#### FM AREA DIVERSION PROJECT

# Property Owner Information Packet for Cass County Commission

November 16th, 2020

PROPERTY OWNER: Orten & Sandra Brodshaug Revocable Living
Trust Etal

LAND AGENT: Oly Olafson with HDR

OIN: 5008



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## Written Correspondence Timeline – Orten & Sandra Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Etal

OIN 5008	Sent	Received
Offer to Purchase	3/10/2020	3/10/2020
Formal Negotiations and Written Offer of Just Compensation	6/17/2020	6/19/2020
Request for Meeting	7/21/2020	7/23/2020
Notice of Intent to Take Possession of Right-of-Way	8/26/2020	8/27/2020
Request for Approval to Take Possession of Necessary Right-of-Way and Temporary Easement	10/2/2020	10/2/2020
Invitation to Attend Public Meeting	10/9/2020	10/13/2020
Commission Meeting Date	11/10	6/2020

## CASS COUNTY COMMISSION CHECKLIST — COMPLIANCE WITH N.D. CENT. CODE § 61-16.1-09(2) FARGO-MOORHEAD AREA DIVERSION PROJECT

#### A. <u>Subject Property Information</u>:

1. Landowner: Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

and

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

2. Land Agent: Oly Olafson

3. Parcel No.: 55-0000-09607-000

4. OIN No.: 5008

#### B. Verification:

- 1. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(1)(a) requires the Cass County Joint Water Resource District ("CCJWRD") to conduct 60 days of informal negotiations.
  - Did CCJWRD verify at least 60 days of informal negotiations with Landowner:
- 2. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(1)(b)[1] requires CCJWRD to send the landowner an appraisal and written offer for just compensation by certified mail or commercial delivery requiring a signed receipt or other evidence of constructive notice.
  - Did CCJWRD verify it sent Landowner an appraisal and written offer for just compensation:
  - Did CCJWRD verify service of the appraisal and offer by certified mail or commercial delivery, and that Landowner either signed for them or had constructive notice:
- 3. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(1)(b)[2] requires CCJWRD to send Landowner a written request for a meeting by certified mail or commercial delivery requiring a signed receipt [if the parties have not come to an agreement within 15 days of Landowner's receipt of notice of CCJWRD's offer].
  - Did CCJWRD verify it sent Landowner a written request for a meeting by certified
    mail or commercial delivery, and that Landowner either signed for the notice or
    had constructive notice:

- 4. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(1)(b)[3] requires CCJWRD to send Landowner a written notice of intent to take possession of the right of way and temporary easement, by certified mail or commercial delivery requiring a signed receipt [if the parties have not come to an agreement within 30 days of Landowner's receipt or notice of CCJWRD's invitation to a meeting].
  - Did CCJWRD verify it sent a written notice of intent to take possession of right away by certified mail or commercial delivery, and that Landowner either signed for the notice or had constructive notice: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(2) requires all written communications to Landowner to include contact information for responding to CCJWRD and a description of the required negotiation timeline.
  - Did CCJWRD verify that all written communications to Landowner included contact information for responding to CCJWRD and a description of the required negotiation timeline: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. NDCC § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(3) prohibits a district from including or utilizing any reference to quick take eminent domain during negotiations.
  - Did CCJWRD verify it did not include or utilize any reference to quick take eminent domain during negotiations: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Commission answers in the affirmative to the above questions,

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

• I move to authorize the Cass County Joint Water Resource District to utilize quick take eminent domain under Section 61-16.1-09(2) of the North Dakota Century Code to take an easement for a right of way and temporary easement regarding OIN 5008.

### FM Area Diversion Project Property Negotiation Summary

Friday, November 6, 2020

Owner	Orten and Sandra Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust
Address	17219 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Horace ND 58047
Property Type	Farmland
Original Identification Number	5008
Land Agent	Oly Olafson - HDR

#### **Property Need - Western Tieback**

#### Valuation and Negotiation Summary:

Appraisal Value / Date	\$29,155/February 27, 2019
,	
Purchase Agreement Value	\$28,215 for 5.13 Acres in Fee/\$940 for 0.95 TCE Acres
Replacement Housing	N/A
Differential Payment	
Incidental Expenses/	TBD
Increased Mortgage Interest/	
Moving Costs/ etc	

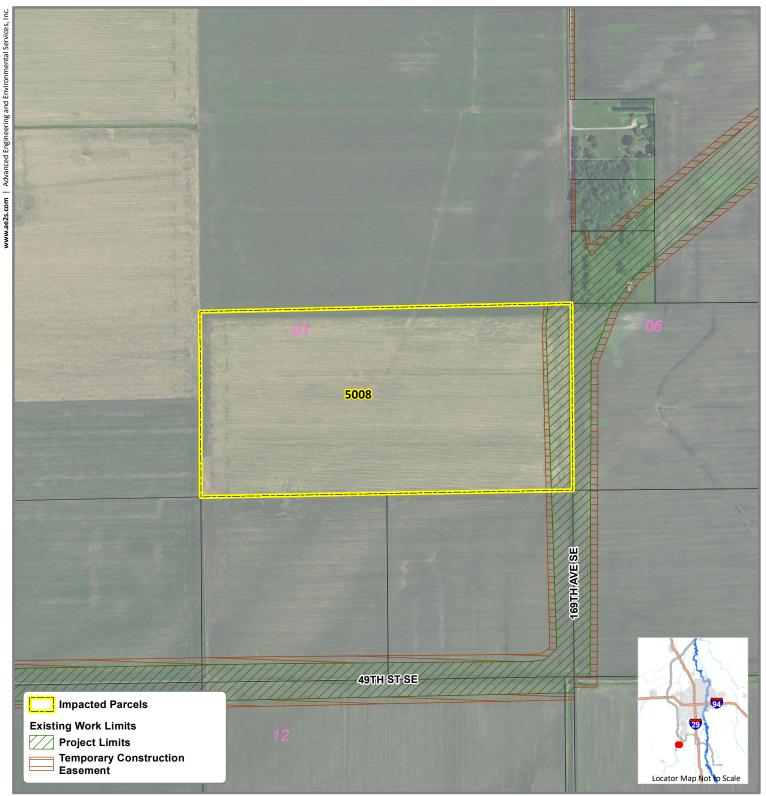
#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

#### **Requested Action**

- A letter of Just Compensation was sent to Orten and Sandra on March 10, 2020 through the Trustee of the Trust Bell Bank.
- The Just Compensation Offer was brought to the Joint Board and approved. The offer then was sent to the Trustee, Stephanie Strand at Bell Bank. Because of COVID-19 it has been difficult to set up meetings with Bell Bank to discuss the project and the needs of the project from the Brodshaug Trust. We have had two formal meetings after an initial meeting with Eric, Chris, and myself in attendance. The first meeting was a fact gathering meeting for the Trustees. We just finished our second meeting on Aug 6, 2020.
- There has been no action taken by the Trustee to date. Initially there was concern with the health of the Trust Holders and the steps as Trustees they are able to take.
- In our conversation on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> the settlement on OIN 5007 was brought up with payment of \$8,000/Acre. They are mulling over the idea of asking for a similar amount.
- The Trust has hired Rinke Noonan (Igor Lezner and Nick Delaney) as their attorneys for the Brodshaug Trust properties.

•	Rinke Noonan requested I present an offer to the Joint board on September 21st, asking for
	\$50,000 which I broke down to \$9,500/Acre for the 5.13 acres and \$270/A for the 0.94 acres for
	5 years.

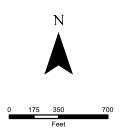
• The Board failed to take any action and we are back to negotiating.



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OIN: 5008
ORTEN B & SANDRA A BRODSHAUG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS ETAL
Parcel ID: 55-0000-09607-000
Cass County, ND

FM AREA DIVERSION Map Date: 7/30/2020

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March 10, 2020 Hand Delivered

Orten B. and Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust C/O Stephanie Strand, Vice President Bell Bank Wealth Management 15 North Broadway Fargo, ND 58102

RE: Letter Conveying Offer to Purchase

Project Parcel ID's: 5003 & 5008

**Property Legal Description:** 

**OIN 5003** – A 6.68 acre parcel in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of Government Lot 1, all in Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota.

OIN 5008 – A 5.13 acre parcel in the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota,

Project Title: Fargo Flood Diversion

PID: 55-0000-09607-000 and 55-0000-09601-000

Orten B. & Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust, C/O Bell Bank Wealth Management, Trustee;

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District (CCJWRD) and other partners are constructing a flood control improvement project in the area which includes land owned by you. The CCJWRD has hired HDR, Inc. to aid in the acquisition of right-of-way for the project. You are receiving this letter as the owner/trustee of the property that must be acquired for the project. This letter conveys CCJWRD's offer to purchase all interests in the real property that are necessary for the project. The interests being purchased (the "Parcel") are listed on Exhibit A (Acquisition Summary) and shown on Exhibit B (Parcel Sketch), and the amount stated in this letter as the purchase amount is for all of those interests. If the Parcel includes interests that another person or entity may own (for example a mortgage lender or easement holder), the CCJWRD's offer is contingent on all parties with interest agreeing to the amount and allocation of the purchase funds.

To determine market value of the interest being acquired, HDR, under contract to the CCJWRD, retained the services of the independent property appraisal firm, Compass Land Consultants, Inc. The appraiser has determined that the market value of the interests being purchased is \$67,500 as of November 27, 2019. The CCJWRD has used the market value set forth in the appraisal as the basis for determining Just Compensation for the property interests being acquired from you. A copy of the appraisal is accompanying this letter and provided to you. A summary of the appraisal is provided on Exhibit A (Appraisal Summary). If the purchase amount is based on any conditions or exceptions (such as terms of the transfer of possession or retention of any interest); they will be included in Exhibit A.

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District hereby offers to pay the Orten B. & Sandra A. Revocable Living Trust \$67,500 as Just Compensation for the property interests it must acquire from the Trust.

