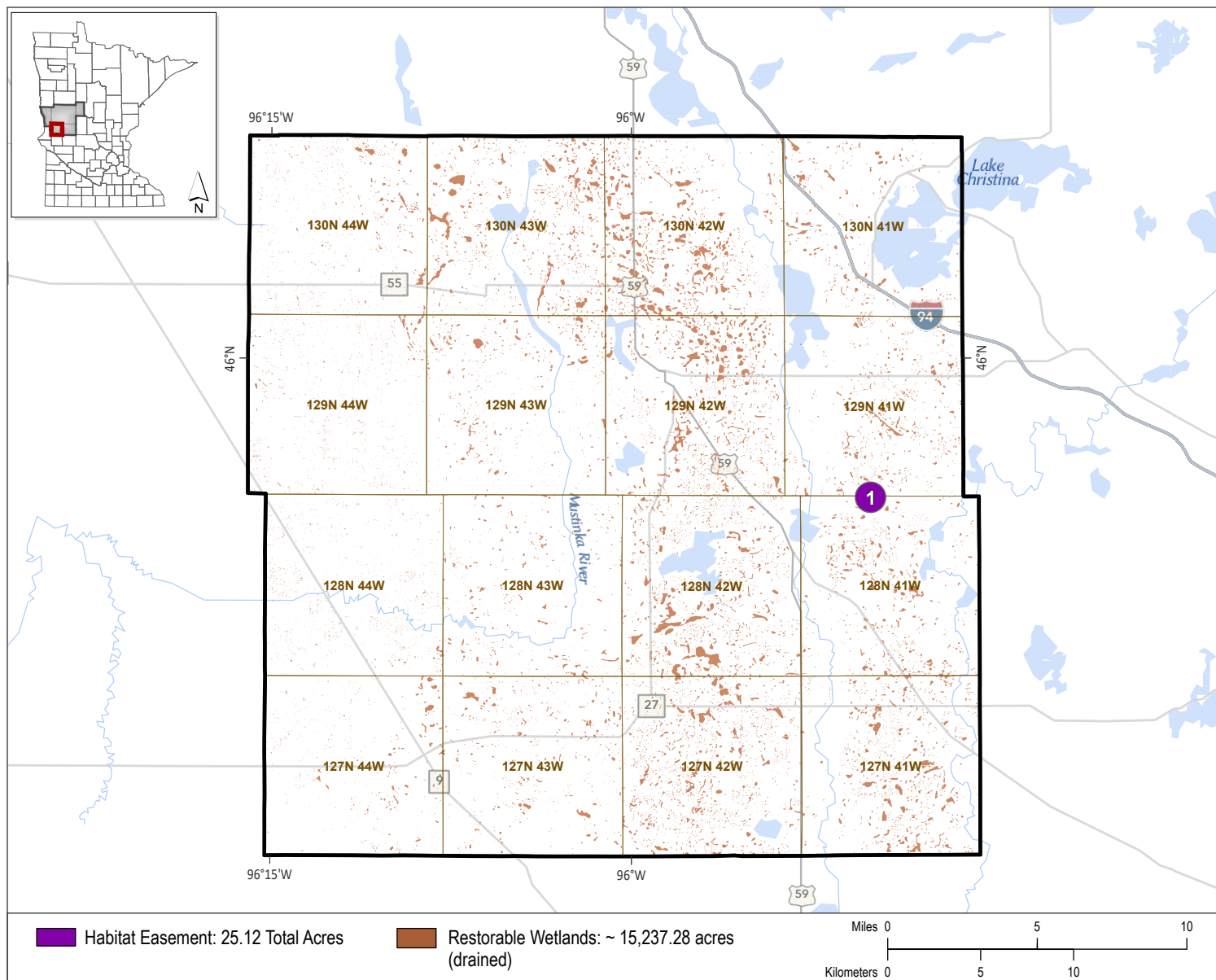
Tract 3
Haseman, Craig K., et al.
Wetland Easement: 0.73 acres
T. 129 N., R. 39 W., Section 29
(to be determined by survey)

Tract 4
Presco, et al.
Habitat Easement: 162.40 acres
T. 127 N., R. 40 W., Section 13 & 24
(to be determined by survey)



Tract 5
Rosenthal, Jerry, et al.
Habitat Easement: 33.49 acres
T. 127 N., R. 39 W., Section 34

Tract 6
Kalina, David, et al.
Habitat Easement: 76.00 acres
T. 127 N., R. 38 W., Section 34
(to be determined by survey)



Tract 1
Lang, Mark R.
Habitat Easement: 25.12 acres
T. 129 N., R. 41 W., Section 33