

## **Work Session**

Monday, May 19, 2025 5:30 PM

High School Media Center, 810 First Street North, Pine River, MN 56474

**1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag**

**Speaker(s):** Board  
Chair

**Members:** Leslie Bouchonville, Chris Cunningham,  
Roger D. Hoplin, Nicki Linsten-Lodge, Carrie  
Maurer-Ackerman, David Sheley, Ryan Trumble and  
Superintendent Jonathan Clark

**2. Superintendent Report**

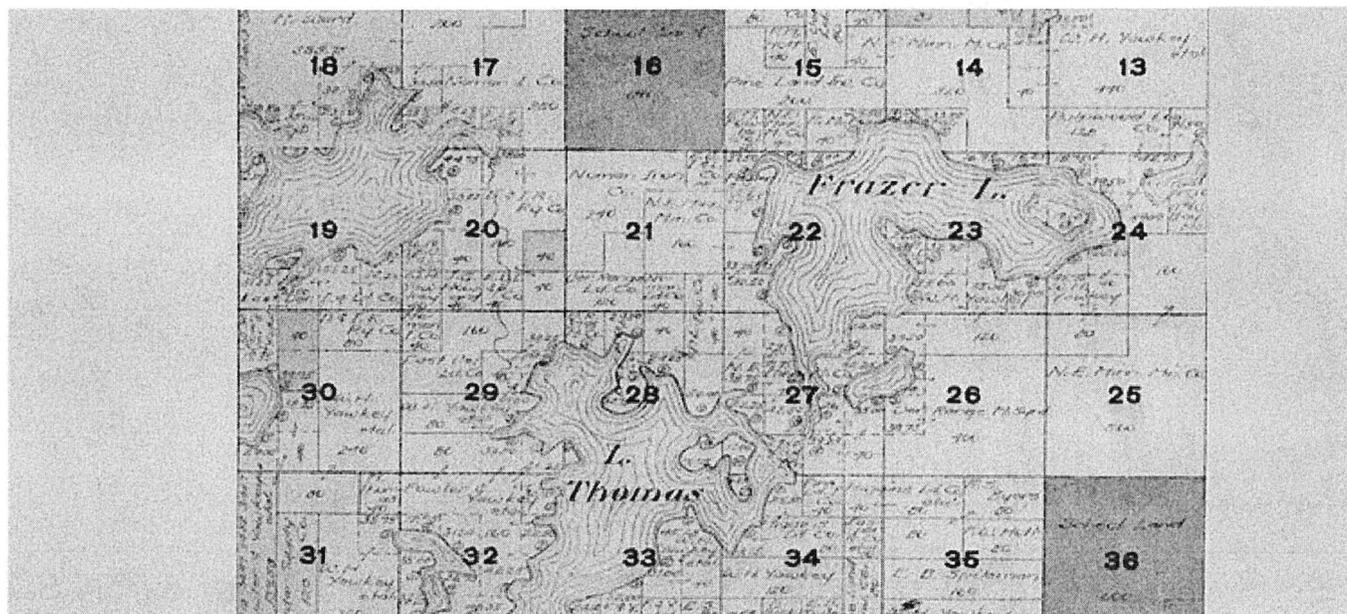
**3. District-Owned Property - Deerfield Township**

**4. Closed Session: Per Minnesota State Law 13D.03  
Subd. 3 the meeting will be closed in order to  
consider strategy for labor negotiations with  
Pine River-Backus Education Minnesota and Service  
Employees International Union, Local #284**

