

2023 Kansas Statutes

32-833. Authority to purchase land; conditions and limitations. (a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 32-807(f), and amendments thereto, or any other provisions of law to the contrary, the secretary of wildlife and parks shall not purchase any land unless the secretary of wildlife and parks:

(A) Has certified that the land proposed to be purchased is in compliance with the provisions of article 13 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, concerning control and management of noxious weeds after consultation with the county weed supervisor and has developed a written plan for controlling and managing noxious weeds on the land to be purchased;

(B) shall agree to make payment of moneys in lieu of taxes comparable to the ad valorem tax payments of surrounding lands for any land purchased that is exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes under the laws of the state of Kansas; and

(C) has developed a management plan for the property proposed to be purchased.

(2) In addition to the requirements prescribed by this section and otherwise by law, any proposed purchase of a tract or tracts of land that are greater than 160 acres in the aggregate shall be subject to approval by act of the legislature, either as a provision in an appropriation act pertaining to the specific property to be purchased or by any other act of the legislature that approves the acquisition of the specific property proposed to be purchased, or by approval by the state finance council acting on this matter that is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any purchase of land by the secretary that is less than 640 acres in the aggregate and owned by a private individual if the purchase price is an amount less than such land's appraised valuation.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 32-807(f), and amendments thereto, or any other provisions of law to the contrary, the secretary of wildlife and parks shall adopt guidelines and procedures prescribing public notice requirements that the secretary shall comply with before the selling of any land. Such guidelines and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) A written notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location on such land stating the time and date of the sale, or the date after which the land will be offered for sale and a name and telephone number of a person who may be contacted concerning the sale of such land;

(B) the secretary shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county the land is located once a week for three consecutive weeks, the secretary's intent to sell the land that includes a legal description of the land to be sold, the time and date of the sale or the date after which the land will be offered for sale, the general terms and conditions of such sale and a name and telephone number of a person who may be contacted concerning the sale of such land; and

(C) the secretary shall publish in the Kansas register public notice of the secretary's intent to sell the land which shall include a legal description of the land to be sold, the time and date of the sale or the date after which the land will be offered for sale, the place of the sale, the general terms and conditions of such sale, and a name and telephone number of a person who may be contacted concerning the sale of such land.

(2) The secretary shall have the land appraised by three disinterested persons. In no case shall such land be sold for less than the average of its appraised value as determined by such disinterested persons.

(3) The secretary shall list such land with a real estate agent who is licensed by the Kansas real estate commission as a salesperson under the real estate brokers' and salespersons' license act. Such real estate agent shall publicly advertise that such land is for sale.

(4) Prior to closing the transaction on a contract for the sale of such land, the secretary shall cause a survey to be conducted by a licensed land surveyor. Such survey shall establish the precise legal description of such land and shall be a condition precedent to the final closing on such sale.

(c) Any disposition of land by the secretary shall be in the best interest of the state.

(d) The provisions of subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to lands of less than 640 acres purchased with natural resource damage and restoration funds in the southeast Kansas counties of Cherokee, Crawford, Labette and Neosho.

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