

GAC Parcel and Land Records Committee PLSS Remonumentation Legislation Subcommittee/ Minnesota County Recorders Association Joint Meeting July 7th, 2025, 10:00 am, Minutes

Members present: Alison Slaats, Christy Christenson, Emilia Holstine, Kory Thurnau, Peter Jenkins, Presto Dowell, Richard Morey, and Patrick Veraguth.

Special guest: Sarah Green, Pope County Recorder, Kimberly Savageau, Clay County Recorder, Airabella Lepinski, Dakota County Recorder, Doug Hansen, Mille Lacs County Land Services Director and County Recorder, Rita Lodermeier, Stearns County Recorder,

Key Concerns and Discussions:

• Tax Adjustments:

- Discussion on applying proposed funding increase consistently to both the State Deed Tax (SDT) and Mortgage Registry Tax (MRT). The group favors proposing the 0.0001 increase to both SDT and MRT.
- Hennepin and Ramsey Counties asked if could be excluded due to already having a 0.0001 additional tax for their environmental response funds. The group is considering including all counties.
- Another proposal is to raise the SDT minimum fee from \$1.65 to \$9.90 (while keeping the 0.0033 rate), directing the difference to the PLSS Monument Grant Program (Minn. Stat. §381.125). Need to determine how many deeds fall into this minimum category.
- There is no minimum charge on MRT
- Group may pick one, two, or three of these options

Monetary Allocation Questions:

- Current statute (Minn. Stat. §38.125) tasks the Geospatial Information Officer (Alison), through the GAC to work with stakeholders licensed as land surveyors to develop the PLSS Monument Grant Program.
- There are concerns about equitable distribution of funds from the proposed PLSS Monument Grant Program (381.125). "We do not want to include this in the State Statue."

Action Items/ Next Steps:

- We need solid Min. SDT numbers from DOR
- Using DOR numbers estimate and double check calculations
- We need to involve MACO and their lobbyist.
- MACO ranks legislative items in the fall