

**HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVE DONALD LONGMUIR, CHAIR  
JANUARY 27, 2023**

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Dave Krabbenhoft, Director, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Testimony on House Bill 1433

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Chairman Longmuir and members of the Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Dave Krabbenhoft, and I am the Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR). I stand before you today to provide testimony in opposition to House Bill 1433.

House Bill 1433 Requirements:

- Sell Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) land
- Sell Youth Correctional Center and Heart River Correctional Center land
- Sell all other State land under the control of the DOCR located in Morton County
- Locate State owned land in Burleigh County to be used for the purpose of constructing new facilities to replace MRCC and YCC
- Possession of land remain with the DOCR until the new replacement facilities have been constructed
- Proceeds from the sale of the land are to be retained by the DOCR to be used for construction of the new replacement facilities.
- Use of low-cost steel as construction material in new facilities

Roughrider Industries a division of DOCR manages all land under control of DOCR (in excess of 3,000 acres in Burleigh County and Morton County)

- All land under control of DOCR currently leased
- Land lease income - \$242,000 / bien

- Sandbag operations - \$100,000 / bien
- Ag Research – USDA and Hettinger

MRCC Property – HCR #3002 – 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

- ND Parks and Recreation option to acquire

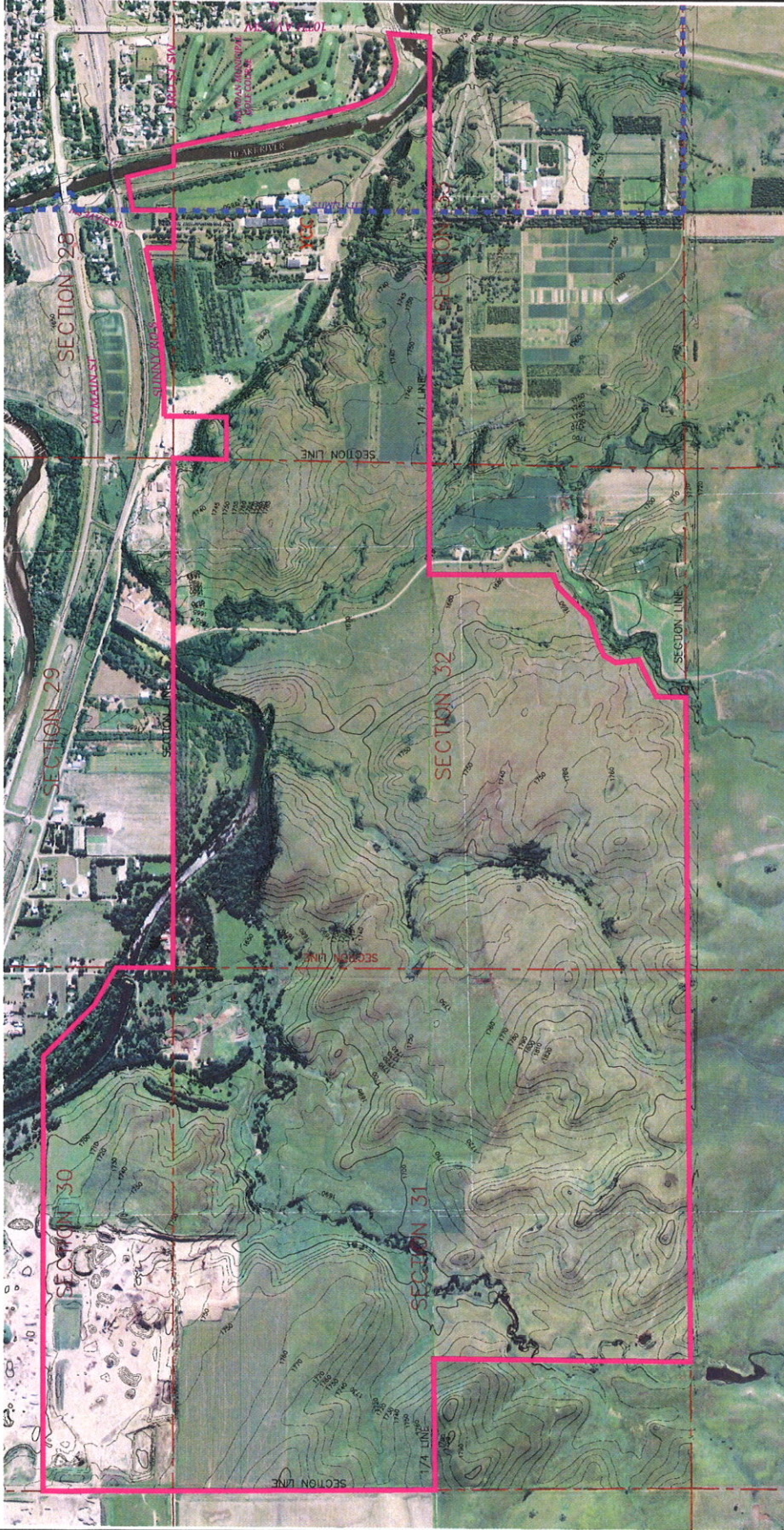
2019-21 Legislative Interim Study (Moss Report)

