

**MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD
MINUTES**

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met in room G-23 of the State Capitol Building on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Board members Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, and State Auditor Julie Blaha were present. Joe Henderson, Director of the Division of Lands and Minerals represented the Department of Natural Resources. Danielle Kepford and Tom Kerr represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the December 2, 2019 Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.
2. The DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange B10007 between The Conservation Fund and St. Louis County. This exchange will consolidate land holdings for St. Louis County. It will also aid in the reduction of fewer ownership boundary issues and improvement of land management efficiencies.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that they be authorized to purchase fee title for 40.00 acres of privately owned land. The acquisitions had the certification of the respective County Board.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that they be authorized to purchase 1032.49 acres of habitat easements. The acquisitions had the certification of the respective County Boards.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Julie Blaha
State Auditor and Secretary
of the Land Exchange Board