

**MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD
MINUTES**

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met in person on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Board members Governor Tim Walz, State Auditor Julie Blaha, and Attorney General Keith Ellison were present. Joe Henderson represented the Dept of Natural Resources, Nicholas Slade represented the Dept of Military Affairs, Luke Anderson and Tom Kerr represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the March 2, 2023 Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.
2. DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange B10023 between St. Louis County and The Conservation Fund. This exchange will consolidate land holdings for St. Louis County. The Friends of the Sax-Zim Bog, a birding organization will ultimately acquire the land for protection of lowland bog habitat.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. Minnesota Dept of Military Affairs (MDMA) recommended final approval of a land exchange between their agency and the City of Rosemount. The exchange will allow for more efficient and productive management of lands. It will allow the City of Rosemount to construct a new public safety facility for a police and fire department. The MDMA would in turn acquire a parcel of undeveloped agricultural land and would maintain the protection and management of the parcel's natural resources.

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 195.50 acres of fee land, 110.93 acres of wetland easements and 498.38 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