- Preferred location women’s facility
- Women relocate closer to Bismarck
- MRCC viable for another 10 years, or sell property
- YCC property is an asset with potential to be repurposed for a dual campus space (adults and youth)
- DWCRC repurpose from prison to community mission (residential treatment)

2021-23 Legislative Interim – Capital Planning (BWBR)

- Facilities concept study – Women’s, Men’s Minimum, Juvenile
- Women’s facility – HRCC / YCC campus in Mandan – \$161 million executive recommendation; 260 beds
- Juvenile facility – South of YCC campus – Bluff Site - \$119 million – NOT recommended in executive recommendation; 64 beds
- Men’s Minimum Facility – State Penitentiary Campus - \$307 million – NOT recommended in executive recommendation; 300 beds

# North Dakota Youth Correctional Center Boundary



- LEGEND**
- PROPERTY BOUNDARY
  - CITY LIMITS
  - SECTION LINE
  - QUARTER LINE
  - CONTOUR



**NORTH DAKOTA  
YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER**  
Section 33, T. 139N, R. 81W

PROJECT:

**SWENSON, HAGEN & COMPANY P.C.**  
500 East Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58104  
Phone (701) 228-2000  
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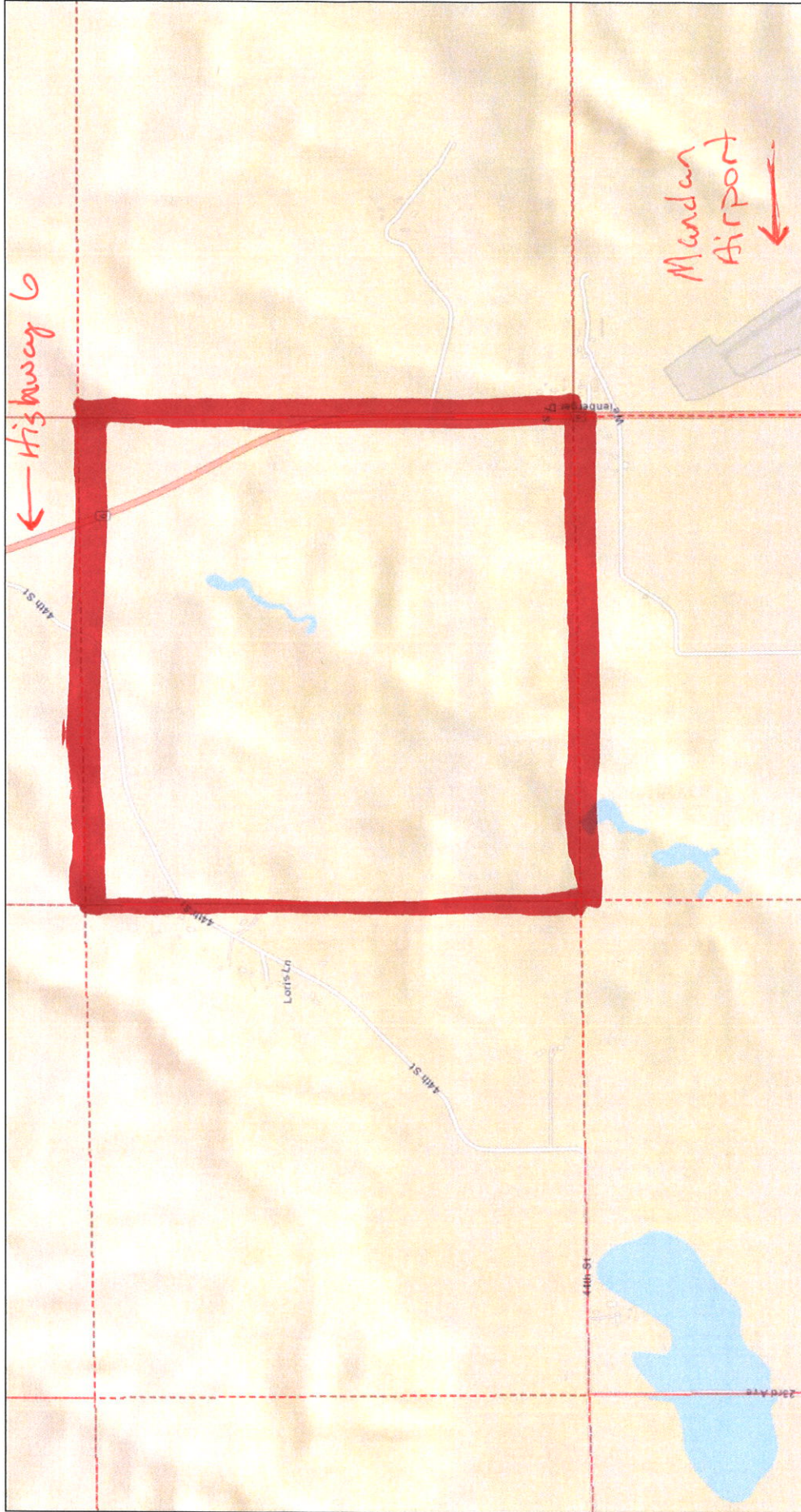
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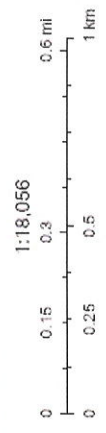
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**MRCC** Key

Perimeter

Section Line

Sand bagging Area



General Sibley  
Park and  
Campground

Missouri River

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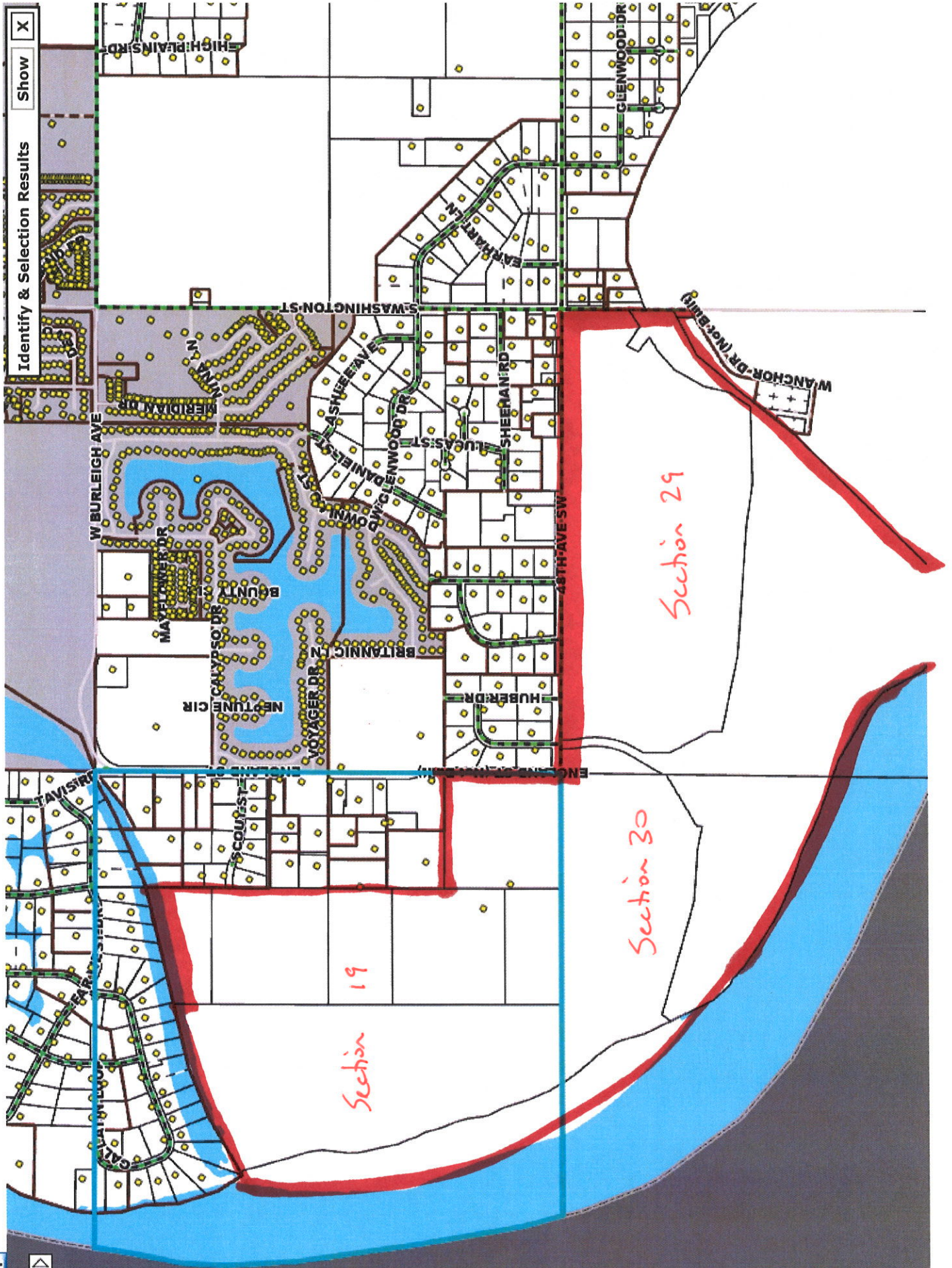
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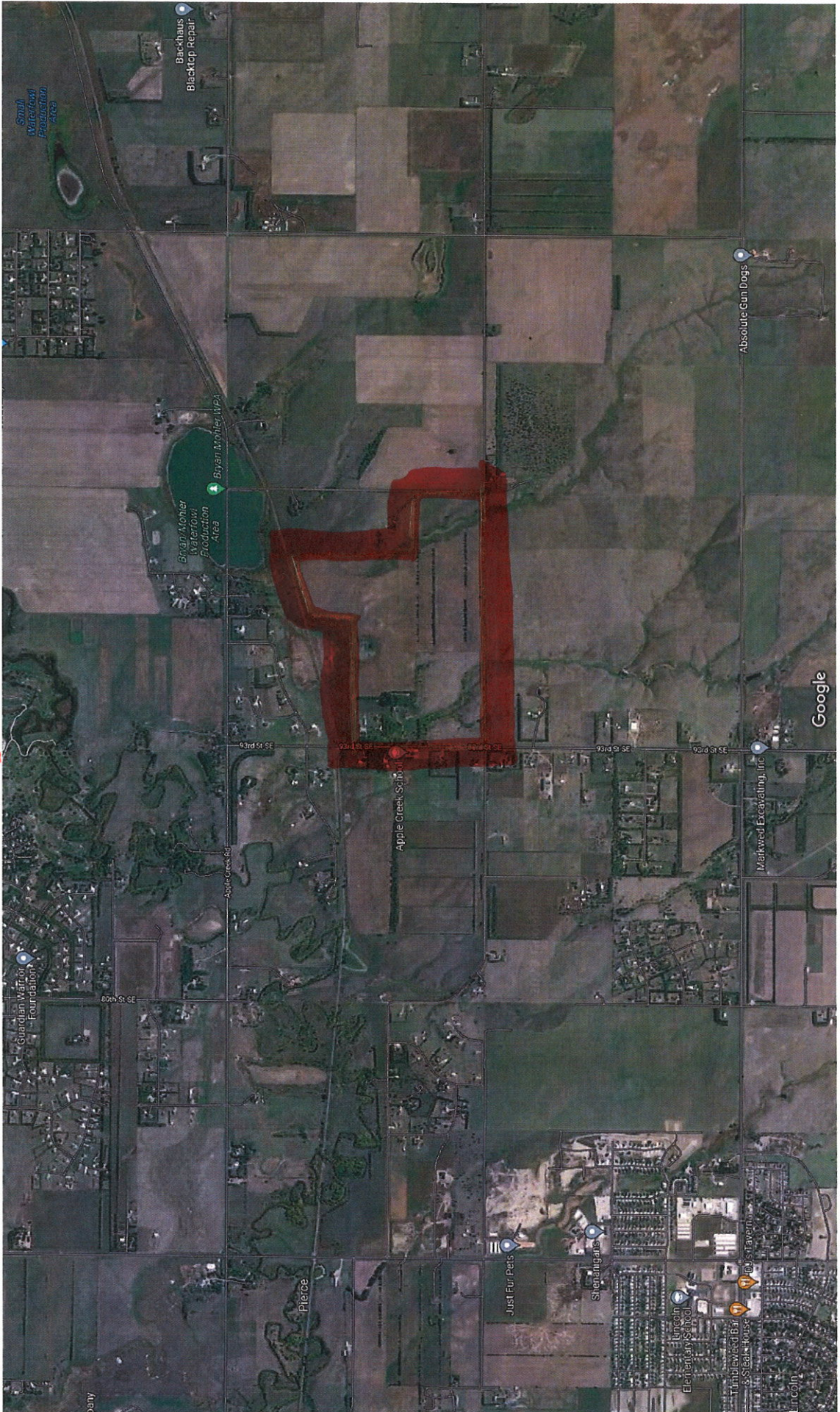
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**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002  
(Legislative Management)  
(Government Finance Committee)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the memorandum of understanding and option to acquire land entered by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, by and through the State Penitentiary and the Missouri River Correctional Center and the Parks and Recreation Department.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, by and through the State Penitentiary and the Missouri River Correctional Center, previously known as the North Dakota State Farm, is in continuous and open possession and custody of the real property owned by the State of North Dakota and located in the northwest quarter and northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, Burleigh County, described as part of Government lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the northwest quarter and northeast quarter of Section 29, and what is described as Auditor's Lot "A" in the plat recorded with the Burleigh County Recorder as Document No. 851887 and as Exhibit A to Document No. 851886; and that part of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, Burleigh County, and what is now described as Auditor's Lot "A" in the plat recorded with the Burleigh County Recorder as Document No. 851888 and as Exhibit B to Document No. 851886, but subject to any designated sovereign lands within the ordinary high water mark of the Missouri River in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 61-33-03; and

