

**GAC Parcel and Land Records Committee
PLSS Remonumentation Legislation Subcommittee/
Minnesota County Recordors Association Joint Meeting
October 6th, 2025, 10:00 am, Minutes**

Members present: Alison Slaats, Christy Christenson, Dan Baar, Doug Hansen, Emilia Holstine, Kory Thurnau, Peter Jenkins, Phil Raines, Preston Dowell, Ryan Stovern, Sarah Green, and Patrick Veraguth.

1. Meeting Transcription
 - a. Pat will be transcribing the meeting inside of teams.
2. Phil's Report
 - a. Phil has reached out to State Senator Ann Johnson Stewart and finally talked to her.
 - i. She has been busy this summer
 - ii. She is interested in getting a program going at Minnesota North College
 - b. Phil reached out to the Realtors Association
 - i. Went as well as can be expected
 - ii. They do not want any new taxes
 - iii. Phil will work with them to demonstrate how the PLSS affects the cost of surveys
 - iv. They were ok with our current bill out of the general fund
 - c. **We will push both bills this year and see what happens**
 - d. Wisconsin is looking to increase the deed transfer tax to increase funding to the Land Information Programs that can be used for remonumentation.
 - i. Pat will email everyone the email. (Done)
3. State Deed Tax (SDT) [287.21](#) and Mortgage Rate Tax (MRT) [287.035](#)
 - a. Kory sent out a proposed legislation for the Deed and Mortgage tax
 - b. This was written following the Ramsey and Hennepin County statutes for environmental response ([383A.80](#), [383A.81](#), [383B.80](#) and [383B.81](#))
 - c. Recordors are fine with it but would like to see the money come out of the general fund.
 - d. MACO comments
 - i. Leave the amounts the same
 - ii. Legislation does not direct where the funds will go
 - iii. Write a sunset clause into the bill
 - iv. Can we get together with the MACO board and discuss this?
 - v. **Sara will create a document with all the MACO questions on it.**
 - vi. The next MACO meeting is on November 6th
 - e. We need to investigate keeping the funds in the PLSS fund
 - i. Kory will talk to Brandon and see if he has any suggestions
 - f. Minimum tax and monthly deposits are covered by the reference of statute 287
 - g. We did not change anything at this time.
4. Outreach to other groups
 - a. Phil will work with the State Bar and Realtors
 - b. Work with MnDot on Road Authority duties. We decided not to tackle this at this time.
 - c. We also talked about requiring a survey when a parcel is split. No Action at this time.
 - d.

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5. PLSS Preservation Committee, (Kory)
 - a. Kory's [2025 legislative report](#) (take a look)
 - b. Cook County Project is moving forward now
 - c. Cook and Wadena County projects were delayed to June 2027 for additional work.
 - d. Work is about 70% complete.
 - e. Committee is working on a tiered program for all counties if they apply.
6. Developing PLSS Data Standards (Preston) Boundary Subcommittee
 - a. Standards Committee meeting on this Thursday
 - b. Preston hopes it will go out to public comment soon.
7. PLSS Outreach program (All)
 - a. Surveyors (County Surveyors)
 - i. AMC Transportation Committee Fall Policy Meeting at Arrowwood in Alexandria September 11th
 1. Pat gave a short presentation; they had a lot of good questions.
 - ii. Meet me at the corner on October 1, 2025 in Duluth at DECC.
 1. We had about 40 people attend, lots of questions.
 2. There were a few other presentations on the PLSS at the conference.
 - iii. AMC Annual meeting, Dec 8-9, Bloomington, MACS Booth
 1. MACS and MCGISA plan to have their own booths this year.
 2. Meet me at the corner next year at AMC
 - a. Pat will talk to Julie Ring and the Education Committee to see if we can get it scheduled for next year.
 - iv. NISGIC Geospatial maturity assessment (GMA) Grading
 1. Pat would like to add PLSS questions to the survey. (Work with Alison)
 2. They are still working on this year's report.
 3. This report comes out every two years, usually in October.
8. Next meeting
 - a. Monday, November 3rd @ 10:00am
9. Adjourn