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PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

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REPORT TO THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE ON IN-LIEU-OF-TAX PAYMENTS

Executive Summary

- * In 1979 the legislature established a program for making payments in lieu of taxes to local governments for state-owned land. The purpose of the program was to alleviate the impact of public land ownership on local tax bases and to provide for natural resource development on county-administered land.
- * Problems related to the efficiency and equity of the in-lieu payment program, along with recent policy changes affecting property tax relief, have generated interest in a review of the program.
- * In-lieu payments are made annually on approximately 8.1 million acres of state-owned land, 65% of which is administered by the DNR and 35% administered by the counties.
- * Total payments to counties have averaged over \$5.7 million per year since the in-lieu program began. The total cost has been over \$5.9 million in each of the last three years.
- * Over three-quarters (76%) of the total annual cost is paid by the general fund. The balance is about evenly split between the Game & Fish fund and revenue generated from leases and timber sales.
- * Determination of in-lieu payments is governed by five different statutes that prescribe unnecessarily complicated calculations requiring substantial input of staff time by both the state and the counties.
- * Because in-lieu payments are primarily based on fixed per-acre amounts, they poorly reflect land values. As a result, in-lieu payments often do not correspond to taxes on similar privately owned land.
- * Approximately 75% of total annual in-lieu payments is allocated to county government. Townships and school districts, which most keenly feel the tax-base impacts of public land ownership, complain that this allocation is unfair to them.
- * In-lieu allocation is not explicitly coordinated with any other intergovernmental aid programs, leaving local governments largely unaccountable for how they spend in-lieu revenue.
- * In some northern counties, in-lieu payments are a major source of funding for local government. Since these revenues are not reflected in local mill rates, they create potential incentives for local spending.
- * A survey of several other states with in-lieu payment programs revealed that none have payment determination formulas as complicated as Minnesota's. Most either make fixed per-acre payments or pay at local private rates.

- * The Department recommends a comprehensive study of the in-lieu payment program to find ways of eliminating inequities inherent in current payment formulas. The DNR, the Department of Revenue, counties and other local units of government should be involved in this study.
- * The Department recommends repeal of current laws requiring calculation of various payments to counties that are subsequently deducted from gross in-lieu amounts and therefore do not increase total payments. Statutes involved are M.S. 89.036, M.S. 97A.061 and M.S. 272.68 Subd. 3.
- * The Department recommends study of the state's policy of supporting natural resource management on county-administered land, which currently is funded by both a portion of in-lieu payments and direct grants appropriated by the legislature for this purpose. The study should have two objectives: (1) determining an appropriate level of support; and (2) examining the possibility of switching support from in-lieu payments to a more uniform and integrated approach to local government aid.

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Introduction

The impact of public land ownership on the local tax base has long been a concern to local governments. Over the years several attempts to provide payments in lieu of taxes have been made, and in 1979 the legislature passed a comprehensive approach to the problem. The current situation is not perfect, however. Several issues need to be addressed.

The current procedure makes payments to the counties based primarily on the acreage of land in various categories. Payments are not explicitly related to land value. As a result, inequities occur. These inequities are compounded by the fact that counties often receive all or part of any revenue generated from the land as well as the state's payment in lieu of taxes. Furthermore, payment determination involves a very complex accounting and calculation system that requires a large amount of effort by both the state and local governments.

These factors, combined with more recent policy changes that affect property tax relief, have generated interest in reviewing this area of activity.

State Land Ownership

The state makes annual payments in lieu of taxes on roughly 8.1 million acres of state-owned land. This total includes approximately 600 thousand acres of land acquired by purchase, condemnation or gift from private ownership, another 600 thousand acres of land acquired by various means from tax-exempt ownership, 1.5 million acres of Consolidated Conservation land, 2.6 million acres of trust land and 2.8 million acres of tax-forfeited land.

Consolidated Conservation (Con-Con) land is a special class of tax-forfeited land established by the legislature in the 1930's. This land was transferred to state ownership at that time, after large scale drainage projects in several northern Minnesota counties failed and the state paid off the counties' ditch bonds, which were in default. Con-Con land accounts for about 19% of current state land ownership.

Trust land consists of public domain land granted to the state by the U.S. government at the time of statehood. Grant lands were to be held in trust for a variety of public interest purposes, such as support of public schools and universities, and promotion of development. The original federal grants totalled over 16.5 million acres. Most of the more desirable trust lands were subsequently sold. The 2.6 million acres of trust land that remain account for 32% of current state land ownership.

Together, Con-Con land and trust land account for just over half (51%) of state land ownership. Tax-forfeited land accounts for another 35 percent. Land acquired from private ownership by purchase, condemnation or gift accounts for only about 7% of state land ownership. Other acquired land accounts for the remaining 7 percent.

Administrative responsibility for state-owned land is shared by the state and the counties. The state (through the DNR) manages approximately 5.3 million acres, or 65% of total state ownership. This includes acquired land, Con-Con land and trust land. By law, counties administer the 2.8 million acres of tax-forfeited land (the remaining 35% of total state ownership). They are responsible for managing this land and keep any revenue generated from it.

Payment History

From 1980 to the present, total in-lieu payments to counties have averaged over \$5.7 million, although the total has been over \$5.9 million in each of the last three years. Of this total annual cost, net in-lieu payments have comprised an average of nearly \$4.5 million. Net in-lieu payments equal gross payments calculated according to the prescribed formula, less other payments deducted as provided by statute. Deductions and other payments average nearly \$1.3 million, and were over \$1.4 million in FY1988. (See Appendix 1).

