

**MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD  
MINUTES**

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met in person on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.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, Luke Anderson and Tom Kerr represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the June 21, 2023 Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.
  
2. DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange A10035 between the Roseau River Watershed District and the State of Minnesota. If completed, the land exchange will provide the state with additional lands within the current boundary of the Roseau Lake Wildlife Management Area. The Watershed District would benefit by consolidating their land that may be used to further flood damage reduction efforts in the vicinity of the Roseau Lake WMA.

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 155.66 acres of fee land, 199.67 acres of wetland easements and 2,054.68 acres of habitat easements. The acquisitions had the certification of the respective County Boards.

The requests were considered and unanimously 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