

GAGE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Windstream JT#

823 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, NE 68310

Phone: 402-223-1395

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PERMIT NO. 1239

Application to Construct Utilities on County Right-of-Way

WO#71502217100000;PR-5865

Application is hereby made to the Gage County Highway Department by: Name: Melvin Fecher

Company Name: Windstream Nebraska, LLC Mailing Address: 4001 Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72212

TYPE OF UTILITY TO BE CONSTRUCTED: (circle one & elaborate on size & type)

- Water or Irrigation Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewer Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Electric Voltage: \_\_\_\_\_
- Natural Gas Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Communications

PROPOSED METHOD OF INSTALLATION: (circle one & elaborate on width, depth, size and type)

- Open Trench: Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuous Bore: Size: X Depth: 48"
- Encasement Pipe: Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Address & Phone Number of Contractor Performing the Work (if applicable):

Windstream Construction - Jacob McNealy, 1440 M St., Lincoln, NE - 402-890-7551

Encasements Requirements:

Method of Installation: Place new FDP in 21410 SW 89th Rd, Beatrice, NE. Bore from F890HF to 894HF. Customer to place new conduit from office to 894HF. Pull Tail from FDP to F890HF to splice.

Minimum Cover Provided in Road Ditches: 60"

I (We) agree to construct the Communications in accordance with the permit requirements and the provisions included as a part of this permit.

By: Melvin Fecher Phone: 501-748-0778

The above application is hereby approved, subject to the requirements and provisions of this permit.

Date: 3-28-22  
Mark Schultz  
Gage County Highway Superintendent

The above application is hereby approved, subject to the requirements and provisions of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Gage County Board of Supervisors

**GAGE COUNTY**  
**Utility Permit Request**

Windstream Nebraska, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "applicant" requests to construct Communications occupying the Right-of-Way of the Gage County Public Highway System at (legal description): 21410 Southwest 89th Road, Beatrice, NE

Applicant proposes to place and maintain the aforesaid construction on Gage County Public Right-of-Way at Applicant's risk and expense and hereby absolves Gage County, its officials and employees from any liability arising from the placing and maintaining of said construction. **See Insurance Clause**

The Applicant will cooperate fully with the officials of Gage County and will keep them fully and immediately informed of all construction or maintenance work required on Gage County Public Right-of-Way. The surface of the road will be restored to the same condition as it was prior to the work and such restoration will be accomplished to the reasonable satisfaction of the Gage County Officials.

Before any excavation is done on County Right-of-Way the permit Applicant or his representative must contact the Gage County Surveyor for location of buried government survey markers. If you disturb any of these markers you will be responsible for the cost of replacement. The County Surveyor's phone number is 402-239-7608; address is PO Box 713, Beatrice, NE 68310 and e-mail address [lst\\_inc@diodecom.net](mailto:lst_inc@diodecom.net)

Contact person prior to construction is the County Highway Superintendent; 823 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310, telephone number is 402-223-1395 or 402-223-7025 and e-mail address is [genjel@diodecom.net](mailto:genjel@diodecom.net) Each location to be inspected by Gage County when permit is submitted and upon project completion, at which later time any work or supply of gravel reasonable required to restore the surface of the road or work to restore the County Right-of-Way to the same condition as it was prior to the work will be determined and the work performed and gravel supplied by the Applicant or Contractor doing the work on behalf of the Applicant.

A Permit Request Form with a drawing showing the following information will be delivered to the Highway Superintendent.

1. Exact location noted
2. Method of installation
3. Location of barricades and road closed signs (which will be furnished by Applicant or Contractor)
4. Expected date of installation

Backfill for trench cuts and farm field entrances shall be placed in successive horizontal layers not exceeding 6 inches before compaction. Each layer shall be compacted to not less than 85% of the maximum density determined by established procedures.

Backfill for trench cuts of private farm drives and County Roads shall be as above but shall be compacted to not less than 95% of the maximum density determined by established procedures. All construction materials including excess backfill shall be removed and disposed of by the Applicant or his Contractor.

In the event the County improves said roadway at some future date, the Windstream Nebraska, LLC will be responsible for any required waterline, power lines, gas lines, and pole adjustment at no expense to the County.

The Applicant or his Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any damage or loss arising or occurring to such property or persons by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or removal of said

The cover over the waterline, power line, gas line will be a minimum of 5 feet except near the crests of hills. Within 250 feet in either direction from the crest of any hill, the cover over the waterline, power line, and gas line will be a minimum of 7½ feet.

## INSURANCE CLAUSE

1. The Applicant or his Contractor shall maintain during the life of this permit, Public Liability Insurance, naming and protecting him and Gage County against claims for damages resulting from bodily injury, including wrongful death and property damage which may arise from operations authorized by this permit. The minimum acceptable limits of liability to be provided by such insurance shall be as follows:

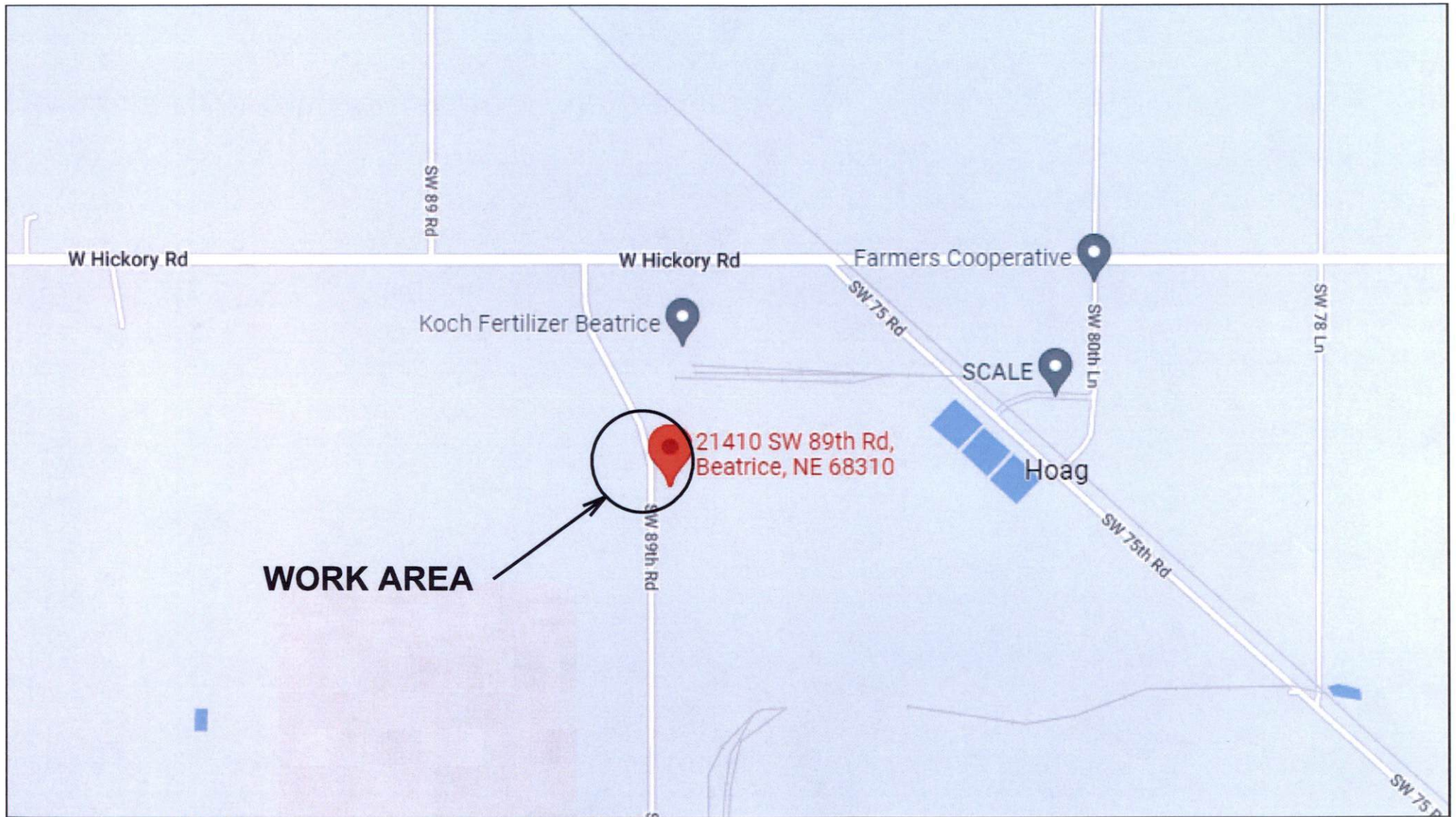
Combined Bodily Injury	\$300,000 Each Occurrence
Property Damage Limits	\$300,000 Aggregate

If the contract requires any work procedures involving blasting, excavating, tunneling or other underground work, the liability coverage shall include Standard Blasting or Explosion Coverage, Standard Collapse Coverage and Standard Underground Coverage's commonly referred to as XCU Property Damage Liability.

The Applicant shall furnish the Gage County Highway Department, 823 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, with a Certificate Insurance evidencing coverage as required above. Such certificate shall specifically state that the insurance company shall give the Gage County Highway Department at least Thirty (30) days' written notice in the event of cancellation of any material change in any of the policies.

2. The Applicant or his Contractor shall contact the local utility companies and request location of any buried utilities. Damage to any utilities either on County Right-of-Way or adjacent to County Right-of-Way shall be repaired at the expense of the Applicant or his Contractor.
3. The Applicant or his Contractor shall carefully backfill the trench and restore the roadway nearly as possible to its original condition and free of any objectionable bumps. All construction materials including excess backfill shall be removed and disposed of by the Applicant or his Contractor.
4. Future road construction work could necessitate relocation of utilities. Those utility relocation costs shall be borne by the utility owner.
5. The Applicant or his Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any damage or loss arising or occurring to such property or persons by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or removal of said communications line.

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FTBB: N/A	<b>Job Description:</b> Fiber Service to 21410 SW 89th Road, Beatrice, NE
AWGF: N/A	
Geo Block: NEBTRC	<b>Project Manager:</b> Jake McNealy
Tax District: 0040	<b>Operations Manager:</b>
<b>Requested By:</b> Customer	

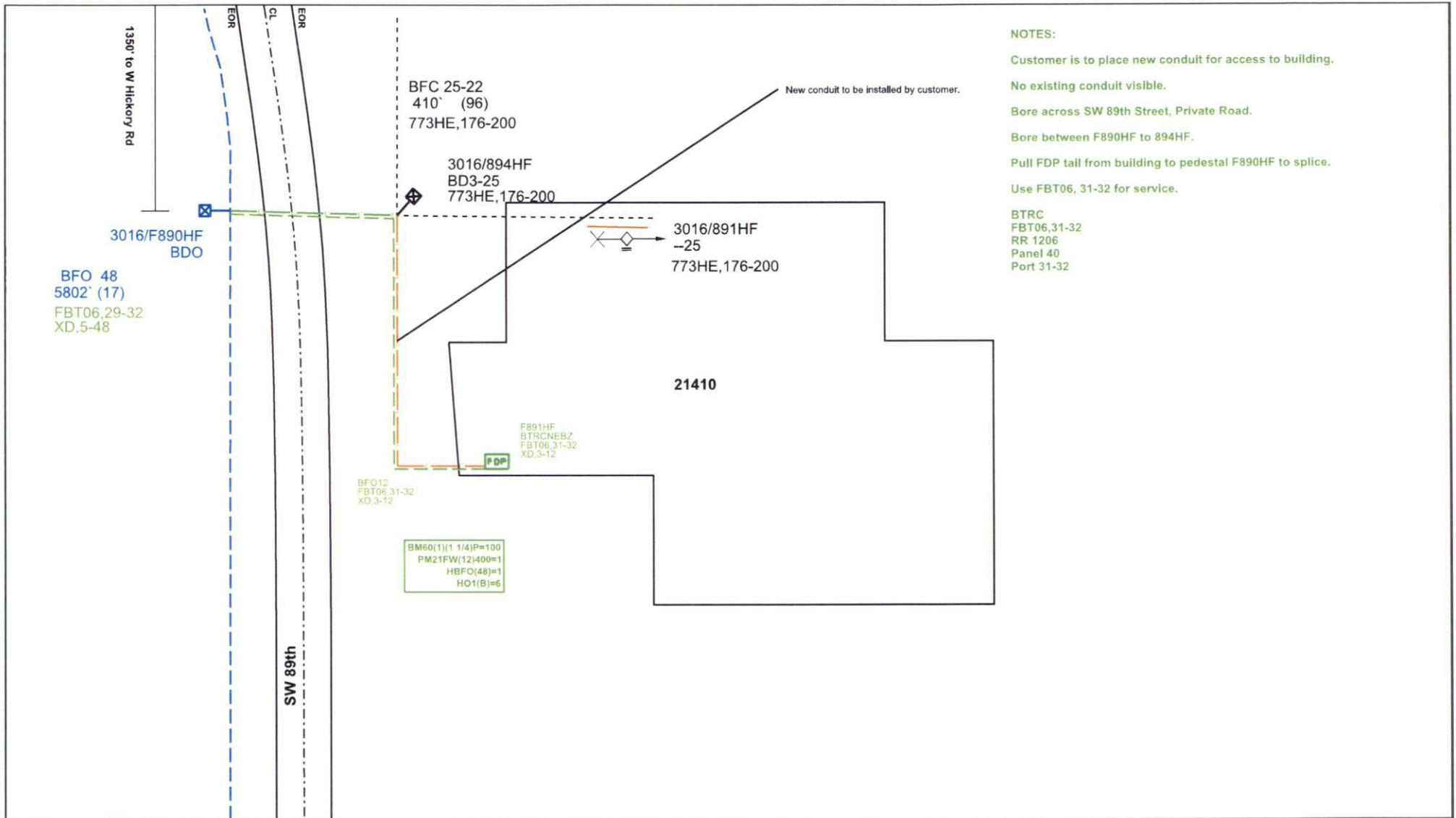
<b>Customer/Other Contacts:</b> MIKE TRIANO (908) 617-4702
<b>Circuit ID:</b> IP/L2XX/264980/ WINW/

<b>Work Order #:</b> 71502217100000
<b>Date:</b> 3/24/2022
<b>Engineer:</b> Jake McNealy <b>Phone No:</b> 402-890-7551

<b>Exchange:</b> BTRC <b>District:</b> NE-1 Nebraska
<b>Revision #:</b> N/A
<b>Revision Date:</b> N/A Sheet 1 Of 4

<b>Cut Sheet Req:</b> N
<b>Permit Req:</b> N
<b>MOP Req:</b> Y
<b>Joint Work Req:</b> N





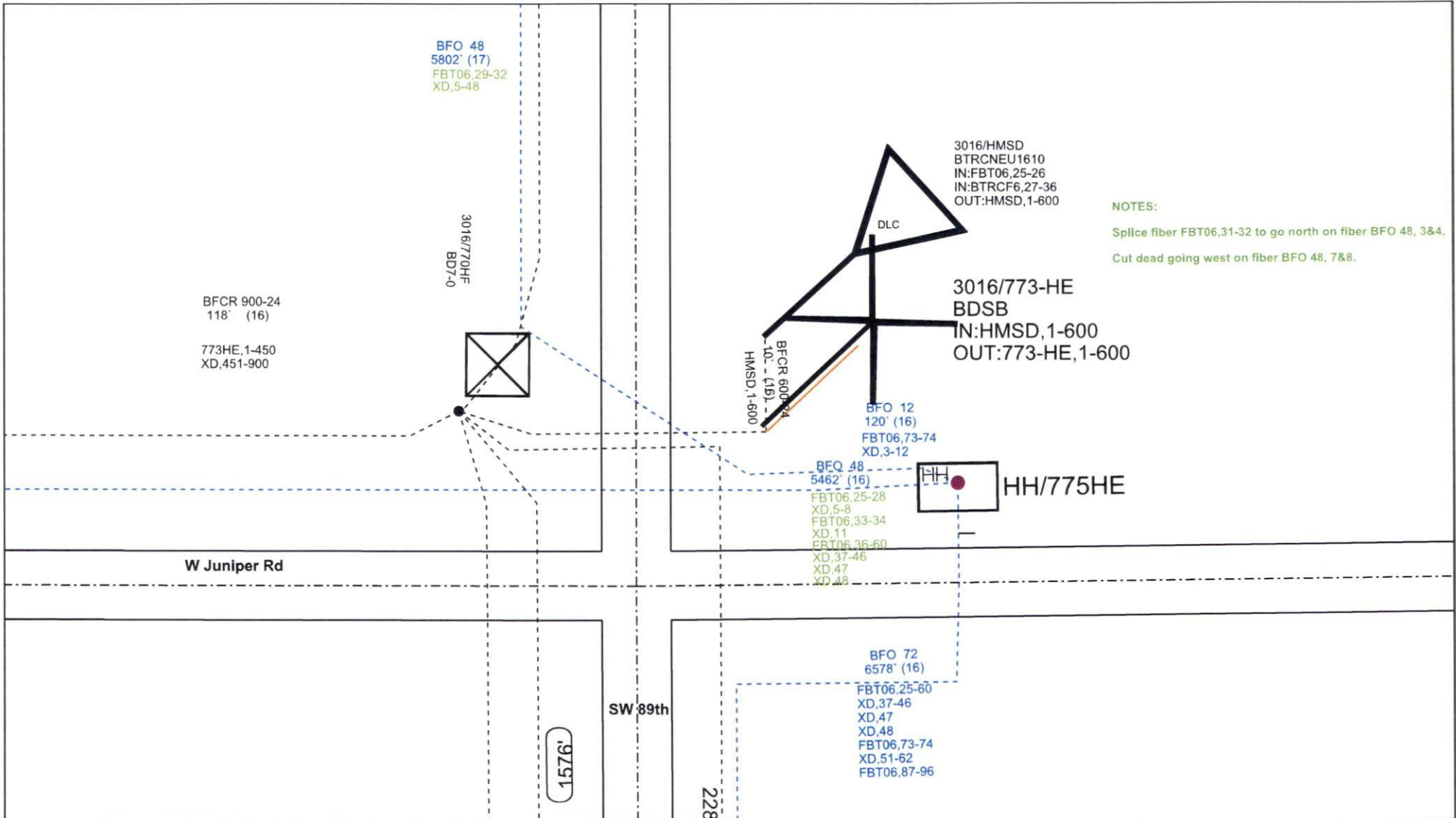
**NOTES:**

- Customer is to place new conduit for access to building.
- No existing conduit visible.
- Bore across SW 89th Street, Private Road.
- Bore between F890HF to 894HF.
- Pull FDP tail from building to pedestal F890HF to splice.
- Use FBT06, 31-32 for service.

BTRC  
 FBT06,31-32  
 RR 1206  
 Panel 40  
 Port 31-32

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**NOTES:**  
Splice fiber FBT06,31-32 to go north on fiber BFO 48, 3&4.  
Cut dead going west on fiber BFO 48, 7&8.

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Pedestal F890HF



Pedestal 894HF



North to 894HF



East to office



Mount FDP in office.

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# GAGE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

823 S. 8<sup>TH</sup> St., Beatrice, Nebraska  
Telephone: 402-223-1395 Fax: 402-223-1351

PERMIT NO. 1240

## Application to Construct Utilities on County Right-of-Way

Application is hereby made to the Gage County Highway Department by: SCOTT GOSSETT

Company Name: Sun Pro Mailing Address: 11710 Stone Cir, Omaha NE 68164

### TYPE OF UTILITY TO BE CONSTRUCTED: (circle one & elaborate on size & type)

Water or Irrigation Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Sewer Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Voltage: X \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Gas Pipe Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: STATE ELECTRICAL PERMIT 2120288

### PROPOSED METHOD OF INSTALLATION: (circle one & elaborate on width, depth, size and type)

Open Trench: Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_

Continuous Bore: Size: x Depth: 60"

Encasement Pipe: Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

### Name, Address & Phone Number of Contractor Performing the Work (if applicable):

3691 Dogwood Road, Pickrell NE 68422

Encasements Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Installation: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Cover Provided in Road Ditches: 60"

I (We) agree to construct the NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE in accordance with the permit requirements and the provisions included as a part of this permit.

By:  Phone #: 402-830-3661

The above application is hereby approved, subject to the requirements and provisions of this permit.

Date: 3-28-22

  
Gage County Highway Superintendent

The above application is hereby approved, subject to the requirements and provisions of this permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Gage County Board of Supervisors



**GAGE COUNTY**  
**Utility Permit Request**

Sun Pro Solar, hereinafter referred to as "applicant" requests to construct ELECTRICAL SERVICE occupying the Right-of-Way of the Gage County Public Highway System at (legal description) - Northeast quarter of section 31, Northwest quarter of section 32, T-5-N R-7E, Hanover Township

Applicant proposes to place and maintain the aforesaid construction on Gage County Public Right-of-Way at Applicant's risk and expense and hereby absolves Gage County, its officials and employees from any liability arising from the placing and maintaining of said construction. **See Insurance Clause**

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In the event the County improves said roadway at some future date, the SUNPRO will be responsible for any required waterline, power lines, gas lines, and pole adjustment at no expense to the County.

The Applicant or his Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any damage or loss arising or occurring to such property or persons by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or removal of said.

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ELECTRICAL SERVICE

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GAGE COUNTY CLERK

BY:

DUSTIN A. GARRISON

GARRISON LAW FIRM

April 1, 2022

Ms. Dawn Hill, Clerk  
Gage County, Nebraska  
612 Grant St.  
Beatrice, Nebraska 68310

Gage County Board of Supervisors  
612 Grant St.  
Beatrice, NE 68310

RE: *Tort claim against Gage County Attorney Roger L. Harris*

To whom it may concern:

**NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM**

This claim is filed pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act.

On or about April 6, 2021, Ms. Brooke Koch was savagely murdered by her estranged partner, Jason Arnold, in rural Gage County, Nebraska. Mr. Arnold had a history of threatening Ms. Koch with violence. Indeed, he had previously been charged with criminal offenses by the Gage County Attorney, Roger Harris; he was ultimately permitted to enroll in diversion for said offenses.

After being permitted to enroll in diversion for his first round of criminal offenses, Mr. Arnold again victimized Ms. Koch. He was again charged with criminal offenses. Mr. Arnold was arrested and his bond was established at \$50,000.00, with 10 % permitted for release. His mother expeditiously posted that amount, and Mr. Arnold was released.

Because of his new charges, Mr. Arnold was terminated from diversion. Despite his termination from diversion unsuccessfully, however, Gage County Attorney Roger Harris never refiled the charges against Mr. Arnold for which he was originally permitted to enroll in diversion. Apparently, Harris simply gave him a "pass" on those charges. Indeed, had Harris refiled those charges against Mr. Arnold, Mr. Arnold's bond would have been set at an extremely high amount, making it difficult – if not impossible – for Mr. Arnold to post. It would have been nearly impossible for Mr. Arnold to murder Brooke under these circumstances.

819 N. 6TH ST.  
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(402) 223-4900  
EMILY E. THORNBURG  
OFFICE MANAGER

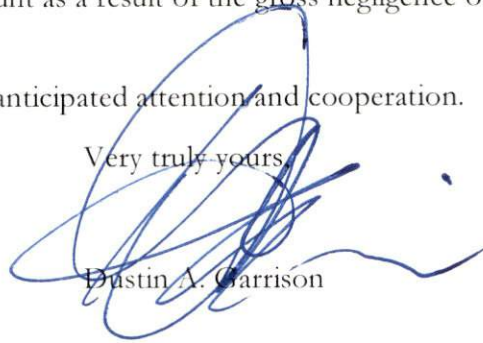
*Ms. Dawn Hill/Gage County Board of Supervisors*  
*Page Two*

*April 1, 2022*

The family of Brooke Koch now seeks the sum of \$25,000,000 against Gage County, Nebraska, as a result of the gross negligence of Roger Harris in failing to refile the charges against Jason Arnold. The family hereby makes claim against Gage County, Nebraska, the Gage County Attorney, and Roger Harris in this amount as a result of the gross negligence of Roger Harris for the conduct recited above.

Thank you very much for your anticipated attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dustin A. Garrison", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible due to the cursive and overlapping lines.

Dustin A. Garrison



Office of  
Emergency Management and  
Gage County Planning & Zoning

612 Grant Street | Box 661 | Beatrice NE 68310 | Phone: 402-223-1305 | Cell: 402-223-7031 | Fax: 402-223-1368 | Email: gagecoema@diodecom.net

**Date:** 4-6-2022                      **Hearing 9:14 AM**

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**RE: Special Use Permit 2022-1: Sunny Yolk Farms Taylor Tekolste & Rodney Tekolste Adams NE  
Expansion of Existing Poultry Laying Operation changing AU Setbacks to 1 mile**

**Location:** 11752 S 134th Road, Hooker, Section 16; (Filley/Adams Blacktop; just south of Cherry; east side)

**Project:** Expansion of Operation to Facility E Classification (5,000 to 10,000 AU) which requires a setback of 1 mile  
Plan to construct Building # 4 – North of Existing 3 barns

**Review:**

- A) 22 Landowners were identified within 1 mile of project area. Landowners were notified of both hearing dates.  
Zoning Commission Hearing - 3/8/2022; Gage County Board of Supervisors - 4/6/2022
- B) Application and support documents presented by Sunny Yolk Farms include: Application; Gage County Regulations applicable; Proposed Building Plan; Site Review: Manure Management Plan; NDEE Permit of Operations; NDEE CFO Inspection and Permit; 2021 Annual Report; Gage County Highway Dept Review; Land Survey Tech Exhibit showing distances from residences; Setback Waiver Agreements; and Site Map.
- C) No opposition presented at the Zoning hearing; Support included AFAN, NE Dept of Agriculture; and support of the expansion from a Landowner who signed a waiver agreement.
- D) Zoning office received 3 calls from Landowners, prior to Commission's hearing and Sunny Yolk Farms has been in contact with them.
- E) Mark Kuhnke, Gage County Road Superintendent has reviewed the site plan with Taylor Tekolste which includes road entrances and traffic safety concerns. Please note his report enclosed and plans to add additional signage.
- F) Commission was in full support of this project, thanking Taylor Tekolste for the excellent job in presenting the expansion project in detail and for being transparent in their operation's practices.

**Zoning Commission Recommendation on March 8, 2022.**

**Gage County Zoning Commission recommends approval to Board of Supervisors; For 7 Against 0**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lisa Wiegand*

**Lisa Wiegand  
Zoning Administrator**



STATE OF NEBRASKA

Pete Ricketts
Governor

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Hobert B. Rupe
Executive Director
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 95046
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509-5046
Phone (402) 471-2571
Fax (402) 471-2814 or (402) 471-2374
TRS USER 800-833-7352 (TTY)
Web Address https://www.lcc.nebraska.gov

Today's Date: March 24, 2022
From: Rebecca Roberts (rebecca.roberts@nebraska.gov)
To: Gage County Clerk

I have attached a copy of a new corporate manager application submitted to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Please complete the following information below to indicate your recommendation.

Licensee Name: Gage County AG Society
Trade Name (DBA): Gage County AG Society
License Number: IK-097848
Manager Name: Esau, Donald E
Due Date: May 9, 2022

- APPROVED
NO LOCAL RECOMMENDATION
DENIED

COMMENTS: (YOU MAY ATTACH MINUTES AND/OR ADDITIONAL NOTES)

Multiple horizontal lines for entering comments.

Clerk's Name: Date:

Kim Lowe
Commissioner

Bruce Bailey
Chairman

Harry Hoch
Commissioner

1. **Project Name:** Beatrice Leadership Bike Trail Enhancement Project
2. **Sponsor:** Stake Your Claim
3. **Federal ID Number:** 81-1819075
4. **Contact Person:** Kristin Jensen
5. **Title:** Gage County Tourism Coordinator
6. **Address:** 218 N 5th St.
7. **Phone:** (402) 223-2338
8. **Fax:** N/A
9. **Email:** kjensen@beatricechamber.com
10. **City:** Beatrice
11. **State:** NE
12. **Zip:** 68310
13. **Proof of non-profit or public entity status:** Attached
14. **Other agencies or groups co-sponsoring or funding the project. Please include a memorandum of understanding from each:** There are no other groups sponsoring this project.
15. **Is this grant going to be used as matching money for another grant? Please list:**  
Beatrice Plus Grant - \$5,000
16. **Date Project is expected to begin:** March 2022
17. **Date Project is expected to be completed:** May 2022
18. **Total amount requested:** \$10,671
19. **Total project costs:** \$21,342
20. **Project Narrative. Please describe the project, its purpose, and the anticipated outcome.**

Overall, the Bike Trail Enhancement Project aims to enhance the city of Beatrice's robust trail system with the installation of eight bike repair stations along with trail signage including trail maps. The bike repair stations each include an air pump and multiple tools on cables that can be used to make basic repairs to bicycles such as changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. Currently, there are no bike repair stations within city limits.

In addition to the bike repair stations, we would like to add additional 3x6ft "Welcome To Beatrice Trails" sign with donor recognition for the project. We would also like to include a map of the trails on the back of the sign. Maps are used by trail users to plan routes, estimate travel times, and track their progress. There is a current need for a map, especially for out of town visitors, and we would like to solve that issue.

**21. How will this project contribute to the current tourism inventory?**

The Beatrice Trail System is a popular tourist attraction for out-of-town visitors. The addition of bike repair stations provides cyclists a way to repair their bicycles away from home. This is crucial for overnight visitors, making our trail system with repairs stations installed a more realistic and safe option for travelers. Signage and trail maps are both additions that make the trails easier to utilize if you are not familiar with current routes. For visitors, being familiar with the trails is important for safety reasons. This would be a solution to the current lack thereof. Increased visitation to the area also increases sales at local restaurants, hotels, and shops. This would be a positive for not just Gage County Tourism, but the local business community as well.

**22. Who is the target market for this project?**

There is a multigenerational market of visitors for this project as trails users are various ages. The trail is used for multiple events throughout the year, making visitors, bicyclists, and runners the target market for this project.