Funding sources for in-lieu payments in FY1988 were as follows:

| Source | A mount (1000) | Description |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| General Fund | \$4,535 | Net in-lieu (MS477A.11) |
| Game & Fish Fund | 670 | Pub. Hntg Grnds (MS97A.061) |
| Leases/timber sales | 732 | Revenue sharing (MS84A.51, 89.036, 272.68) |
| Total | \$5,937 | |

Of the \$5.9 million total payment in recent years, approximately \$3.8 million (64%) was for DNR-administered land. The remaining \$2.1 million of total payments (36%) was paid for county-administered tax-forfeit land. (See Appendix 2).

Payment Determination

Determination of payments in lieu of taxes is currently governed by five separate statutes that prescribe general rates to be paid for different land classes, alternative rates for certain types of land, and special rates for some counties. The statutes are:

- M.S. 477A.11-14 (In-lieu Payments Per Acre): Established amounts to be paid to counties per acre of state land in county, by type of land (\$3/acre acquired land, \$.75/acre county-administered tax-forfeit land and \$.375/acre of other land, including trust land and Consolidated Conservation land). Provides for deduction of other payments, described below. Prescribes allocation of payments within county.
- M.S. 84A.51 (Con-Con Fund): Established Consolidated Conservation Areas fund, for proceeds from management of state land in Con-Con areas. Apportions half (50%) of such proceeds back to counties and prescribes allocation of funds.

- M.S. 89.036 (State Forest Fund): Apportions half (50%) of state forest fund gross receipts to county, to be received and distributed by the county treasurer as if ordinary property tax revenue.
- M.S. 97A.061 Subd. 1 (Public Hunting Grounds): Prescribes three alternate formulas for "Public Hunting" payments to counties, with payment to be based on the formula that yields the largest amount, and directs county treasurer to distribute payment as ordinary property tax revenue. Subd. 3 (Goose Management Exception).
- M.S. 272.68 Subd. 3 (Rent Receipts): Provides for 30% (or other percentages as provided by other laws) of rent receipts from acquired land to be paid to counties as property taxes.

This complicated set of statutes requires several calculations for each of the state's 87 counties, with additional special calculations in some cases. Payments made according to the above revenue sharing provisions are deducted from gross in-lieu payments calculated according to M.S. 477A. Both DNR and county staff are involved in these calculations.

Because of the complexity of the system, a considerable amount of staff time is required to determine in-lieu payments for each county. State and county staff must keep track of acreages for three categories of property, changing land values, certifications by counties, new acquisitions and purchase prices, and land exchanges. They must also track rental and timber sale income from acquired and Con-Con land by county, which involves hundreds of leases and timber sales annually.

Ironically, the administrative burden created by the extra calculations required for public hunting ground payments and revenue sharing results in no net gain for most counties. The reason for this is that except for Con-Con payments made according to M.S. 84A.51, these other payments are deducted from the gross in-lieu payments that the counties would otherwise receive.

Another problem with the payment calculation formulas is that per-acre payments often poorly reflect land values. The fixed per-acre payments of \$3 per acre of acquired land, \$.375 per acre of trust and Con-Con land and \$.75 per acre of tax-forfeit land can represent excessively high tax rates for low-value land and unfairly low tax rates for high-value land, as shown below:

| | | Effe | ctive In-lie | u Tax Rate, M | 4V = |
|---|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| Land Type | Pmt/Ac | \$1,000/ac | \$500/ac | \$200/ac | \$50/ac |
| *************************************** | | | (\$ | of MV) | |
| Acquired * | \$3.00 | 0.30% | 0.60% | 1.50% | 8.00% |
| Tax Forfeit * | \$0.75 | 0.08% | 0.15% | 0.38% | 1,50% |
| Trust/Con-Con * | \$0.38 | 0.04% | 0.08% | 0.19% | 0.75% |
| Con-Con (with lease 3 8% of MV) | ** | 4.04% | 4.08% | 4.19% | 4.75% |

^{*} Sased on M.S. 477A.12

^{** \$0.375} plus 50% of lease revenue, based on M.S. 477A.12 and 84A.51

Consequently, northern counties with large acreages of remote, low-value public land may enjoy comparatively higher effective in-lieu tax rates than do southern and western counties where public ownership consists largely of higher-value acquired agricultural land. Public hunting ground payments, usually at .75% of land value, and revenue sharing provisions may partially offset this disparity in some southern counties. However, revenue sharing in northern counties, particularly Con-Con payments, tend to widen the in-lieu tax rate gap.

Payment Allocation

As prescribed by the statutes, the state makes in-lieu-of-tax and other payments directly to the counties. Allocation of these payments to local units of government within the counties varies according to the type of payment, and, like payment determination, involves equity concerns.

Nearly \$4.5 million, or over three-fourths (77%) of total annual in-lieu and other payments, is allocated according to the provisions of M.S. 477A.14, which divides payments between the county and organized townships within it. The county receives the majority of these funds, with the county share divided between its general fund for the purpose of property tax relief, and a resource development fund for management of county-administered land.

School districts receive none of these payments directly. However, they presumably benefit indirectly from property tax relief resulting from in-lieu income to the county's general fund.