**WHEREAS**, the described property was originally managed and farmed by the State Penitentiary, which in 1941 became known as the North Dakota State Farm and is now known as the Missouri River Correctional Center, an affiliated facility of the State Penitentiary, which includes approximately 300 acres of irrigated crop land as authorized under Water Permit No. 939 issued by the state engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota State University used parts of the property described as Auditor's Lot "A" in Section 29 and Auditor's Lot "A" in Section 30, along with other property under the management of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, for agricultural research, including multispecies grazing research and the management of noxious weeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the custody of the property, Auditor's Lot "A" in Section 29 and Auditor's Lot "A" in Section 30, was transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2016, to develop into a state park; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department determined it was not in the position to develop the state property into a state park, but the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation had immediate management needs for return of the custody of the transferred land to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and in 2017, custody of the property was subsequently transferred to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri River Correctional Center includes a campus and adjacent property located in Section 19, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, Burleigh County; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2018, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Parks and Recreation Department, entered a memorandum of understanding and option to acquire land, providing if the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation determines to discontinue the operation of the Missouri River Correctional Center in Sections 19, 29, and 30 in Township 138 North, Range 80 West, Burleigh County, and to divest itself of custody of such state property, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation grants to the Parks and Recreation Department the option to acquire custody of the property, or a portion of the premises, subject to the approval of the Legislative Assembly, and the

