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DIRECTOR

April 18, 2016

TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of DNR-Managed Land and Easement  
Escanaba to Hermansville Trail – Menominee County  
Land Transaction Case #20150176

Sale: 0.35 acre m/l, with easement over remainder of corridor width

Sale Price: \$1,280.00

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is North of the Mason-Arenac Line and will result in a decrease of 0.35 acre of counted DNR-Managed lands.

Descriptions: Menominee County, Spalding Township, T39N, R26W, Section 25:  
A strip of land and a non-exclusive easement located in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, more completely described in the case file.

Applicant: Warren Larson, Powers, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) May 3, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 10, 2016.

Acquired: Purchased in 2007 with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant.

Minerals: To be conveyed.

Comments: The applicant desires a strip of land, 15,246 square feet in size, more or less, to resolve an inadvertent encroachment of the applicant's driveway and septic drain field.

The proposed transaction was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on February 18, 2016.

The trail corridor was acquired in 2007, in the name of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), with funds from the MNRTF. In 2014, jurisdiction of the corridor was transferred from MDOT to the Department. The transfer allowed the Department to grant an easement to ATC Transmission Company in consideration for the company constructing a recreational trail, and erecting the transmission line(s) so

as to not interfere with the possible future use of the corridor for transportation purposes.

This conveyance of land is subject to provisions of Public Act 295 of 1976, which specifies that the corridor must remain viable for possible future rail usage. In addition, this transaction meets the guidelines for sale of land acquired with MNRTF grant assistance.

Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the MNRTF.

Recommendation:

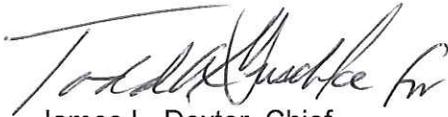
- (1) That the sale of land and easement as described be approved subject to:
  - a) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.
  - b) In the event rail service is reinstated, the rail corridor will be made available to the MDOT for repurposing back to rail service. Any improvements in the easement area might need to be removed at owner's expense.
- (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the MNRTF.



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I approve the staff recommendations

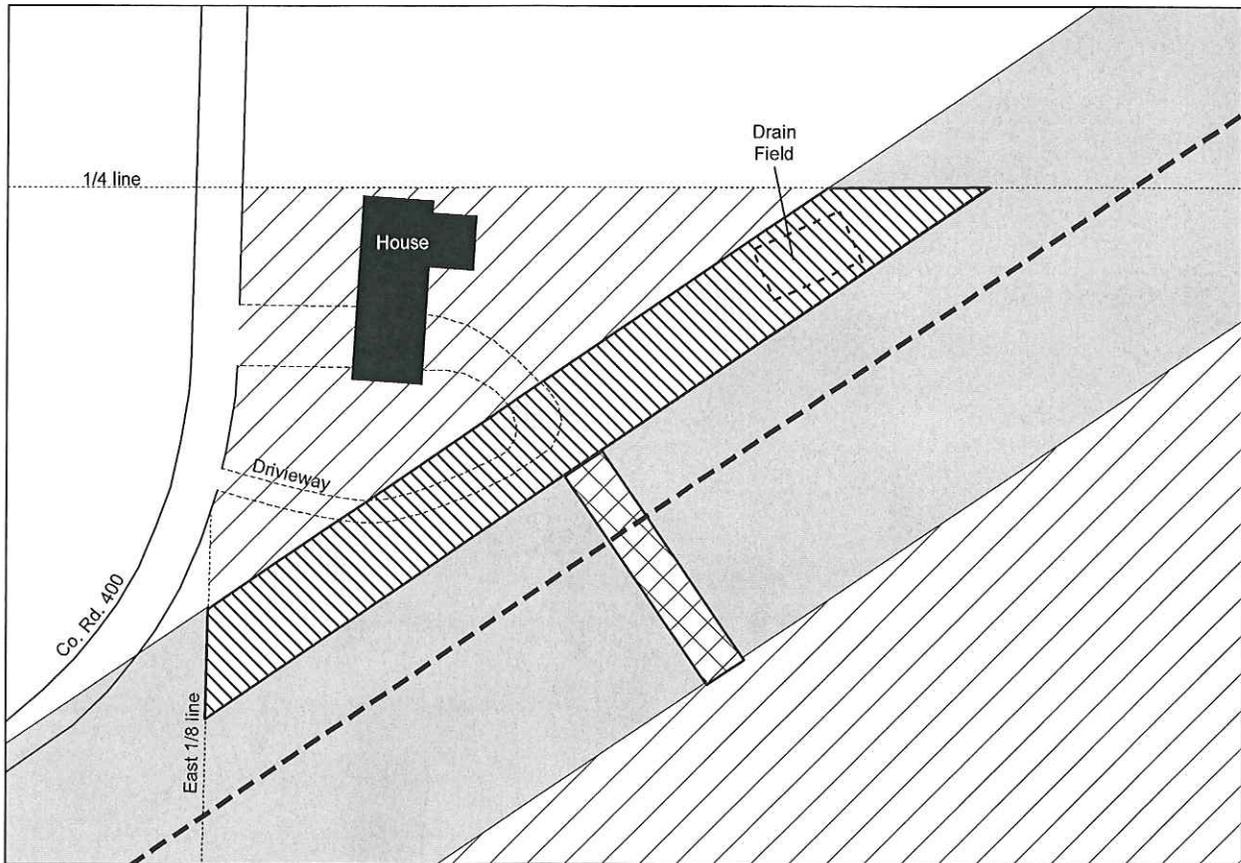
Dr. William E. Moritz  
Director

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Date Approved

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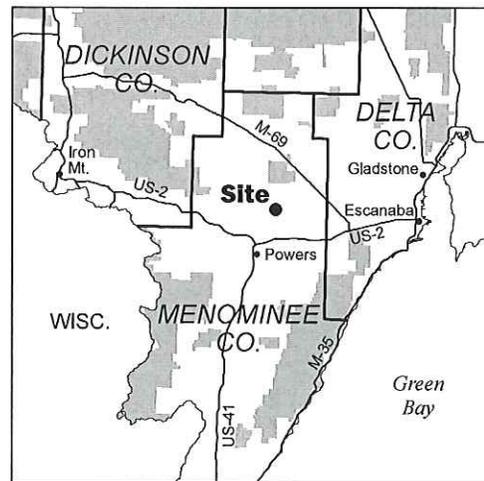
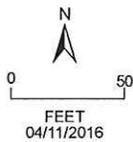
## Escanaba to Hermansville Rail Corridor – Western UP District

### Land Transaction Case #20150176



Section 25, T39N, R26W, Spalding Township

- Desired state land to be sold (0.35 acre)
- Desired easement from DNR (20 ft. by 110 ft.)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Private land
- Escanaba to Hermansville State Trail



DNR Project Boundaries