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To: Representative Jim Knoblach Senator Julie Rosen
Chair, House Ways and Means Chair, Senate Finance

From: Ryan Baumtrog, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Subject: Report on Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund Activity

Minnesota Statutes 327C.095, Subd. 13 (h) requires the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to submit a report on the Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund by January 15 of each year.

The Minnesota Manufactured Housing Relocation Trust Fund (Trust Fund) was established by Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 141.

Park owners are required to make payments to the Trust Fund when a manufactured housing park is being closed or the land will no longer be used as a manufactured housing park. A cap on the amount paid by the park owner is set in the statute and varies depending on whether a home will be moved or abandoned (Minn. Stat. § 327C. 095, Subd. 12 (a)). The municipality in which the closing manufactured home park is located is required to appoint a neutral third party to resolve questions or disputes regarding contributions to and disbursements from the Trust Fund (Minn. Stat. § 327C. 095, Subd. 4). Based on the neutral third party's decisions, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is charged with making payments out of the Trust Fund to homeowners, moving and towing contractors and others.

Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12(c) allows collection of payments only when the unencumbered fund balance in the Trust Fund is less than \$1,000,000 as of June 30. Because the balance of the Trust Fund was \$1,163,694.96 as of June 30, 2016, no payments were collected in Fiscal Year 2017.

The following page is a summary of the Trust Fund receipts and disbursements for Fiscal Year 2017. Since the Trust Fund's Balance was below \$1,000,000 as of June 30, 2017, Minnesota Management and Budget assessed manufactured park owners \$15.00 per licensed lot per M.S. 327C.09, Subd. 12 (c).

FY 2017 MANUFACTURED HOUSING RELOCATION TRUST FUND ACTIVITY

JULY 1, 2016 –JUNE 30, 2017

Beginning Balance - 7/01/16	\$1,163,695
Number of Homeowners Making Annual Payment in FY 2017*	n/a
Total Payments Received in FY 2017*	\$0
Total Number of Parks Reporting*	n/a
Percentage of Residents in Parks Reporting Who Paid the Annual Fee*	n/a
Number of Claims (applications) Filed	101
Number of Parks Closed with Residents Making Claims on the Fund	4
Payments to Claimants	\$995,450
Amount of Advances to the Trust Fund	\$0
Administrative Charges or expense deducted from the trust fund- MMB	\$0
Administrative Charges or expenses deducted from the trust fund-MHFA	\$0
Balance in Trust Fund – 6/30/17	\$168,245

**The balance of the Trust Fund as of June 30, 2016 was in excess of \$1,000,000. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 327C.095, Subd. 12(c) no reporting was required by parks and no payments were due to the Trust Fund.*

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