Another 18% of total in-lieu and other payments to counties—roughly \$1.1 million—is allocated according to M.S. 89.036, 97A.061 Subd. 1, and 272.68 Subd. 3. Public hunting ground payments (for acquired wildlife land) account for most of these funds. As provided in the statutes, these funds are distributed by the county treasurer to local units of government in the same manner as ordinary property tax revenue. Thus, counties, townships and school districts each receive a share of these payments.

The remaining 5%--\$267 thousand in FY1988--is divided between counties, school districts and townships according to M.S. 84A.51 Subd. 4. These payments consist of half of the revenue generated from Con-Con land and are made to the counties where the revenue is generated.

Overall, an estimated \$3.3 million-56% of total in-lieu payments-is allocated to county general funds for property tax relief. Another \$1.1 million (19%) is allocated to county resource development funds. Townships receive about 12%, or nearly \$750 thousand. School districts receive roughly 10% of total payments, or about \$600 thousand. (See Appendix 3).

One often heard complaint regarding in-lieu payment allocation, made by townships and school districts, is that too much of the money is allocated to county government and not enough to them. Their complaints are based on the fact that the existing allocation method distributes most of the in-lieu income over the entire county rather than in the townships and school districts where the public land is located and where the tax-base impacts are most keenly felt. Even where the statutes call for distribution of payments in

the same manner as property tax revenue, townships and school districts often complain that the county treasurer fails to comply.

Coordination With Other Local Aid Programs

As of 1988, the in-lieu payment allocation formula is not explicitly coordinated with any other intergovernmental aid programs. Prior to 1988, however, the formula was at least partially coordinated. The portion of in-lieu payments allocated to county general funds for property tax relief (just over half of total payments) was treated as a deduction by the Department of Revenue in determining the counties' annual levy limits.

This deduction has been discontinued, effective with payments made in 1988, as part of the state's property tax reform efforts. However, new base levels established for the counties reflect 1987 (payable) levies net of the in-lieu deduction. Thus, the county general fund portion of in-lieu payments continues to be reflected in levy limits, although indirectly. In contrast, county resource development, township and school district allocations have been and continue to be independent of other aid programs.

The absence of explicit coordination with other intergovernmental aid programs means that local units of government are largely unaccountable for how they spend in-lieu payments—either to the state or to local taxpayers. This does not necessarily imply improper use of these funds. However, lack of accountability can lead to spending decisions by local governments that they would not make if they had to answer to local taxpayers.

Incentives For Local Spending

In most Minnesota counties, state payments in lieu of taxes are relatively small compared to total local levies. They amounted to less than one percent of total levies in 74 of the state's 87 counties in 1987 (payable). Thus, in most counties, in-lieu payments do not create significant incentives for local spending.

However, in a few counties—those with large amounts of state—owned land—in—lieu payments represent an important source of funding for local government. (See Appendix 4, summarizing allocation of in—lieu payments in selected counties). In—lieu payments are a major source of revenue in these counties for the county general fund and for resource management on county—administered land. Since these revenues are not reflected in local mill rates, they do create incentives for local spending.

Such incentives are inevitable, although unintended results of the in-lieu program. The program was established in recognition of the fact that counties with a substantial public land base may be unable to raise sufficient revenue from local taxpayers to fund basic services and county land management programs. It was intended to address both of these concerns.

However, any time local government service costs are subsidized, users are prone to demand greater levels of service than they would if they had to pay more nearly the actual cost. Similarly, local government is prone to spend more than is necessary for adequate levels of service if funds are available

from some source other than local taxpayers. One result is that local taxpayers may benefit from services that don't cost them as much as comparable services cost taxpayers in other counties.

Changes in Revenue Raising/Spending Behavior

Sources in the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the State Auditor's Office were contacted to obtain information regarding revenue raising and spending behavior by local governments. They indicated that the total amounts involved with in-lieu payments are too small to detect statistically significant effects on such behavior at a statewide level.

However, because in-lieu payments are concentrated in a relatively small number of counties where they constitute an important funding source, a county-by-county evaluation may reveal significant effects. Unfortunately, historical data at the county level is not readily available for such analysis, and it therefore was not feasible for this report.

In-Lieu Payments in Other States

A survey of nine other states showed that although all but one make some sort of payment in lieu of taxes (Kentucky is the exception), none have as complicated a set of calculations to make as Minnesota's. Three of the nine surveyed states (Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming) simply pay at local rates assessed against private land. Three other states (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah) make fixed payments per acre--Pennsylvania and Utah using flat per-acre rates of \$.60 and \$.50, respectively, and Ohio using a rate of 1% of purchase price with no adjustments for future land value changes. (See Appendix 5).

Michigan distinguishes between purchased land, on which it pays local private rates, and gift or tax-forfeit land, on which it pays a fixed rate of \$2.00 per acre. Idaho returns fine monies from game and fish violations to the counties based on the amount of state land in each county.

Information on how other states coordinate in-lieu payments with other intergovernmental aid programs is not readily available. However, contacts with a few states (Michigan, Ohio and South Dakota) indicated that their in-lieu payments are not explicitly coordinated with other aid programs. Like Minnesota, Michigan often receives complaints from townships and school districts about the counties' distribution of in-lieu funds (Michigan allocates 40% of in-lieu payments to the county general fund, 40% to the township general fund and 20% to school district operating funds).