**23. Current annual visitation. \***

While there is no way to gather an accurate number of annual visitors, the trail system is utilized for multiple biking and running events throughout the year. Including the Golden ride that has an anticipated 350-500 participants in 2022.

**24. Projected annual visitation.**

\*See question 23.

**25. How will this project attract new visitors to Gage County?**

By installing bike repair stations along the trail, we are creating a more desirable destination for travelers. The map system and bike repair stations will greatly enhance the rider experience on the trail system.

**26. Will this grant create new jobs in Gage County? If so, what type of jobs?**

While this grant will not directly create new jobs in Gage County, it will utilize the current workforce of the City of Beatrice who has agreed to maintain the repair stations and signage.

**27. Budget. Please provide total project costs, not just the items this grant will fund.**

Attached.

**28. Project timeline.**

The goal is to begin installation in March 2022 and complete installation by May 2022. Timeline attached.



**29. Include a Marketing Plan for the first 12 months following project completion.**

We plan to hold a ribbon cutting with the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce at one of the trail heads at the completion of the project. Gage County Tourism will provide photography as well as promotion for this project and improvements.

**30. Include letters of support.**

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JAN 19 2018

STAKE YOUR CLAIM FOUNDATION INC  
609 ELK ST  
BEATRICE, NE 68310-0000

Employer Identification Number:  
81-1819075  
DLN:  
26053755002257  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
March 15, 2016  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

JAN 29 2018

Letter 947

**Item Vendor Cost Quantity Total Comment**

Item	Vendor	Cost	Quantity	Total	Comment
Map Trail Signs	TBD	\$200	15	\$3,000	Estimate from Beatrice on The Move Coalition
Map Sign Post	TBD	\$22	15	\$330	Stated from Mark Pethoud - City of Beatrice Public Properties Director
Map Sign Hardware	Ace	\$5	15	\$75	Estimate from Beatrice on The Move Coalition
Labor to Install Map Signs	Class	\$0	15	\$0	Class Will Instal
Design of Map Sign	TBD	\$500	1	\$500	Estimate from Sydney Saathoff
Repair Station w/ Air Pump	Dero	\$1,500	7	\$10,500	Quote from Dero
Labor to Install Stations	Class	\$0	7	\$0	Class will install
Concrete for Slabs for Stations	Beatrice Concrete	\$75	5	\$375	1/2 year per slab, 5 slabs, (end of trail doesn't need it, neither does riverside)
Labor to Frame/Pour Concrete	Tiemann Construction	\$1,000	1	\$1,000	Erich T. confirmed they would be willing to support this and will work with us in the spring.
Large Welcome Sign Frame	Precise Fab	\$3,000	1	\$3,000	Similar samples were priced at this rate
Labor to Install Welcome Sign	Class	\$0	1	\$0	Class will install
Large Welcome Sign Decal	Extreme Motorsports	\$500	1	\$500	Two 3x6 decals and design time
Concrete for Welcome Sign	Beatrice Concrete	\$150	1	\$150	one yard will do it
Hold Harmless Agreement	Lepant Law Office	\$300	1	\$300	Being donated
			<b>Total</b>	<b>19730</b>	

# Proposed Timeline

**Present Finalized Proposal**

**Confirm Final Products & Line-Up Completion Dates**

**December 2021**

**February 2022**

**March 2022**

**April 2022**

**Signs Designed and Locations Confirmed**

**Project Completion**



PO BOX 183  
Beatrice NE 68310  
<https://sites.google.com/view/csbtrail/home>

To whom it may concern:

As past president of the Homestead Conservation and Trails Association (HCTA) and of the Big Blue Cycling Club (BBBC), I have seen firsthand the benefits of trail improvement in the Beatrice and Gage County areas.

The Beatrice Leadership 2021/2022 team is taking on a project that has been talked about and reviewed for a number of years. I'm so glad action is being taken to install the maps along the trail as well as bike repair stations. We hear from quite a few trail users that it is hard to navigate their way from The Homestead Trail to the Chief Standing Bear Trail. The maps will incorporate a nice way for out of town visitors to explore our trail system as well as the City of Beatrice.

Chief Standing Bear Trail is adding bike repair stations with the help of a private donor. One has been installed at the Blue Springs Trailhead and the 2nd will be installed this spring at the Holmesville Trailhead. Plans are in the process to install a 3rd bike repair station at the Barneston Trailhead. These repair stations are a great aid to cyclists on the more remote areas of the trail.

With the completion of the trail system connecting the Homestead Trail to the Chief Standing Bear Trail, cyclists are able to ride the trail system from Lincoln all the way to Marysville, KS. The trail transitions from the Homestead to the Chief Standing Bear trail in Beatrice. The Map system and bike repair stations will greatly enhance the rider experience on the trail system.

HCTA and BBBC have hosted numerous events on the trail system that draws a number of out of town guests. Word of mouth spreads and guests usually make their way back to our area to explore more of the trail systems.

I applaud the Beatrice Leadership Team 2021/2022 in this great endeavor to enhance and promote physical activity in our beautiful outdoors.

Sincerely

Colleen Schoneweis  
Past President HCTA



February 7, 2022

Gage County Tourism – Visitor Improvement Fund Grant  
218 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Beatrice, NE 68310

Visitor Improvement Fund Committee Members,

On behalf of Main Street Beatrice, we are writing in support of the grant application from the Beatrice Leadership Class. The Leadership Beatrice classes provide a great opportunity for the community and the class participants alike. Their proposed project tackles a project that has been discussed for a few years and has been requested by residents and tourists alike. We are excited to see this project considered; as our trails have seen success in attracting visitors. This past year we were able to track over 500 bicyclists from out of town and we know that those are only from groups that notified us. Local businesses have reported patrons from out of town on a weekly basis, especially during the summer. As part of a regional trail network, many riders are looking for amenities such as food, drink, lodging, and repair facilities.

These past two years have shown the importance of outdoor recreation. The pandemic has fueled an already growing demand on our recreational facilities and Beatrice has become a destination point with both the Homestead Trail, Chief Standing Bear Trail, and inner-City Trails being available. Going forward Beatrice should continue to be a destination and a place for large bicycle events. The proposed improvements in this grant application will be a helpful piece of making Beatrice a welcoming community.