Once we agree on the basic terms of an agreement for you to sell, and the CCJWRD to buy the property interests describe in this letter, a Purchase Agreement will be drafted and presented to you for approval. The Purchase Agreement will contain all of the pertinent terms and conditions of this offer, as well as several standard legal, property acquisition terms. The Purchase Agreement will be between the Orten B. & Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust and the CCJWRD.

If you have any questions about the acquisition or relocation process, please contact the representative listed below. The representative is here to help you understand the process and to assist in negotiating a fair direct purchase of the Parcels, however, he does not represent you.

Upon receipt of this letter, please sign below. Your signature indicates only that you have received this Offer to Purchase, and the following documents:

- Copy of the appraisal for Parcels 5003 & 5008 completed by Compass Land Consultants, Inc.
   and
- Exhibits A (Acquisition Summary) and (Appraisal Summary), and B (Parcel sketch)

Your signature DOES NOT indicate your acceptance or rejection of the offered amount. Nor does it affect your right to continue to negotiate with the (CCJWRD) or have the value of your interests determined through eminent domain proceedings.

On behalf of CCJWRD, we wish to thank you for your cooperation and assistance, and we look forward to working with you toward a mutually satisfactory completion of the acquisition process.

Sincerely,

Stefan "Oly" Olafson

Real Estate Project Manager

HDR, Inc.

51 North Broadway, Suite 550

Fargo, ND 58102-4970

701-404-6463/701-205-8855

Oly.Olafson@hdrinc.com

I acknowledge that on March 10, 2020, I received this letter and all documents listed above.

By: Stephane L. Thand, W

Stephanie Strand, VP Bell Bank Wealth Management for the Orten B. & Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust

cc: Cass County Joint Water Resource District

#### **EXHIBIT A**

## ACQUISITION SUMMARY Fargo Flood Diversion – Western Tie Back

Letter Conveying Offer to Purchase Project Parcel ID's: 5003 & 5008

Parcel Legal Description: 11.81 Fee Acres, 2.54 Temporary Construction Easement Acres as described;

**OIN 5003** - <u>DESCRIPTION-TRACT</u> That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of Government Lot 1, all in Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Beginning at a found iron monument which designates the east quarter corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 2523.48 feet to the south line of the north 75.00 feet of said Northeast Quarter, as measured at a right angle to and parallel with the north line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 87 degrees 20 minutes 01 second West along said parallel line for a distance of 87.78 feet; thence South 01 degree 52 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 627.64 feet; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 1151.10 feet; thence South 02 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 260.50 feet; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 488.53 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter for a distance of 169.03 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 6.68 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

#### **DESCRIPTION-TEMPORARY EASEMENT**

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and part of Government Lot 1, all in Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Commencing at a found iron monument which designates the east quarter corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 2523.48 feet to the south line of the north 75.00 feet of said Northeast Quarter, as measured at a right angle to and parallel with the north line of said Northeast Quarter, the point of beginning; thence South 87 degrees 20 minutes 01 second West along said parallel line for a distance of 87.78 feet; thence South 01 degree 52 minutes 20 seconds East for a distance of 627.64 feet; thence South 00 degrees 34 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 1151.10 feet; thence South 02 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 260.50 feet; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 488.53 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West along the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter for a distance of 25.12 feet; thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 489.95 feet; thence North 02 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds West for a distance of 259.88 feet; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 115.1.19 feet; thence North 01 degree 52 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 684.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 52 minutes 17 seconds East for a distance of 112.31 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds East along the east line of said Northeast Quarter for a distance of 54.47 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 1.60 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

**OIN 5008** — <u>DESCRIPTION-TRACT</u> That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Commencing at a found iron monument which designates the southeast corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 1329.15 feet to the southeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, the point of beginning; thence South 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds West along the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 150.95 feet; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 1156.31 feet; thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 172.96 feet to the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1; thence North 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along said north line for a distance of 169.03 feet to the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds East along the east line of said Southeast Quarter for a distance of 1329.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 5.13 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

#### **DESCRIPTION-TEMPORARY EASEMENT**

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Commencing at a found iron monument which designates the southeast corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 1329.15 feet to the southeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds West along the

south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 150.95 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 1156.31 feet; thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 172.96 feet to the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West along said north line for a distance of 25.12 feet; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 171.71 feet; thence South 03 degrees 18 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 1157.30 feet to the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 38.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 0.94 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

**Project Title:** Fargo Flood Diversion – Western Tieback Levy

PID: 55-0000-09607-000 and 55-0000-09601-000

Recorded Fee Owner: Orten B. & Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust

Other Interests or Encumbrances: None

Description of Property Interests to be Acquired\*:

Please see Exhibit B

Noted and Waived Exceptions, Reservations or Encumbrances: None

- \*Unless otherwise noted, any offer to purchase is contingent on the following:
  - 1. Demonstration of marketable title,
  - 2. Conveyance of all interests identified, unless waived in writing by the Cass County Joint Water Resource District,
  - 3. Execution of a purchase agreement signed by the Cass County Joint Water Resource District, or its designee.