Recommendations

1. The issue of tax equity needs to be studied in greater detail. Under current law, when high-value land such as water access sites are acquired by the state from private ownership, significant reductions in tax revenue to local units of government are likely to occur. At the same time, current law provides for payments on low-value wetlands and forestlands that may be greater than the taxes on similar private lands.

This issue should be studied by a group that includes the DNR, the Department of Revenue, and representatives from county and other local units of government, in order to examine the current situation and recommend specific solutions to the problem.

- 2. Current laws requiring calculation of various payments that are subsequently deducted from gross in-lieu amounts, and therefore do not increase total in-lieu payments to counties, create needless administrative workload and expense. To eliminate these unnecessary costs, the pertinent provisions of M.S. 89.036, M.S. 97A.061 and M.S. 272.68 Subd. 3 should be repealed.
- 3. The portion of in-lieu payments currently allocated for natural resource development and management on county-administered tax-forfeited land has provided significant benefits to the counties. In recent years the legislature has also appropriated grants to the counties for the same purpose. Perhaps it is appropriate to examine the opportunity for a more unified approach to supporting resource management on tax-forfeited land.

Toward that end, the Department recommends that a study be done by a group with appropriate representation to examine this issue and make recommendations to the legislature for action. The objective of this study should be to determine the appropriate level of support for resource management and to evaluate the opportunity to swith from the current method of in-lieu payments to a more uniform and integrated approach to local government aid.

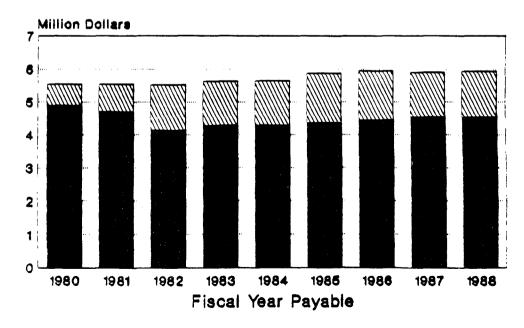
APPENDIX 1

ONR IN-LIEU PAYMENT HISTORY (Dollars in Thousands)

| Payable FY | Net (n-lieu Paym en t* | Other Paym e nts** | Total Payment | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1980 | 4.900.9 | 64 5 .0 | 5.545.9 | | |
| 1981 | 4.702.8 | 349.4 | 5.552.2 | | |
| 1982 | 4,134.8 | 1,396.0 | 5.530.8 | | |
| 1983 | 4,284.6 | 1,348.8 | 5,633.4 | | |
| 1984 | 4,278.7 | 1,367.0 | 5,645.7 | | |
| 1985 | 4,356.5 | 1,515.9 | 5,872.4 | | |
| 1986 | 4,453.1 | 1,491.4 | 5,944.5 | | |
| .387 | 4,544.5 | 1,3 52. 1 | 5,906.6 | | |
| 1988 | 4,535.3 | 1,401.9 | 5,937.2 | | |

- * Gross payments calculated according to M.S. 477A.11-14 less deductible payments made under other statutes.
- ** Includes payments made under provisions of M.S. 84A.51, 89.036, 97.49 and 272.58 as well as other adjustments.

DNR In-Lieu Payments

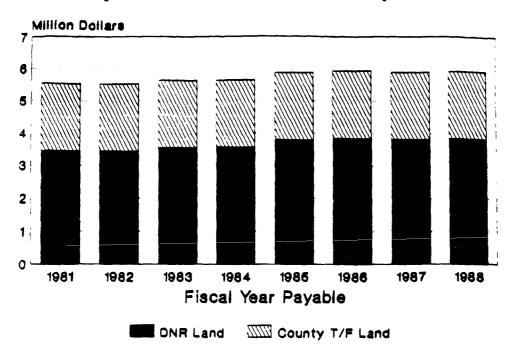


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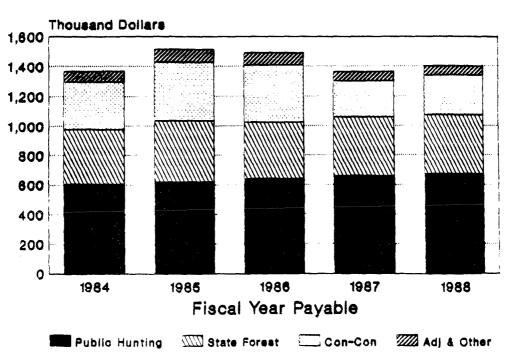
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APPENDIX 2

Payments on DNR vs County Land



Makeup of Other Payments

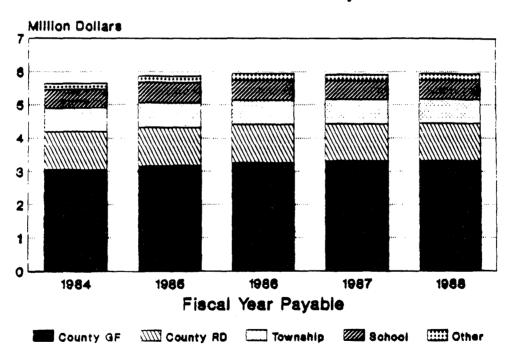


APPENDIX 3

ALLOCATION OF IN-LIEU PAYMENTS

| Payable FY | County General Fund | County Resource Dev't | Township | School Oistrict | Other |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------|
| 1984 | 3.050.6 | 1.137.7 | 718.4 | 558.0 | 181.0 |
| 1985 | 3,161.7 | 1,162.1 | 736.4 | 617.5 | 194.8 |
| 1986 | 3,252.1 | 1,150.1 | 732.7 | 607.7 | 192.0 |
| 1987 | 3,314.9 | 1,118.2 | 731.6 | 564.2 | 177.7 |
| 1988 | 3,311.5 | 1,126.3 | 737.7 | 579.4 | 182.3 |

Allocation of In-Lieu Payments



APPENDIX 4

ALLOCATION OF IN-LIEU PAYMENTS: SELECTED COUNTIES (FY1987 PAYABLE)

| Accepta | County General | County Resource | Township | School | A. 1 | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|
| County | Fund | 0ev't | Township | District | Other | Total |
| Aitkin | 221.3 | 101.9 | 34.2 | 27.6 | 0.5 | 385.5 |
| 8ecker | 60.5 | 28.4 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 3.0 | 116.1 |
| 8eltrami | 242.3 | 72.2 | 45.8 | 23.5 | 0.1 | 383.9 |
| Cass | 140.0 | 95.2 | 23.8 | 18.8 | 4.8 | 282.6 |
| Clearwater | 92.7 | 34.7 | 9.6 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 140.3 |
| Cook | 49.2 | 2.4 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 62.3 |
| Hubbard | 111.1 | 51.2 | 32.2 | 39.1 | 10.0 | 243.7 |
| Itasca | 229.3 | 106.8 | 33.9 | 13.0 | 3.3 | 386.3 |
| Kittson | 52.4 | 0.1 | 13.1 | , 9 . 4 | 2.4 | 11.4 |
| Koochiching | 436.8 | 125.0 | 89.1 | 33.8 | 2.4 | 687.1 |
| Lake | 133.8 | 55.8 | 18.0 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 208.1 |
| Lake of Woods | 133.8 | 0.2 | 33.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 167.7 |
| Mahnomen | 13.6 | 2.3 | 5.7 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 31.5 |
| Marshall | 62.6 | 0.4 | 16.2 | 9.0 | 2.2 | 90.3 |
| Pine | 90.2 | 17.5 | 24.3 | 15.5 | 4.0 | 151.5 |
| Roseau | 108.4 | 20.9 | 26.2 | 28.6 | 1.2 | 185.4 |
| St. Loui s | 543.9 | 328.1 | 50.6 | 8.2 | 2.1 | 933.0 |
| Total | 2,721.9 | 1,043.1 | 478.2 | 248.6 | 41.0 | 4,532.8 |

IN-LIEU ALLOCATIONS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL LEVY: SELECTED COUNTIES (FY1987 PAYABLE)

| County | % of County Lavy | % of City/Twp Levy | \$ of School Levy | % of Total Levy | |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| ************** | | , | | | |
| Aitkin | 8.1% | 2.8% | 0.6% | 3.89 | |
| Becker | 1.7% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 0.79 | |
| 8eltrami | 5.7% | 2.0% | 0.3\$ | 2.5 | |
| Cass | 3.8% | 1.1% | 0.2% | 1.89 | |
| Clearwater | 6.0% | 2.1% | 0.1% | 2.89 | |
| Cook | 2.6% | 3.0% | 0.0% | 1.79 | |
| Hubbard | 4.3% | 3.0% | 0.7% | 2.45 | |
| Itasca | 2.44 | 0.6% | 0.1% | 1.19 | |
| Kittson | 2.5% | 1.4% | 0.3% | 1.19 | |
| Koochiching | 22.0% | 4.6% | 1.2% | 9.1 | |
| Lake | 5.7% | 1.3% | 0.0% | 3.3 | |
| Lake of Woods | 12.3% | 9.6% | 0.0% | 5.8 | |
| Mahnomen | 1.2% | 1.4% | 0.4% | 0.9 | |
| Marshall | 2.0% | 1.4% | 0.2% | 0.9 | |
| Pine | 2.3% | 1.6% | 0.3% | 1.2 | |
| Roseau | 7.0% | 2.6% | 0.8% | 2.5 | |
| St. Louis | 1.6% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.7 | |
| Total | 3.2% | 0.8% | 0.2% | 1.5 | |

APPENDIX 5

IN-LIEU-OF-TAX PAYMENTS IN SELECTED STATES SURVEY RESULTS

| State | Method of Payment |
|--------------|---|
| Idaho | Fine monies from fish & game violations are distributed to counties for school district use based on amount of state land in county. |
| Iowa | Payments made at local private rates as funding is available. Currently pay \$60,000 per year. |
| Kentucky | No payments. |
| Michigan | Payment made at \$2.00 per acre of tax-forfeit land and gift land; payment at regular private ad valorem rates for purchased land. |
| Ohio | Payment made on purchased land at 1 percent of purchase price. Fixed payment (i.e., no adjustment for changing land values). Monies paid to counties for use by school districts where land is located. |
| Pennsylvania | Pays flat rate of \$0.60 per acre of state land, divided equally among county, township and school district. |
| South Dakota | State land classed as "public shooting range" taxed as private land. No payment on other state land. |
| Utah | Payment made at \$0.50 per acre of land removed from private ownership. |
| Wyoming | State pays taxes at same rate as private landowners. |

