

By Commissioner: Sample

20231010-097

**Approve Sheryl Ruhnke Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property**

**WHEREAS**, Sheryl Ruhnke, was the owner at the time of forfeiture. (Applicant) and,

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax-forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel #29-1-370300 Lot 204 Big Sandy Lake Highlands Sect: 3 Twp: 49 Rge: 23

**WHEREAS**, said Applicant has set forth in his application that:

A. Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:

Address change – also confusion at county with taxes paid on other lot – said I was good.

B. That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest because:

Lot is adjacent to other lot I own and my camper is parked there. I live there during summer months as I own the bar/restaurant on connecting lots.

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has made payment of all delinquent taxes of properties.

**WHEREAS**, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the application of Sheryl Ruhnke for the purchase of the above-described parcel of tax-forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Commissioner Kearney seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

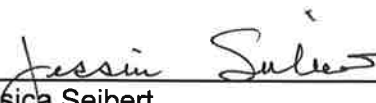
**FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting YES**

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

By Commissioner: Leiviska

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**Approve Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance Amendment of Solar Energy Systems**

**WHEREAS**, the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance currently does not individually address solar energy systems, and Aitkin County finds it is in the public interest to encourage the use and development of renewable energy systems that enhance conservation efforts, but result in limited adverse impact on nearby properties; and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County also finds that the development of solar energy systems should be balanced with the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and resolves that standards shall be adopted to ensure that solar energy systems and solar energy farms can be constructed within Aitkin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota is experiencing a marked increase in solar energy systems statewide, which meets the intent of the 2040 carbon-free energy bill goal; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Aitkin County Comprehensive Land Use Plan it is the intent of the County, by adding solar energy systems, to create standards for the reasonable capture and use, by households, businesses and property owners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the addition of Section 18.0 "Solar Energy Systems" of the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance

Commissioner Sample seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote


FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting YES

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator