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SHANNON LOTT
ACTING DIRECTOR

June 12, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Division Land Acquisition
Southwestern Lower Peninsula Region – Ionia County
The Rice Tract
Land Transaction Case #20220225

Purchase: 65.5 acres - \$470,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF21-0161- Portland State Game Area Acquisition) and Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$ 3,337.49
This parcel is located south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 65.5 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Description: Ionia County, Danby Township, T05N, R05W
Section 22: Part of the NW 1/4, and
Section 21: Part of the NE 1/4, as more accurately described in the case file.

Seller: James, Lorraine, Jon, and Wendy Rice, Spring Lake, 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) July 3, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval on July 10, 2023.

Management Purpose: The property will be managed by Wildlife Division as habitat for many species. Additionally, this property will add to the multitude of recreational use opportunities for hunters, trappers, fishers, and non-consumptive recreational users. The property will be managed by Wildlife Division as part of the Portland State Game Area.

Comments: This property consists of agricultural fields banded by strips of mixed hardwood forest with 850 feet of frontage on Sandborn Road. The entire westerly and most of the northerly boundary fronts on the forested bank of the Grand River. The entire southerly boundary is adjacent to State-owned land within the Portland State Game Area. This property will add to the multitude of recreational use opportunities for hunters, trappers, fishers, and non-consumptive recreational users.

The seller will convey mineral rights.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
2. That this land be managed by the Wildlife Division and dedicated as part of the Portland State Game Area.



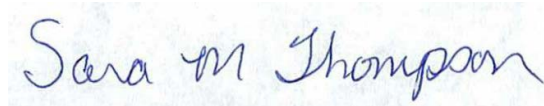
Randy Claramunt, Chief
Fisheries Division



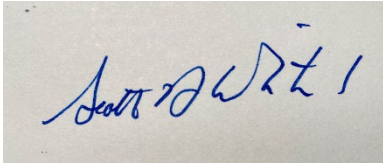
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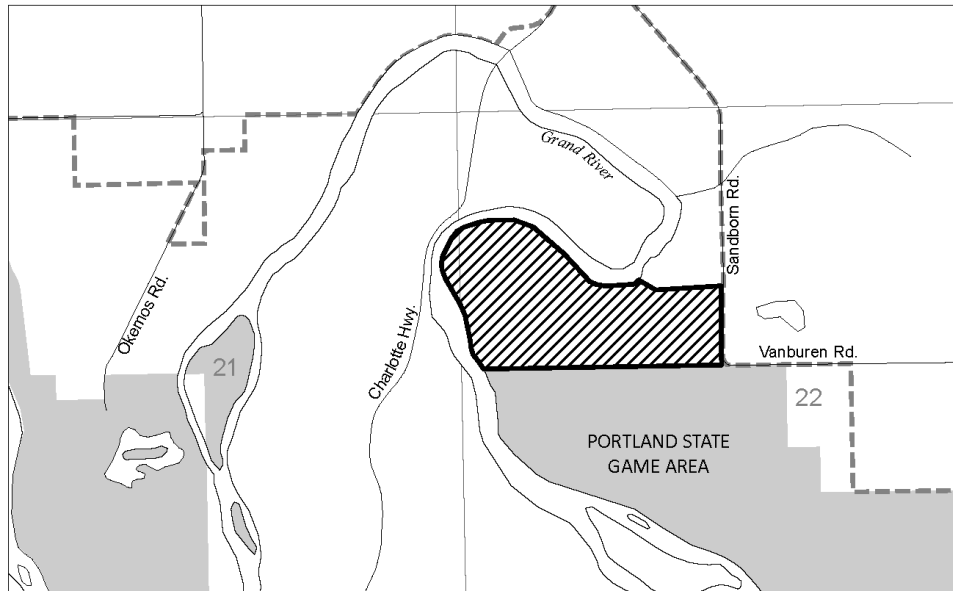
Kristin Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



Shannon Lott
Acting Director

Date Approved:

WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION
Southwestern Lower Peninsula Region – Ionia County
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Sections 21 and 22, T05N-R05W, Danby Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (65.5 acres) State land
-  DNR Project Boundary
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