| COUNTY | ACRES ACQUIRED | PAYNENT \$3/ACRE | ACRES OTHER | PAYMENT \$.375/ACRE | ACRES FORFEIT | PAYMENT \$.75/ACRE | | | NS 89.036 ST FOREST | NS 97A.061 HUNT GRDS | NS 272.68 70 / 30 | CROSS DEDUCTS | TRULOA RENES | IN-LIEU PAYMENTS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| AITKIN | 6,121 | 10,363 | 385,536 | 144,576 | 222,114 | 166,588 | 329,525 | (52,102) | • | (4,366) | | (57,140) | 52,782 | \$325,159 |
| ANOKA | 15,712 | 47,136 | 1,313 | 492 | 354 | 266 | 47,894 | | | (25,973) | | (25,973) | | \$21,921 |
| BECKER | 14,573 | 43,715 | 41,759 | 15,668 | 15,698 | 56,168 | 116,147 | | (30,091) | (6,521) | | (36,612) | | \$19,536 |
| BELTRANI | 2,003 | 6,009 | 561,818 | 210,678 | 146,811 | 110,100 | 326,796 | (55,055) | (2,790) | (1,518) | | (59,463) | 55,055 | \$322,300 |
| BENTON | 1,017 | 3,051 | 120 | 45 | • | | 3,886 | | | (2,616) | | (2,816) | | \$4.00 |
| BIG STONE | 3,791 | 41,373 | 3,511 | 1,341 | • | • | 12,714 | | | (10,179) | | (10,179) | | \$2,535 |
| BLUE EARTH | 2,991 | 4,973 | 41 | 15 | | • | 1,588 | | | (13,755) | (145) | (13,900) | | \$0 |
| BROYN | 2,500 | 7,764 | 172 | 65 | 11 | | 7,837 | | | (3,446) | | (3,446) | | \$4,391 |
| CARLTON | 5,148 | 15,438 | 70,868 | 26,576 | 12,519 | 54,434 | 36,448 | | (18,547) | | | (18,564) | | \$77, 004 |
| CARVER | 1,034 | 3,102 | | 3 | 16 | 11 | 3,116 | | (243) | | (14) | (2,147) | | 1969 |
| CASS | 8,227 | 24,501 | 180,051 | 67,523 | 254,282 | 190,697 | 202,901 | | (20,215) | (6,217) | (2) | (34,434) | 44 | \$240,467 |
| CHIPPENA | 5,812 | 16,036 | 3,889 | 1,458 | 310 | 233 | 10,527 | | | (1) (1) | | (41. 244) | (7,684) | \$10,843 |
| CHISAGO | 14,033 | 14,499 | 987 | 370 | 261 | 196 | 45,865 | | | (44,015) | | (44,016) | {10,208} | \$0 |
| CFAA | 5,675 | 17,025 | 891 | 334 | 11 | | 17,419 | | (5 483) | (2,855) | | (2,055) | | \$16,564 |
| CLEARVATER | 19,138 | 57,414 | 36,020 | 13,500 | 92,400 | 69,300 | 140,222 | | (5,107) | (1,973) | | (7,000) | | \$133,142 |
| COOL | 2,913 | 8,739 | 130,008 | 48,753 | 6,267 | 4,700 | 62,192 | | (107) | (11,177) | | (107) (11,177) | | \$62, 00 5 \$3,544 |
| COLLONAGOD | 4,797 | 14,391 | 911 | 304 | 35 | 26 | 14,721 | | / 1011 | | | (1,220) | | \$94,798 |
| CUON AINE | 3,375 | 10,125 | 26,419 | 1,307 | 101,302 57 | 75, 9 11 | 35,005 | | (184) | (1,036) (5,020) | | (5,020) | | \$6,667 |
| ATOTA | 3,837 | 11,511 | 311 | 14.1 | 31 | 43 | 11, 695 8 21 | | | (120) | | (120) | | 1101 |
| DODGE | 269 | 86 7 | 3 0 347 | 130 | : | | 16,351 | | | (7,3 0 2) | | (7,302) | | \$9,049 |
| DOUGLAS | 5,407 2,192 | 16,221 6,576 | 171 | 54 | | i | 6,610 | | | (3,100) | | (3,900) | | 12,740 |
| FARIBAULT | 11,362 | 34,006 | 494 | 185 | ı. | 61 | 34,332 | | (10,357) | (2,367) | (51) | (20,715) | | \$13,557 |
