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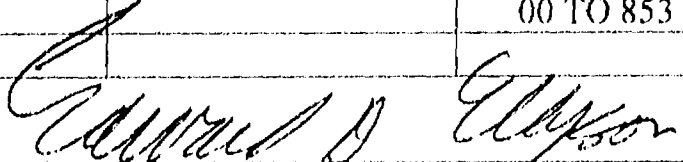
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE	A		1416 TO 5500E
TWO	A		00 TO 853
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

1A:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: We will now open the Hearing on HB 1200. Representative Kline; do you have all your folks here that are planning on being here?

1A:1459 REPRESENTATIVE KLINE: For the record I am Representative Kline from District forty from Minot, ND. The Bill before you HB1200 is one of those unique Bill that dose not fit in the normal operating budget. This a one time opportunity to invest in the future of Agriculture in our state. To maintain our Agriculture Economy we must invest in research. These changes can only come from the research extension centers. It is a know fact that all major companies spend a large portion of there budget on research. Solutions come from research. We need to take this leap, as to the purchase, for our grandchildren.

I will conclude and I hope you will give this Bill your whole hearted support.

1A:1612: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Nelson.

1A:REPRESENTATIVE NELSON: My name is John Nelson. I serve District Seven.

I come before you today in favor of this Bill. Two of the counties that I represent are members of the North Central Research County Configuration. These two quarters fit in perfectly.

1A:1802: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any questions?

1A: DAVID O'CONNEL FROM DISTRICT SIX: This is a project not just for the area but for the whole state. I think it would be a good investment.

1A: 1894: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Anyone else offering testimony in support of HB 1200?

1A: FRED TYLER: My name is Fred Tyler, Chairman of the Board of Research. I would like to offer my support of HB1200. This purchase is vital so that the Northwestern can continue its operation of aiding the farmers in the area. It is not only important to the present farmers but also to the future farmers in NORTH DAKOTA. We have research experts come out to our fields and help farmers make the right economic decisions is an invaluable service. It is difficult to rent land for research that can be assured to be weed free. I urge your support of HB 1200.

1A:2184: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Are there any questions? Thank you for your comments. Senator Krebsbach, I take you next. We started a few minutes early.

1A:2218 SENATOR KREBSBACH: I appear before you this morning in support of this Bill.

1A:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any questions from Senator Krebsbach?

1A:JERRY DOAN: I am Jerry Doan. I'm chairman of The State Board and Research and Education. We do support the purchase of this land at the Minot Facility. As you many or may not know the law is set up says that we have to provide the facilities that we need and equipment so that is why we get involved in this process. We don't take it very lightly either. There is concern on our board to make sure that limited dollars we are getting the the best bang

for the buck. The board had discussion on this purchase. We want to get all facilities working with a main unit. This purchase is not just for Minot. I think we see the real need. Canola is a major crop in N.D. We need Canola research and this will help in that research. If we do not make the purchase now we won't get the land. It is a good investment for down the road. We can't take this out of our research funding. It has to come about in this BILL. We have a priority list. We will not be able to come back next session and say, should we purchase this land. It will be gone.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions. Jay go ahead.

1A: JAY FISCHER: I am the director of the North Central Research Extension Center. We have handed out some of the material to you. I would like speak a little bit from the Brochure. The map on the back. In 1945, the top three quarter sections became the Extension Center. Two missions to produce foundation grade seed crop and to conduct Agriculture Research. In 1947 there was a purchase of the quarter below that and in 1949 the west section was added. It is important to have the adjacent land. The rented seed fields are at a distance. There is an expense in getting to these fields. We have a PHD weed scientist and we have an anthramologist. He works with pest management. With the migration of insects from one plot to another, we need to expand the size of our plots and the dimension of our plots. We are trying to get a handle on which crops and what rotations we can use. Thank you.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Pietsch and then Representative Koppang.

1A REPRESENTATIVE PIETSCH: Jay, since I have not seen the budget for a good long time, Tell us a little bit about the self funding. What is the balance of generated income and general funds support for this station.

1A: JAY FISCHER: I think our foundation aid still brings in about 38 to 40 percent. An eighteen year average of feed sales alone and that is about \$145,000.00 per year. That come in from foundation seed sales alone. The grant picture comes and goes.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE KOPPANG: Are you going to give up the land that you are presently renting? If we purchase this half section?

1A: JAY FISCHER: My advisory board there has been a consensus not to do that. That is no net gain. No we don't intend to give up the land we rent unless we get pushed to do so. The purchase of this land will take it off the tax rolls.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE BERG: What is the appraisal value of this land. What did you pay for the appraisals? Do you sit down and get the best price through negotiation.

1A: JAY FISCHER: One of the appraiser is official and one is a real-estate agent. The owner tells me what he paid for the land and this is what he wants for it and I don't know that it is negotiable. The owner of the land can go to an real-estate agent and do better then he can do with us. This land is a long term investment. We don't intend to sell the quarter that is across Highway 83. The further you go as to additional rental property the bigger the expense as to pickups time etc. The tax value of the land is \$600.00 that we want to purchase.

1A:5500 ==END OF TAPE ONE AS TO HB 1200==

1A: 00 REPRESENTATIVE LLOYD: The economies are important. I have been a advocate of transferring a lot of the research from N.D.S.U. to the outlying areas of the state because they don't have as big a problem as Fargo does. With regard to Fargo, it is a bad situation.

What are the killable acres of that 320 acres that would be available for research?

1A:JAY FISCHER: The killable acres would be in the high 90's

1A: Representative Lemieux: Going back to cooperative research centers. Do we cooperate more with and share data with our friends in Manitoba and South Dakota.

1A:JAY FISCHER: The answer to that is is yes. We just came back from the Manitoba, North Dakota Zero Kill Conference, which is 23 years in existence. Predominantly exchanges between Brandon, Manitoba and Minot, N.D. We compare notes. We exchange with South Dakota.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions. Thank you. Is there anyone else that wants to offer support for this Bill?

1A: TIM BRYAN: I am a producer. I live east of Bowbells. I am on the committee that was appointed to make this purchase a reality. It is not just research. It is also education. The ability for the producers to go out into those fields of the pictures that Jay has just showed and for the producers to stand out there and touch and feel and look at the crops is very important. That is where the proximity is so important. We considered all of these things. We think the location is so very important. The class room is in the fields. We need to consider all of the returns, as to this purchase.

1A:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Anyone else wishing to testify on this Bill.

O.K. we will close the hearing on HB 1200 and committee members why don't we take a ten minute break.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE	A		4448 TO 5758
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Elger</i>			

Minutes:

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Renner makes a DO PASS on HB1200, on HB 1200. Is there a second? Seconded by Rep. Lloyd. Any discussion.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE RENNER: Could we sell the land across the Highway to help defray the cost of the section they are buying.

1A4780 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: This is kind of an on going thing. We bought land in the Dickinson area and moved the station out of town.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE BERG: We have a very specific process to sell state land. It is in the statute. It has to be auctioned, appraised and they have the right to refuse to sell. They need authorization from the state legislature to sell. We could put some permissive language so that they could sell should they decide.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: I think we are better off sticking with our existing process. It does work well and serves us well. It is in the statute. I think land here a Minot is extremely

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important and I just want to put my two bits in here. Any research we do at Fargo or Langdon is worthless. The grain that is coming out of Berthold right now is six to ten damage. It is atrocious but we are taking it. We have a serious problem. We need more research done in the Minot area. This will be referred to the appropriations committee. If there is no further discussion the clerk will take the roll. We have 13 yes'es and we have two absent, and no no's.

Date: 1-26-2001
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

HB 1200

House AGRICULTURE

Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number RE-REFERRED TO APPROP.

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By REP RENNER Seconded By REP LLOYD

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman	✓		Rod Froelich		
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg	✓		Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury			Sally M. Slandvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner	✓	
Edward H. Lloyd	✓		Dwight Wrangham	✓	
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment REP NICHOLAS

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 1:07 p.m.

Module No: HR-13-1737
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1200: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1200 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB1200**

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 06, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judy Bohack</i>			

Minutes:

Representatives Aarsvold, Boehm, Gulleason, Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz.

Representative Matt Klein: 40th District in Minot, ND. See attached

Representative Aarsvold: Is there something unique about agriculture research that would dene it to be in the public sector as opposed to private corporation? Would the private sector be able to meet the demand?

Representative Matt Klein: Very much so. The private sector does some things, but these are long term 10 year grants and can not be done on rented land, because of the long term commitment. That would be one of the key reasons you need to get to it readily and have access for these long term experiments.

Senator Karen Krebsbach: District 40. I appear to support HB1200 as not a one time expense but as a life time investment. This land will be a life time producer.

Representative Jon Nelson: District 7. There are some good opportunities in agriculture today. Some of the newer crops that we have been able to grow with profits have been researched has been done at North Central Research Station. This may not be a perfect time in the budget cycle but is as far as the Research Station is concerned. The producers are in support of this land purchase.

Jim Lee: Ward County Commissioner. See attached a motion passed by our committee and letter giving you a bit of history of the station and involvement of Ward County. We participated in this facility of its inception with providing land for it in 1945, and most recently when the new research technology center was put up there. Ward County contributed 25,000 to help make that possible. We need research to help us find out why some grain we grow gets to be worth more or less amount of dollars depending where we live. Also how chemicals effect them. We need land to do this.

Senator David OConnell: (5025) District 6. This isn't just a local spot. It is an investment for the entire state.

Jerry Doan: Chairman of State Board of Agriculture Research and Education. This is not a Minot issue, It is a State issue. We have thought long and hard on expansion. Opportunities do not come along every day. We need to do more canola research. This purchase would allow us to do that. Land is a different issue and that is why we did not combine it with the bill that is at the Senate now. It needed to stand on its own.

Jay Fisher: (5620) Serve as the Director of North Central Research Extension Center. See attached and letters of support. Please refer to pamphlet and map on back. We want to advance the genetic procedures of our breeders, and find answers for the long term problems, and add a extended educational aspect for the out reach.

Representative Aarsyold: Did I understand you to say you are also producing common seed?

Jay Fisher: No, we take breeders seed. Our goal and mission is to produce foundation seed which begets registered, which begets certified, which begets common.

Representative Martinson: It would seem to me that land will get more valuable. We have allowed agencies to sell a track of land in town and they were able to build a brand new building with that sale. Do you ever think possibly you should sell every thing you have and move 10 miles out of town with a lesser price and have everything new and possibly more land?

Jay Fisher: We have considered that. Yes, this land is valuable. Now it takes an unbelievable amount of permission to do these kinds of things. These ideas certainly could be researched. As far as savings by buying the land you could look at it two ways. We all rent land, if we buy this land we would not have that rental payment. If we expand and don't buy the land we would continue to spend this every year. The 13,354.00. Yes, our operating costs have gone up due to the increase of fuel to travel to other land we rent. Yes, our costs could stay the same even if we buy this land.

Nathan Smith: NDSU Student and Farmer. Through education and farming experience I have learned and realize we need a larger investment in research and education. With addition of this land will help increase research in crops and possibly open new higher value crop rotation to farmers. This would help boost small communities and business. I support HB1200.

Michael Smith: (1100) Member of the Board of Visitors at the North Central Research Center and a Farmer. With the guidance of Northern Research I added other crops on rotation. I see this land purchase as an economic investment towards the future of agriculture. I ask your support of HB1200.

Randy Burchardt: Currently Government Affairs Committee Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in Minot. We realize the importance of Education and research in Minot.

Agriculture is the economic base for Minot and the North Central region. Yes, we feel our population is going to grow. I ask for your positive consideration on HB1200.

Representative Monson: Talking about economic development, is there any chance you could raise some of this money locally? Looking at this as a lot of money, and it is not in the governor's budget.

Randy Burchardt: Fair question. We have done quite a bit of fund raising. There are a lot of projects going, and I think it would be a challenge.

Ron Selzer: A farmer for 20 years. I am looking for support of HB1200. We as farmers need to carry on from day to day. We must remain competitive in the world of productive agriculture.

Representative Wentz: Does anyone else wish to appear in opposition of HB1200. Seeing none we will close the hearing on HB1200.

Committee discussion on HB1200. The feelings were it should be kept alive, and we have to do this. We can't pass up an opportunity to do this we just wonder where we are going to come up with the money to do this as it was not in the Governors budget. We would have liked to hear a positive statement saying they could raise some of the dollars. Would it be out of line to ask the local community to come up with 10 percent? Could possibly some language be put in for exploring some alternative arrangement in terms of purchase. Possibly contract for deed or to spread it out over several biennium? If we could see that they would be saving on there travel expenses or rent, we could maybe reduce their operating a little.

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Representative Wentz: Do we want to do a bit more research on the bill and not do a do pass today? Representative Monson and Aarsvold will work on this and so more exploring into options. Meeting adjourned.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 8, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
02-08-01 tape #2	-		
Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes:

The committee was called to order, and opened committee work on HB 1200, the North Central Experiment Station.

Rep. Monson: Gives a quick report as to what has been going on. He checked with Rep. Drovdaahl because one of the things that were looking at as a possibility of doing was tapping that \$120,000 in HB 1074, instead of putting it where HB 1074 was going to put it. We were going to use it to reduce the \$320,000 hit to the general fund, to a \$200,000 hit to the general fund.

Chairman Wentz: HB 1074 put it into the Common School Trust Fund.

Rep. Monson: So when I talked to Rep. Drovdaahl he was not very excited about doing that, although when I said we could put in something that said this was a one-time shot and after this biennium, the remaining moneys and all future payments could go into the trust fund as they wished, he thought that maybe he could support something like that. In our discussion, Rep.

Byerly joined the discussion, he stated that he wanted to get something for the Williston

Experiment Station, some land purchase down there. He will bring in amendments to the full committee, not the subcommittee. Believes the Williston amendment would involve general fund money. The subcommittee can do what it wants to this bill, and Rep. Byerly can do what he wants in full committee.

Rep. Wald: He had a conversation with Rep. Kline from Minn. on a contract for deed, and he said no it had to be a cash deal. I think we have an opportunity that we can't let slip by here and we have to bite the bullet and take it out of general fund money. Realize the general fund will be really short, but we have to appropriate this money, and opposes taking the money from HB 1075.

Rep. Boehm: I talked to Jerry Dohn right after our meeting here, and they were all in during the discussion, and they felt that if they got half the money, they could match the other half. That's right from the source. Suggested another alternative.

Rep. Monson: Rep. Byerly didn't have an exact number, but as it came out in the discussion, it sounds like undeveloped farm land, probably not going to cost a whole lot, not near as much as the Minot one.

Chairman Wentz: Rep. Boehm, when you talked to Mr. Dohn, did he give you any particular amount.

Rep. Boehm: Not really. If you are willing to wait, we will meet with the persons, and see if they are willing to match the funds, and amend the bill.

Rep. Monson: Is that budget in extensions or higher eds budget?

Response: Extension and Research, 2021. In the Senate.

The chairman closed the committee work on this bill.

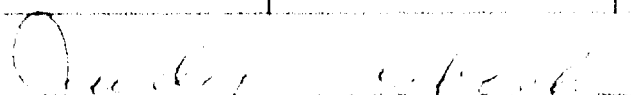
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1200

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 13, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1 of 1	x		430
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Representatives Aarsvold, Boehm, Gulleason, Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz

Amendments were passed out from Representative Byerly, 0202. See attached. The committee decided to wait for Representative Byerly to present them to the full committee. Representative Boehm did check with the Land Department as it was suggested. They said they do not get involved in these issues and do not donate or purchase land. No money was found unless we go to the General Fund.

Representative Boehm: I make a motion to move HB1200 Do Pass.

Representative Martinson: Seconded the motion.

Six yes, 0 no and One absent.

Representative Boehm to carry to the full committee.

Representative Wentz: This closes HB1200

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 21, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
02-21-01 tape #1	0 - 660		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kelli Hall</i>			

Minutes:

The committee was called to order, and opened committee work on HB 1200.

Rep. Boehm: The subcommittee tried to get additional funding from other groups, but has no success. The bill should be approved to purchase the land in Minot, 2 quarters, right next to the experiment station and its a one-time deal. We feel that its a must do thing.

Rep. Byerly: The purchase price is more than the appraised price. Can someone address that?

Rep. Kempenich: I had a conversation with Jay Fisher the director up there, and basically the price on that is about \$100 or so more, but then when you take into account the development potentials out there its pretty close. The reason it's sitting at that number is that's what the owner of the land bought it for about 20 years ago, and he's trying to just get his investment out of it.

The cost came to about the value, set at \$830,000.

Rep. Delzer: If you have been there and seen this land it sits contiguous to the experiment station. It's flat laying land, and as far as an investment goes, this is a pretty fair investment for the state.

Rep. Skarphol: Rep. Byerly and I had an amendment drafted for this bill, and would like to discuss this. We do not have a problem with the purchase in Minot, but our area has a need for the purchase of a quarter of land. And it's a quarter of land that's been offered to the experiment station in Williston, to the research center, in the Nesson Valley. The reason for suggesting this and proposing this is that our research extension center needs to have this as a resource to utilize to help promote the irrigation projects taking place in western ND. The amendment proposes the purchase of that quarter as well.