**5. Adjourn**



## School Trust Lands - History

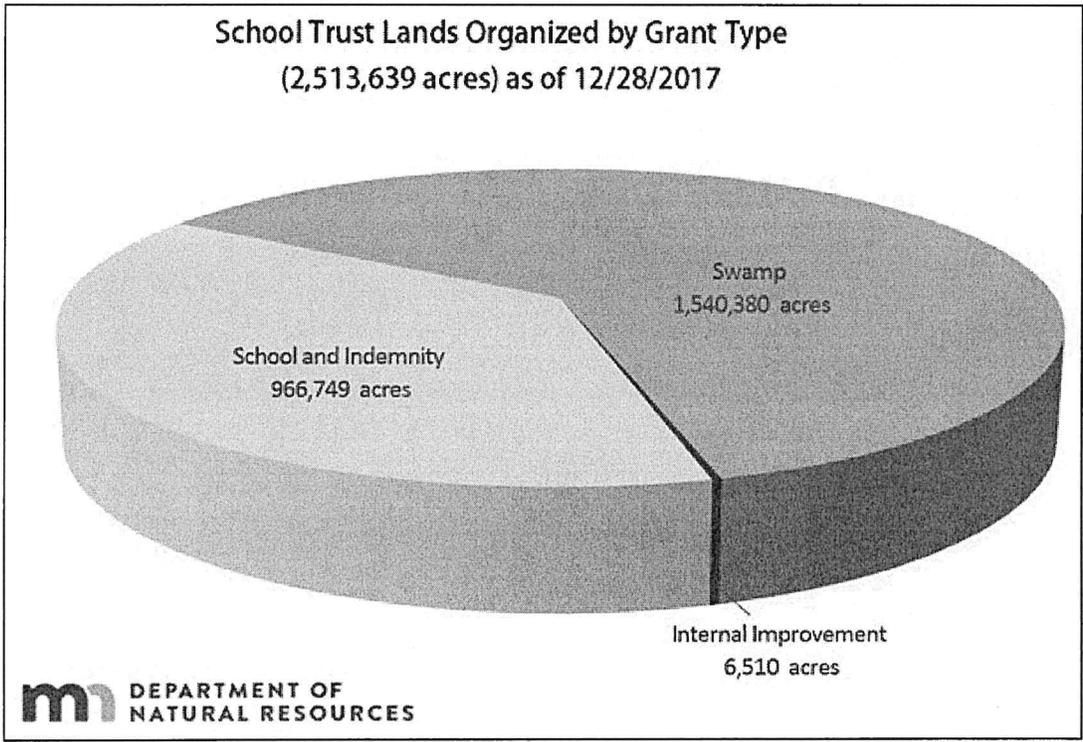


When Minnesota became a State in 1858, the federal government granted sections 16 and 36 of every township, or their equivalent, to the State "for the use of schools". Alternative sections, referred to as Indemnity Lands, were also granted to account for sections that had already been claimed, were within Native American Reservations, or were under water. Lands were also added by the federal government with the Swampland grant of 1860 (about 4.7 million acres), and the Internal Improvement grant of 1866 (500,000 acres). These original land grants resulted in nearly 8.1 million acres of land granted for the use of public schools and are jointly referred to as School Trust Lands.

By 1900, many of the original School Trust Lands were sold to support public schools. Today, 2.5 million acres of School Trust Lands and an additional 1 million acres of severed mineral rights remain. Severed mineral rights occur when the State sells the land but retains the subsurface rights. Since 1901, the state has reserved mineral rights when state-owned land is sold.

The Minnesota constitution established the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to ensure a long-term source of funds for public education. The PSF consists of the accumulated revenues generated from School Trust lands which are managed for the benefit of Minnesota's K-12 public schools.

### Chart: Breakdown of remaining School Trust Lands by Land Grant



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# Parcel Report

Parcel Number: 13-031-4402

## General Information

Township/City: DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
Taxpayer: INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST #1  
C/O ISD NO 2174  
PO BOX 600  
PINE RIVER MN 56474-0600

Property Address:

Section: 31  
Township: 139  
Range: 31  
Plat:  
Lake Number: 0  
Lake Name:  
Acres: 2.00  
School District: 2174

Legal Description:  
S295.16' OF W295.16' OF SE SE

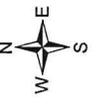
## 2025 Tax Information

Class Code 1:	K-12 Schools - Public
Class Code 2:	Unclassified
Class Code 3:	Unclassified
Homestead:	Non Homestead
Estimated Land Value:	\$24,000.00
Estimated Building Value:	\$0.00
Estimated Total Value:	\$24,000.00
Total Taxable Value:	\$0.00
Net Tax (Specials Not Included):	\$0.00
Total Special Assessments:	\$0.00
Full Tax for Current Year:	\$0.00
Total Paid for Current Year:	\$0.00
Total Penalty for Current Year:	\$0.00
Balance Due for Current Year:	\$0.00