| FILLMORE | 2,102 | 6,306 | 151 | 57 | | | 6,363 | | (10,000) | (5,070) | (, | (5,878) | | \$4.05 |
| FREEBORN GOODHUE | 7,197 | 21,591 | 410 | 157 | 19 | 14 | 21,162 | | (12,152) | (1,357) | | (13,509) | | \$8,253 |
| GRANT | 3,514 | 10,542 | 54 | 20 | 10 | | 10,570 | | (10,110) | (6,241) | | (6,241) | | 14,329 |
| HENNEPIN | 714 | 2,142 | 411 | 100 | 14 | 56 | 2,310 | | | (1,522) | (59) | (1,501) | | \$797 |
| HOUSTON | 11,925 | 35,775 | 1,119 | 420 | 236 | 127 | 34,372 | | (14,581) | | (21) | (14,602) | | \$21,770 |
| CAASSUM | 41,161 | 123,483 | 47,264 | 17,724 | 136,514 | 102,306 | 243,593 | | (82,519) | (8,818) | (21) | (\$1,357) | | \$152,236 |
| ISANTI | 1,005 | 5,855 | 2,097 | 786 | 238 | 173 | 5,514 | | , , , | (4,575) | | (4,575) | | \$2,039 |
| ITASCA | 20,256 | 50,798 | 299,697 | 112,386 | 284,848 | 213,636 | 386,820 | | (34,053) | (369) | (3) | (35,225) | | \$351,595 |
| JACKSON | 3,141 | 9,447 | | | | 3 | 9,450 | | | (11,007) | | (11,007) | | \$0 |
| KANABEC | 3,197 | 9,591 | 20,466 | 1,675 | 10,450 | 7,838 | 25,104 | | (1,020) | (4,805) | | (5,105) | | \$20,000 |
| KANDIYONI | 5,512 | 16,536 | 456 | 171 | 186 | 365 | 17,072 | | | (6,119) | {2} | (6,121) | | \$10,951 |
| RITTSON | 21,018 | 63,054 | 30,842 | 14,566 | 156 | 117 | 11,131 | | | (21,556) | | (21,556) | | \$56,181 |
| KOOCHICHING | 1,003 | | 1,091,334 | 409,250 | 284,313 | 213,235 | 625,734 | (38,199) | (20,810) | | | (59,999) | 39,190 | \$604,925 |
| LAC QUI PARL | 9,873 | 29,619 | 6,653 | 2,495 | • | • | 32,114 | | | (29,852) | | (29,852) | | \$2,262 |
| LAKE | 9,881 | 29,643 | 172,637 | 64,739 | 148,847 | 111,635 | 205,017 | | (806) | | | (1,053) | | \$204,965 |
| LAKE / WOODS | | 3,369 | 437,336 | 154,001 | 436 | 327 | | {82,688} | (1,961) | (585) | | (05, 153) | \$2,60\$ | \$165,152 |
| LESUEUR | 3,102 | 9,546 | 11 | 30 | 3 | 2 | 9,578 | | | (2,510) | | (2,610) | | \$6,9 6 0 |
| LINCOLN | 6,681 | 20,043 | 13 | 5 | 0 | • | 28,848 | | | (23,451) | | (23,451) (31,700) | | 10 |
| LTON | 10,270 | 30,410 | • | • | 17 | 13 | 30,823 | | | (31,798) | (3) | (5,491) | | \$1,247 |
| NCLE00 | 2,234 | 6,702 | 91 | 34 | 3 | 2 | 6,730 | | 10 | (5,4 80) (8,342) | 177 | (14,104) | 97 | \$17,681 |
| NAHNONEN | 5,439 | 16,317 | 28,547 | 10,705 | 6,220 | 4,665 | 31,607 | (97) | | (19,204) | | (20,281) | 1,077 | \$69,785 |
| MARSHALL | 17,345 | 52,835 | 90,541 | 36,953 | • | | 88,988 6 A76 | (1,077) | • | (11,231) | | (11,231) | .,,,,, | \$0 |
| MITRA | 2,816 | 6,848 | 71 | 21 | | | 6,075 1,326 | | | (6,295) | (2) | (8,297) | | \$1,029 |
| MEERER | 2,417 | 7,251 | 40 | 15 | 2 236 | 58 1, 6 77 | 55.370 | | (1,469) | | • • | (16.003) | | \$39,360 |
| MILLE LACS | 11,399 | 34,197 | 51,989 | 19,498 | 2.236 | 1,011 | 34,318 | | (1,443) | ,,,,,,,, | | | | |