Chairman Timm: The money amount in the amendment is \$61,000.

Rep. Aarsvold: What about the water rights on that land, are they available or claimed previously

Rep. Skarphol: No problem with the water rights, they are available.

Rep. Warner: Won't oppose the amendment because of the need for research.

Rep. Skarphol: Moves to adopt the amendment. Seconded by Rep. Byerly.

Voice vote adopted the amendment.

Rep. Boehm: Moves DO PASS AS AMENDED. Rep. Skarphol seconded.

Vote on Do Pass as Amended: 21 yes, 0 no, 0 absent and not voting. Motion passes.

Rep. Boehm is assigned to carry the bill to the floor.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Page 1, line 2, after "County" insert "and to authorize the Williston research extension center to purchase certain land in Williams County"

Page 1, line 6, replace "section" with "subsection"

Page 1, line 10, after the period insert "The Williston research extension center may purchase the land described in this subsection for the price and on the terms as determined by the Williston research extension center. The land to be purchased is section thirteen, township one hundred fifty-four north, range ninety-seven west, Williams County, North Dakota."

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Page 1, line 11, replace "purchase" with "purchases"

Page 1, line 17, after "center" insert "and the sum of ^{61,400}~~\$96,000~~, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the Williston research extension center for the purpose of purchasing land for research extension purposes in Williams County"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 7-6-13
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. Appropriations Education and Environment Division

House HB 1300 Committee _____

☒ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken As passed

Motion Made By Rep. Boehm Seconded By Rep. Madson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Janet Wentz -Chairman	✓				
Rep. James Boehm - Vice Chairman	✓				
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	✓				
Rep. Pam Gulleon	✓				
Rep. Bob Martinson	✓				
Rep. David Monson	✓				
Rep. Francis J. Wald					

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Boehm

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

10278.0202
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representatives Byerly and Skarphol
February 12, 2001

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Page 1, line 17, after "center" insert "and the sum of \$61,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and \$24,000 from other funds, to the Williston research extension center for the purpose of purchasing land for research extension purposes in Williams County"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-21-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1300

House APPROPRIATIONS Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10278.0202

Action Taken to adopt amendment 0202

Motion Made By Rep. Skarphol Seconded By Byerly

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Timm - Chairman					
Wald - Vice Chairman					
Rep - Aarsvold			Rep - Koppelman		
Rep - Boehm			Rep - Martinson		
Rep - Byerly			Rep - Monson		
Rep - Carlisle			Rep - Skarphol		
Rep - Delzer			Rep - Svedjan		
Rep - Glassheim			Rep - Thoreson		
Rep - Guleson			Rep - Warner		
Rep - Huether			Rep - Wentz		
Rep - Kempenich					
Rep - Kerzman					
Rep - Kliniske					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

adopted

Date: 2-21-01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House APPROPRIATIONS Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
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Legislative Council Amendment Number 10278.0202

Action Taken DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion Made By Rep. Boehm Seconded By Rep. Skarphol

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Timm - Chairman	✓				
Wald - Vice Chairman	✓				
Rep - Aarsvold	✓		Rep - Koppelman	✓	
Rep - Boehm	✓		Rep - Martinson	✓	
Rep - Byerly	✓		Rep - Monson	✓	
Rep - Carlisle	✓		Rep - Skarphol	✓	
Rep - Delzer	✓		Rep - Svedjan	✓	
Rep - Glassheim	✓		Rep - Thoreson	✓	
Rep - Gulleson	✓		Rep - Warner	✓	
Rep - Huether	✓		Rep - Wentz	✓	
Rep - Kempenich	✓				
Rep - Kerzman	✓				
Rep - Kliniske	✓				

Total (Yes) 21 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Boehm

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

2001 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HB 1200

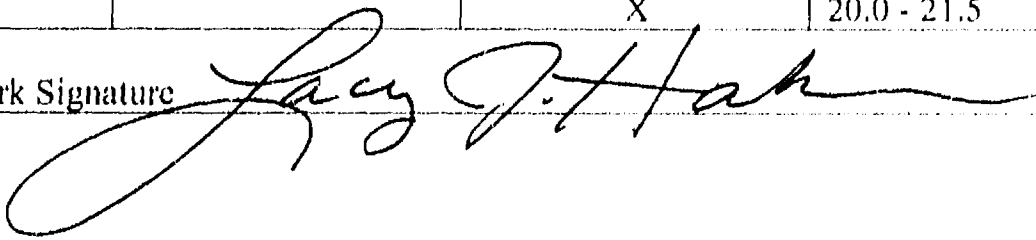
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

Senate Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 8, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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		X	0.0 - 12.0
		X	20.0 - 21.5
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

REP. BYERLY; introduced this bill to the committee. See attached testimony. \$24,000 was locally funded to match the generally funded \$61,000.

SENATOR URLACHER; Do you have an option on the land?

REP. BYERLY; The owner is one of the people involved in the irrigation project, we don't have a formal option on it. If we can get the money he will sell and if we are unable to get the money he is not going to sell to someone else.

REP. RENNERFELDT; Advisory Board of the Williston Research Center, testified in support of this bill.

SENATOR URLACHER; How many acres are there?

REP. RENNERFELDT; That is not done, yet.

SENATOR ERBELE; Is there any local opposition to the sale of this land?

REP. RENNERFELDT; Not that I know of.

SENATOR ANDRIST; testified in support of this bill. This is a great opportunity.

SENATOR KREBSBACH; Sponsor, testified in support of this bill. See attached testimony.

SENATOR LYSON; testified in support of this bill. We are all trying accomplish the same goals. This is a one time opportunity to invest in the future of agriculture in our state.

REP. M. KLEIN; Sponsor, testified in support of this bill.

SENATOR O'CONNEL; testified in support of this bill.

JERRY DOAN; State Board of Ag. Research and Education, testified in support of this bill.

SENATOR ERBELE; Could you explain the appropriation?

JERRY DOAN; Actually it was \$80,000 and the appropriation now is \$61,000 and an extra \$24,000 going up to \$85,000 to make sure there was enough to cover costs.

SENATOR KLEIN; This is an opportunity to make an investment that will be and stay on the balance sheet.

JERRY DOAN; There is a real safety problem with the highway where they are having to cross and run equipment on road. This will keep them off the highway.

FRED TYLER; North Central Research Extension Center, testified in support of this bill. See attached testimony.

SENATOR ERBELE; Are they irrigating there?

FRED TYLER; I don't believe there is any irrigation there.

REP. NELSON; Sponsor, testified in support of this bill. I don't think we have any property that is suitable for irrigation.

JIM LEE; Ward Co. Commissioner, testified in support of this bill. See attached information.

BARRY COLEMAN; Northern Canola Growers, testified in support of this bill.

JAY FISCHER; testified in support of this bill. This land is 97% till able.

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SENATOR ERBELE; Is there any local concern?

JAY FISCHER; Most people are looking to the greater good.

SENATOR NICHOLS; Is there any research done on rented land?

JAY FISCHER; No, because if we lose the land then we also lose the research history.

ERIC BARTSCH; Dry Pea and Lentil Assoc., testified in support of this bill. The research station has done many wonders for the dry pea and lentil and chick pea producers in the state of North Dakota.

MARK SITZ; testified in support of this bill. The Research Center plays a very important roll in the decisions we make.

The hearing was closed.

SENATOR KLEIN moved for a DO PASS.

SENATOR URLACHER seconded the motion.

SENATOR KLEIN moved to have HB 1200 be REREFERED to the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR URLACHER seconded the motion.

Date: 3-8-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

Senate Agriculture Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Klein Seconded By Sen. Urlacher

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Klein

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Refer to appop.

Date: 3-08-01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

Senate Agriculture Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Referred to Approps

Motion Made By Sen. Klein Seconded By Sen. Urlacher

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 2001 2:48 p.m.

Module No: SR-41-5275
Carrier: Klein
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1200, as engrossed: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1200 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2001 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1200

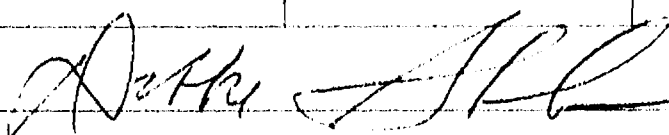
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 19, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	43.5-50.3
2	X		0.0-18.5
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Senator Nothing opened the hearing on HB 1200.

The committee received a handout (attached) from Jay Fisher, Director of the North Central Research Extension Center, but was unable to attend the hearing as he was in Thailand as part of a National Extension Leadership Development program.

Representative Matthew Klein, District #40, Minot, ND, testified in support of the bill (testimony attached).

Senator David O'Connell, District #6, stated this will be a tremendous investment for the state. One time shot to buy this land and asked for committees support.

Senator Darlene Watne, District #5, Minot, ND, testified in favor of the bill. Talked on the appraisal of the land and asking price of the land near the ND Experiment Station. Passed out a letter from her husband, Clair Watne, (attached) showing pending sales of surrounding land.

This land should be bought for the experiment station so it is not converted to housing or commercial use.

Senator Solberg: Was the appraisal done on this by a certified appraiser?

Senator Watne: Yes, a very good qualified, certified appraiser as to cropland value.

Senator Karen Krebsbach, District #40, Minot, ND, testified in support of the bill (testimony attached).

Representative Robert Skarphol, District #2, Tioga ND, testified addressing the section of the bill that is pertinent to Williston Experiment Station purchase in Nessen Valley and we think it is extremely important for this purchase.

Representative Jon Nelson, District 7, Welford, ND, testified with strong support for the land purchase in the North Central Research Station. As a producer myself I would like to promote this, it has a wide array of benefits for producers in existing crops as well as new and emerging crops and hope vote favorably on this bill.

Jerry Dohn, McKenzie, ND, Chairman of the State Board Agriculture Research and Education, stating this is an opportunity for investment for ND. This is not just a Minot issue but a ND issue. This research will help cranola research. One question is the proximity to Minot and moving the whole center, this is a long term approach and down the road. Still a good land investment.

Senator Bowman: What does land around the experiment station sell for. I hope if we get this land I hope somebody can show me how you can pay for \$1,000 an acre land on farming in ND for \$2.50 wheat, that might be the best investment we ever make because you are going to lose money for every acre you buy with the current situation we have, so why is this a good investment?

Jerry Dohn: Surrounding land is running from \$800-\$900 acre range but with the proximity of Minot we don't have much choice in the matter. The individual selling to us can get more than this amount for the land but is staying with this sale.

Senator Solberg: How far do we go in production agriculture in more acres look like more production agriculture; when are we going to say we are going to start focusing on research agriculture.

Jerry Dohn: The seed production which provides income. We have to provide the facilities and to rent the land away doesn't make sense with the travel.

Senator Robinson: You stated an amendment by the House on the terms of ESPAR and where you are at with the Williston issue?

Jerry Dohn: We brought forward the authorization for Williston and that was in our budget. We never intended to put dollars in that. From our Board's standpoint, we are all for purchasing the Minot land and making sure we do the irrigation land in Williston, and the other issue of the Langdon. I look at it as a system and we need to be fair and equitable.

Senator Bowman: The budget approved and passed, now a bill with money in it. I have a problem with this, I went along with the approval and money not asked for. Was the House told when they put this amendment in that we did not approve and we knew there was no money for that project?

Jerry Dohn: Yes. We did not go lobbying for money. We appreciated what you did here it can be raised.

Senator Tomac: Do you need this for just the land purchase?

Jerry Dohn: It will be an investment with the system.

Senator Tomac: ESPAR, \$320,000, if disposed would buy land or go elsewhere?

Jerry Dohn: For research and a one time request.

Fred Tyler, Chairman Board of Visitors, North Central Research Extension Center, testified (testimony attached) and urged the committee for their support.

Senator Solberg: Is the board relinquishing farther out?

Fred Tyler: There has been talk to give up land, especially the rented land.

Senator Solberg: Is the main mission research?

Fred Tyler: Mainly in how to put value in research when land is purchased by the state and not an individual.

Senator Solberg: Asked that a copy of the appraisal be submitted to the committee for review and Mr. Tyler stated he would provide it.

Senator Nething: I am going to assign a subcommittee on this, the same subcommittee on the Agriculture bill, they are Senator Bowman, Senator Solberg and Senator Tomac. This was submitted to the committee (attached).

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed on HB 1200.

4-02-01 Full Committee Action (Tape #1, Side A, Meter # 6.6-13.9)

Senator Nething reopened the hearing on HB1200- To Authorize the North Central Research Extension Center to purchase certain land.

Review and discussion on the bill was led by Senator Bowman, Chair of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee recommendation, amendment #10278.0301 was distributed, and discussed.

Discussion led to decision that revisions were required. Action tabled until new amendments could be distributed -- later today.

4-2-01 Full Committee Action (Tape #3, Side A, Meter # 10.7 - 21.8)

Senator Nething reopened the hearing on HB1200 - To authorize North Central Research Extension Center to purchase land.

Senator Bowman, Subcommittee Chair reviewed the revised amendments # 10278.0302.

Discussion on the amendments; Senator Bowman moved for the adoption; Senator Solberg seconded; call for the vote: Voice Vote carried.

Discussion on the bill as amended; Senator Bowman moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED; seconded by Senator Solberg. Discussion; call for the vote: Roll Call Vote: 14 yes; 0 no; 0 absent and not voting.

Senator Bowman will carry the amendment; Senator Klein the bill.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Page 1, line 20, replace "\$320,000" with "\$260,000"

Page 1, line 21, after the comma insert "and \$60,000 from other funds,"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1200 - Branch Research Centers - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
North Central Research Center		\$320,000		\$320,000
Williston Research Center		<u>85,000</u>		<u>85,000</u>
Total all funds	\$0	\$405,000	\$0	\$405,000
Less estimated income		<u>24,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>84,000</u>
General fund	\$0	\$381,000	(\$60,000)	\$321,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Dept. 628 - Branch Research Centers - Detail of Senate Changes

	CHANGE FUNDING SOURCE ¹	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
North Central Research Center		
Williston Research Center		
Total all funds	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
General fund	(\$60,000)	(\$60,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Reduces the general fund appropriation to the North Central Research Extension Center for the land purchase by \$60,000 and increases special funds authority by \$60,000.

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4-2-1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Page 1, line 19, after "**APPROPRIATION**" insert "**- REFUND FUND TRANSFER**"

Page 1, line 20, replace "general fund" with "attorney general refund fund from lawsuit settlement collections" and replace "\$320,000" with "\$260,000"

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Page 1, line 24, replace "general fund" with "attorney general refund fund from lawsuit settlement collections"

Page 2, line 3, after the period insert "The funds appropriated from the attorney general refund fund must be transferred to the agriculture research and extension operating fund as requested by the state board of agriculture research and education."

Renumber accordingly

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Date: 4-2-01

Roll Call Vote #: _____

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. LR 1201

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 10278. ~~0307~~ 0302

Action Taken As Pass As Amended

Motion Made By

Senator Burns

Seconded

By

Senator Solberg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac	✓				
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg	✓				
Russell T. Thane	✓				
Ed Kringstad	✓				
Ray Holmberg	✓				
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Klein

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Burns - Amend

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1200, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1200 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Less estimated income		24,000	381,000	405,000
General fund	\$0	\$381,000	(\$381,000)	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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General fund	(\$381,000)	(\$381,000)
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2001 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1200

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1200

House Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4---13---2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE	A		00 TO 1272
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Ellyson</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN TIMM: COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE WILL OPEN THE HEARING ON HB 1200. THE CLERK WILL TAKE THE ROLL. ALL SIX COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: WE ARE GOING TO BE CONFERENCING HB 1200. THE BILL IS FOR A PURCHASE OF LAND AT THE NORTH CENTRAL RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER. THE BILL LEFT THE HOUSE AND IT INCLUDED A \$320,000.00 DOLLAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THAT PIECE OF LAND AND A \$61,000.00 DOLLAR APPROPRIATION FOR A PIECE OF LAND IN WILLISTON. I THINK THE SENATE HAS CUT THE AMOUNT FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL RESEARCH CENTER FROM \$320,000.00 DOLLARS DOWN TO \$260,000.00 DOLLARS. CHAIRMAN TIMM ASKED THE QUESTION DID THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CUT THE WILLISTON REQUEST FOR

\$61,000.00 ALSO. THAT REQUEST WAS NOT TOUCHED.

SENATOR TOMAC: CLARIFICATION, WE DID NOT CUT IT, WE ACTUALLY.....

THEY CAN STILL SPEND THAT BUT WE JUST PROVIDED FUNDING.....

CHAIRMAN TIMM CUT INTO THE CONVERSATION AND SAIDWELL I MEAN
LITERALLY YOU CUT THE AMOUNT DOWN FROM \$320,000.00 TO \$260,000.00
DOLLARS.

SENATOR TOMAC: BUT WE REALLY DIDN'T.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: WHAT DID YOU DO? REDUCE IT THEN.

SENATOR TOMAC: NO, WE APPROPRIATED \$320,000.00 DOLLARS BUT ONLY
\$260,000.00 COMES FROM THE FUND AND FROM THE STATE. THE REST HAS
TO COME FROM THE STATION.....OR OTHER FUNDS.....HOWEVER THEY
CAN RAISE THEM.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: THAT MAY BE KIND OF DIFFICULT. THEY JUST WENT
THROUGH A FUND RAISING PROJECT UP THERE TO BUILD THAT NEW
EXPERIMENT STATION A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. I THINK THEY HAVE
PEOPLE PRETTY WELL TAPPED OUT. AS TO DONATIONS AND THINGS.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: I KNOW YOUR REASONING, I HAVE HEARD THEM , BUT
LETS HEAR THEM OFFICIALLY, I GUESS, AS TO THE REASONING FOR, OR
HOW SHOULD WE PUT THAT THEN? I DON'T KNOW THE LANGUAGE TO USE
ANY MORE. WHAT LANGUAGE SHOULD WE USE SEN. TOMAC?

SENATOR TOMAC: WELL MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST DID NOT THINK, IT WAS

FAIR TO CHARACTERIZE IT AS A CUT.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: IT IS A CUT OF GENERAL FUNDS.

SENATOR TOMAC: IF THAT IS THE GUIDING POST, WE TOOK GENERAL FUNDS OFF BOTH OF THEM. THERE ARE NO GENERAL FUNDS LEFT IN THIS BILL. SO THEN WE CUT BOTH COMPLETELY. WE CHANGED THE FUNDING SOURCE AND GAVE BOTH LAND PURCHASES THE MONEY OUT OF A SPECIAL FUND UP TO THE APPRAISED PRICE. IF THEY WANT TO PAY MORE THEN THE APPRAISED PRICE, IF THEY NEGOTIATE SOMETHING HIGHER THEN THAT, THEY HAVE TO FIND THE FUNDS SOMEWHERE ELSE. THAT IS WHAT THE SENATE DID.

SENATOR BOWMAN: MR. CHAIRMAN, HE SAID IT EXACTLY RIGHT. WE TOOK THE MONEY OUT OF A SPECIAL FUND THAT WE FOUND AND WE ALLOWED BOTH LANDS FROM BOTH RESEARCH CENTERS TO BE PURCHASED AT THE APPRAISED PRICE FROM THAT FUNDING SOURCE. THEN WE ALSO ALLOWED SPENDING AUTHORITY IF THEY HAVE TO SPEND MORE THEN THE HIGH APPRAISED PRICE THAT WAS IN THE APPRAISALS THAT WE HAD, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIND THAT MONEY FROM ANOTHER SOURCE. WE ALLOWED THEM THE SPENDING AUTHORITY TO GO UP TO WHATEVER THE DOLLARS WERE \$60,000.00 DOLLARS OR \$61,000.00 FOR ONE AND \$24,000.00 [||||| I BELIEVE SEN. BOWMAN MEANT TO SAY \$240,000.00 RATHER THE \$24,000.00|||||] I BELIEVE FOR THE OTHER ONE.

WE GAVE THEM SOME FLEX ABILITY AND VARIABILITY. WHEN YOU BROUGHT UP THIS QUESTION ABOUT THE MINOT DISTRICT SPENDING ALL THIS MONEY. THERE IS ANOTHER RESEARCH CENTER IN THE STATE THAT WANTED \$150,000.00 DOLLARS THAT THEY DID NOT GET THAT THEY PROBABLY SHOULD BE GETTING. BECAUSE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THIS LAND, WE MADE THAT A PRIORITY THIS SESSION BUT BECAUSE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS ARE SO HARD TO FIND, WE DECIDED TO TAKE THAT MONEY FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AND ALLOW THEM TO BUY THAT LAND. WE THOUGHT THAT WAS ABOUT AS FAIR AS WE COULD GET.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY ARE GOING TO GET THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY?

SENATOR BOWMAN: WELL HOPEFULLY IF YOU ARE NEGOTIATING ON LAND AND I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME MORE RESEARCH, BUT I HAVE IT WITH ME, THAT LAND MAY NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE PURCHASED FOR THAT AMOUNT BECAUSE WHAT I UNDERSTAND IN THE APPRAISAL THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT APPRAISALS. WE HEARD THE HIGHEST APPRAISAL AND GAVE THE HIGHEST AMOUNT TO THE MINOT RESEARCH STATION. IN THE SUMMARIZATION OF THE CERTIFIED APPRAISER, HE ALSO SAID A LOT OF THE FARMERS THERE THINK THERE IS GOING TO BE LAND THAT CAN BE BOUGHT FOR A LOT LESS THEN THE APPRAISED PRICE, BECAUSE OF THE DEPRESSED GRAIN PRICES AND CROPS THAT THEY HAVE RAISED UP IN THAT AREA FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: IS THAT IN THE TESTIMONY?

SENATOR BOWMAN: THAT IS IN THE APPRAISALS. IT IS NOT TESTIMONY BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: IT IS JUST HEARSAY THEN?

SENATOR BOWMAN: NO IT IS IN THE APPRAISAL THAT WE TOOK OUR APPRAISED PRICE FROM IN OUR HEARING. THAT IS IN THE SUMMARIZATION.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: THIS IS TESTIMONY BEFORE REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. JAY FISCHER, I THINK YOU ALL KNOW JAY FISCHER, HE SAID ONE OF THE APPRAISERS IS AN OFFICIAL APPRAISER AND ONE IS A REAL-ESTATE AGENT. THE OWNER TELLS ME WHAT HE PAID FOR THE LAND AND THIS WHAT HE WANTS FOR IT AND I DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS NEGOTIABLE. IN OTHER WORDS, APPARENTLY HE PAID \$320,000.00 FOR THE LAND AND HE IS TRYING TO GET HIS MONEY OUT OF IT. THAT IS WHAT I READ OUT OF IT. THE OWNER OF THE LAND CAN GO TO A REAL-ESTATE AGENT AND DO BETTER THEN HE CAN WITH US. THIS LAND IS A LONG TERM INVESTMENT ETC, ETC. WHAT HE IS SAYING IS APPARENTLY THAT THE LAND IS PRETTY CLOSE TO MINOT EVEN THOUGH IT IS APPRAISED FOR SO MUCH FOR FARM LAND IT IS PROBABLY WORTH MORE A FAR AS LAND CLOSE TO MINOT WHERE THERE ARE AREAS BEING DEVELOPED FOR HOUSING AND SO FORTH.

SENATOR SOLBERG: MR. CHAIRMAN, I GUESS WHAT HE WANTS TO GET OUT OF IT AND WHAT HE CAN I GUESS, WHAT EVER, IN AGRICULTURE I THINK THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE BOUGHT A FEW CATTLE IN HIS TIME AND WISHES HE CAN GET SOME MONEY OUT OF THOSE TOO BUT HE DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT, I KNOW I HAVE. THIS WHOLE THING, I THINK, COMES DOWN AND WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF THE PRECEDENT WE SET ALSO. WHEN MR. FISCHER TALKED TO ME, WAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER, SOMEWHERE LAST YEAR ABOUT THIS LAND PURCHASE, WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, WE TALKED ABOUT IT A BIT AND THE FIRST THING I SAID IS YOU BETTER GET A CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ON IT. AT THAT TIME I SAID I AM NOT CRAZY ABOUT GOING OVER THE APPRAISED PRICE BECAUSE WE THEN SET A PRECEDENT. IT WOULD BE NICE TO BUY EVERYTHING AT VALUE BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU ARE GOING TO BE WORKING YOURSELF IN A CORNER I BELIEVE. I THINK THE SENATE CAME UP WITH A VERY GOOD SOURCE THAT DOSE NOT SAY YOU HAVE TO GO OUT AND RAISE THE MONEY. IF THEY CAN DO IT INSIDE OF THEIR BUDGET I DON'T SEE WHERE IT SAYS THEY CAN'T DO THAT. IF THEY CAN SELL MORE GRAIN OUT OF THIS PIECE OF LAND. MAYBE THEY WANT TO GRAB SOME THEIR CASH RENTED LAND AND APPLY THAT TOWARDS IT. I DON'T SEE A PROBLEM THERE. I THINK WE LEFT THE DOOR PRETTY GOOD AJAR. THE WHOLE SITUATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS MONEYS, NO GENERAL FUNDS MONEYS USED IN EITHER OF THESE PURCHASES AND I WOULD ALSO REMIND

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE MR. CHAIRMAN THAT WHEN WE HAD THE RESEARCH BUDGET IN THE SENATE, EXTENSION AND RESEARCH BUDGET, WE PUT ON AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LAND IN WILLISTON TO BE BOUGHT PERIOD, NO MONEY, THEY SAID THEY COULD RAISE IT. THEY ALSO PUT UP AN INFORMATION CENTER AND EDUCATION CENTER WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, BASICALLY LIKE THE ONE IN MINOT. WE SAID WE WILL RAISE THE ENTIRE \$81,000.00. AS WE GOT THIS BILL BACK IT WAS AMENDED IN THE HOUSE TO PUT THE \$61,000.00. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT BECAUSE IF YOU ARE GOING TO TREAT ONE ONE WAY, YOU BETTER TREAT THE OTHER THE SAME WAY. WE DID GO OUT AND WE DID FIND THE \$321,000.00 DOLLARS IN A LAW SUIT WHICH THE RE-ENGROSSED BILL STATES COULD BE SPENT FOR THIS TYPE OF A PURCHASE AND I THINK WE DID A PRETTY FAIR JOB ON IT. I THINK THE DOOR IS OPEN TO USE A LITTLE CREATIVE THINKING AND A LITTLE HARD WORK AND COME UP WITH THE OTHER \$60,000.00. AS THE WILLISTON STATION IS GOING TO COME UP WITH \$21,000.00 AS I UNDERSTAND ALSO RAISE MONEY TO PUT IN AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM. I THINK WE ARE RIGHT ON BASE.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: I AM WONDERING HOW LONG THIS SELLER IS GOING TO WAIT AROUND. I UNDERSTAND HIS AGREED LENGTH OF TIME TO WAIT WAS END OF MAY. IT THINK IT WAS. MAYBE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY THE LAND WILL BE GONE. I JUST CAN'T SEE THEM RAISING \$60,000.00 DOLLARS IN A MONTH AND A HALF. YOU GUYS ARE IN AGRICULTURE, ALL

THREE OF YOU, I AM JUST WONDERING, WE ARE GIVING AWAY MILLIONS TO BUSINESS, WE GIVE AWAY MILLIONS TO OTHER WAYS OF CRESTING WEALTH IN THIS STATE. WE ARE HAGGLING OVER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUT LAND FOR RESEARCH FOR AGRICULTURE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. I AM NOT IN AGRICULTURE, YOU GUYS ARE.

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS: MR. CHAIRMAN, IF WE WERE ABLE TO GET A LITTLE CLOSER, I THINK THE SENATE HAS DONE SOME CREATIVE THINGS HERE AND LEAVING THAT FLEX ABILITY WITH THE CASH RENTS MAYBE IF WE GOT A LITTLE CLOSER, DIDN'T GIVE THEM THE WHOLE \$60,000.00 AND SAY GOT THEM \$30,000.00 CLOSER AND USED YOUR CREATIVE WAY WOULD THAT DO IT IF, WOULD A MOTION BE IN ORDER HERE? IF I MOVE THAT WE AMEND THIS TO INCREASE IT ANOTHER \$30,000.00. I WOULD MAKE THAT MOTION. NOT RE-IN STATE THE WHOLE AMOUNT BUT GIVE THEM AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000.00 AND LET THEM COME UP WITH THE CREATIVE WAYS I THINK \$30,000.00 IS A MORE REALISTIC NUMBER TO COME UP WITH THE THINGS THAT SENATOR SOLBERG EXPLAINED. I WOULD PLACE A MOTION JUST TO MOVE THIS ALONG AND SEE WHERE WE ARE AT HERE, AND MOVE THIS ALONG AND PROVIDE ANOTHER \$30,000.00 DOLLARS.

REPRESENTATIVE TIMM: IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT. REPRESENTATIVE WARNER MADE THE SECOND. O.K. SENATORS, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

SENATOR SOLBERG: MR. CHAIRMAN, MY FIRST THOUGHT IS THAT HERE WE GO SETTING A DIFFERENT PRECEDENT ALREADY. YOU WANT THE \$30,000.00 FOR MINOT BUT YOU FORGOT THAT WILLISTON THEN SHOULD HAVE \$10,000.00 MORE IN FLEXIBILITY \$10,500.00. NOW YOU ARE TREATING BOTH RESEARCH CENTERS THE SAME. ONE IS BUYING A LITTLE MORE LAND THEN THE OTHER AND WHAT WE ARE DOING IS SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR ONE OVER THE OTHER. AT THE EXPENSE OF THE LANGDON EXPERIMENT STATION AS I MADE REFERENCE TO EARLIER. THEY WANTED A \$150,000.00 BUT WE DELAYED THAT SO THAT WE COULD PURCHASE THIS LAND. I DON'T THINK IT IS GOOD GOVERNMENT TO SET A PRECEDENT FROM ONE EXPERIMENT STATION OVER THE OTHER. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO IT LETS DO BOTH EXACTLY THE SAME.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: SENATOR WILSON DID NOT ASK FOR ANYMORE. WHEN THAT AMENDMENT WAS PUT ON IN THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WE HELD THE HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 1200 AND THE HEARING WAS ON PURCHASE OF THE LAND, THE NORTH CENTRAL EXPERIMENTATION. THERE NEVER WAS A HEARING ON THE PURCHASE AT WILLISTON. THAT AMENDMENT WAS PUT ON AT THE LAST MINUTE. IN OUR COMMITTEE AND IT WAS ADOPTED. THE REPRESENTATIVE PUT THE AMENDMENT ON SAID THAT THAT WAS ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO GET SOME HELP TO PURCHASE AND THAT WAS ALL THEY WANTED. THEY DID NOT WANT ANYTHING MORE. THERE PLAN HAD ALREADY BEEN PUT IN

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PLACE. THEY HAD ALREADY GONE OUT AND RAISED THEIR MONEY.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE MONEY THEY WERE GOING TO RAISE
BUT IF THIS BILL PASSES THEY WON'T HAVE TO RAISE ANYMORE IF THIS
BILL PASSES.

REPRESENTATIVE TIMM: ANY MORE DISCUSSION ANYONE? ANYONE?
O.K. WE HAVE A MOTION. I THINK THE OFFICIAL MOTION IF IT WOULD
PASS WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THEN STATED BUT IT WOULD BE
FURTHER AMENDED AS TO \$30,000.00 DOLLARS FOR THE RESEARCH CENTER.
ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? WE WILL TRY A VOTE AND SEE WHAT
HAPPENS. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? THE CLERK WILL TAKE THE ROLL.
CHAIRMAN TIMM, REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS AND WARNER VOTED YES
AND SENATOR'S BOWMAN, SOLBERG AND TOMAC VOTED NO.

THREE YES

THREE NO

WE WILL CLOSE THE HEARING ON HB 1200.

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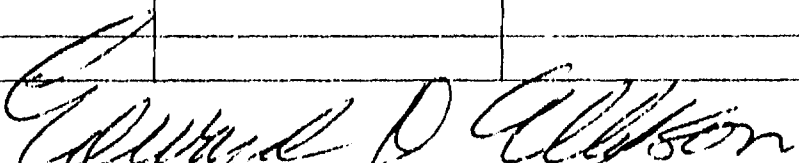
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CHAIRMAN TIMM: WE WILL OPEN THE HEARING ON HB 1200

WHEN WE MET, OUR DIFFERENCE OF COURSE IS \$60,000.00 DOLLARS ON THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE LAND AT THE MINOT EXPERIMENT STATION.

THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO ADD AND ADDITIONAL \$30,000.00 DOLLARS BY A MOTION. THAT MOTION FAILED. I AM ASSUMING THE SENATORS ARE STILL HOLDING TIGHT TO THEIR \$260,000.00 DOLLAR OFFER. WHICH GOES ALONG WITH AN APPRAISAL THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO US. WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE, THE MINOT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL SUM BECAUSE THE FACT THAT TO RAISE THE ADDITIONAL \$60,000.00 DOLLARS WOULD BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT MONEY SOLICITED FOR THE NEW BUILDING THERE JUST A SHORT TIME AGO. PEOPLE ARE KIND OF TAPPED OUT FOR

DONATING FUNDS. IF THE SENATE COULD SEE IT'S WAY TO HELP OUT WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000.00 DOLLARS IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I THINK THAT REPRESENTATIVE WARNER HAS A PROPOSAL THAT I THINK HE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE TO THIS COMMITTEE RIGHT NOW. HE HAS A PREPARED AMENDMENT.

REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. THIS IS A NEW AMENDMENT. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD AUTHORIZE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000.00 DOLLARS. IT WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE SAME SOURCE THAT THE SENATE CHOSE. THE ATTORNEY GENERALS REFUND. THE CONTINGENCY LANGUAGE IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PARAGRAPH. IT WOULD REQUIRE UP TO TWO FURTHER, SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS, OF THE PROPERTY. THE EXPERIMENTATION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE LARGEST OF THE THREE APPRAISALS. IT COULD NOT EXPEND ANY MONEY BEYOND THE LARGEST FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERALS FUND. TO COME UP WITH ANY OTHER FURTHER MONEYS THAT WANTED TO EXPEND FROM PRIVATE FUNDS. MR. CHAIRMAN IF I COULD I WOULD MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: IS THERE A SECOND?

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS: I SECOND THE MOTION.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: ANY REACTION FROM ANY OF THE SENATORS.

SENATOR BOWMAN: FIRST OF ALL THE FIGURES ARE WRONG BECAUSE NO

CHAIRMAN TIMM, FIRST OF ALL, THE FIGURES ARE WRONG BECAUSE NOW YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LAND THAT HAS A VALUE OF \$380,000.00 DOLLARS WHEN YOU ADD THE NINETY FROM OTHER FUNDS PLUS THE \$290,000.00 DOLLARS. IN THE FIRST SECTION, YOU STATE, NOW YOU ARE TALKING \$380,000.00 DOLLARS SO MY QUESTION IS: WHO KNOW WHAT THE LAND IS WORTH.

REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: IF I MIGHT, I QUESTIONED THAT NUMBER TOO. JEFF FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DRAFTED THE AMENDMENT AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT SHOULD BE \$30,000.00 DOLLARS. NOT \$90,000.00 DOLLARS. I DID QUESTION JEFF ABOUT IT THIS MORNING AND HE SEEMED TO THINK THAT THE \$90,000.00 DOLLARS WAS EXCESSIVE BUT IT WAS ALL RIGHT. BUT I AGREE WITH SENATOR BOWMAN.. IT SHOULD BE CHANGED BACK TO \$30,000.00 DOLLARS.

SENATOR BOWAMN: MY SECOND REMARK IS THIS. I HAVE NOT SEEN AN ESTABLISHED PRICE ON THAT PROPERTY. ALL WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW IS ASSUMING THAT THE LAND IS WAY MORE VALUABLE THEN THE APPRAISED PRICE IS. MINOT WOULD NOT HAVE TO RAISE \$30,000.00 OR \$60,000.00 DOLLARS IF THEY NEGOTIATED WITH THAT SELLER FOR THE PRICE THAT WAS APPRAISED, OR WITHIN A SMALL RANGE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE ARE REALLY JUST ASSUMING THAT THIS IS GOING TO BRING \$60,000.00 DOLLARS MORE THEN WHAT THE APPRAISAL WAS BECAUSE WE OFFERED THE TOTAL APPRAISED MONEY THAT THEY SAY IT IS WORTH.

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NOW IF YOU HAD AND WOULD HAVE HAD TWO OTHER APPRAISALS, I SURELY WOULD HAVE LOOKED AT THOSE OTHER APPRAISALS AND LOOKED THE VALUE AND I THINK THAT WE WOULD HAVE ALL LOOKED AT THAT AND MADE A DETERMINATION BASED ON THAT APPRAISAL AND I THINK THAT IS ABOUT ALL WE CAN ACTUALLY GO BY. IT IS UP TO THE OTHER TWO SENATORS TO RESPOND BUT I JUST WANT TO BE PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE FIGURES THAT YOU ARE SHOOTING FOR.....NO ONE ACTUALLY KNOWS WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST YET. THAT IS WHY WE TOOK THE HIGHEST APPRAISED PRICE AND GAVE THEM THE MONEY TO BUY IT. WE HOPE THEY DON'T HAVE SPEND \$60,00.00 DOLLARS, WE HOPE THEY DON'T HAVE TO SPEND \$30,000.00 DOLLARS MORE. IF THEY ARE GOING TO OUT AND PURCHASE THIS LAND I HOPE THAT THEY CAN DO AT AT THE LEAST AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THEY HAVE TO INVEST SO THEY HAVE MORE TO OPERATE IT. THERE IS ANOTHER THING. WE GAVE THEM THE FLEX ABILITY TO FIND THE MONEY FROM WHAT EVER SOURCE. EITHER WITHIN THEIR BUDGET, WITH ANY INCOMES THAT THEY CAN GENERATE OF THIS LAND OR BY CLOSING DOWN A LEASE ON SOME PROPERTY THAT THEY CURRENTLY LEASE AND USING THAT FUNDING TO COME UP WITH THAT EXTRA CASH. I THOUGHT WE WERE ABOUT AS FLEXIBLE AS WE COULD GET WITH WHAT INFORMATION THAT WE HAD MR. CHAIRMAN AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT WHEN WE CAME UP WITH THE

FIGURES WE ONLY HAD ONE SET OF APPRAISALS. WE HAD ESTIMATES AND WE HAD OTHER PEOPLE TESTIFYING THAT THE LAND AROUND THIS WAS WORTH MORE BUT YOU CAN'T GO BY THAT. IF YOU WENT BY THAT YOU WOULD NEVER REACH A PRICE. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE BUY THIS PROPERTY THAT WE ARE NOT JUST GIVING THEM A BLAND CHECK TO WRITE IT FOR WHATEVER SOMEONE ELSE THINKS IT IS WORTH. WE HAVE TO GO BY SOMETHING THAT IS FACTUAL. I WOULD LIKE THE SENATORS TO RESPOND TO THAT TOO IF THEY WOULD.

SENATOR SOLBERG: MR. CHAIRMAN. I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH SENATOR BOWMAN. THE KEY HERE AND I THINK THE PEOPLE HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THIS, IS THAT OTHER FUNDS, WE NEVER SAID ONCE THAT THEY HAD TO GO OUT AND RAISE FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THAT WAS NOT IN THE BILL AND THE INTENT WAS NEVER THERE. THAT OTHER FUNDS WOULD BE OPERATING FUNDS OR CASH RENT, FURTHER SALES, THIS WAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO GO OUT AND INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE IF YOU WISH FOR THIS LAND TO PAY FOR ITSELF. WE HAVE FARMERS OUT THERE THAT ARE BUYING LAND FOR \$700.00 TO \$800.00 DOLLARS PER ACRE, WHATEVER AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR IT OFF PRODUCTION OF THAT LAND PLUS, PLUS THE INTEREST. THIS WAS THE INTENT AND THIS WAS THE LANGUAGE IN THE ORIGINAL BILL. I THINK WE HAD A GOOD APPRAISAL. I CHECK AROUND

WITH OTHER APPRAISERS AROUND THE STATE AND THEY SAID HE WAS AN EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT APPRAISER. CHAIRMAN TIMM: I GUESS IT WAS ME THAT BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF GOING OUT AND RAISING THE MONEY. I AM ASSUMING THAT THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE OPTIONS. IF THEY MAKE ANY MONEY, THEY USE THAT FOR OTHER THINGS, DON'T THEY? IMPROVEMENTS WHATEVER.

SENATOR SOLBERG: THEY HAVE CARRY OVER IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THE INCREASED SALES, SEED SALES, FROM THIS PROPERTY. I THINK THEY HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT OPTIONS TO PAY FOR IT.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: WHEN I WAS TALKING TO THE SPONSOR, THERE WAS AN URGENCY TO BUY THIS LAND BEFORE THE OWNER DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH IT. PUT IT OUT IN THE PUBLIC MARKET OR THAT SEEM TO BE THE URGENCY. THEY WANTED TO CLOSE THE DEAL NOW. THE OWNER WANTS TO CLOSE THE DEAL NOW. HE DOSE NOT WANT TO WAIT A YEAR UNTIL THEY GATHER UP THE MONEY. THE LAND IS IDEAL THE LAND IS PROBABLY WORTH MORE IN THE FUTURE THEN WHAT THEY WILL HAVE PAID FOR IT. MINOT IS EXPANDING SOUTH. COULD BE A PROFIT FOR THE STATE OF N.D.

SENATOR TOMAC: WE ARE HAVING SOME PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD DISCUSSIONS IN I BELIEVE 2021 RIGHT NOW ABOUT SBAR. AND ABSENT FROM THE DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL HAS BEEN A RECOMMENDATION FROM

THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OR EXTENSION SERVICE EXPERIMENT STATION AND ALL OF THAT. THE EXTENSION SERVICE, THE EXPERIMENT STATION, SBAR DID RECOMMEND THAT WE MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND GO AHEAD WITH THE BUILDING AT LANGDON. THAT WAS ON THE PRIORITY LIST. THIS HERE IS NOT THERE. THIS IS AN ADD ON. WE REALLY HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF THAT PRIORITIZATION. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT IS ABSENT. ONE OF THE ANSWERS THAT IS ABSENT IS IF IN FACT THAT GROUP HAD THIS BEFORE THEM WOULD THEY HAVE MADE THE PRIORITIZATION THAT THEY DID AND WOULD THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT WE PURCHASE AND EXCLUDED ONE OF THERE OTHER PROJECTS. WE DO NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THAT. BECAUSE THIS WAS AN ADD ON, IT DID NOT GET RUN THROUGH THE SBAR. THE EXPERIMENT STATION STATION. I AM REALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE CAUSE HERE. IT LAYS RIGHT IN THERE WHERE IT WOULD BE CONVIENT. LESS TRAVEL TIME, ROAD TIME ETC. ETC. WE DON'T HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THAT PRIORITIZATION RIGHT NOW. THAT IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE. IS THIS GOING TO LET THE OTHER STATIONS IN ND BY-STEP. DIFFERENT APPRAISERS WILL DIFFER. THERE IS A MARGIN. I DON'T THINK THE MARGIN SHOULD BE \$60,000.00 DOLLARS.

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS: I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT TO ADD I LOOKED AT THIS SOMEWHAT OBJECTIVELY AND I FELT THE PROPERTY

JUST AS SENATOR TOMAC POINTED OUT WAS IN THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE EXISTING STATION AND THESE OPPORTUNITIES DON'T ALWAYS COME UP AND BEING A FARMER ALL MY LIFE. MOST FARMERS LOOK AT THE QUARTER OF LAND ACROSS THE ROAD AND ALWAYS FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD OWN IT. THEY DON'T WANT ANY MORE LAND BUT THE QUARTER ACROSS THE ROAD YOU LIKE TO OWN. THIS IS THAT KIND OF A SITUATION. I HAVE BEEN THERE. I PUT MY FARMER HAT ON AND SAY IT IS A GOOD PURCHASE. I WAS HOPING WHEN I OFFERED THE AMENDMENT FOR \$30,000.00 THAT WOULD GET US IN STRIKING DISTANCE AND I KIND OF THINK THIS IS WHAT REPRESENTATIVE WARNER DOSE TODAY IS MOVE US INTO THAT STRIKING DISTANCE. PROBABLY LESS OF A BURDEN FOR THE MINOT FOLKS A LITTLE BIT AS TO HOW THEY COME WITH THAT ADDITIONAL MONEY.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT NEIGHBORS QUARTER ACROSS THE ROAD AND YOU GO OVER AND OFFER TO BUY IT AT THE APPRAISED VALUE.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: YOU USUALLY PAY A LITTLE MORE.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: THAT IS WHAT I THOUGHT.

SENATOR TOMAC: MR. CHAIRMAN THAT IS A VERY VALID POINT.

I AGREE WITH THAT, YOU ALWAYS PAY MORE THEN THE APPRAISED PRICE. YOU PAY MORE, BUT AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY ARE WE

GOING TO RECOMMEND TO EVERY AGENCY THAT IF YOU REALLY WANT AND IF YOU CAN CONVINCE IT AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE BUYING PROCESS.. THAT IS WHERE THE STRUGGLE IS. I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK WHAT THE SENATE DID WAS CORRECT IN THIS WAY, IS THAT WE GAVE THEM THE APPRAISED PRICE BASED ON THE BEST INFORMATION WE HAD. WE FOUND THE MONEY FOR THAT AND THEN WE SAID TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, IF YOU WANT TO PAY MORE THEN THAT UP TO \$320,000.00 DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN THE BILL THEN YOU FIND THAT WITHIN YOUR SYSTEM. IF SBAR THINKS THEY CAN TRANSFER MONEY FROM OTHER STATIONS, THEY CAN DO THAT. THEY CAN FIND THAT \$60,000.00 DOLLARS AND THEY PRIORITIZE, IF THEY HAVE A FEW BUSHELS OF WHEAT LEFT CALF ETC. AND THEY CAN SELL THEY CAN FIND THE MONEY. THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE COMMUNITY OF MINOT. I THINK THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD APPROACH.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL THAT OWNS THIS LAND I HAVE NOT TALKED TO HIM. I DO BELIEVE IF HE WAS APPROACHED HE CERTAINLY HE WOULD BE PRETTY HAPPY TO GRAB A QUARTER OF A MILLION RIGHT NOW. CARRY THE REST OR WHAT EVER. AT THIS PRICE FOR THE LAND, I THINK HE COULD BE APPROACHED. THERE WILL BE FUNDS IN TWO YEARS TO MAKE THE OTHER \$60,00.00 DOLLAR PAYMENT PLUS THE INTEREST. HE LIVES FIVE MILES FROM MY FARM.

SENATOR BOWMAN: WE ALL WANT TO SEE THE LAND BOUGHT IF IT CAN BE BOUGHT WITHIN THE \$320,000.00 DOLLARS. WE ALL AGREE ON THAT.
CHAIRMAN TIMM. REPRESENTATIVE WARNER, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

REPRESENTATIVE WARNER: I GUESS IF THE COMMITTEE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE \$90,000.00 DOLLARS WHICH I THINK IS A DRAFTING ERROR. THAT WE MOVE TO AMEND THAT BACK TO \$30,000.00 DOLLARS. WHICH I THINK IS THE PROPER AMOUNT.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: O.K. WE WILL CALL THE ROLL ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

THE THREE SENATORS VOTE NO AND THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES VOTED YES.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: MOTION FAILS.

SENATOR BOWMAN: IF WE HAD HAD THREE APPRAISALS I THINK WE COULD HAVE TAKEN THE AVERAGE OF THE THREE. BUT WE DID NOT HAVE THREE. ALL WE HAD IS ONE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN DO IT WITHOUT THE APPRAISALS.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: WE WILL ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Agriculture Committee

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CHAIRMAN MIKE TIMM: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE WILL OPEN THE HEARING ON HB 1200. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, I WOULD LIKE FOR THIS TO BE IN THE RECORD TOO. THERE HAS BEEN AN AMENDMENT PASSED IN THE EXTENSION BUDGET WHICH IS SENATE BILL 2021. THIS ALLOWS THE TRANSFER OR FUNDING OF \$60,000.00 DOLLARS, [FUNDING IF IT IS NEEDED] IN THAT BILL, SO FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND THIS BILL HERE WE CAN GO AHEAD AND CONCURR WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE AMENDMENTS AND PASS THE BILL OUT AND I THINK THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND AT MINOT EXPERIMENTATION STATION. THAT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL, I THINK, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ISN'T IT. HOPEFULLY THE EXTENSION SERVICE AND RESEARCH CENTER WILL CARRY THROUGH ON THAT. I WAS IN THE CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN THEY WERE DISCUSSING IT AND THEY
TALKED \$60,000.00 DOLLARS. THEY THEN DECIDED IT WAS BEST NOT TO
PUT THE \$60,000.00 DOLLARS IN THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BOWMAN: THE INTENT IS CLEAR IN THE RECORD AND THEY
UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INTENT IS. THEY CAN MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE THAT LAND, IF IT GOES OVER AND ABOVE THE APPRAISED
PRICE.

CHAIRMAN TIMM: HOPEFULLY THEY WILL DEAL AND NOT HAVE TO SPEND
THAT TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY. DEALING WITH THE OWNER.

SENATOR SOLBERG MOVED TO "DO PASS" AND REPRESENTATIVE
NICHOLAS SECONDED THAT THE HOUSE ACCEDE TO THE SENATE
AMENDMENTS. THAT IS ALL WE NEED. ANY DISCUSSION ON THAT
MOTION. WE WILL TAKE THE ROLL FOR THAT MOTION.

.....THERE WHERE 6 YES..... 0 NO..... 0 ABSENT.....

CHAIRMAN TIMM: MOTION PASSES. MEETING ADJOURNED.

CHAIRMAN TIMM WILL CARRY THE BILL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1323 of the House Journal and pages 1130 and 1131 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1200 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 19, after "**APPROPRIATION**" insert "**- REFUND FUND TRANSFER**"

Page 1, line 20, replace "general fund" with "attorney general refund fund from lawsuit settlement collections", after "treasury" insert "subject to the limitation contained in this section", and replace "\$320,000" with "\$290,000"

Page 1, line 21, after the comma insert "and \$90,000 from other funds,"

Page 1, line 24, replace "general fund" with "attorney general refund fund from lawsuit settlement collections"

Page 2, line 3, after the period insert "The north central research extension center may not expend more moneys from the attorney general refund fund for the purpose of purchasing land for research extension purposes at the north central research extension center than the highest amount obtained from three separate independent appraisals of the property to be acquired. Any amount expended in excess of the highest of three separate independent appraisals must come from other funds. The funds appropriated from the attorney general refund fund must be transferred to the agriculture research and extension operating fund as requested by the state board of agricultural research and education."

