

GOODHUE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 04 Jun 19 County Board Meeting
Approval of State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Scientific and Natural Area on land to be purchase from the Trust for Public Lands.

Date: 29 May 19

Summary

It is requested that the County Board approve the attached resolution describing lands to be acquired and designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a Scientific and Natural Area.

Background

As discussed at a Committee of the Whole earlier in the day, the Trust for Public Lands is in the process of purchasing property from Lutheran Social Service with the intent of then selling a portion of this property to the DNR as a Scientific and Natural Area. A representative from the DNR also explained why they are interested in this property and how they intend to use it.

Alternatives

- Approve the attached resolution describing lands to be acquired and designated by the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a Scientific and Natural Area.
- Disapprove the attached resolution describing lands to be acquired and designated by the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a Scientific and Natural Area.
- Take no action.

Recommendations

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board approve the attached resolution describing lands to be acquired and designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a Scientific and Natural Area.

Goodhue County
Board of County Commissioners
Review of Proposed State Land Acquisition and Designation

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 84.944, Subd. 3 and 97A.145, Subd. 2, 2004 and accordance with Minn. Sess. Law Serv. Ch. 262, Sec. 3 (West), *Amending* Minn. Stat. Sec. 84.033 (2002), the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on _____ provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired and designated by the State of Minnesota as a Scientific and Natural Area. Lands to be acquired and designated are described as follows: See Exhibit A, attached.

All that part of Section 21, Township 113 North, Range 15 West, Goodhue County, Minnesota described as follows:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter EXCEPTING therefrom a strip of land 50 feet in width on each side of center line of railroad track of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company extending across said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter;

And

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter;

And

All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, lying North of the railway right-of-way of the Chicago, Great Western Railway company as now located across the same;

And

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter EXCEPTING therefrom a strip of land 50 feet in width on each side of center line of railroad track of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company extending across said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter;

And

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter;

And

The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter EXCEPT that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the North right-of-way line of the Chicago Great Western Railroad and the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 287 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, then run Northeasterly along the North right-of-way line of said Railroad to a point on the North right-of-way line of said Railroad 800 feet East and 378.5 feet North of said Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, then run North to the center of channel of Cannon River, then run Southwesterly along the center of said River channel to the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, then run South along the said West line for 270 feet to the place of beginning.

AND EXCEPT, a strip of land 100 feet in width extending over and across the South half of the Southwest Quarter, said strip of land being 50 feet in width on each side of the center line of the main track of the Minnesota Central Railroad Company (later the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pacific Rail Road Company, the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, now the Chicago And North Western Transportation Company), as said main track center line was originally located and established over and across said Section 21.

AND EXCEPT, that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying southerly of the southerly right of way of the Minnesota Central Railroad Company (later the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pacific Rail Road Company, the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, now the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company) as said main track centerline was originally located and established over an across said Section 21.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Goodhue

County on _____ that the State's proposed acquisition and designation of the lands as a Scientific and Natural Area be (approved) (disapproved).

This resolution was presented by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon vote was duly adopted.

I, _____, County Auditor of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota held at _____, Minnesota, on the ____ day of _____, _____.

County Auditor

County of Goodhue

State of Minnesota