ability, resources, and available appropriations of the Parks and Recreation Department to develop the property into a state park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

The Sixty-Seventh Legislative Assembly supports the memorandum of understanding and option to acquire land entered by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Parks and Recreation Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Parks and Recreation Department.

**MEMORANDUM  
AND  
OPTION TO ACQUIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, by and through the North Dakota State Penitentiary and the Missouri River Correctional Center, previously known as the North Dakota State Farm, is in continuous and open possession and custody of the real property owned by the State of North Dakota and located in the Northwest Quarter and Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Twp. 138 N, R. 80 W, Burleigh County, ND, described as part of Government lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, and what is described as Auditor's Lot "A" in the plat recorded with the Burleigh County Recorder as Doc. 851887 and as Exhibit A to Doc. No. 851886; and that part of the Northeast Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Twp. 138 N, R 80 W, Burleigh County, North Dakota, and what is now described as Auditor's Lot "A" in the plat recorded with the Burleigh County Recorder as Doc. No. 851888 and as Exhibit B to Doc. No. 851886 (the State Property), but subject to any designated sovereign lands within the ordinary high water mark of the Missouri River in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 61-33-03; and,

**WHEREAS**, the above described State Property was originally managed and farmed by the North Dakota State Penitentiary, and which in 1941 became known as the North Dakota State Farm, and is now known as the Missouri River Correctional Center, an affiliated facility of the North Dakota State Penitentiary, and which includes approximately 300 acres of irrigated crop land as authorized under Water Permit No. 939 issued by the State Engineer; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota State University utilized parts of the State Property described as Auditor's Lot A in Section 29 and Auditor's Lot A in Section 30, along with other property under the management of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, for agricultural research, including multi-species grazing research and the management of noxious weeds; and,

**WHEREAS**, The custody of the State Property, Auditor's Lot A in Section 29 and Auditor's Lot A in Section 30, was briefly transferred to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department in late 2016, a North Dakota state agency, to develop the State Property into a state park; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department determined it was not currently in the position to develop the State Property into a state park, but the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation had immediate management needs for return of the custody of the transferred land back to the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and, accordingly, in 2017, custody of the State Property was subsequently transferred back to the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri River Correctional Center also includes a campus and adjacent property located in Section 19, Twp. 138 N, R. 80 W, Burleigh County, North Dakota.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed by and between the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, that in the event the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation determines to discontinue the operation of the Missouri Correctional Center and management of all State real property that comprises the Missouri River Correctional Center in Sections 19, 29, and 30 in Township 138 North, Range 80 West, Burleigh County, North Dakota and to divest itself of custody of such State Property, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation grants to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department the option to acquire custody of such State Property, or a portion of the premises, contingent upon, and subject to, the approval of the Governor of North Dakota, and the ability, resources, and available appropriations of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department to develop the State Property into a state park.

The Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department cause this Memorandum and Option to Acquire to be duly executed.

North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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Leann K. Bertsch, Director

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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Melissa Baker, Director