Renumber accordingly

4-13-01

Date: _____
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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House AGRICULTURE Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or

☐ Conference Committee amends for additional 100,000

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By REP Nicholas Seconded By REP WARNER

SENATORS	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
SENATOR BILL BOWMAN		✓	CHAIRMAN EUGENE NICHOLAS	✓	
SENATOR KEN SOLBERG		✓	REP. MIKE TIMM	✓	
SENATOR STEVEN TOMAC		✓	REP. JOHN M WARNER	✓	

Total (Yes) 3 No 3

Absent 0

Floor Assignment N/A

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: _____
Roll Call Vote #: _____

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Motion Made By REP WARNER Seconded By REP NICHOLAS

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Total (Yes) 5 No 3

Absent

Floor Assignment

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1200, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Bowman, Solberg, Tomac and Reps. Timm, Nicholas, Warner) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments on HJ page 1323 and place HB 1200 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1200 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

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SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES
FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Testimony of Tim Bryan

February 9, 2001

REPORT ON PRELIMINARY PROGRESS OF CROPS SUB-COMMITTEE
STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Areas of Focused Investigation and Study

1. Producer and commodity group participation in research decisions, particularly refine and integrate the role of the granting committees regarding long term effects of Agricultural Research Fund (gas tax) projects.
2. Evaluate the potential of molecular breeding techniques.
3. Continue to review opportunities and risks regarding biotechnology and genetically modified organisms.
4. Emphasize marketing as a key element of future research efforts, particularly niche market opportunities and identity preserved traits.
5. Continue breeding efforts regarding major problems - fusarium head blight, other disease and insect issues, sprouting, quality, and special market opportunities.

Presentations at next meeting:

1. Efforts being utilized in other states.
2. Commodity characteristic development required by producers and by consumers (market development).
3. Production and marketing systems that fit together on a farm (integration) to maximize economic opportunities.
4. Long range view of the future of agriculture and North Dakota farms.

Homework for next meeting:

1. Concepts for transitioning Agricultural Research Fund projects to base research programs.
2. Identify top crisis issues.
3. Identify gaps or shortfalls in current research efforts.

Requirements discussed by Senate Appropriations Committee

As part of discussions relating to single line appropriations, broader transfer authority, and funding flexibility, the accompanying requirement to develop and publish:

1. Performance standards and detailed goals.
2. Accountability measures.
3. Progress reporting.

State Board of Agricultural Research
Member Biographical Sketch
2000-01

Name	Tim G. Bryan
Address	Route 1, Box 127 Bowbells, North Dakota 58721
Farm	Managing general partner, TLCB Farm (family farm partnership, Tim, Laureen, and Carolyn Bryan)
Crop/Livestock involvement	Hard spring wheat, durum wheat, winter wheat, canola, barley, oats, and yellow mustard (4500-4900 planted acres) and 6 registered elk (Big Springs Elk Ranch)
Association with groups or organizations	Recent past memberships: North Central Research Extension Center (Minot) advisory board NCREC capital campaign steering committee (new headquarters bldg) NDSU Extension MPU 1 advisory council (ehrm) Current memberships: State Board of Agricultural Research and Education SunPrairie Grain producer board (Minot and Bowbells) Burke County Crop Improvement Assn Burke Marketing Club (ehrm) US Durum Growers Assn ND Grain Growers Assn Northern Canola Growers Assn Northwest Farm Managers Assn Customer focus / product development, Deere & Co, Harvester (small grains) 4-H family, Colette (wife) is volunteer leader, William (son) is club member
Value Added (98,000 bu)	Dakota Growers Pasta Company Harvest States Wheat Milling Defined Membership United Spring Wheat Processors Cooperative (Spring Wheat Bakers)
Local government	School Board of Bowbells Public School District
Education	BA, JD University of North Dakota

N.D.Cent.Code § 4-05.1-16(4) (b) :

At least ninety days before the conclusion of the initial term of each member appointed by the extension service's multicounty program units, the units through their advisory groups shall provide to the state board of higher education a list of one or more names from which the state board of higher education shall appoint a successor. Future appointments to these five positions must be made in the same manner. The state board of higher education shall ensure that four out of the five seats are held by agricultural producers.

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**4-05.1-16. State board of agricultural research and education
— Membership — Terms.**

1. The state board of agricultural research and education consists of:
 - a. The president of North Dakota state university;
 - b. The vice president of agricultural affairs at North Dakota state university;
 - c. The administrator of the agricultural experiment station;
 - d. The five persons appointed to the agricultural consultation board by the ag coalition and serving in that capacity on July 1, 1997;
 - e. The five persons appointed to the agricultural consultation board by the extension service's multicounty program units and serving in that capacity on July 1, 1997;
 - f. The two persons appointed to the agricultural consultation board by the president of North Dakota state university as representatives of the state's research extension centers and serving in that capacity on July 1, 1997;
 - g. The agriculture commissioner, who serves in an ex officio nonvoting capacity; and
 - h. The director of the North Dakota state university extension service.
2. a. The initial five members appointed by the ag coalition shall select their terms by lot so that one member serves for one year, one member serves for two years, one member serves for three years, one member serves for four years, and one member serves for five years.

- b. The initial five members appointed by the extension service's multicounty program units shall select their terms by lot so that one member serves for one year, one member serves for two years, one member serves for three years, one member serves for four years, and one member serves for five years.
- c. The two persons appointed as representatives of the state's research extension centers shall serve only through June 30, 1998.
- 3. At the completion of each initial term, the term of office for each member is five years, beginning on July first. No person may be appointed to a second five-year term.
- 4. a. At least ninety days before the conclusion of the initial term of each member appointed by the ag coalition, the ag coalition shall provide to the state board of higher education a list of one or more names from which the state board of higher education shall appoint a successor. Future appointments to these five positions must be made in the same manner. The state board of higher education shall ensure that four out of the five seats are held by agricultural producers.
- b. At least ninety days before the conclusion of the initial term of each member appointed by the extension service's multicounty program units, the units through their advisory groups shall provide to the state board of higher education a list of one or more names from which the state board of higher education shall appoint a successor. Future appointments to these five positions must be made in the same manner. The state board of higher education shall ensure that four out of the five seats are held by agricultural producers.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 21; 1999, ch. 21, § 16. section 16 of chapter 21, S.L. 1999 became effective July 1, 1999.

Effective Date.

The 1999 amendment of this section by

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

4-05.1-17. Compensation of board members — Expenses. Each appointed member of the state board of agricultural research and education is entitled to receive sixty-two dollars and fifty cents per day as compensation for the time actually spent devoted to the duties of office and is entitled to receive necessary expenses in the same manner and amounts as state officials for attending meetings and performing other functions of office.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 22; 1999, ch. 21, § 17. section 17 of chapter 21, S.L. 1999 became effective July 1, 1999.

Effective Date.

The 1999 amendment of this section by

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

4-05.1-18. State board of agricultural research and education — Chairman — Meetings. The state board of agricultural research and education annually shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman. The board shall meet at the times and locations designated by the chairman in consultation with the vice president of agricultural affairs at North Dakota state university.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 23; 1999, ch. 21, § 18. section 18 of chapter 21, S.L. 1999 became effective July 1, 1999.

Effective Date.

The 1999 amendment of this section by

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

4-05.1-19. State board of agricultural research and education — Duties. Within the policies of the state board of higher education, the state board of agricultural research and education is responsible for the budgeting, supervision, and policymaking responsibilities associated with the supervision of the agricultural experiment station and the North Dakota state university extension service. The agricultural research and education board shall:

1. Determine the causes of any adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
2. Develop ongoing strategies for the provision of research solutions to negate adverse economic impacts on crops and livestock produced in this state;
3. Make available financial resources, including grants and salaries, and make available equipment and facilities to implement the strategies developed under subsection 2, subject to approval by the state board of higher education;
4. Develop an annual budget for the operation of the agricultural experiment station and the North Dakota state university extension service;
5. Develop a biennial budget request and submit that request to the state board of higher education on or before March first of each even-numbered year;
6. Maximize the use of existing financial resources, equipment, and facilities to generate the greatest economic benefit from research and extension efforts and to promote efficiency;
7. Annually evaluate the results of research and extension activities and expenditures and report the findings to the legislative council and the state board of higher education;
8. Advise the administration of North Dakota state university regarding the recruitment and selection of the vice president of agricultural affairs, the extension service director, and the station director; and
9. Develop ongoing strategies for the dissemination of research information and the best practices for management of the extension service.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 24; 1999, ch. 21, § 19. section 19 of chapter 21, S.L. 1999 became effective July 1, 1999.

Effective Date.

The 1999 amendment of this section by

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

4-05.1-20. Agricultural research fund. The agricultural research fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The moneys in the fund must be expended for purposes of agricultural research.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 25.

Effective Date.

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

4-05.1-21. State board of agricultural research and education — Apportionment of research funds.

1. The state board of agricultural research and education annually

shall apportion the proceeds of the agricultural research fund as follows:

- a. Seventy percent to research activities affecting North Dakota agricultural commodities that account for at least two percent of the gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced in the state. The percentage of the dollars available for each agricultural commodity under this section may not exceed the percentage that the gross sales of the agricultural commodity bear to the North Dakota gross sales of all agricultural commodities grown or produced during the previous year, as determined by the agricultural statistics service;
 - b. Eighteen percent to research activities affecting North Dakota animal agriculture; and
 - c. Twelve percent to research activities affecting new and emerging crops in North Dakota.
2. The state board of agricultural research and education shall solicit proposals for research from the public and private sectors and shall appoint committees to review the proposals and award the agricultural research grants on a competitive basis. Each committee must consist of a majority of agricultural producers selected in consultation with the agricultural commodity groups representing commodities that are the subjects of the proposed research and may include researchers and other individuals knowledgeable about the proposed area of research. Whenever possible, the committees shall require that a grant recipient commit matching funds.
 3. The state board of agricultural research and education shall develop policies regarding the award of research grants, including requirements for matching funds, cooperation with other in-state and out-of-state researchers, and coordination with other in-state and out-of-state proposed or ongoing research projects.

Source: S.L. 1997, ch. 50, § 26; 1999, ch. 21, § 20.

section 20 of chapter 21, S.L. 1999 became effective July 1, 1999.

Effective Date.

This section became effective July 1, 1997.

The 1999 amendment of this section by

TESTIMONY ON HB 1200
PREPARED BY
REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW KLEIN

GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS AND ESTEEMED MEMBERS
OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. FOR THE RECORD I'M
REPRESENTATIVE MATT KLEIN REPRESENTING THE 40TH DISTRICT IN
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

THE BILL BEFORE YOU, HB 1200, IS ONE OF THOSE UNIQUE ONES
THAT DOES NOT FIT INTO THE NORMAL OPERATING BUDGET. THIS IS
A ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF
AGRICULTURE IN OUR STATE. AGRICULTURE AND ITS ASSOCIATED
AREAS MAKE UP ABOUT 50% OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN
NORTH DAKOTA. AGRICULTURE HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY
FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE BONANZA FARMS OR THE SMALL
FARM I GREW UP ON. TO MAINTAIN OUR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY
WE MUST INVEST IN RESEARCH AND CHANGE AS OUR SOCIETY,
CROPS, AND METHODOLOGIES CHANGE. THESE CHANGES CAN ONLY
COME FROM OUR RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTERS. IT IS A KNOWN
FACT THAT ALL OF THE MAJOR COMPANIES, WHETHER IT'S DRUG
COMPANIES, COMPUTER COMPANIES, AUTO COMPANIES, ETC., SPEND

A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR BUDGETS ON RESEARCH. NEW DISEASES AND WEEDS CAN WREAK HAVOC WITH ESTABLISHED CROPS. THE SOLUTIONS CAN ONLY BE FOUND THROUGH RESEARCH.

AS TIME PASSES, THE CITY OF MINOT WILL EXPAND FURTHER TO THE SOUTH. THIS WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY WILL CLOSE AND THIS LAND RIGHT ADJACENT TO EXISTING STATION LAND WILL BE BOUGHT BY DEVELOPERS AND IT'S PRICE WILL QUADRUPLE.

IF WE ARE TO REMAIN A STATE WITH A VIABLE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, WE MUST INVEST FOR THE FUTURE AND TAKE THIS LEAP OF FAITH FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S FUTURE.

THERE ARE OTHERS HERE TO ADDRESS THE MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS BILL AND THEY CAN READILY ANSWER QUESTIONS, SO I WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS BILL YOUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee.

My name is Fred Tyler, chairman of the Board of Visitors for the North Central Research Extension Center. I am also a farmer at Lansford, ND, and a Bottineau County Commissioner.

I would like to express my support of HB 1200. As a farmer I know how important the North Central Research Extension Center is to the north central region of North Dakota. Two areas of research that have been helpful to me are wheat midge and scab fungus. About six years ago, the wheat midge was in my area in epidemic numbers. I would estimate the advice handed out by North Central Research and local county agents saved me \$50,000 or more. Also, the information provided by North Central on the Internet about the presence of scab spores at their monitoring sites is extremely helpful in deciding if it is advantageous to spray for scab or not.

Next, I would like to express my support as a County Commissioner for the acquisition. This acquisition is vital to insure that the North Central Research Extension Center can continue its mission of aiding the farmers in the area. This is not only important to the present day farmers, but also to the future farmers of North Dakota. I believe that having local county agents and research experts at North Central available to come out to our fields and help farmers make the right economic decisions is an invaluable service. I don't think a phone call to NDSU in Fargo can replace the assurance of hands on advice.

Thirdly, my comments are as chairman of the Board of Visitors. North Central Research Extension Center has not seen a land expansion since 1949. Part of the original mission was to raise Foundation seed stock. This has been and always will be an important part of the operation of the Center. The money the seed sales brings in has funded 35-40% of our operation. As we do more and more research, for example, the canola rotational studies used 30 acres and the weed and insect studies used 150 acres, to name a few, we keep taking more land out of seed production, reducing our ability to produce that income. It is difficult to rent land for research and seed production and be assured that it is weed free.

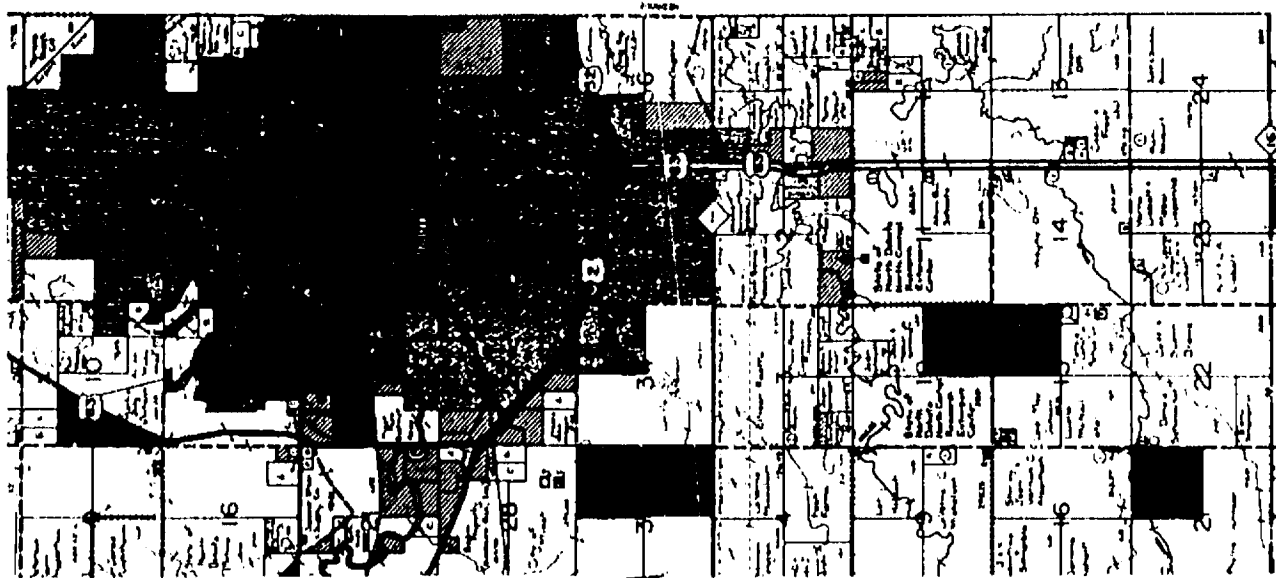
Lastly, the price may seem high, but considering the location, not only being adjacent to our present location, but also its proximity to the city of Minot, I feel the asking price could be \$2,000 to \$3,000 dollars per acre.

With that I will close and try to answer any questions you may have. If there are none, I again urge your support of HB 1200.

NORTH CENTRAL RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER



Located one mile south of Minot on Highway 85, the Center was established in 1945 by the North Dakota Legislature to serve the needs of the north central region. The Center is affiliated with the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station—the State's agricultural research and development arm—and with the NDSU Extension Service, which assists producers, youth, families and communities through research-based education.



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Mission

Conduct agricultural research (crops).
Produce Foundation grade seed.
Conduct Extension education.

Situation

NCREC consists of 900 acres owned since 1949.

