MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD MINUTES

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met via video conference call on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Board members State Auditor Julie Blaha, and Attorney General Keith Ellison were present. Joe Henderson represented the Department of Natural Resources. Luke Anderson represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the August 14, 2024 Land Exchange Board meeting were considered and unanimously approved.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

 The DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange A10016 between the State of Minnesota and St. Louis County. This exchange will consolidate land holdings for the State of Minnesota and increase efficiency and cost effectiveness of management for both DNR and St. Louis County.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. The DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange B10025 between Aitkin County and Hubert and Nina Heur. This land exchange will consolidate tax forfeited land holdings and increase efficiencies in land management. The Heur's will receive a parcel with legal access and remove them from a landlocked situation.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

 The DNR recommended approval of Land Exchange B10027 between Cass County and the Julie M. Madison Trust. This land exchange will resolve an inadvertent cabin encroachment and consolidate tax forfeited land holdings.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

5. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that they be authorized to purchase 32.49 acres of wetland easements and 1, 055.56 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.

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Julie Blaha State Auditor and Secretary of the Land Exchange Board