

MINNESOTA LAND EXCHANGE BOARD MINUTES

The Minnesota Land Exchange Board met in person on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Board members Governor Tim Walz, State Auditor Julie Blaha, and Attorney General Keith Ellison were present. Joe Henderson represented the Department of Natural Resources. Luke Anderson and Ryan Frohling represented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. The minutes of the August 19, 2026, Land Exchange Board meeting was considered and unanimously approved.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange A10025 between the Two Rivers Watershed District and the State of Minnesota. The exchange will provide land more suitable for flood damage reduction and control for Two Rivers Watershed District. The state would acquire additional lands to the Beaches Wildlife Management Area.

The request was considered and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. DNR recommended final approval of Land Exchange B10030 between Beltrami County and Chase Todavich. The exchange will consolidate public land holdings and increase efficiencies in land management. Mr. Todavich will benefit by acquiring property to consolidate current land ownership.

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 0.73 acres of wetland easements and 394.81 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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State Auditor and Secretary
of the Land Exchange Board