#### APPRAISAL SUMMARY

Type of Interest	Amount	Per Unit	<b>Indicated Value</b>
Fee Simple	11.81 Acres	\$5,500	\$64,955
Net Damages to Remainder	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Temporary Easement</b>	2.54 Acres	\$200/A/5Yrs	\$2,540
Total			\$67,500



#### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 17, 2020

Cass County Joint Water Resource District

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust

Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798

Fargo, ND 58106-9798

Certified No. 7020 0090 0000 7648 2539

Dan Jacobson Chairman West Fargo, North Dakota

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798

Fargo, ND 58106-9798

Certified No. 7020 0090 0000 7648 2546

Rodger Olson Manager Leonard, North Dakota

Ken Lougheed Manager Gardner, North Dakota

Jacob Gust Manager Fargo, North Dakota

Keith Weston Manager Fargo, North Dakota Greetings:

RE: Cass County Joint Water Resource District Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project

Formal Negotiations and Written Offer of Just Compensation

OIN: 5008

Parcel No.: 55-0000-09607-000

The Cass County Joint Water Resource District (the "District") is in the process of acquiring property interests necessary for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project (the "Project"), and the District has been in discussions with you regarding right of way the District must acquire from you to accommodate the Project. The District directed me to provide you this letter as the District's formal offer to purchase right of way and a temporary easement from you. More specifically, to accommodate the Project, the District must acquire right of way and a temporary easement from you over property located in Cass County and identified as Parcel Identification Number 55-0000-09607-000. The legal description of the property to be acquired is:

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer

1201 Main Avenue West West Fargo, ND 58078-1301

701-298-2381 FAX 701-298-2397 wrd@casscountynd.gov casscountynd.gov

#### Right of Way

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

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Said tract contains 5.13 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

#### Temporary Easement

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

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Said tract contains 0.94 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

Enclosed is an appraisal regarding the value of the right of way and temporary easement the District must acquire from you, as determined by a licensed North Dakota appraiser. As you can see from the appraisal, the appraiser indicated the value of the right of way the District must acquire from you is \$28,212.00, and the temporary easement is \$940.00, for a total purchase price of \$29,200.00. The District approved the appraisal and this letter is the District's offer to you in the amount of \$29,200.00 as just compensation to purchase right of way and a temporary easement from you for the Project. If you are willing to accept the District's offer, please sign the enclosed *Purchase Agreement* and return it to the District in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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You are encouraged to maintain contact with the land agent assigned to your property. Oly Olafson of HDR, Inc. can be reached at (701) 205-8855 or Oly.Olafson@hdrinc.com. Oly is your point of contact for getting answers to any questions you have about the Project and acquisition of right of way and temporary easement from you for the Project.

For your information, North Dakota law requires the District to provide you with a description of the District's negotiation timeline regarding your right of way temporary easement. If you do not accept the District's offer of just compensation and do not return a signed Purchase Agreement within fifteen (15) days, the District will send you a written request to discuss the Project and required right of way and temporary easement to be acquired at an upcoming Cass County Joint Water Resource District meeting. Ultimately, the District must conclude all negotiations and complete all acquisitions by Fall 2020.

We look forward to reaching a mutually acceptable agreement to resolve this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer

1201 Main Avenue West

West Fargo, ND 58078

(701) 298-2381

Lewisc@casscountynd.gov

#### Enclosures

cc: Oly Olafson, Land Agent

Eric Dodds, Program Manager, AE2S Chris McShane, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.

Chad Peterson, Cass County Commission Chair

Robert Wilson, Cass County Administrator Birch Burdick, Cass County State's Attorney

Joel Paulsen, Executive Director, Diversion Authority

#### COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY **SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION** A. Signature ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. ☐ Agent ■ Print your name and address on the reverse ☐ Addressee so that we can return the card to you. B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, 6-19-20 or on the front if space permits. D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes 1. Article Addressed to: BELL BANK If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF SANDRA A BRODSHAUG RLT PO BOX 9798 FARCO NO 58106-9798 3. Service Type ☐ Priority Mail Express® □ Registered Mail™ □ Registered Mail Restricted Delivery □ Return Receipt for Merchandise ☐ Adult Signature ☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Certified Mail® Certified Mail Restricted Delivery 9590 9402 5989 0062 9068 22 Collect on Delivery Collect on Delivery Insured Mail Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500) ☐ Signature Confirmation™ 2. Article Number (Transfer from service label) ☐ Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery 7020 0090 0000 7648 2546

#### COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION A. Signature ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. ☐ Agent ■ Print your name and address on the reverse ☐ Addressee so that we can return the card to you. B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. ☐ Yes D. Is delivery address different from item 1? 1. Article Addressed to: If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF DRIEN B. BRODSHAUG PLT PO BOX 9798 FARGO NO 58106-9798 ☐ Priority Mail Express®☐ Registered Mail™☐ Registered Mail Restricted Delivery☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise 3. Service Type ☐ Adult Signature ☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery Certified Mail® ☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery ☐ Collect on Delivery ☐ Collect on Delivery ☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery 9590 9402 5989 0062 9068 39 □ Signature Confirmation™ 2. Article Number (Transfer from service label) ☐ Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery ☐ Insured Mail ☐ Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500) 7020 0090 0000 7648 2539 Domestic Return Receipt

PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053



#### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

July 21, 2020

Cass County Joint Water Resource District

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living

Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798

Fargo, ND 58106-9798

Certified No. 7020 0090 0000 7648 4229

Dan Jacobson Chairman West Fargo, North Dakota

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living

Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798

Fargo, ND 58106-9798

Certified No. 7020 0090 0000 7648 4236

Rodger Olson Manager Leonard, North Dakota

Greetings:

Manager
Gardner, North Dakota
Jacob Gust

Ken Lougheed

RE: Cass County Joint Water Resource District

Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project

Request for Meeting

OIN: 5008

Parcel No.: 55-0000-09607-000

Manager Fargo, North Dakota

Keith Weston Manager Fargo, North Dakota

As you know, the Cass County Joint Water Resource District (the "District") is in the process of developing the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project (the "Project"). The District previously provided you a letter dated June 17, 2020; a copy of the District's appraisal for the right of way and temporary easement needed from you; and a Purchase Agreement as the District's offer of just compensation to purchase the right of way and temporary easement from you. The District's letter specifically described the right of way and temporary easement the District must acquire from you for the Project. We have not received a signed Purchase Agreement from you, and we have not otherwise arrived at mutually acceptable terms regarding the District's purchase of right of way and temporary easement from you to accommodate the Project.

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer

1201 Main Avenue West West Fargo, ND 58078-1301

701-298-2381 FAX 701-298-2397 wrd@casscountynd.gov casscountynd.gov The District requests your attendance at a meeting to discuss the District's offer to purchase right of way and temporary easement from you. The District is meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 13, 2020, and August 27, 2020. Over the next several months, District meetings will be conducted via conference call and District board members will not be attending in person. The requirements that a meeting room be available to the public and that a speakerphone or monitor be provided at a physical location under NDCC § 44-04-19 have been suspended indefinitely pursuant to Governor Burgum's Executive Order 2020-16; therefore, we request your attendance by telephone.

Brodshaug OIN 5008 July 21, 2020 Page 2

The District hopes you will attend one of the above-mentioned meetings to discuss the Project and the right of way and temporary easement the District must acquire from you to accommodate the Project. If you would like to attend one of the meetings by phone, please contact me or Melissa Maertens at (701) 298-2381 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting so the necessary arrangements can be made and the call-in information provided to you.

Please continue to maintain contact and negotiate with the land agent assigned to your property. Oly Olafson of HDR, Inc. is your point of contact for getting answers to any questions you have about the Project. Oly can be reached at (701) 205-8855 or Oly.Olafson@hdrinc.com.

North Dakota law requires the District to provide you with a description of the District's negotiation timeline regarding your right of way and temporary easement. The District must conclude all negotiations and complete the acquisition of right of way and temporary easement necessary for construction of Project components on your property by Fall of 2020.

The District hopes you will attend one of the upcoming District meetings to discuss the Project and the required right of way and temporary easement. The District looks forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

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Secretary-Treasurer

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**Cass County** 

Joint Water

August 26, 2020

Resource

District

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living

Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

Dan Jacobson

PO Box 9798

Chairman

Fargo, ND 58106-9798

West Fargo, North Dakota

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Rodger Olson Manager Leonard, North Dakota

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Gardner, North Dakota

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Jacob Gust Manager Fargo, North Dakota

Greetings:

Keith Weston Manager

Fargo, North Dakota

RE: Cass County Joint Water Resource District Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND

**TEMPORARY EASEMENT** 

OIN: 5008

Parcel No. 55-0000-09607-000

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer

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This letter is the District's NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND TEMPORARY EASEMENT. If we do not have an agreement, the District will be requesting approval from the Cass County Commission to take possession of the right of way and temporary easement over your property. Cass County will provide you with at least 30 days' notice of a public meeting, and will invite you to the meeting to discuss the District's request.

This NOTICE does not preclude the parties from continuing negotiations. The District still hopes the parties can arrive at a mutually-acceptable agreement.

You are encouraged to maintain contact with the land agent assigned to your property. Oly Olafson of HDR, Inc. can be reached at (701) 205-8855 or Oly.Olafson@hdrinc.com. Oly is your point of contact for getting answers to any questions you have about the Project and acquisition of the right of way and temporary easement from you for the Project.

North Dakota law requires the District to provide you with a description of the District's negotiation timeline regarding your right of way and temporary easement. Ultimately, the District must conclude all negotiations and complete all acquisitions by Fall 2020.