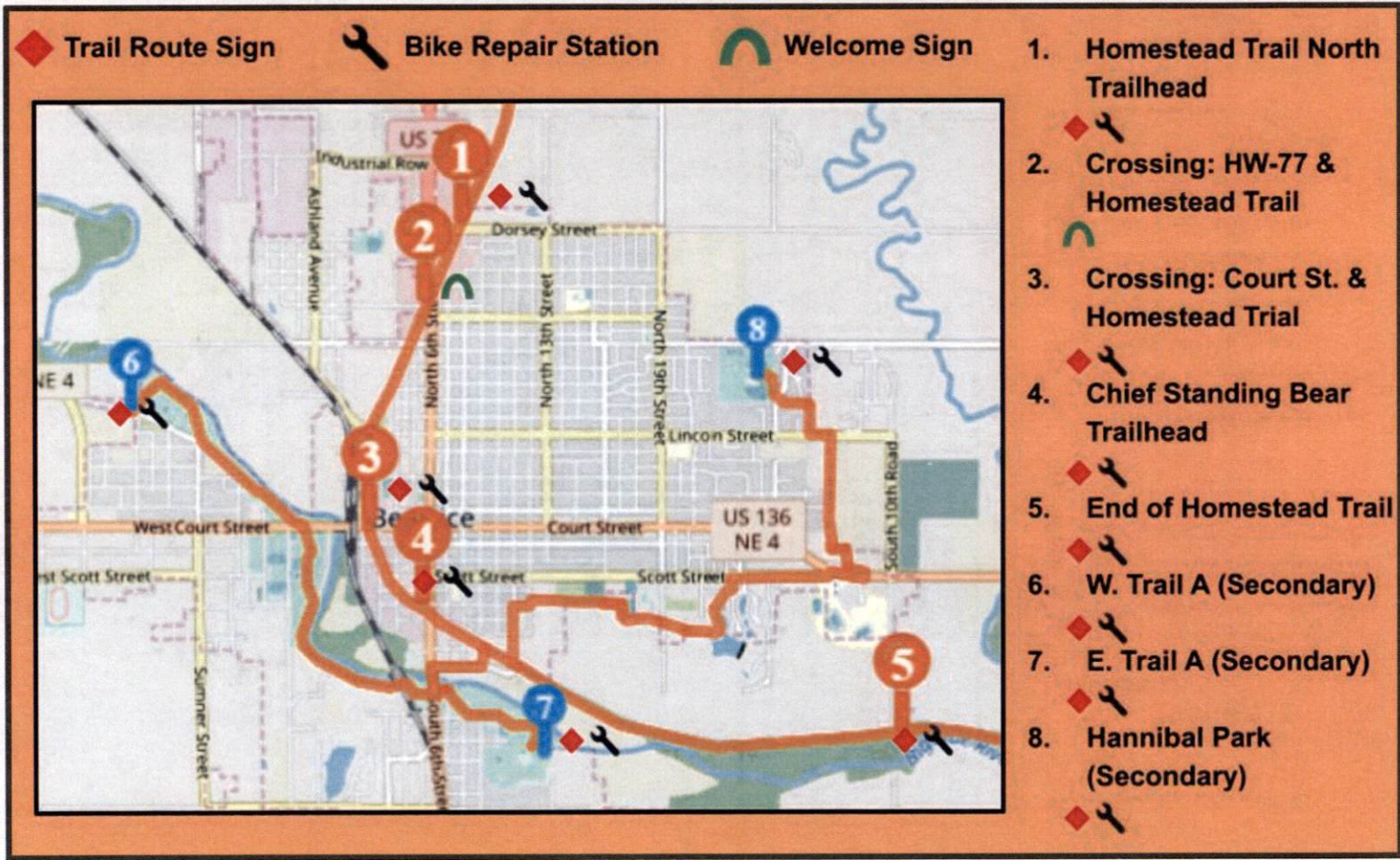
We request your support of the Leadership Beatrice grant application. What they propose is a needed improvement to our regional trail system. The trails hold a pivotal position in our area's quality of life amenities and strengthen other industries thanks to their ability to attract travelers to restaurants and other attractions. These improvements will further strengthen this Gage County amenity.

Sincerely,

Michael Sothan  
Executive Director

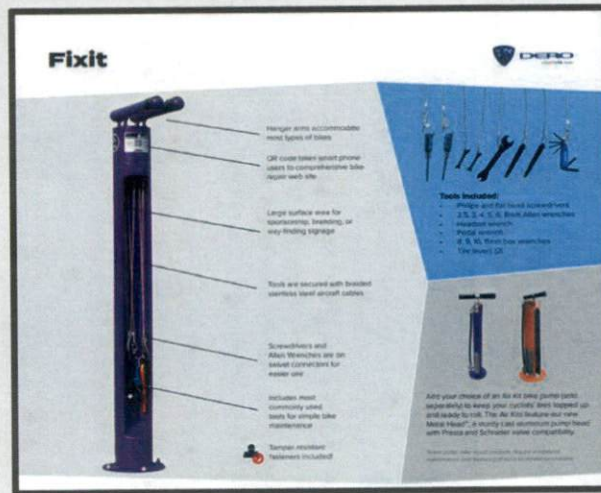


# Locations



# Bike Repair Station Specifications

- There must be 2' distance from edge of trail to each repair station, which requires a cement pad for installation
- City confirms the upkeep of these stations
- Quote from Dero:
  - Fixit Station = \$807.00/unit
  - Air pump = \$566.00/unit
- Color = Hunter Green
  - Discussed with City





