

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 8/7/12

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: LAND Dept

Title of Item: Public Hearing - Classification and Exchange of

Requested Meeting Date: 8/14 Estimated Presentation Time: County tax-ft lomas

Presenter: Mark Jacobs

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) MAP, letter from MN DNR, applicants

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation **NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon** to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items **WILL NOT** be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

Mark Jacobs

From: Mark Jacobs [mjacobs@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 9:09 AM
To: 'Mark Jacobs'
Subject: Public hearing classification and exchange of County tax-forfeited lands

To: County Board
CC: County Administrator

Below is the general time-line related to the proposed class B land exchange in Millward Township involving –

County = NE-NW & SW-SW 22-45-22 = 80 acres

Private = NW-NW & SW-NW 14-45-22 = 80 acres

2/8/12 – request for land exchange from Maas/Hawkinson
4/28/12 – appraisal: \$65,000 = County parcels; \$65,500 = Private parcels
5/22/12 – Public hearing date set by County Board
6/5/12 – letter from applicants waiving \$500 value difference
6/20/12 - Forestry Advisory Committee meeting unanimously approving a recommended classification of non-conservation.
6/27/12 – letter from MN DNR



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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED August 14, 2012

By Commissioner: xx

081412-0xx

Hawkinson/Maas Land Exchange

WHEREAS, on May 22nd the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set a public hearing for August 14th, 2012 at 10:00 AM to consider the classification as non-conservation land and land exchange of property described as follows:

Tax Forfeited Lands:

Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14 Twp 45 Rge 22

Privately Owned Lands:

Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 Twp 45 Rge 22

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Land Commissioner to have the above parcels appraised and proceed with the title opinion on the privately owned parcels, and

WHEREAS, the necessary reclassifications, appraisals, and hearing as required in M.S.A. 94.344 have been complied with no objections to the land exchange or classification by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Land Commissioner to proceed with the land exchange of all lands listed with the State of Minnesota.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 14th day of August A.D., 2012, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 14th day of August A.D., 2012

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy



6/5/12

To: **Mark Jacobs**
Aitkin County Land Commissioner

From: **Jeff and Laurie Hawkinson**
Greg and Lynette Maas

Re: **Land Exchange**

Please consider this notice that we wish to proceed with the land exchange of our 80 acre parcel for the two 40 acre parcels in Millward Township. We understand that the appraised value of the parcels has a \$500 dollar difference in value, with our land having the higher value. We agree to waive this difference.

The abstract is enclosed with this letter as you requested.

Thank you,

Jeff Hawkinson

Laurie Hawkinson

Greg Maas

Lynette Maas

Jeff Hawkinson Laurie Hawkinson

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Northeast Region • 1201 East Highway 2 • Grand Rapids MN • 55744



June 27, 2012

Mark Jacobs
Aitkin County Land Commissioner
209 2nd Street NW Room 206
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: Tax Forfeit Land Classification (DNR 011204)

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for giving the Department an opportunity to review the tax forfeited parcels being considered for land classification. Department staff reviewed the parcels described below.

Parcel 1: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S14, T45N, R22
Parcel 2: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S14, T45N, R22

Our review identified natural resource comments and this information is provided for your consideration. These parcels have previously been offered in a mineral lease sale, but they have never been leased.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (218) 999-7894.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Rokala".

Joe Rokala, Regional Operations Supervisor
Division of Lands and Minerals



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Forest Advisory Committee Minutes

19 June 2012, 6:30 PM County Board Room, Aitkin, MN

FAC members attending: Harold Harms, Kevin Insley, John LaHoud, Bob Lake, William Schmidt, Dale Shipp (Chair), Galen Tveit. Non-Voting Attending: Rich Courtemanche, Steve Hughes (SWCD), Mark Jacobs

1. Call to Order of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

2. Approval of April 4, 2012 Minutes: Minutes were approved as mailed out. (Bob Lake 1st, Harold Harms 2nd, approved unanimously).

New Business:

3. Invasive Species: PowerPoint presentation by Steve Hughes, Aitkin County SWCD Director and Aitkin County Weed Inspector. Discussion of exotic species, why they are of concern and what tools are available to obtain compliance. A hierarchy of actives emphasized that chemical treatment is typically a last resort. Rich explained invasive species issues on ACLD land.
4. Land Classification: Two 40-acre properties in Sec 14, of T45N,R22W were presented for classification. Mark Jacobs explained the ACLD's desire to exchange properties to prevent an access and easement problems with another 80 in the W½ NW, Section 22 of the same township. There was discussion that the adjacent landowners were not able to purchase the property. Mark conceded that because this was an exchange the landowners would not be able to participate in a purchase. A courtesy notice to be sent to adjacent land owners to inform them of the situation (Bill Dotzler 1st, William Schmidt 2nd, unanimously classified as "Non-Conservation.").
5. ATV Grand Opening: Mark Jacobs passed out copies of the Duluth News Tribune article "New Northwoods ATV trail system opens in Aitkin and Itasca Counties." The news article favorable presents the Northwoods Trail and was published on June 17, 2012. There was additional discussion regarding trail towns, ATV ridership, and economic potential for Aitkin County.
6. Price of Stumpage: Galen Tviet presented a concern about the price of wood and the future of the wood supply in the region. There was a varied discussion regarding the changing landscape in the forest product industries (eucalyptus plantations, paper mill shutting doors, fuel prices) and the inability to predict the future. Mark Jacobs stated that we (ACLD) keeps all of these variables in perspective and they do their best to manage our forests with the current conditions.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn by Bill Dotzler and 2nd Bob Lake was approved unanimously 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rich Courtemanche.

