

**MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD
MINUTES**

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met via conference call on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Board members Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, and State Auditor Julie Blaha were present. Joe Henderson represented the Department of Natural Resources. Danielle Kepford represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the August 26, 2020 Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.
2. The DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange A10022 between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County. This exchange will consolidate land holdings for the State of Minnesota. It will also aid in the facilitation of an off-site community sanitary sewer system.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. The DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange B10017 between William and Deena Congdon and St. Louis County. This exchange will consolidate land holdings for St. Louis County and the exchange partner. 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.

4. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that they be authorized to purchase 106.20 acres of wetland easements and 410.40 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