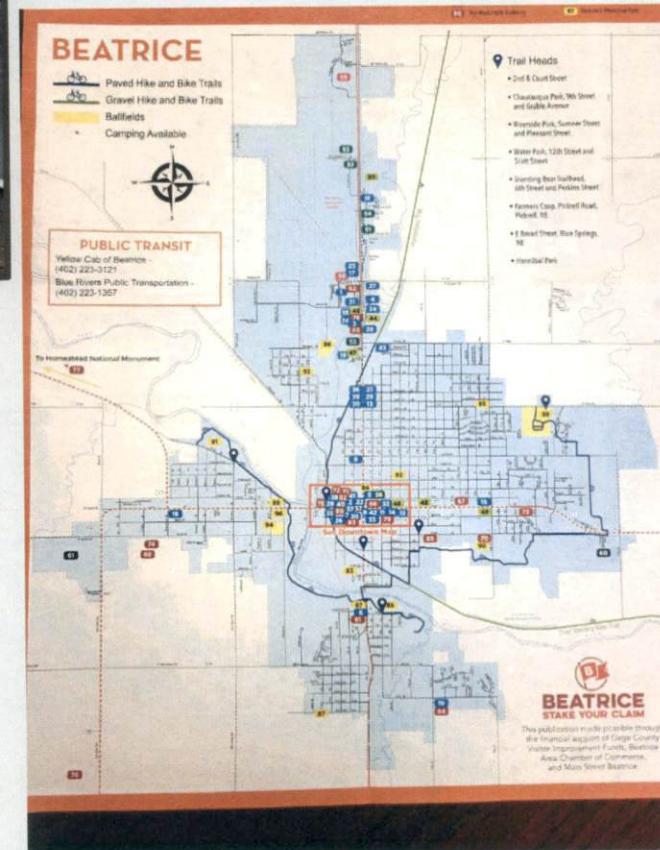
# Example at Blue Springs Trailhead

- This unit is installed at the Blue Springs Trailhead on the Chief Standing Bear Trail



# Trail Sign Specifications

- Will install at least one with every bike repair station
- Potentially others along the trail as fund allow
- Includes a Trail Map
- Includes a QR Code to take users to the Beatrice City Website
- Potentially use Priority Printing for the design
  - They made the map for the Chamber and could have file on hand



**PUBLIC ENTITIES  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR  
BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on April \_\_\_\_\_. 2022, by and among the undersigned Village/City/County (“**Governing Body**”), Public Power Provider, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (“**Public Power Provider**”), and the Nebraska Public Power District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (“**NPPD**”) (each a “**Partner**” and collectively, the “**Partners**”) with regard to cooperation in seeking and utilizing local, state, and federal funding for the deployment of Broadband<sup>1</sup> infrastructure in the service area(s) described below (the “**Project Area(s)**”) (collectively, the “**Project**”).

**RECITALS**

**A. The Partners hereby acknowledge and endorse the following principles regarding access to reliable and affordable, “Broadband”:**

1. Broadband access is critical to attracting and retaining a vital and talented workforce in Nebraska.
2. Broadband access is critical to the success of the Nebraska agricultural industry and other industries competing in the global marketplace.
3. Public Power Provider(s), and NPPD, recognize that Broadband access is critical to grid modernization and optimization.
4. Governing Bodies recognize that Broadband access is critical to the development and provision of essential social services, community development initiatives, education, medical services, public safety, and other basic services.
5. All sectors of the State should work together to rapidly deploy Broadband infrastructure throughout the State of Nebraska, including the Project Area.
6. Governing Bodies and Public Power Partners have a demonstrated record of constructing and maintaining vital long-term infrastructure necessary to provide access to services in rural areas.
7. Private providers of Broadband (“**Private Provider**”), which operate in the highly competitive and rapidly evolving telecommunications industry, are well-versed at engaging in sales and marketing, handling customer service, and adapting to changing technologies and customer preferences for technology-based services.

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<sup>1</sup> “Broadband” is the transmission of wide bandwidth data over a high-speed internet connection with systemic speed of a minimum of 100/100 Mbps.

8. Cooperation and collaboration between and among Governing Bodies, Public Power Providers, NPPD and Private Providers is essential to the development and deployment of Broadband services in rural areas of Nebraska.

**B. In connection with the development of the Project(s), the Partners hereby agree as follows:**

1. The Partners will cooperate and collaborate in good faith to develop a structure for the ownership, construction, operation and maintenance of Broadband infrastructure which will serve the needs of **all** locations and consumers in the Project Area(s), including but not limited to:
  - a. Establishment of contractual arrangements for efficient administrative processes.
  - b. Development of agreements for use of facilities and dark fiber consistent with cost-sharing arrangements developed for infrastructure deployment, maintenance, and operations.
  - c. Arrangements for cost recovery, debt service, and maintenance costs for deployment of Broadband infrastructure.
  - d. Development of simplified, efficient and cost-effective processes for access to facilities for collocation, pole attachments, easements and permits.
  - e. Development of integrated agreements with Private Providers for construction of facilities necessary for access, delivery, and maintenance of Broadband services to consumers throughout the Project Area(s).
2. The Partners agree to collaborate to secure funding for the Project through all available private and public (local, state, and federal) funding sources and programs, including philanthropic funds and private equity.
3. The Partners will cooperate to promptly assemble, marshal and share all relevant information, resources and documentation necessary to secure relevant funding for the Project(s).
4. The Partners agree to use their best efforts to develop effective public-private partnerships designed to drive the deployment of Broadband to unserved and underserved area of the State of Nebraska.
5. The Partners will seek out and evaluate potential Private Providers that could provide Broadband service that complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

6. The Partners will require delivery of minimum levels of service by Private Providers in order to retain access to and use of the Partner's Broadband infrastructure, including fiber.
7. The Partners will further develop contractual arrangements for the efficient and timely completion of the Project(s), including project deadlines, milestones, reporting requirements, speed tests, standards and techniques, and other reasonable measures to assure accountability.

**C. Allocation of Funding:**

The Partners will use their best efforts to equitably allocate all funding awards or proceeds between and among the Partners to facilitate the deployment of the Broadband infrastructure for the Project in the most reasonable and efficient manner possible.

**NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER**

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVERNING BODY**

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC ENTITIES  
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FOR  
BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
  
ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES ADDENDUM**

The undersigned hereby constitutes an additional signatory to the Public Entities Memorandum of Understanding for Broadband Infrastructure Development originally dated as of April \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, and hereby agree to the terms thereof effective as of the date of the undersigned's signature below.

**PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER**

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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