

Meeting 4-28-17

Re: Mississippi River Northwoods Trails and potential Land Exchange.

To whom it may concern,

Our names are Chad and Sandra Turner. We own Plat #790021100A00009. This land is located directly next to the Plat #s 800354300A00009 and 800354400A00009, the designated land proposed for the Crow Wing County land exchange. We have some very deep reservations regarding this exchange.

1) We have found out that the intention of this land was for Industrial use.

-Why would you create another industrial park, when there are two industrial parks operating with available space with-in a seven-mile radius of this location (either direction on 210)

- having an industrial park next to the Loerch Wildlife Management Area does not seem like a logical solution either. The industrial park would be detrimental to the preservation of the natural wildlife.

-This is DIRECTLY next to our property. This is a place we plan to move to as well as hand down to our children/grandchildren, as has been handed down to us through the Turner generations. Having an industrial park right next door is not an acceptable situation.

- We have families living next to this land. Building an industrial park in this area with disregard to the inhabitants surrounding this land is somewhat negligent. Especially with-out any direct notification to the neighboring landowners.

2) If this land is not to be used for an industrial park-if the plans have changed- what are the other options? Are there any other options other than commercial uses? Again, that much-added traffic would be detrimental to the natural environment, and something us landowners are not approving.

3) The land originally designated in the exchange was to involve other land parcels: the original plan fell through due to land value discrepancies. (per Kirk Titus) The land right now is already county land. Why do you need the land next to our land, when you can use other county land parcels. The land next to us is adjacent to Loerch Wildlife Management. The environmental impact alone is of great concern to us.

Since November of 2015, Chad has been looking into this issue. He has contacted Joe Pavelko Assistant Director of LSOHC, Amanda Brazee with LSOHC, Christine Reisz with the MN DNR, Kirk Titus with Crow Wing County Land Services, Mark Liedl Crow Wing County Land Services Director.

As well as Chris Pence- Land Commissioner for Crow Wing County. When Chad sent an email to Chris, his reply was that the land swap ending in the commercial use of county land is 'not being considered' (11-2-16). When Chad found more articles regarding this issue, he sent another email to Chris Pence and the reply was:

'Chad- when the County Board chose to undesignated trails at the MRNW property earlier this year, part of the deal was that the LSOHC and DNR would begin work on the land swap. This is in the works and is being considered now.' (3-22-17)

We need to know the plan for this land, we need to have say in this plan-as we are tax-paying members of this community, and there should be direct contact. Letting you know now, several of us are against this proposition.

Regards,

Chad and Sandra Turner

PS) Included in this land swap dispute (but not limited to):

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And many other friends and neighbors.