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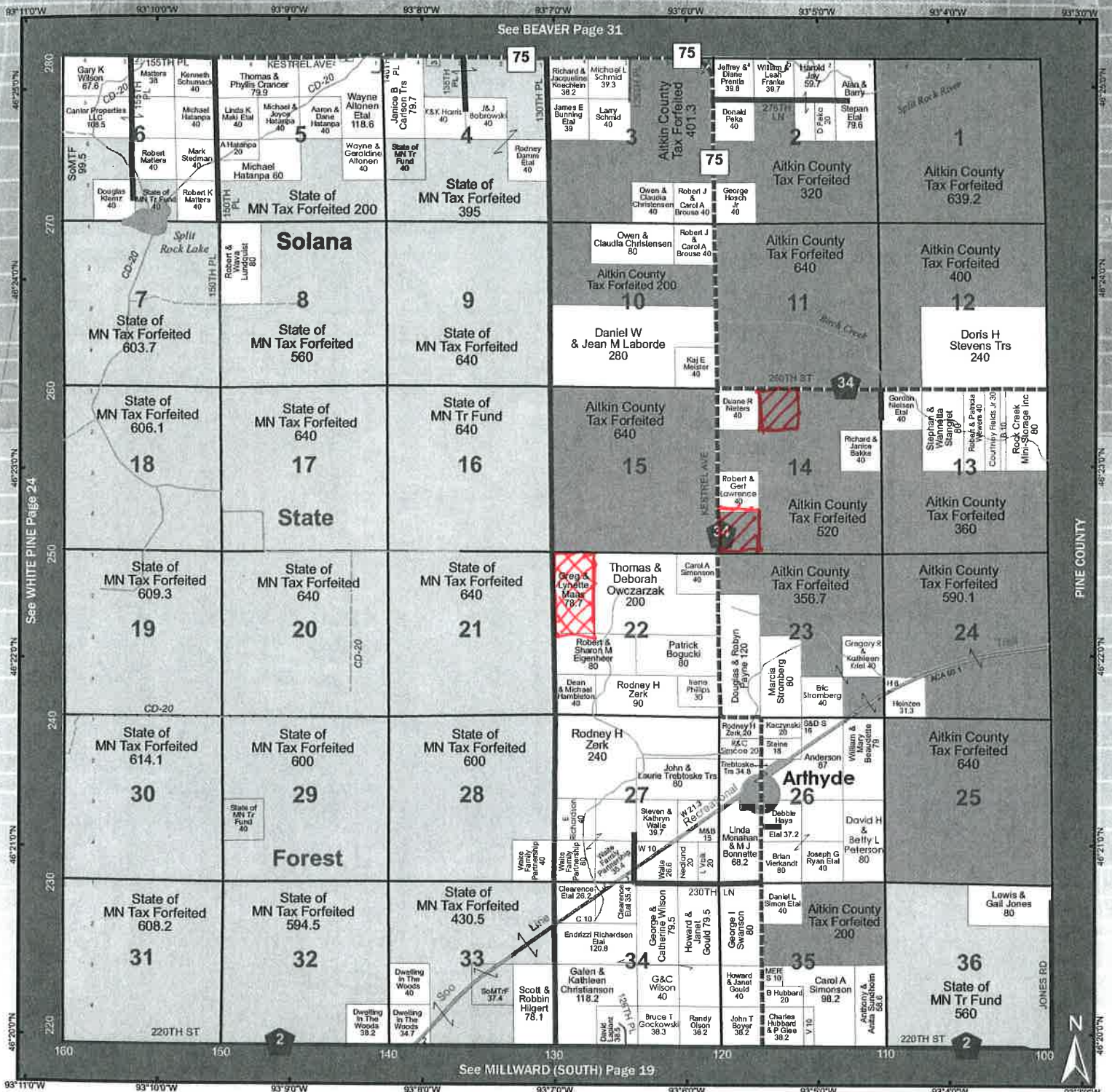



MILLWARD (NORTH)

T.45N. - R.22W.



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Class B Lands in Sec 14 
Private lands in Sec 22 