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#### SENT VIA EMAIL wilsonro@casscountynd.gov

Cass County Joint Water Resource District

October 2, 2020

Dan Jacobson Chairman West Fargo, North Dakota Robert Wilson
Cass County Administrator
Cass County Commission
211 9th Street S
Fargo, ND 58103

Rodger Olson Manager Leonard, North Dakota Greetings:

Ken Lougheed

Manager

Gardner North Dakota

RE: Cass County Joint Water Resource District Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project

Manager Gardner, North Dakota Request for Approval to Take Possession of Necessary Right of Way and Temporary Easement

OIN: 5008

Jacob Gust Manager Fargo, North Dakota Parcel No.: 55-0000-09607-000

Keith Weston Manager Fargo, North Dakota As you know, the Cass County Joint Water Resource District (the "District") is in the process of acquiring the right of way necessary for the Fargo Moorhead Diversion Area Project ("Project"). I previously copied you on the following three letters whereby the District sought to negotiate the acquisition of the right of way and temporary easement from Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011, and Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011 (the "Landowner"):

- Letter dated June 17, 2020, enclosing the District's appraisal for the acquisition of the right of way and temporary easement from the Landowner and a proposed Purchase Agreement;
- Letter dated July 21, 2020, inviting the Landowner to meet with the District for purposes of negotiating compensation for the right of way and temporary easement to be acquired; and
- Letter dated August 26, 2020, notifying the Landowner the District planned to submit a request to the Cass County Commission seeking immediate possession of the right of way and temporary easement necessary for the Project.

Carol Harbeke Lewis Secretary-Treasurer

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The District has conducted months of negotiations with the Landowner to arrive at a mutually acceptable agreement for the District's purchase. More specifically, the District engaged in both informal and formal negotiations with the Landowner, as required under N.D. Cent. Code § 61-16.1-09(2)(b), in an effort to reach agreement regarding fair compensation to the Landowner for the acquisition of the necessary right of way and temporary easement in, on, over, across, and through certain property owned by the Landowner in Cass County, North Dakota. The legal description of the necessary right of way and temporary easement is as follows:

#### Right of Way Easement:

#### **OIN 5008**

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Said tract contains 5.13 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

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Said tract contains 0.94 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

As you may recall, in 2017, the North Dakota Legislature modified the process for water resource districts to acquire immediate possession of right of way necessary for water projects; the new process is set forth in Section 61-16.1-09(2)(b). The District has followed all of the necessary steps under the statute, but the parties have not reached a mutually acceptable agreement. Under the new acquisition process enumerated in Section 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(3), the District must next seek the County Commission's approval to proceed further, and to ultimately utilize quick take eminent domain to take possession of the right of way and temporary easement above to commence the Project.

More specifically, Section 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(3) requires the County Commission to hold a public meeting and to provide the Landowner no less than thirty days' notice of the meeting. The District will also attend the meeting, along with a representative of the land firm which was the Landowner's main point of contact throughout the negotiation process. Prior to the public meeting, the land firm representative and the District will verify neither the District nor any of its agents referenced or threatened quick take eminent domain during the informal and formal negotiation process.

While the District takes all landowners' rights very seriously, the District also has an obligation, as a member of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority, to acquire the right of way and temporary easement necessary for the Project, and construction of the Project will not be possible without acquiring the right of way and temporary easement identified above. As the District will explain and verify for the Commission in more detail through this process, the District provided the Landowner with the District's appraisal as the starting point for negotiations, then attempted to negotiate further with the Landowner over the course of several months. This step is not one the District takes lightly; quick take eminent domain is a serious undertaking, and the District has negotiated in good-faith with the Landowner to avoid this process. Despite the District's efforts to be fair, friendly, and flexible in both the informal and formal negotiations with the Landowner, unfortunately, the parties have not reached a mutually acceptable agreement for the acquisition of the right of way and temporary easement.

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The District respectfully requests that the Cass County Commission proceed with the public meeting process under Section 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(3) regarding the Landowner and the right of way and temporary easement identified in this letter. Further, the District respectfully requests that the Cass County Commission ultimately approve the District's use of quick take eminent domain to take possession of the right of way and temporary easement identified above by quick take eminent domain so the Project may proceed. For your information, while the County conducts the process under Section 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(3), the District still hopes the parties can arrive at a mutually-acceptable agreement.

Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

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Heather Worden, Administrative Assistant, Cass County Commission



October 9, 2020

### Board of County Commissioners

Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable

Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798

Fargo, ND 58106

Certified No. 7020 0640 0000 1512 6530

Chad M. Peterson Fargo, North Dakota

Rick Steen Fargo, North Dakota

Ken Pawluk Fargo, North Dakota

Duane Breitling West Fargo, North Dakota

Mary Scherling Stanley Township, North Dakota Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011

Attn: Stephanie Strand

PO Box 9798 Fargo, ND 58106

Certified No. 7020 0640 0000 1512 6370

Re: Cass County Commission

Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project

Invitation to Attend Public Meeting

OIN: 5008

Parcel No.: 55-0000-09607-000

#### Greetings:

As you know, the METRO FLOOD DIVERSION AUTHORITY (the "Authority") is proceeding with the Fargo Moorhead Area Diversion Project ("Project"); the Cass County Commission (the "Commission") is a member of the Authority. The Cass County Joint Water Resource District (the "District") is also a member of the Authority, and the Authority previously directed the District to obtain the North Dakota right of way and temporary easements necessary to accommodate the Project. You have been in negotiations with the District and its agents regarding the right of way and temporary easement the District must acquire from you for the Project. The District copied the Commission on the following letters the District sent to you regarding the District's negotiations with you:

- Letter dated June 17, 2020, enclosing the District's appraisal for the acquisition of the right of way and temporary easement from you, along with a proposed Purchase Agreement;
- Letter dated July 21, 2020, inviting you to meet with the District for purposes of negotiating compensation for the right of way and temporary easement to be acquired; and

Heather Worden Commission Assistant

P.O. Box 2806 211 9th Street South Fargo, North Dakota 58108 701-241-5609 www.casscountynd.gov  Letter dated August 26, 2020, notifying you the District planned to submit a request to the Commission seeking immediate possession of the right of way and temporary easement necessary for the Project.

The District informed the Commission that you and the District have not reached a mutually-acceptable agreement, and have not signed a purchase agreement, regarding the right of way and temporary easement the District must purchase from you to accommodate the Project. With that in mind, the District recently requested approval from the Commission to utilize quick take eminent domain to take possession of the right of way and temporary easement the District must acquire from you. The legal description of the necessary right of way and temporary easement is as follows:

#### Right of Way

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Said tract contains 0.94 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

The Commission invites you to attend the Commission's meeting on November 16, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. The District will also participate in the meeting, along with a representative of the land firm which was your primary point of contact throughout the negotiation process. At the meeting, the Commission will ask the District to verify the District's compliance with Section 61-16.1-09(2) of the North Dakota Century Code. The Commission will ultimately vote on whether to approve the District's use of quick take eminent domain to take a right of way and temporary easement over your property.

If you wish to participate in the Commission's November 16, 2020 public meeting via conference call or Microsoft Teams, please contact Heather Worden at (701) 241-5609 or wordenh@casscountynd.gov as soon as possible so Ms. Worden can assist you with the necessary arrangements.

This Notice does not preclude you from continuing to work with the District regarding the right of way and temporary easement necessary for the Project. In fact, the Commission and the District encourage you to maintain contact with **Oly Olafson** and to continue discussions about the Project. **Oly Olafson** of **HDR**, **Inc.** is your point of contact regarding the Project. You can reach **Oly Olafson** at **(701)** 205-8855 or **oly.olafson@hdrinc.com**.

Finally, North Dakota law requires the Commission to provide you with a description of the District's timeline regarding your right of way and temporary easement. The District must complete the acquisition of right of way necessary for construction of Project components on your property by Fall of 2020.

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Sincerely,

CASS COUNTY COMMISSION

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Robert Wilson, Cass County Administrator

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF LAND AGENT

STATE OF _	North Da Kota	)
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- [¶1] I, Oly Olafson, do hereby state on oath:
- [¶2] I am employed by HDR, Inc. as a Land Agent. The Cass County Joint Water Resource District ("the District") hired HDR, Inc. to negotiate and acquire the necessary right of way for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project (the "Project").
- [¶3] The District must acquire certain interest in real property from Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011 and Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011 ("Landowner") for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project.
- [¶4] Landowner's real property where the District must acquire a Right of Way and Temporary Easement for the Project located in Cass County, North Dakota, is more fully described as follows:

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The property described above is the "Necessary Property."

- [¶5] Affiant is familiar with the records maintained by HDR, Inc. with respect to the Necessary Property and has reviewed all such records prior to executing this affidavit.
- [¶6] HDR, Inc. has attempted to negotiate with Landowner to acquire the Necessary Property. Attached as Exhibit A is a log of all contacts HDR, Inc. has had with Landowner.
- [¶7] The District has instructed HDR, Inc. to refrain from referencing, mentioning, or threatening quick take eminent domain during negotiations since August 1, 2017.

[¶8] I verify to the best of my knowledge, as Land Agent of HDR, Inc., nobody from HDR, Inc. has referenced, mentioned, or threatened quick take eminent domain to Landowner during negotiations since August 1, 2017.

Dated this 21 day of September, 2020,

Oly Olafson Land Agent

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this Ast day of Sookmhe 2020

AMBER L OLSON Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires July 10, 2023

