

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE: AUGUST 16, 2021**

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM: TIM LUTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO CONVEY TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY TO THE  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 SOLWAY SCHOOL FOREST  
PURPOSES**

**ACTION:**

The Solway School has been using a tax-forfeited parcel along Highway 2 as a School Forest since the 1950's. For various reasons, the parcel was never conveyed to the School District as a School Forest.

Recent discussions between the County and ISD #31 have identified and agreed upon a 16-acre School Forest site immediately southwest of the Grant Creek Horse Camp in Section 30-T147N-R34W (Eckles Township). This site has access to amenities such as vault toilets, potable water, and picnic tables at the Horse Camp which makes it attractive as a School Forest location.

The NRM Department will establish additional trails at the site and move the School Forest sign from its current location to the new School Forest location. A land survey by a licensed surveyor of the 16-acre site is completed and will be included with all the necessary School Forest conveyance documents and recorded promptly.

County Administration and the NRM Department recommends approval of the School Forest conveyance resolution to convey the 16-acre tax-forfeited parcel to Independent School District #31 for use as the Solway School Forest.

\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO CONVEY TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY TO THE INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 SOLWAY SCHOOL FOREST PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Independent School District # 31 has approved and authorized a request for conveyance of tax-forfeited land lying within Eckles Township in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ in Section 30, Township 147 North, Range 34 West (17.01-acre) for use as a School Forest, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 89.41, Subd. 2 allows conveyance of tax- forfeited land to

any school district by the Commissioner of Revenue without monetary compensation or consideration for use as a School Forest, but said conveyance is subject to the conditional use and reversion provisions under section 282.01, subds. 1c and 1d, para. (e), and

WHEREAS, Eckles Township has approved the establishment and maintenance of a School Forest for outdoor classroom educational purposes, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bemidji Area Schools ISD #31 School Board approves a conveyance by the Commissioner of Revenue of the above described tax-forfeited land for use as a School Forest under the terms provided in Minnesota Statute section 282.01, Subd. 1a para. (j) for no monetary compensation or consideration and subject to the conditional use and reversion provisions under section 282.01, subds. 1c and 1d, para. (e).

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.