Prior to 1997:

Research conducted on approximately 150 owned acres.
Foundation seed produced on approximately 600 owned acres.
Remaining acres-coulees, sloughs, roadways, waterways, building site, etc.

Research now conducted on approximately 250 owned acres due to addition of weed science and entomology disciplines at center.

Currently produce foundation seed on approximately:

500 owned acres.
500 contract growers' acres.
436 leased acres.

Need

Disease and insect studies require larger research plots with more buffer area between plots.

Genetically modified crops require more distance to avoid potential cross-pollination.

Justification

Machinery movement, equipment hauling and labor costs increase as distance from center increases.

Costs 50¢ to 54¢ per mile to travel to fields with pickup trucks. (North Dakota DOT State Fleet rental rates effective January 1, 2001).

Constant concern of losing rented land to higher bid especially detrimental to long-term research and securing "clean" land with known cropping history.

Renting 320 acres of additional land will cost \$13,354 annually.

Currently rent:	262 A @	\$40.00/A	=	\$10,480
	36 A @	\$41.67/A	=	\$1,500
	138 A @	\$45.03/A	=	\$6,214
		\$41.73/A		
Average rent:	320 A @	\$41.73/A	=	\$13,354

Opportunity

Opportunity to purchase 320 acres between and adjacent to both parcels of currently owned land (major advantage in equipment moving and travel).

Owner asking \$1,000/A.

- 312 acres one mile away valued at over \$3,000/A.
- 2 acre lots ½ mile away valued at over \$12,000/A.
- 12 acres of adjacent land sold for \$4,000/A in 1995.
- Predominantly farmland based appraisal \$812.50/A.



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January 17, 2001

North Dakota State Legislators
2nd floor State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck ND 58505-0360

Re: HB 1200

Dear Legislators:

Since its inception, Ward County has been a strong supporter of the North Central Research Extension Center located south of Minot. We transferred the land and buildings from the old poor farm to the State back in 1945, and most recently contributed \$25,000 to the new technology transfer center which opened in 1999.

We now support HB 1200 which allows the research extension center to purchase an additional, contiguous 320 acres to further enhance their studies of disease and insect control for area farmers.

With the agricultural economy now suffering from just about every element known, we need all the research and testing available to continue at ever increasing efficiency and we believe adding contiguous acreage to the research center is a good move.

We encourage your support of HB 1200.

I sign this letter on behalf of the Board of Ward County Commissioners who approved the support at their January 16, 2001 meeting.

Sincerely,

Jerome Gruenberg
Vice Chairman
Ward County Commission

RENVILLE COUNTY

205 Main Street E, P.O. Box 68, Mohall, North Dakota 58761-0068

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January 9, 2001

North Dakota State Legislators
2nd Floor State Capitol
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505-0360

Dear Legislators:

The Renville County Commissioners respectfully request that the 2001 Legislators give approval and funding for the acquisition of 320 acres of land for the North Central Research Extension Center, Minot, ND.

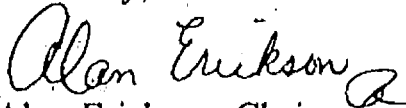
The Renville County Commissioners support the acquisition of the land for the Research Center so that NDSU can assist producers, youth, families and communities through research-based education. The additional land is needed because disease and insect studies require larger research plots with more buffer area between the plots. With the diseased crops that this area has experienced during the past few years, it is critical that research be given top priority. The research can be effectively completed with the additional land acquisition.

Genetically modified crops require more distance to avoid potential cross-pollination. Again, the proposed acquisition of the 320 acres will enhance the efforts to develop and research the genetically modified crops.

Our county's farmers rely heavily on the research and education provided by the North Central Research Extension Center. The Center's research and development of crops are critical to the farmers of this area and an economic development tool that is imperative to the farming industry.

Please support the acquisition of the 320 acres of land for the North Central Research Center.

Sincerely,


Alan Erickson, Chairman
Renville County Commission

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 Langford, ND 58750

January 22, 2001

North Dakota State Legislature
 2nd Floor State Capitol
 Bismarck, N.D. 58505-0360

Dear Legislators:


The Bottineau County Commissioners support HBI 200 which involves funding for acquisition of 320 acres of agricultural land for the North Central Research Extension Center of Minot, N.D. We respectfully request the 2001 Legislature to support and approve this funding bill.

The mission of NDSU Research and Extension is to provide assistance to N.D. producers, youth, families and communities through research based education. The Bottineau County Commissioners support this mission and acquisition of this land so the North Central Research Extension Center can accomplish this task. N.D. producers and the state economy have been plagued by a series of natural disasters since 1993, when unusually wet, humid growing seasons have occurred. These wet seasons have caused crop disease epidemics of Fusarium Head Blight, Septoria, Rust and insect epidemics of Orange Wheat Blossom Midge, Sunflower Midge and Canola Flea Beetles. In response to these crises, NDSU Research and Extension have increased research and education to the citizens of North Dakota.

Increased research at the North Central Research Extension Center has required that additional land be used for that research. Part of the original mission of the research center was to breed and increase new Foundation seed stocks for the producers of the state. The North Central Research Extension Center has not experienced any agricultural land expansion since 1949. Yet responsibilities for research and seed increase have expanded many times over. Effective crop disease and insect research trials require larger plots with a buffer zone between plots. In addition, as crop genetic research moves into the transgenic arena, more distance is needed to prevent cross-pollination. The 320 acre land acquisition would allow the Center to expand its research and seed increase for needs of N.D. producers.

The producers and the economy of Bottineau County rely heavily on the research and education provided by the North Central Research Extension Center. Please support H.B. 1200 for the 320 acre land acquisition so the Center can accomplish its mission during the 21st Century.

Sincerely,


 Fred Tyler, Chairman
 Bottineau County Commission



WARD COUNTY AG IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Box 5005 Minot ND 58702-5005

701.857.6444

January 23, 2001

TO: North Dakota Legislature

RE: North Central Research Extension Center Land Purchase

Dear Legislator,

The Ward County Ag Improvement Association supports the acquisition of 320 acres of land by the North Central Research Extension Center. These additional resources are extremely important if the Research Center is to continue to keep pace with the research needs of the area farmers. Land purchase opportunities do not come along that often. It would be a major opportunity that would be missed if this land, which is adjacent to the existing Center, was not purchased.

The Ward County Ag Improvement Association is an organization of farmers and ranchers. They unanimously support the purchase of this land by the North Central Research Extension Center.

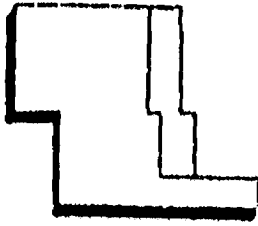
Sincerely,

Bob Finken

Bob Finken, President

Ward County Ag Improvement Association

BF/mb



*Renville-Bottineau Agricultural
Improvement Association*

Box 487
Mohall, North Dakota 58761
<http://www.rbala.com>



January 10, 2001

To: North Dakota Legislature
Re: Support of NCREC land purchase

The Renville-Bottineau Ag Improvement would like to go in support of the North Central Research/Extension Center (NCREC) purchasing the parcel of land between and adjacent to currently owned and operated property.

As the board of directors of the county association serving Renville County and Western Bottineau County, we recognize the necessity for the research and foundation seed production currently being carried out by the NCREC. This research institution has a dramatic impact on producers we are representing. With the situations currently affecting agriculture such as leaf diseases, scab, midge, and marketing concerns the importance of research and improvements are at their peak in the ag industry in North Central North Dakota.

At our directors meeting on January 10th we agreed to go on record in full support of the NCREC in their initiative of expansion and land acquisition.

Sincerely,

Guy Solemsaas,
RBAIA President

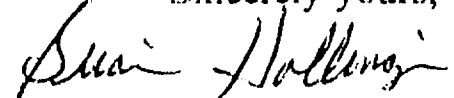
Brian Hollinger
8340 66th St. N.W.
Stanley, N.D.
58784

January 7, 2001

Dear Mr. Fisher,

I'm writing you to voice our support for the North Central Research Centers pursuit of purchasing additional land to add to the research plot acreage base. We as a group of agricultural producers whom everyday are challenged by mother nature & other forces beyond our control, need to insure that our research facilities have adequate tools at their disposal, in this case being adequate land to conduct all necessary research plots and still increase new crop varieties. Production agriculture has become so diverse that the need for more research data for all these new crops is greater than ever. Along with all these new crops, comes new problems in the forms of disease, insects, weeds, etc. We've come to rely heavily on our research centers to help us combat these problems before we encounter a disaster. An adequate land base is essential to insure purity in the ever increasing new commodities and varieties. We firmly believe that this is necessary to insure the future of production agriculture and will be funds well spent.

Sincerely yours,



Brian Hollinger
Chairman Mountrail County
Marketing Club

MOTION

Moved by Cornm. Link, seconded by Comm. Pufall, that a letter of support regarding HB 1200 for the purchase of land (SE¼ 10-154-83 & NE¼ 15-154-83) by the North Central Research Extension Center be sent to the North Dakota Legislature and that the Board send a representative to the legislative committee hearing on this bill. Roll call: all present voted yes; motion carried. Comm. Lee agreed to be the representative to attend the hearing.

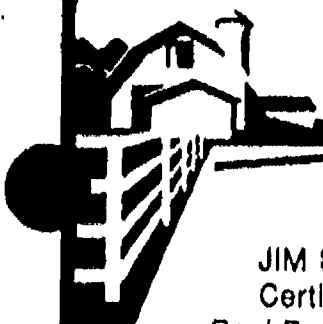
ADOPTED: January 16, 2001

BY: WARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Ward County Auditor

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Mr. Jay Fisher
NCREC
5400 Highway 83 S.
Minot, ND 58701-7645

October 10, 2000

RE: North Central Research Extension Center Appraisal
SE1/4-See 10 and NE1/4-See 15-154-83.
320 Acres in Ward County of North Dakota

Dear Mr. Fisher,

In response to your request, I have performed an appraisal of the above described property.

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the Fair Market value of the described real estate as of September 20, 2000. The estimated market value is: **\$260,000.**

*****TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS*****

This letter of transmittal is not to be considered or utilized as a complete appraisal report. The appraisal contained on the following pages is prepared as a Complete Appraisal and reported in Summary Report Format. Please refer to the Limiting Conditions and the remainder of this report for detailed information concerning this appraisal. The report should be read in it's entirety to fully understand the reasoning and justification for the valuation. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Szymanski
State Certified General Real Property Appraiser
N.D. Permit #CG-1040

State North DakotaCounty Ward

APPRAISAL REPORT - FARM TRACT

Owner/Applicant North Central Research Extension Center*Legal Description and Number of Acres SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -Sec 10 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -Sec 15-T154N-R83W,
320 Ac*Purpose and Intended Use of Appraisal Fair market value for possible purchase.*Rights Appraised ☒ Fee Simple ☐ Leasehold ☐ Other*Highest and Best Use of Property Agriculture*Extent of process See Appraisal Summary

PART 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. LOCATION

NAME OF NEAR. TOWN Minot
DIRECTION FROM TOWN South
MILES FROM TOWN 2
MILES FROM NEAR SCHOOL 3
MILES FROM NEAR CHURCH 2

B. ROADS AND COMMUNITY

CONDITION OF ROADS ☐ E ☒ G ☐ F ☐ P
KIND OF FARM ROAD Trails
MILES TO NEAR. PUBLIC GRAVEL OR H.S. ROAD Borders
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO FARM ☒ YES ☐ NO
FARM. DIST. CONDITION ☐ E ☒ G ☐ F ☐ P
TYPE OF FARM. IN COMMUNITY Sm. Grains, Oil Seeds

C. FARM SERVICES

☐ R.F.D. ☐ PHONE ☐ POWER LINE ☐ MILK ROUTE
MILES FROM ELEV. 10 GING MKTG FACIL. 10

D. COMMUNITY FACTORS

*FARM COMPARED WITH AVERAGE IN COMMUNITY

LOCATION ☐ AVG. ☒ BETTER ☐ POORER
DESIRABILITY ☐ AVG. ☒ BETTER ☐ POORER
SALABILITY ☐ AVG. ☒ BETTER ☐ POORER
RENTABILITY ☐ AVG. ☒ BETTER ☐ POORER

E. CONDITION OF LAND

GENERAL FERTILITY ☐ E ☒ G ☐ F ☐ P
NOXIOUS Weeds common to area controlled
WEEDS: by spray/tillage. %

LAND NEEDS:

DRAIN N/A AC LEVEL N/A AC CONTOUR N/A ACOTHER (SPECIFY) N/A ACIRRIGATED * N/A AC, NAME OF IRRIGATION DIST.N/A

F. NATURAL RESOURCES *

☐ MINERALS * ☐ OIL OR GAS
☐ TIMBER ☐ GRAVEL
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) Mineral rights not appraised.

G. WATER *

SOURCE	FARMSTEAD		PASTURE AND CROPLAND	
	FAMILY USE	LIVESTOCK	CROPLAND	
WELL DEPTH	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
CONVENIENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
ADEQUATE	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
DEPENDABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N
QUALITY				
ACCEPTABLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> N

H. HAZARDS, DETRIMENTS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS *

☐ IDENTIFIED HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES
☐ WETLAND N/A ACRES ☐ UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS
☐ CONSERVATION EASEMENT N/A ACRES ☐ HAZARDOUS WASTES
☐ MUDSLIDE AREA
☐ HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND N/A ACRES
☐ FLOOD PLAIN N/A ACRES
☒ OTHER (SPECIFY) Farming hazards
COMMENTS common to the area.

I. OWNERSHIP HISTORY *

DATE BOUGHT N/A ACRES N/A PRICE \$ N/ACHANGES: DATE COSTS No changes in past
3 years.COMMENTS

J. TYPICAL RENTAL TERMS

ANNUAL RENT \$ N/A CASH \$ 36-44/AcSHARE 1/3-2/3 % PROD. QTY. on crop

K. TAXES T/F

XCESSIVE VALUE \$ 92100 REAL EST. TAXES 99ASSESS. RATE 50 % \$ 1366.40MIL LEVY 296.720 SPEC. IMPROVE. DIST.TAXES * \$ N/A 5

PART 2. CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AS IMPROVED

KIND OF BUILDING	YEAR BUILT	CONSTRUCTION	KIND OF ROOF	KIND OF FOUNDATION	SIZE DIMENSION OR AREA OF GROUND FLOOR	STORIES	CONDITION OF BUILDING	REPLACEMENT COST	USEFUL LIFE REMAINING (YRS. OR %)	DEPRECIATED REPLACEMENT VALUE (Insurance Coverage)	CONTRIBUTORY VALUE
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
A. DWELLING								\$		\$	\$
B.											
C.											
D.											
E.											
F.											
G.											
H.											
I.											
J.											
K.											
L.											
TOTALS											

(ADD AN ATTACHMENT IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED TO DESCRIBE BUILDINGS)

BUILDING CONTRIBUTORY VALUE PER ACRE \$ ()

PART 3. MARKET DATA APPROACH (SALES COMPARISON)

DATE OF SALE	IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY	TOTAL ACREAGE	SALE PRICE		ADJUSTMENT FACTORS					ADJUSTED VALUE	
			TOTAL	PER ACRE	LOCATION	LAND	BUILDINGS	TIME	OTHER	PER ACRE	TOTAL
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1/97	1 See Narrative	144	\$ 105000	\$ 729	+136	\$ -51	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 814	\$ 260480
11/97	2 "	422.8	287000	679	+136	-1	0	0	0	814	260480
6/98	3 "	486.0	258000	531	+136	+147	0	0	0	814	260480
2/99	4 "	236	126000	534	+136	+144	0	0	0	814	260480
12/99	5 "	308.5	170000	551	+136	+127	0	0	0	814	260480
12/99	6 "	478	252000	527	+136	+151	0	0	0	814	260480
12/99	7 "	758	329000	434	+136	+244	0	0	0	814	260480
1/99	8 "	36.8	28000	761	+136	-83	0	0	0	814	260480
3/00	9 "	295.7	150000	507	+136	+171	0	0	0	814	260480
* INDICATE (+) OR (-) ADJUSTMENT IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS [Subject better add (SBA)] INDICATE (0) OR (-) IF NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE [Comparable better subtract (CBS)]										MARKET VALUE	\$ 814 \$ 260,48

SEE ATTACHMENT(S) See Table of Contents FOR SUPPORTING DATA, DOCUMENTATION, AND COMMENTS

PART 4. LAND AND BUILDINGS

COMMENTS ON ADEQUACY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF BUILDINGS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION PLANS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR INCLUDING COST (ESTIMATED)

N/A

COMMENTS ON CONDITION OF LAND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION PLANS FOR LAND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING COST (ESTIMATED)

The land appeared in good condition. The inspection was made after crop removal. No significant erosion noted.

