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DIRECTOR

September 16, 2019

**TO:** Daniel Eichinger, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Wildlife Land Acquisition  
Lost Nation State Game Area – Hillsdale County  
The Hukill Purchase  
Land Transaction Case #20190005

**Purchase:** 31.77 acres - \$142,000.00

**Funding Source:** Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF17-0213)

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$666.05  
This parcel is located south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 31.77 acres in DNR-managed lands.

**Description:** Hillsdale County, Jefferson Township, T07S, R02W, Section 23:  
The SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, except that part lying east of centerline of the highway, as more accurately described in the case file.

**Seller(s):** Thomas L. and Christie Hukill, Pentwater, 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) October 2, 2019 calendar and is eligible for approval on October 8, 2019.

**Management Purpose:** This vacant property offers approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on the East Branch of the St. Joseph River and lies entirely within the Lost Nation State Game area project boundary. Acquisition of the property adds to and consolidates land managed as part of the Lost National State Game Area.

**Comments:** The property provides excellent waterfowl, turkey and deer hunting opportunities, and it offers opportunities for trout fishing and small boat access along Reading Road. Acquisition of this property will create a link between two large compartments of the game area.

Purchase of this property contributes to the Department’s Managed Public Land Strategy’s goal of increasing the amount of land available for public recreation in southern Michigan by 25%. Hillsdale County is a southeast Michigan density “cold spot” county, with 0.07 acres per capita, making land acquisitions in this county a priority.

The seller will convey the mineral rights relative to this tract.

- Recommendation:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF17-0213).
  2. That the land be dedicated as part of the Lost Nation State Game Area.



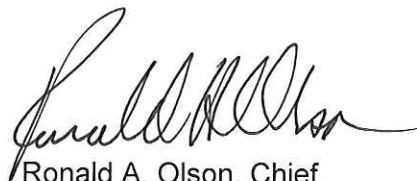
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I approve the staff recommendations.

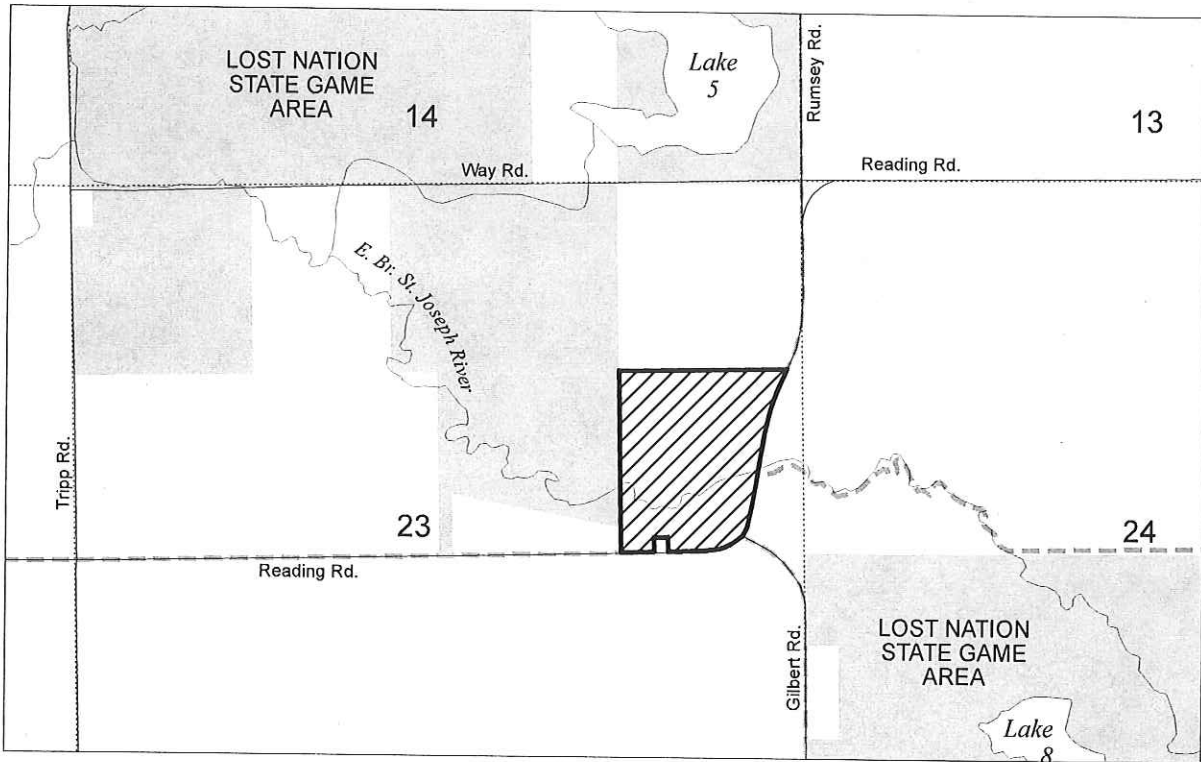
Daniel Eichinger  
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Date Approved

# WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION

## Lost Nation State Game Area - Hillsdale County

### Land Transaction Case #20190005



- Section 23, T07S, R02W, Jefferson Township
- Land to be acquired by DNR (31.77 acres)
  - State land
  - Private land
  - DNR Project Boundary