Notary Public, County of Cass

State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires: 7-10-2023

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#### **Exhibit A**

- 6/12/2014 Call to Orten Brodshaug He hung up
- 6/12/2014 Letter to Orten Brodshaug introducing myself as Acquisition Agent
- 6/16/2014 Email from William Taylor, attorney or Orten
- 6/17/2014 Email to William Taylor introducing me as the land agent
- 12/3/2014 Email from William Taylor acknowledging receipt of Letter Conveying Offer to Purchase OIN 1930, 1940, and 1941
- 12/3/2014 Email to Mr. Taylor acknowledging receipt of Letter of Just Compensation.
- 2/2/2015 Letter to Mr. Taylor, relaying recent and best offer.
- 10/29/2019 Phone call to Mr. Brodshaug Notice of surveyors on OIN 5008
- 10/29/2019 Letter to Orten seeking tenant name for OIN 5008
- 3/6/2020 Initial meeting with Bell Bank, Trustee for Orten and Sandra Brodshaug
- 4/10/2020 Email from Chris McShane to Bell Bank with correspondence attached
- 4/17/2020 Delivered informal offer and appraisal on OIN Orten I-29 Parcels, 1930, 1932, 1940, 1941, 8517, & 8518
- 4/28/2020 Delivered informal offer and appraisal to Bell Bank for OIN 5008
- 5/5/2020 Email with questions from Scott Huether
- 5/7/2020 Meeting with Bell Bank Representatives to further negotiations.
- 7/17/2020 Email to Bell Bank regarding CC Electric need to access I-29 properties, forwarded it on to Bell.
- 7/23/2020 Email to Bell Bank regarding representing Orten at Joint Board meeting letter sent.
- 8/6/2020 Meeting with Bell Bank to further negotiations
- 8/10/2020 Email to Bell Bank with suggested settlement numbers and answers to latest questions
- 8/17/2020 Email to Bell Bank to attempt to continue discussion, time is of the essence.
- 8/20/2020 Email to Bell Bank with suggested settlement numbers and request for meeting early the next week.
- 8/27/2020 Email requesting meeting

8/27/2020 – Email from Bell Bank, they are engaging outside counsel and will schedule meeting with me shortly

9/16/2020 – Meeting with Bell Bank and attorneys Igor Lezner and Nick Delaney. Sent Acquisition Summary for OIN 5008 to AE2S for inclusion in meetings week of 9/21.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DAN JACOBSON FOR CASS COUNTY COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF CASS	)

- [¶1] I, Dan Jacobson, do hereby state on oath:
- [¶2] I serve as Chair of the Cass County Joint Water Resource District ("the District").
- [¶3] As a member of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority, the District is responsible for acquiring the right of way in North Dakota necessary to accommodate the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project (the "Project").
- [¶4] The District has concluded acquisition of a Right of Way and Temporary Easement in and to real property owned by Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Orten B. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011 and Bell Bank, as Successor Trustee of the Sandra A. Brodshaug Revocable Living Trust Agreement dated December 28, 2011 ("Landowner") is necessary for the Project.
  - [¶5] State and federal funds have been made available for the Project.
- [¶6] The real property owned by Landowner where a Right of Way and Temporary Easement must be acquired by the District for the Project is located in Cass County, North Dakota, more fully described as follows:

#### Right of Way

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Commencing at a found iron monument which designates the southeast corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 1329.15 feet to the southeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, the point of beginning; thence South 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds West along the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 150.95 feet; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 1156.31 feet; thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East for

a distance of 172.96 feet to the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1; thence North 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds East along said north line for a distance of 169.03 feet to the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds East along the east line of said Southeast Quarter for a distance of 1329.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 5.13 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

#### Temporary Easement

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 137 North, Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Cass County, North Dakota, described as follows:

Commencing at a found iron monument which designates the southeast corner of said Section 1; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 11 seconds West on an assumed bearing along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1 for a distance of 1329.15 feet to the southeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds West along the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 150.95 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 03 degrees 57 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 1156.31 feet; thence North 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 172.96 feet to the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 1; thence South 86 degrees 45 minutes 41 seconds West along said north line for a distance of 25.12 feet; thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 171.71 feet; thence South 03 degrees 18 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 1157.30 feet to the south line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 86 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds East for a distance of 38.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 0.94 acres, more or less, and is subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record, if any.

- [¶7] The District has fulfilled the required negotiation steps in accordance with subsection 2 of section 61-16.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code.
- [¶8] The District sent a written offer of just compensation to Landowner by certified mail, along with an appraisal and purchase agreement, on June 17, 2020. A copy of the offer (without the appraisal that was included) is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- [¶9] On July 21, 2020, the District sent Landowner a written request for a meeting, by certified mail; the District and Landowner have not reached an agreement regarding compensation,

and more than fifteen days have passed since Landowner's receipt of the offer. A copy of the written request for a meeting with Landowner is attached as Exhibit 2.

[¶10] The District and Landowner have not reached an agreement regarding compensation, and more than thirty days have passed since Landowner's receipt of the request for a meeting.

[¶11] On August 26, 2020, the District sent Landowner a written notice of intent to take possession of the Right of Way and Temporary Easement, by certified mail. A copy of the notice of intent is attached as Exhibit 3.

[¶12] The District has retained land agents who are in direct contact with Landowner. The District instructed our land agents not to reference, mention, or threaten quick take eminent domain during negotiations. The land agents have verified they have not referenced, mentioned, or threatened quick take eminent domain during the course of negotiations with Landowner since August 1, 2017.

[¶13] I verify there have been no references, mention, or threats of quick take eminent domain by the District during negotiations since August 1, 2017.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Nover, 2020.

Dan Jacobson, Chair
Cass County Joint Water Resource District

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 200 day of Nounder, 2020.

MEUSSA MAERTENS
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires July 3, 2024

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