PART 5. CAPITALIZATION (INCOME) APPROACH

CROPS (1)	ACRES (2)	YIELD PER ACRE (3)	TOTAL PRODUCTION			LANDLORDS RETURN	
			AMOUNT (4)	PRICE PER UNIT (5)	GROSS VALUE (6)	CASH AND/OR RENTAL SHARE (7) RATE OR % (7a)	VALUE (7b)
Sm Grains	310.2				\$	\$42/Ac	\$ 13028
FARMSTEAD, DWELLING RENTAL							
CASH RENT							
WOODLAND							
WASTELAND, ROADS, ETC.	9.8						
PERMANENT PASTURE		ANIMAL UNITS					\$
TOTALS	320.0				\$		\$ 13028
(8) DEDUCTIONS							
REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS						1366	
INSURANCE COSTS ON BUILDINGS							
MAINTENANCE COSTS BUILDINGS, FENCES, WATER SUPPLY, TILE							
OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE							
ANNUAL PAYMENTS ON BONDED DEBTS							
OTHER DEDUCTIONS (SEEDS, CROP INSURANCE, WATER CHARGES, FERTILIZER, LIME, SPRAY MATERIAL, HAULING, HARVESTING, GINNING, AND MARKETING EXPENSES).							
Mgmt. 5%						651	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS							\$ 2017
(9) NET FARM INCOME							\$ 11011
(10) CAPITALIZATION RATE 4.34 %			(11) CAPITALIZATION VALUE PER ACRE \$ 793			CAPITALIZATION VALUE \$ 253,710	

(12) CAPITALIZATION RATE SELECTION

COMPARABLE	RATE	COMPARABLE	RATE	
1	4.36 %	6	5.67 %	Mean 5.11%
2	4.16 %	7	6.14 %	Median 5.25%
3	5.14 %	8	4.49 %	
4	5.39 %	9	5.35 %	
5	5.25 %		%	

PART 6. SUMMATION (COST) APPROACH

USE OF LAND (1)	ACRES (2)	SOIL DESCRIPTION (3)	DEPTH OF TOPSOIL (4)	KIND OF SUBSOIL (5)	TOPOGRAPHY (6)	PER ACRE (7)	VALUE TOTAL (8)
CROPLAND	310.2	Williams CL II	8+"	Loam	0-0%	\$ 778	\$ 241336
TOTAL CROPLAND	310.2						
PERM PASTURE							
WOODLAND							
FARMSTEAD							
ROADS, ETC.	9.8	Misc	Misc	Misc	Misc	0	0
TOTALS	320.0						
MARKET VALUE OF LAND							\$ 241336
CONTRIBUTORY VALUE OF BUILDINGS AS IMPROVED (OBTAIN TOTAL FROM PART 2, COLUMN 12)							\$ 0
SUMMATION VALUE OF FARM						(PER ACRE \$ 754)	\$ 241336

PART 7. RECOMMENDED MARKET VALUE OF FARM

VALUE DEFINITION - MOST PROBABLE PRICE IN TERMS OF MONEY WHICH A PROPERTY SHOULD BRING IN A COMPETITIVE AND OPEN MARKET UNDER ALL CONDITIONS REQUISITE TO A FAIR SALE, THE BUYER AND SELLER, EACH ACTING PRUDENTLY, KNOWLEDGEABLY, AND ASSUMING THE PRICE IS NOT AFFECTED BY UNDUE STIMULUS

VALUE INDICATION - MARKET DATA APPROACH (SALES COMPARISON)	\$ 260,480
VALUE INDICATION - CAPITALIZATION (INCOME) APPROACH	\$ 253,710
VALUE INDICATION - SUMMATION (COST) APPROACH	\$ 241,336
MINERAL CONTRIBUTION	\$ N/A
RECOMMENDED MARKET VALUE (LAND AND MINERALS) (\$ 812 /Acre)	\$ 260,000

PART 8. COMMENTS

SEE ATTACHMENTS See Table of Contents FOR SUPPORTING DATA, DOCUMENTATION AND COMMENTS

I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF:

- THE STATEMENTS OF FACT CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.
- THE REPORTED ANALYSES, OPINIONS, AND CONCLUSIONS ARE LIMITED ONLY BY THE REPORTED ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS, AND ARE MY PERSONAL, UNBIASED PROFESSIONAL ANALYSES, OPINIONS, AND CONCLUSIONS.
- I HAVE NO ~~FOR THE PRESENT~~ PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT, AND I HAVE NO ~~FOR THE PRESENT~~ PERSONAL INTEREST OR BIAS WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
- MY COMPENSATION IS NOT CONTINGENT ON AN ACTION OR EVENT RESULTING FROM THE ANALYSES, OPINIONS, OR CONCLUSIONS IN, OR THE USE OF, THIS REPORT.
- I HAVE ~~OR HAVE NOT~~ MADE A PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT. (CROSS OUT INAPPROPRIATE ITEM).
- NO ONE PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PERSON SIGNING THIS REPORT. (IF THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS, THE NAME OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE MUST BE STATED).

CONTINGENT AND LIMITING CONDITIONS STATEMENT: THE APPRAISER IS NOT QUALIFIED TO VERIFY OR DETECT THE PRESENCE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES BY VISUAL INSPECTION OR OTHERWISE, NOR QUALIFIED TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT, IF ANY, OF KNOWN OR UNKNOWN SUBSTANCES PRESENT, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON THIS FORM OR AN ATTACHMENT HERETO, THE FINAL VALUE CONCLUSION IS BASED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY BEING FREE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAMINATIONS, AND IT IS SPECIFICALLY ASSUMED THAT PRESENT SUBSEQUENT OWNERSHIPS WILL EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPERTY DOES NOT BECOME OTHERWISE CONTAMINATED.

DATE OF INSPECTION September 20, 2000
EFFECTIVE DATE September 20, 2000

(SIGNED) Jim Szymanski State Certified General
Real Property Appraiser-CG1040ND

(TITLE)

THIS APPRAISAL CONTAINS
ATTACHMENTS See Table of Contents

REVIEWED BY _____
REVIEW APPRAISER

DATE _____

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

Land:

The appraised property consists of 320 acres of agricultural land located in central Ward County of North Dakota. The number of acres was calculated from county tax records. The land is nearly all cropland used to produce crops common to the area: i.e., small grains. The subject land is located in portions of two sections which lie north and south of each other and are contiguous except for a township road between them. The total tillable acreage as taken from FSA records is 310.2 acres which provides a tillable ratio of 96.9%. The remaining 9.8 acres not considered tillable are small potholes and sloughs, field margins, and roadways. The property has good access from a well maintained township gravel road which runs east and west and divides this property. The road is designated as 66th Avenue SW (Minot). The property is one mile west from US Highway #83 a 4 lane divided highway. An alternative access from the north is a section line road which borders the land on the east side and is considered seasonal and dry weather only. The cropland is nearly all Class II Williams loam, sometimes in combination with Bowbells and Tonka loams. Those areas not classified as tillable acreage are mainly Parnell, poorly drained soils. The topography varies from nearly level to gently rolling with slope from 0% to 6%. None of the land is classified as Highly Erodible Land (HEL) by the Soil Conservation Service. There is no developed water supply and the land is not fenced. The land condition appeared to be average to above average for the area. None of the appraised land is located in a FEMA designated flood or slide prone area. There is a potential threat from seasonal flooding caused by snowmelt or heavy rainfall. This is common to the area and because of topographical features would have minimal effect on the subject land.

Building Improvements:

There are no building improvements on the appraised land.

Regional Information:

The appraised property is located about 2 miles south from the City of Minot, North Dakota. Minot is the regional trade center of northwest North Dakota and provides a level of services and retail trade of a major metropolitan area. Minot has a university, two major hospitals, shopping malls, an international airport, and Amtrak service. The local economy is stable within the urban areas but depressed in farming communities. Local unemployment rates are below the national average. The City of Minot exerts an influence on outlying areas and the subject land is within an area considered rural but affected by the proximity to the city. Travel to all parts of North Dakota and nationwide is convenient from the appraised land on major transcontinental highway.

Environmental Issues:

I conducted a physical inspection of the subject property on September 20, 2000. The day was clear and visibility unlimited. Photographs of the subject were taken during this time. I was accompanied by Mr. Jay Fisher during my inspection. All portions of the land were accessible, and/or visible from high ground and the gravel roads. There is no evidence of underground storage tanks on the property. There were no environmental tests conducted as part of this appraisal. The appraiser is not a qualified environmental specialist and any questions concerning environmental site assessment should be addressed to specialists in this area. Soil contamination can result from normal farming practices. The use of herbicides and pesticides is common in the area. There has not been any allowance made for abatement of adverse environmental conditions on the subject or adjacent land if any are found to exist.

Sales History and Legal Issues:

The appraised property has not been sold in the past 3 years. The land is appraised in Fee Simple Estate and no adjustments have been made for short term leases or other encumbrances.

Market Conditions:

Sales of farmland for next years planting season are active in the market. There is a strong demand for cropland in the area of the subject. Some bid sales have produced bidding activity and prices above what was considered market. The market is unpredictable at present because of the poor crop conditions in 1999 and 2000 and depressed commodity prices. Some local farmers are taking a wait and see attitude because they believe there may be forced land sales and bargain prices. Marketing time for the subject should be less than six months. The supply of land for sale or rental is not plentiful in the area. Moderate interest rates may increase demand if the commodity prices increase to levels where production costs can be met without operational losses. The subject land would command a premium price in the local market.

Mineral Rights:

Mineral rights are not appraised in the report.

Highest and Best Use:

The appraised property has limited use applications because of its rural location and the predominance of agriculture in the area. The property is currently being utilized for agricultural production which is suited to the soil types and climate conditions of the area. The land use conforms to local zoning and the use of neighboring properties. The use is apparently legal. Because this parcel lies adjacent to the North Central Research Center land it has a unique highest and best use as an addition to the research center. This enhanced use is predicated on the concept that the research center can and will expand its land holdings in the area. As an addition to the research center the land would still be used for agriculture only under the control and requirements of the research center. The near proximity of the land to developed areas of Minot indicates possible use as land development for subdivision or uses other than agriculture. However, the expansion of Minot has virtually come to a halt and there is an overabundance of existing building sites. Based on these observations I conclude that the appraised property is at its highest and best use as agricultural land and more so as an extension of the research center.

Type of Appraisal Report:

SUMMARY APPRAISAL REPORT / COMPLETE APPRAISAL: This is a summary appraisal report which is intended to comply with the reporting requirements set forth under Standards Rule 2-2(b) of the Uniform Standards of Professional Practice for a summary appraisal report. As such, it presents only summary discussions of the data, reasoning, and analyses that were used in the appraisal process to develop the appraiser's opinion of value. Supporting documentation concerning the data, reasoning, and analyses is retained in the appraiser's file. The depth of discussion contained in this report is specific to the needs of the client and to the intended use stated below. The research and preparation of this report is as a complete appraisal without invoking the departure provision of USPAP. The appraiser is not responsible for unauthorized use of this report.

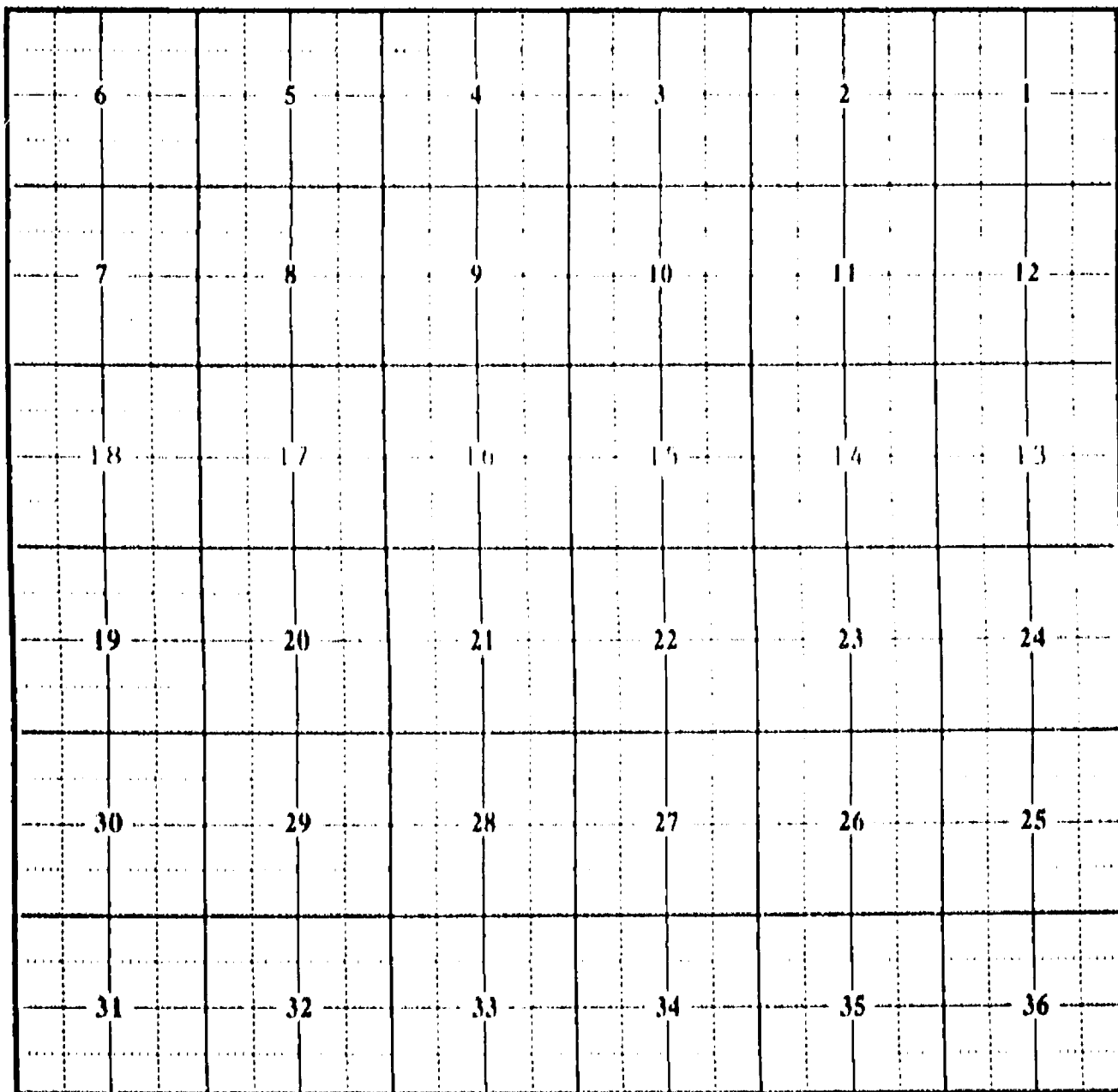
INTENDED USE OF REPORT: This appraisal report was prepared at the request of Mr. Jay Fisher, Director of North Central Research Extension Center.

As of the date of this appraisal, James Szymanski is licensed as a Certified General Real Property Appraiser in the State of North Dakota, Permit #CG1040ND.

I certify that I am fully qualified and competent by training, knowledge, and experience to perform this appraisal.

TOWNSHIP PLAT MAP FOR
North Central Reasearch Extension Center
(Name of Burrower)

T. 154 N R. 83 W Township of AFTON



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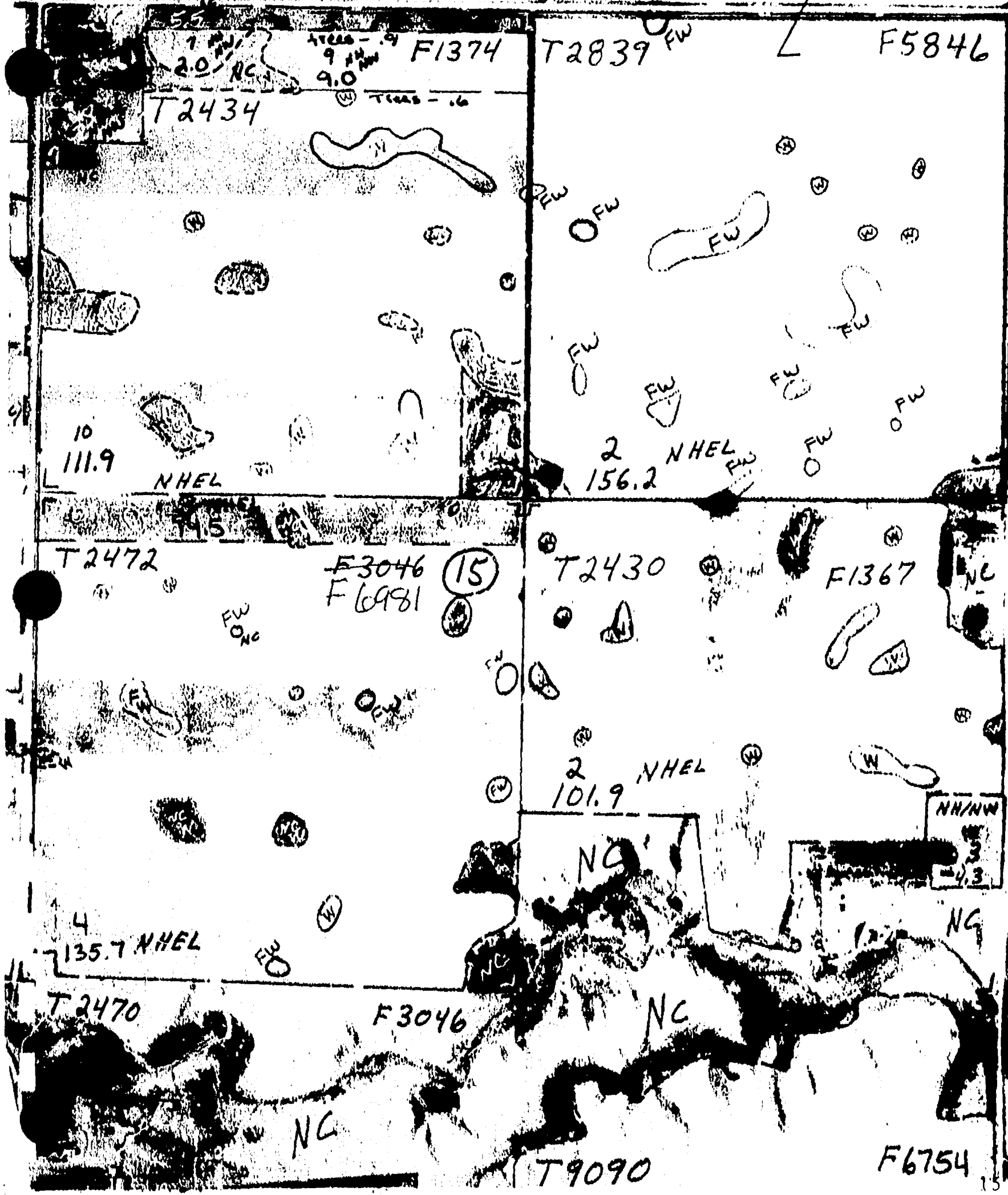
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SUBJECT: 363

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WARD 101
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154-83



Area Recent Sales After Appraisal Date
February 2001

Township 154 North, Range 85

Section 11: E $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

240 acres

230.9 tillable

\$189,000.00 purchase price

\$ 818.50 per tillable acre

Located 12 miles west of North Central Research Extension Center

Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$

160 acres

147.1 tillable

\$135,000.00 purchase price

\$ 918.00 per tillable acre

Located 11 miles west of North Central Research Extension Center

Both parcels were purchased by the current tenant at open auction attended by 20+ producers.



