



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution**  
B2022-027

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**Sponsor:** Property Tax and Records & Election Services

**Meeting Date:** 1/18/2022

**Title:** Sale of a Tax-forfeited Property, Classified as Conservation Land, for Less Than Market Value to the County of Ramsey Public Works, Minnesota, a Government Agency

**File Number:** 2021-767

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**Background and Rationale:**

The subject property is a 0.54 acre, landlocked and unbuildable, parcel of land that is heavily wooded and subject to seasonal flooding. It originally forfeited to the state of Minnesota on August 1, 2014 for non-payment of property taxes. The property has been classified as conservation land pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1(a). The Ramsey County Assessor's Office has determined the property has a market value of \$100.

Ramsey County's Public Works department is interested in acquiring the property to provide storm water management for runoff from County Road F East (CSAH 12). The use is in accordance with approved storm water management plans.

Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1a(h) allows for the Ramsey County Board to sell tax-forfeited land classified as conservation land, at less than market value, to a governmental subdivision of the state for the purpose of improving those lands by creating or preserving wetlands, managing storm water, or preserving, or restoring and preserving land in its natural state. Conveyances of this type must contain a restrictive covenant on the deed limiting the use of the land to the stated purpose for 30 years or the property is reconveyed to the state.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services has reviewed the request and recommends the sale at less than market value to Ramsey County's Public Works department be approved.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve the sale of the tax-forfeited property, located in White Bear Lake on County Road F East (25-30-22-22-0002), to Ramsey County Public Works for \$180, with a restrictive covenant for 30 years for storm water drainage of storm water under a storm water management plan.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By:   
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board