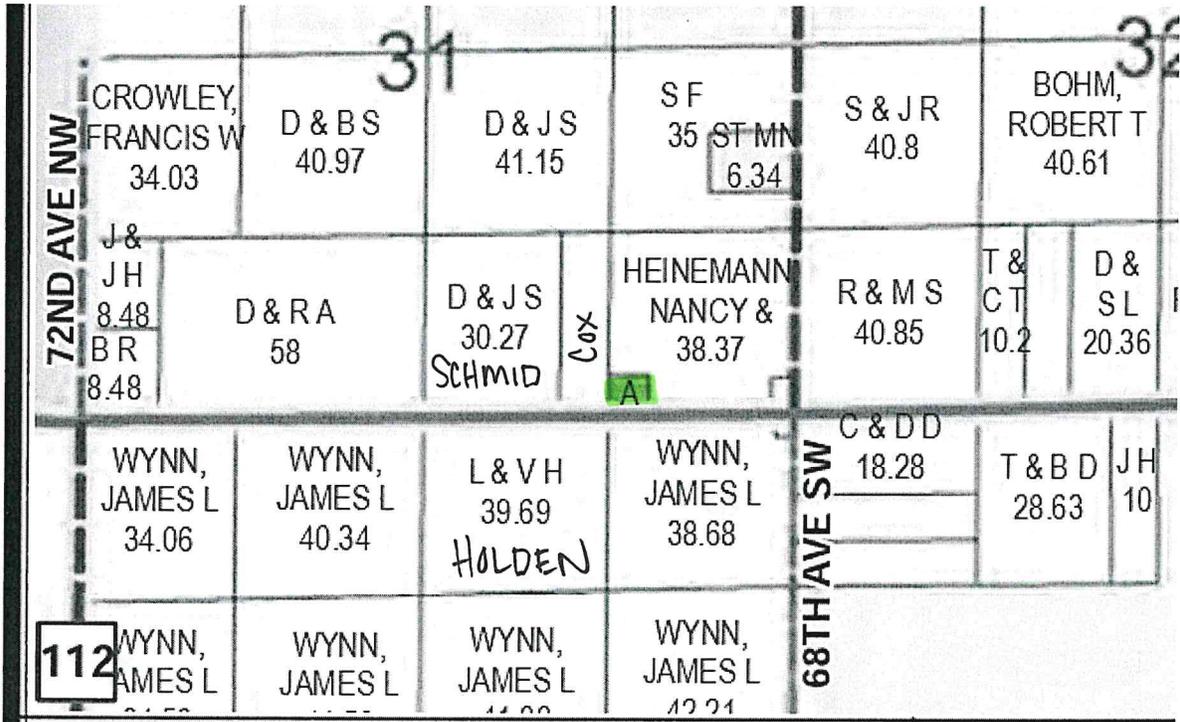


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Date: 3/24/2025



**Ownership**

- County
- Tax Forfeit
- State
- Federal
- Tribal
- Township
- City
- Other Exempt
- Pipeline
- Railroad
- North Country Trail
- Paved Bike Trails
- Snowmobile Trails
- Parcels
- Sections
- Township
- City Limits
- Public Waters



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Ask AI Assistant

DEERFIELD TWP.

So. 295.16 Ft. of W. 295.16 Ft.  
of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 31-139-31

John T. Melby

School District #1 July 17, 1906

This tract contains 2 Ac. more or less

2174

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13-031-4402  
220-010-314402

(Ref: BK I of Misc Records, Page 533)

Map on file

2 Acs.

This agreement, made and entered into this 17th day of July A. D. 1906, by and between John T. Melby party of the first part, and School District No. 1, Cass County, Minnesota, party of the second part,

Witnesseth, that if the party of the second part shall first cause to be erected and maintained a school house as prayed for in the attached petition the said party of the first part covenants and agrees to convey and assure to the said party of the second part, in fee simple, clear of all incumbrances whatever, by good and sufficient Warranty Deed, the lot, piece or parcel of ground, situate in the County of Cass and State of Minnesota, and known and described as two acres of land out of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty one in township One hundred and thirty nine Range thirty one, such two acres to be a square tract in the southwest corner of said above described tract.

In testimony whereof, said parties have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

Executed in presence of  
F. W. Zaffke  
Chas. H. Wood

John T. Melby (seal)

State of Minnesota )  
County of Cass )SS.

Be it known, that on this 17th day of July A. D. 1906, personally came before me John T. Melby one of the signers and sealers of the foregoing contract and he acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.

F. W. Zaffke,  
Justice of the Peace,  
Cass County, Minn.

Letters Testamentary.

Filed for record Sept. 11th 1909; 9 A. M.

State of Minnesota )  
County of Cass )SSS.

In Probate Court.

In the matter of the estate of )  
Erick G. Erickson, decedent. )

Letters of Administration.

Ole H. Sandstrom having filed in this Court his bond and oath to act as administrator of said estate as by law provided.

Now therefore, the said Ole H. Sandstrom is hereby appointed administrator of the estate of Erick G. Erickson, decedent, with full powers and duties as follows:

First. To take possession of all the real and personal estate of the decedent which shall not be set aside for the surviving spouse or children of decedent and to collect all debts and claims due to said decedent.

Second. To receive the rents and profits of the real estate until the estate is settled or until delivered over by an order of the Probate Court to the heirs or persons thereunto entitled.

Third. To keep in tenantable repair all houses, buildings and fixtures of said real estate which may be under his control, and to pay all taxes legally levied on said real estate.

Fourth. To maintain any necessary action for the possession of said real estate or quieting title to the same.

Fifth. Within three months hereafter to make and return a verified inventory and appraisement of all the real and personal estate of decedent which shall have come to his possession or knowledge.

Sixth. To pay the funeral expenses and expenses of the last sickness and all just debts of said decedent that shall be proved and allowed herein, to settle and compound the same, and to make defense against any claims that are not just and proper to be allowed.

Seventh. To obey all orders of the Court herein and settle for and account for the property of the decedent within the time prescribed by the Court.

Dated March 18, 1909.

By the Court.  
Bert Jamison,  
Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota )  
County of Cass )SS.

In Probate Court.

I, Bert Jamison Judge of the Probate Court, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have compared the within and foregoing paper writing with the original Letters of Administrators in the matter therein entitled, now remaining of record in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court, at Walker this 11 day of September A. D. 1909.

Bert Jamison,  
Probate Judge.

Order for License to Sell.

State of Minnesota )  
County of Cass )SS.

In Probate Court

In the matter of the estate of )  
Erick G. Erickson, deceased. )

Order for License to sell land at Private Sale.

The above entitled matter came on to be heard by the court on the tenth day of July 1909, upon the petition of Ole H. Sandstrom as representative of the above named decedent praying for license to sell certain lands belonging to said decedent described in said petition, and