

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4490**

(SENATE AUTHORS: SENJEM)

DATE  
04/19/2022

D-PG

OFFICIAL STATUS  
Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state lands; providing for private sale of certain state land to Olmsted  
1.3 County; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **PRIVATE SALE OF LAND IN GORDON W. YEAGER WILDLIFE**  
1.6 **MANAGEMENT AREA; OLMSTED COUNTY.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural resources may  
1.8 sell by private sale the land located in the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area  
1.9 and described in paragraph (b) to Olmsted County.

1.10 (b) The approximately 39.30 acres of land to be conveyed is located in Olmsted County  
1.11 and is described as: that part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter and part of the  
1.12 Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 31, Township 107 North, Range  
1.13 13 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, lying westerly of the centerline of County State-Aid  
1.14 Highway 22, as it existed on January 25, 2022, and being the center of the 200-foot-wide  
1.15 right-of-way easement described on page one of "Exhibit A" in that certain right-of-way  
1.16 easement recorded as Document Number 513775 in the Office of the Olmsted County  
1.17 Recorder, and southerly of the south line of the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad  
1.18 and northerly of the north line of the South 1,470.00 feet of said Southeast Quarter of Section  
1.19 31, excepting therefrom the part described as follows: that part of the Southeast Quarter of  
1.20 Section 31, Township 107 North, Range 13 West, commencing at the southwest corner of  
1.21 the Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds West, all bearings  
1.22 being in relationship to the west line of the Southeast Quarter, along said west line 1,568.11  
1.23 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds

2.1 West 696.80 feet along the west line of said quarter to the south right-of-way line of the  
2.2 railroad; thence North 75 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds East 1,274.05 feet along said south  
2.3 right-of-way line; thence South 14 degrees 58 minutes 22 seconds East 160.00 feet; thence  
2.4 South 75 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds West, parallel to the railroad right-of-way, 940.00  
2.5 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds East, parallel with the west line of the  
2.6 Southeast Quarter 608.52 feet; thence South 86 degrees 50 minutes 39 seconds West 363.48  
2.7 feet to the point of beginning and there terminating.

2.8 (c) The commissioner of natural resources and Olmsted County must negotiate and  
2.9 develop a plan to convey the land described in paragraph (b) to the county. The plan must  
2.10 include mutual agreement on the terms of the conveyance, such as financial compensation  
2.11 and conditions to ensure that the operational needs of the Department of Natural Resources  
2.12 and any partner agencies are met. By November 1, 2022, the commissioner must submit  
2.13 the plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and  
2.14 senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources.

2.15 (d) If the commissioner of natural resources and Olmsted County can reach mutually  
2.16 agreeable terms to convey the land, the land must be conveyed by quitclaim deed in a form  
2.17 approved by the attorney general. The attorney general may make changes to the land  
2.18 description to correct errors and ensure accuracy. The conveyance must reserve to the state  
2.19 all minerals and mineral rights and must provide that the land reverts to the state if it is not  
2.20 used for public purposes. The proceeds received from the sale must be deposited in the land  
2.21 acquisition account in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner  
2.22 of natural resources to acquire replacement wildlife management area lands.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.