| | ACRES | PAYNENT | ACRES | PAYMENT | ACRES | PAYMENT | | | | NS 97A.061 | MS 272.60 | CROSS | ADJUST | IN-LIEU |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| COUNTY | ACQUIRED | \$3/ACRE | OTHER | \$.315/ACRE | FORFEIT | 1.75/ACRE | PAYNENT | CON CON | ST FOREST | HUNT GRDS | 70 / 30 | DEDUCTS | MENTS | PAYNENTS |
| MORRISON | 4,123 | 12,369 | 3,427 | 1,435 | 483 | 362 | 14,166 | | | (5,050) | | (5,050) | | \$9,116 |
| NOVER | 1,644 | 4,932 | 170 | 64 | 3 | 2 | 1,998 | | | (3,550) | | (3,550) | | \$1,448 |
| NURRAY | 1,114 | 26,442 | 0 | • | • | | 26,442 | | | (16,580) | (2) | (16,582) | | \$9,860 |
| MICOLLET | 522 | 1,566 | 76 | 29 | 31 | 23 | 1,610 | | | (635) | | (\$35) | | \$983 |
| NOBLES | 1,540 | 4,628 | 98 | 34 | 6 | 5 | 4,659 | | | (7,640) | | (7,540) | | \$0 |
| MAKRON | 5,425 | 16,275 | 754 | 283 | 235 | 176 | 16,734 | | | (8,754) | | (9,754) | | 16,100 |
| OLMSTED | 2,854 | 7,952 | 122 | 271 | • | • | 4,233 | | (1,506) | | | (13,689) | | \$0 |
| OTTERTAIL | 15,700 | 47,100 | 3,913 | 1,467 | 603 | 512 | 45,079 | | | (11,009) | | (11,089) | | \$37,990 |
| NOT BNI NN 39 | 2,879 | 8,637 | 2,588 | 963 | 2,160 | 1,520 | 11,220 | | | (5,050) | | (5,050) | | \$6,174 |
| PINE | 18,418 | 55,254 | 164,171 | 81,584 | 47,040 | 35,200 | 152,898 | | (50,749) | | | (50,851) | | \$101,242 |
| PIPESTONE | 1,480 | 4,440 | 245 | 92 | | • | 4,532 | | | (2,063) | | (2,063) | | \$2,469 |
| POLE | 15,505 | 46,515 | 4,203 | 1,576 | 1,106 | 1,355 | 49,446 | | (526) | | | (22,471) | | \$26,976 |
| POPE | 4,203 | 12,609 | 380 | 143 | | • | 12,752 | | | (4,958) | | (4,950) | | \$7,002 |
| RANSET | 332 | 196 | | | | | 986 | | | (0. 11.0) | (710) | (710) | | \$286 |
| RED LAKE | 2,158 | 6,477 | 151 | 322 | 517 | 311 | 7,107 | | | (5,147) | | (5,147) | | \$2,840 |
| REDWOOD | 3,725 | 11,175 | 112 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 11,222 | | | (10,065) | | (10,065) | | \$1,157 |
| RENAILLE | 865 | 1,995 | • | | • | • | 1,995 | | | (3,062) | | (3,062) | | \$0 |
| RICE | 2,287 | 6,861 | 1,898 | 412 | • | • | 1,213 | | | (6,452) | | (6,452) | | \$821 |
| ROCK | 1,572 | 4,716 | | | | | 4,716 | /na ansi | (200) | (10.001) | | (4.7.460) | 30.00 | \$1,716 |
| ROSEAU | 9,146 | 27,438 | 246,061 | 92,213 | 8,463 | 6,347 | 128,058 | (35,094) | (188) | | 141 | (47,150) | 36,494 | \$114,995 |
| ST LOUIS | 27,005 | 81,815 | 521,409 | 195,528 | 875,006 | 656 ,255 | 932,798 | | (28,808) | (48) | (9) | (28,865) | | \$963,934 |
| SCOTT | 4,425 | 13,275 | 54 | 20 | 10 | | 13,303 | | | (2,056) | (33) | (2,009) | | \$11,214 |
| SHERBURNE | 3,336 | 10,000 | 2,997 | 1,124 | | • | 11,132 | | (1,701) | | | (3,245) | | \$7,488 |
| SIBLET | 1,244 | 3,732 | 201 | 15 | 21 | 20 | 3,827 | | | (3,072) | 1001 | (3,072) | | \$755 |
| STEARNS | 2,632 | 6,036 | 894 | 335 | 637 | 470 | 8,103 | | | (2,830) | (26) | (2,884) | | \$4,045 |
| STEELE | 1,725 | 5,175 | 11 | 29 | • | | 5,204 | | | (8,488) | | (8,409) | | \$0 |
| STEVENS | 2,648 | 7,944 | 3 | 1 | | • | 7,945 | | | (8,789) | | (6,789) | | \$1,156 \$6,175 |
| SVIFT | 6,076 | 18,228 | 1,656 | 625 | | | 18,853 | | /23 | (12,670) (7,062) | | (12,670) (7,065) | | \$0,175 \$13,001 |
| 1000 | 5,973 | 17,919 | 5,642 | 2,116 | 40 | 30 | 20,065 | | (3) | (1,002) (105) | | (7,003) (705) | | \$4.9 |
| TRAVERSE | 245 | 135 | 50 | 19 | | | 754 | | /43 A1A\ | (19,578) | | (43,457) | | \$2,881 |
| MABASHA | 15,350 | 46,050 | 441 | 165 | 56 | 12 | 46,257 | | (23,879) | (345) | (9) | (8,962) | | \$4,050 |
| YADENA | 594 | 1,702 | 23,561 | 8,835 8 | 4,270 | 3,2 0 3 | 13,820 | | (8,608) | (4,026) | (*) | (4,026) | | \$1,746 |
| WASECA | 1,924 | 5,112 | 9 | · · | 336 | 252 | 5,772 | | | (3,202) | (3) | (3,295) | | \$8,306 |
| VASHINGTON | 3,660 | 10,980 | 985 | 369 15 | 336 | 232 6 | 11,601 2,077 | | | (2,064) | (*) | (2,064) | | \$813 |
| AVLONAN | 954 | 2,862 | 41 | 213 | | i | 9,875 | | | (16,241) | | (16,241) | | 10 |
| AILKIN | 3,254 | 9,762 | 569 881 | 330 | 105 | 19 | 96,571 | | (7,259) | | | (47,794) | | \$44,777 |
| ANOMIA | 32,054 5,358 | 96,162 16,874 | 306 | 115 | 34 | 25 | 16,215 | | (//200/ | (14,160) | | (14,160) | | \$2,055 |
| WRIGHT | 4,745 | | 2 | 113 | 175 | 131 | 14,367 | | | (8,500) | | (8,508) | | \$5,859 |
| AELFOA MEDIC | 4,143 | 14,235 | • | • | | .,, | 14,307 | | | • • • • • • | | • • • | | |
| TOTALS | 572,591 | 1,111,113 | 4,733,121 | 1,774,920 | 2,789,940 | 2,092,455 | 5,585,148 | (266,981) | (403,288) | (669,699) | (1,115) | (1,341,002) | 249,011 | \$4,535,307 |