City of Mohall
Renville County, North Dakota
Box 476
Mohall, ND 58761

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Kenneth Shobe, City Co-ordinator

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LaVonne Erickson, II
Lance Romine, III
Dawn Larson, III

January 8, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

The North Central Research Station located in Minot has the opportunity to purchase a 1/2 section of farmland that is adjacent to their present facility.

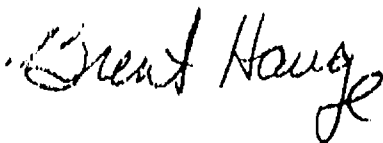
On behalf of the City of Mohall and the Mohall City Council we feel that this is a very important purchase for the experiment station.

It will allow them to expand their present acreage and the research that they are able to complete.

The research that the facility does is very important to our area and to the State of North Dakota.

Please support the purchase of this land.

Sincerely,



Brent Hauge, Mayor

TESTIMONY ON HB 1200
PREPARED BY
REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW KLEIN

GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN WANZEK AND ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. FOR THE RECORD I'M REPRESENTATIVE MATT KLEIN, REPRESENTING THE 40TH DISTRICT IN MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

THE BILL BEFORE YOU, HB 1200, IS ONE OF THOSE UNIQUE ONES THAT DOES NOT FIT INTO THE NORMAL OPERATING BUDGET. THIS IS A ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN OUR STATE. AGRICULTURE AND ITS ASSOCIATED AREAS MAKE UP ABOUT 50% OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IN NORTH DAKOTA. AGRICULTURE HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE BONANZA FARMS, OR THE SMALL FARM I GREW UP ON. TO MAINTAIN OUR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY WE MUST INVEST IN RESEARCH AND CHANGE AS OUR SOCIETY, CROPS, AND METHODOLOGIES CHANGE. THESE CHANGES CAN ONLY COME FROM OUR RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTERS. NEW DISEASES AND WEEDS CAN WREAK HAVOC WITH ESTABLISHED CROPS. THE

SOLUTIONS CAN ONLY BE FOUND THROUGH RESEARCH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CROPS.

AS TIME PASSES, THE CITY OF MINOT WILL EXPAND FURTHER TO THE SOUTH. THIS WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY WILL CLOSE AND THIS SPECIFIC LAND RIGHT ADJACENT TO EXISTING STATION LAND WILL BE BOUGHT BY DEVELOPERS, AND IT'S PRICE WILL QUADRUPLE.

IF WE ARE TO REMAIN A STATE WITH A VIABLE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, WE MUST INVEST IN THE FUTURE AND TAKE THIS LEAP OF FAITH FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S FUTURE.

THERE ARE OTHERS HERE TO ADDRESS THE MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS BILL AND THEY CAN READILY ANSWER QUESTIONS. SO I WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS BILL YOUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

Irrigation High Value Crops Initiative for the MonDak Region

BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF NEED

Almost unlimited potential exists to produce and process high value crops through development of center pivot irrigation systems in northwest North Dakota and northeast Montana. A group of producers, businessmen and economic development leaders are promoting several irrigation pipeline projects in our region involving thousands of acres to permit the production and processing of sugarbeets and potatoes in the MonDak region. These leaders are counting on the Agricultural Experiment Station to test and evaluate potatoes for adaptation to the MonDak region and to conduct irrigation crop rotation research under sprinkler irrigation to demonstrate the economic potential and feasibility of potato production and processing in our region and best irrigated cropping systems with sugarbeets and other crops.

The irrigated production and processing of potatoes along with the current sugarbeet expansion would promote the development and use of western North Dakota's and eastern Montana's water and agricultural land resources to improve the economy and population growth of our MonDak region. This area produces the highest yields and sugar quality in North Dakota (and Montana). Recent potato production under several center pivot low pressure irrigation systems in Nesson Valley has demonstrated that potato yields and quality are equal to or superior to potatoes produced in central and eastern North Dakota. In addition to sugarbeet expansion, considerable interest has been created for seed and market potato production under center pivot irrigation in these irrigation districts in our region in 2000.

There is a lot of area interest in agricultural diversification and processing through irrigation development. Before large-scale irrigation development occurs, the experiment station has been asked to direct research efforts to potato research and management to assist new growers to produce potatoes under center pivot sprinkler irrigation systems in the MonDak region and to conduct long-term irrigated crop rotation research. The Williston Research Extension Center in partnership with the Eastern Agricultural Research Center, the Sidney USDA-ARS Soil and Water Research Laboratory, and the NDSU Agricultural and Bioengineering Department are in position to evaluate potatoes produced in our area and to conduct overhead sprinkler irrigation research to demonstrate the potential of potatoes and the irrigation crop needs for this region. Potential irrigation projects in McKenzie and Williams Counties encompass thousands of acres and include the Nesson Flats Project Area, Carlson Project Area, Tobacco Garden Creek Project Area, Elk/Charbonneau Timber Creek Project Area, Painted Woods Project Area, Little Muddy Project Area, and Project Expansion of the Buford Trenton Project Area.

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February 8, 2001

Jerald Bergman, Ph.D.
NDSU Williston Research
Extension Center
14120 Hwy. 2
Williston, ND 58801

RE: Vance Land/Nesson Valley

Dear Jerry:


Per your request, I have looked at the appraisal prepared by Tim Kreft of Farm Credit Services. It appears that Mr. Kreft has valued the property "as is" in an agricultural value that would most likely identify a potential borrower or user of Farm Credit services.

In my opinion, the location of the land to Lake Sacajawea, Red Mike Golf Course, and the potential of recreational residences would enhance the final market of this property.

I think that if you were able to pick up this unit in the \$500.00 to \$600.00 per acre range you would be in an excellent position.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Roger M. Cymbaluk
BASIN BROKERS, INC.
RMC/lf



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February 7, 2001

Mr. Jerry Bergman
Williston Experiment Station
Highway #2 West
Williston, ND 58801

RE: Williams County Agricultural Appraisal – Wayne Vance Property

Dear Mr. Bergman,

In response to your request, I have completed an appraisal of approximately 157 acres of farm real estate located in Williams County, North Dakota. I have completed a Limited Appraisal with a Summary Report. The property is legally described as follows:

Township 154 North, Range 97 West

Section 13: NW¼ less 2-acre tract in NW¼NW¼NW¼ and
less 1-acre tract in SW¼SW¼NW¼

The purpose of this appraisal report is to estimate the market value of the fee simple estate of the surface rights only, excluding any mineral interest. The estimate of value is as of February 5, 2001. The date of inspection was also February 5, 2001. The total estimated market value of the subject property is:

\$61,000

Sixty-One Thousand Dollars

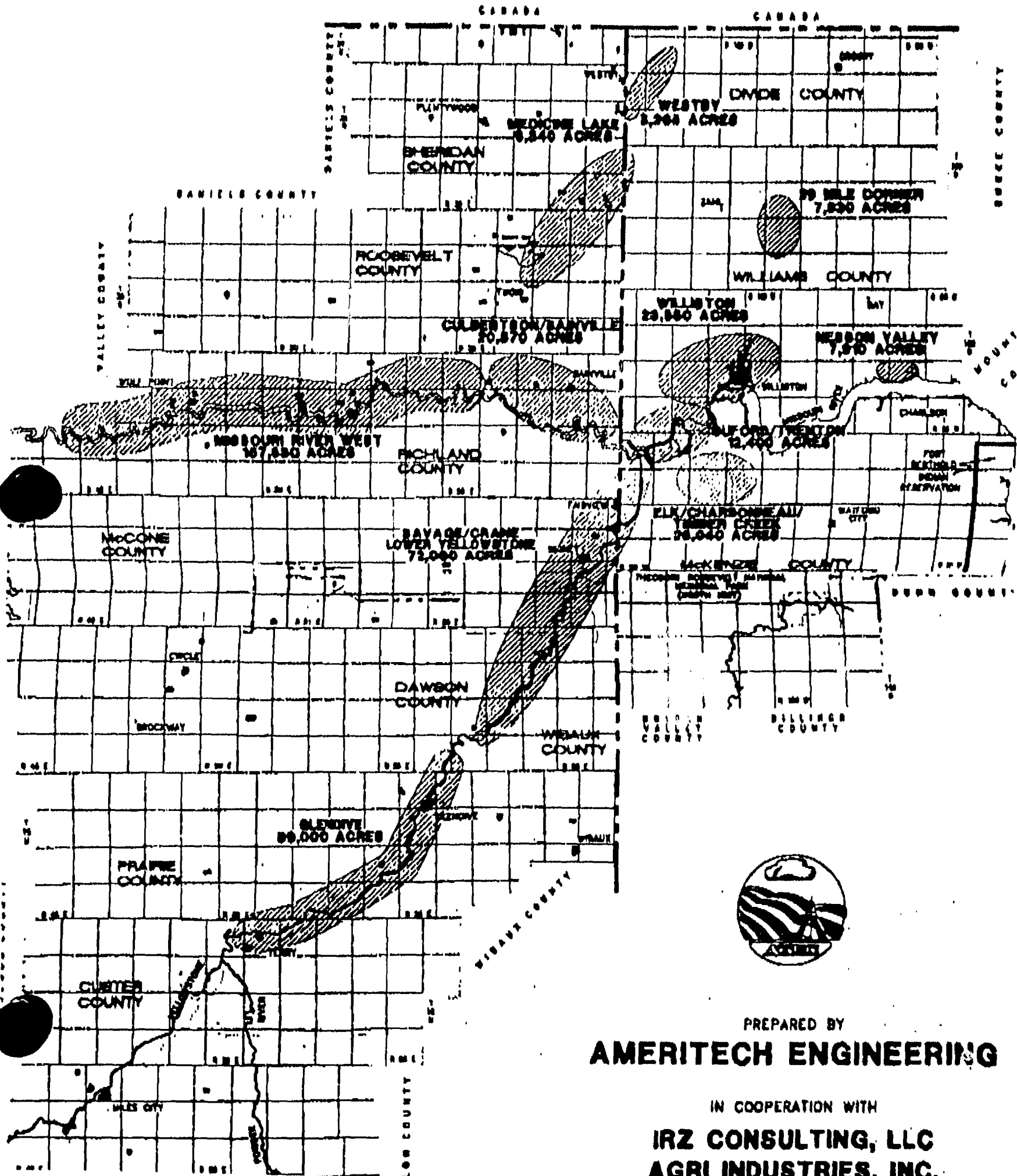
This letter of transmittal is not to be considered or utilized as a complete appraisal report. Please refer to the balance of this report for further information regarding the subject property. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

FARM CREDIT SERVICES
OF NORTH DAKOTA, ACA

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OVERVIEW OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL IRRIGATION IN THE MONDAK AREA



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Dear Members of the 57th Legislative Assembly;

I am writing to you on behalf of the Rugby Marketing Club, a group consisting of 15 area agricultural producers. We wish to voice our support in favor of HB 1200, a proposal to expand the land base at the North Central Research Extension Center near Minot.

The world of production agriculture continues to grow and diversify. The demand for new research has never been greater. The center continues to search for answers concerning disease, insects, weeds, gmo's and variety seed data. As research grows it infringes upon acreage which was once dedicated to expanding new varieties. Not since 1949 has the land base at the NCREC been expanded. An adequate land base is essential for the continued success of the NCREC. It has proven to provide invaluable information to the producers of North Dakota.

A vote in favor of HB 1200 will be funds well invested for the state of North Dakota.

Sincerely,
Rugby Marketing Club
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Senator Darlene Watne
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Dear Senator Watne:

I did not find any recent farm land sales south of Minot in Ward County on MMLS. One sale that comes to mind that has some relevance to the land near the ND Experiment Station was handled by our office and Broker's 12 in 1999. It is land west of the "Pour Farm" now owned by Leichty Mobile Homes. Leichty paid \$3638 per acre according to my calculation.

Wade Iverson, appraiser for Farm Credit Services, gave me three pending sales this morning. None have closed yet. They are:

One quarter 10 miles West of Experiment S. @ \$126,000

One quarter 10 miles West of Experiment S. @ \$135,000

One quarter 6 miles East of Experiment S. @ \$112,000

Any farmland near Minot will generally sell for more than its value as cropland. The closer to the City the greater the perceived value. Why? Because if Minot grows land nearby may someday be converted to housing or commercial use. The State of ND will not, in my opinion, be able to buy land abutting the Experiment Station at cropland price.

If you need information about the above mentioned pending sales contact Wade Iverson at Farm Credit 800-264-1265.

Sincerely,

Your husband (living on beans and soup) Clair Watne

HB 1200

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Jay Fisher, Director of the North Central Research Extension Center, and I regret not being here for this hearing on HB 1200. I am in Thailand as part of a National Extension Leadership Development program. This international study tour is the culmination of a 2 year program where Extension professionals from across the nation expand and enhance their leadership skills through a variety of educational opportunities and self study. I am comfortable with area legislators, State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, North Central Research Extension Center advisory board members and other constituents testimony and know they will present the needs of NCREC well.

I will return March 28 and will be available to answer any further questions from then on. Again, I offer my apology for any inconvenience this may cause. I encourage your financial support of HB 1200.

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TESTIMONY ON HB1200
MARCH 19, 2001
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS
SENATOR DAVE NETHING, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chairman & Committee Members:

For the record I am Karen Krebsbach, Senator District 40,
representing the east half of northwest Minot, Ruthville & the
east half of the Minot Air Force Base and the rural area between

I appear before you today in support of HB1200.

The North Central Research Extension Center has proven itself
to be of great service to the agricultural community in our
area and much of the surrounding area. Its future can benefit
greatly from HB1200.

The dollars being sought cannot be looked at as a one time
expense, but as a life-time investment. For this land will be
a life-time producer for the experiment center.

You will hear from others as to the exact utilization and need
for the adjoining property. I feel that we are fortunate
to have the opportunity to be bringing this request to the
state, as the owner could certainly be putting it up for bid
or utilizing another forms of disposal.

Interestingly enough, in 1945 Representative Brynhild Haugland
sponsored H. B. No. 66 that created the North Central Experiment

Station and Seed Farm to be located at or near Minot in Ward County. The bill provided that such station shall not be established until a suitable tract of land containing not less than four hundred and eighty acres shall have been donated to the State of North Dakota for such purpose by a proper deed of warranty. There was a \$40,000.00 appropriation for maintenance and support of the Station for that first biennium. What vision this Grand Lady Legislator had.

As I understand there were three quarters in this original site. There have been three directors at the Minot Station. I have had the privilege of knowing all of them. The first, in 1945, was Gust Geisler, followed by Ben Hoag, and currently Jay Fisher. All, being highly respected by the Ag Community and Business Community. It was in 1947, during Gust Geislars' directorship that three more quarters were added. One quarter in 1947, and two more quarters in 1949. This being the last land aquisition by the Station. It was very interesting to note how times have changed in how things were done then, as story goes that Mr. Geisler bought the land and sought approval after the fact.

We appreciate and thank you for your deliberate thought and consideration of this request.