

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 33
DESIGNATING DODGE COUNTY PRAIRIE
SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, the lands in Dodge County described as:

That part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4), the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4), the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 NE 1/4), and the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Five (105) North, Range Seventeen (17) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north line of said Section 27, distant 67 feet westerly, measured at right angles, from the center line of the main track (now removed) of the Minnesota and North Western Rail Road (later the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, now the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company), as said main track center line was originally located and established over and across said Section 27; thence southerly parallel with said original main track center line, and the southerly extension of the tangent portion thereof, a distance of 2600 feet, more or less, to a point distant 50 feet westerly, measured radially, from the center line of the main track (now removed) of said Transportation Company, running from Hayfield to Austin, as originally located and established; thence southwesterly parallel with said (last described) original main track center line a distance of 1420 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4) of said Section 27; thence easterly along said south line, and along the south line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of said Section 27, a distance of 1100 feet, more or less, to a point distant 50 feet southwesterly, measured at right angles, from the center line of the main track (now removed) of said Transportation Company, running from Hayfield to Taopi, as originally located and established; thence southeasterly parallel with said (last described) original main track center line a distance of 1500 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of said Section 27; thence easterly along said south line a distance of 112 feet, more or less, to a point distant 50 feet northeasterly, measured at right angles, from said (last described) original main track center line; thence northwesterly parallel with said (last described)

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original main track center line a distance of 3750 feet, more or less, to a point distant 50 feet easterly, measured at right angles, from said first above described original main track center line; thence northerly parallel with said (first above described) original main track center line a distance of 1900 feet, more or less, to a point on the north line of said Section 27; thence westerly along said north line of Section 27 a distance of 117 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

ALSO KNOWN AS: Those parts of the following portions of Section 27, Township 105 North, Range 17 West, lying between right-of-way lines of the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company as hereinafter described: In the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) -- that part lying between the easterly and westerly right-of-way lines of the combined lines; in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 NE 1/4) -- that part lying between the westerly right-of-way line of the combined lines and of the southwesterly division on the one side; and the easterly right-of-way line of the combined line and of the southeasterly division on the other side; in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) -- that part lying between the westerly right-of-way line of the combined lines and of the southwesterly division on the one side; and the easterly right-of-way line of the combined line and of the southeasterly division on the other side; in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 SE 1/4) -- that part lying between the easterly and westerly right-of-way lines of the southeasterly division of trackage.

EXCEPT that part of the above described lands lying in the North Half of the North Half (N 1/2 N 1/2) of Section 27 and the North Half of the South Half of the North Half (N 1/2 S 1/2 N 1/2) of Section 27, Township 105 North, Range 17 West;

are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain the finest example of deep soil mesic prairie in southeast Minnesota with its associated state endangered, threatened, and of special concern plant and

animal species including: prairie wild indigo (*Baptisia leucophaea*), wild indigo (*Baptisia leucantha*), rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), wild quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*), Indian plaintain (*Cacalia tuberosa*), Sullivant's milkweed (*Asclepias sullivantii*), valerian (*Valeriana edulis*), prairie white fringed orchid (*Habenaria leucophea*), and upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such land can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above-described lands as Dodge County Prairie Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Dodge County Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, limited to programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretative programs for the benefit of the general public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of 6 MCAR. §§ 1.0300 through and including 1.0303 shall apply to the above-designated area except that if the Hayfield Northern Railroad or its successor in interest acquires an interest in any part of the

above-described lands it may reconstruct a railroad on the former grade on the east side of said lands.

Dated this 9 day of Aug, 1984.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES


JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner

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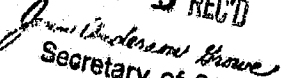
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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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