

**CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR
WATER MAIN FOR BELL BANK DEVELOPMENT**

THIS CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR WATER MAIN FOR THE BELL BANK DEVELOPMENT (“Agreement”) is made, entered into and effective this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and among the City of Baxter, a Minnesota municipal corporation (“City”), and Bell Bank, Inc. a North Dakota Corporation (“Developer”). Subject to the terms and conditions hereafter stated and based on the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and recitals of the parties herein contained, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS**

1.1 Improvements. Improvements, collectively, means the private water lines, private drainage controls, and related improvements, installed by Developer on the Subject Land, as depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

1.2 Subject Land. Subject Land means the following real property located in the City of Baxter, Crow Wing County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 1, Bell Bank Addition to Baxter

**ARTICLE 2
RECITALS**

Recital No. 1. Developer owns the Subject Land.

Recital No. 2. The Developer will construct, own, operate, maintain and manage the Improvements on the Subject Land.

Recital No. 3. By this Agreement the parties seek to:

- a. Impose upon the Developer the responsibility of constructing, maintaining, repairing and restoring the Improvements, as provided herein;
- b. Provide a mechanism where the City may charge-back to the Subject Land any maintenance, repair or restoration work that the City performs in the event the Developer fails to perform its obligations to reconstruct, repair and restore the Improvements.

ARTICLE 3

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS

3.1 Maintenance of Improvements. The Developer shall construct, maintain, repair, reconstruct and restore the Improvements at its cost, as needed, so that the Improvements are functional and operational in conformance with the purpose of the Improvements.

3.2 Notice of Non-Compliance; Cure Period. If the City determines, in its reasonable discretion, that the Developer has not complied with Section 3.1 of this Agreement, it shall provide written notice to the Developer of such failure to comply. This notice shall specify that the Developer will have thirty (30) days to comply with Section 3.1, unless thirty (30) days is not practicable for the Developer to cure the default, in which case the Developer shall be given a reasonable time to cure the default provided the Developer has commenced a reasonably suitable cure within the initial thirty (30) days. Notwithstanding the requirement contained in this Section relating to written notice and opportunity of the Developer to comply with Section 3.1, in the event of an emergency as reasonably determined by the City, the City may perform the work to be performed by the Developer without giving prior written notice to the Developer, but giving as much notice as is practicable under the circumstances, and the City and its agents shall access the Improvements in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with the use of the Subject Land by the Developer or its tenants. If the City performs emergency service work, the Developer shall be obligated to repay the City the actual, costs incurred to perform the emergency service work, and the City shall follow those procedures set forth in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 with respect to the billing, collection and/or tax certification of such costs.

3.3 Payment of Costs Incurred by City. If the Developer fails to comply with Section 3.1 of this Agreement following written notice and an opportunity to cure as provided in Section 3.2, or in the case of an emergency situation as provided in Section 3.2, the City may perform those tasks necessary for compliance and the City shall have the right of access to the Subject Land to perform such work. The City shall charge all actual, reasonable costs incurred by the City to perform the tasks necessary for compliance to the Developer. The amount of costs charged by the City to the Developer shall be the usual and customary amounts charged by the City given the task, work, or improvement performed by the City to ensure compliance with Section 3.1 of this Agreement. The Developer shall make payment directly to the City within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice from the City supported by reasonably detailed documentation. Bills not paid within such time period shall incur the standard penalty and interest established by the City for utility billings within the City.

3.4 Certification of Costs Payable With Taxes; Special Assessments. If payment is not made pursuant to Section 3.3, the City may certify to Crow Wing County the amounts due as payable with the real estate taxes for the Subject Land in the next calendar year; such certifications may be made under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 444 in a manner similar to certifications for unpaid utility bills.

If the City has performed Developer's obligations as provided hereunder, Developer hereby waives any and all procedural and substantive objections to special assessments for the costs and expenses incurred by the City including, but not limited to, notice and hearing requirements and any claims that the charges or special assessments exceed the benefit to the Subject Land. The Developer waives any appeal rights otherwise available pursuant to Minnesota Statute §429.081. The Developer acknowledges that the benefit from the performance of tasks by the City to ensure compliance with Section 3.1 of this Agreement equals or exceeds the amount of the charges and assessments for the costs that are being imposed hereunder upon the Subject Land.

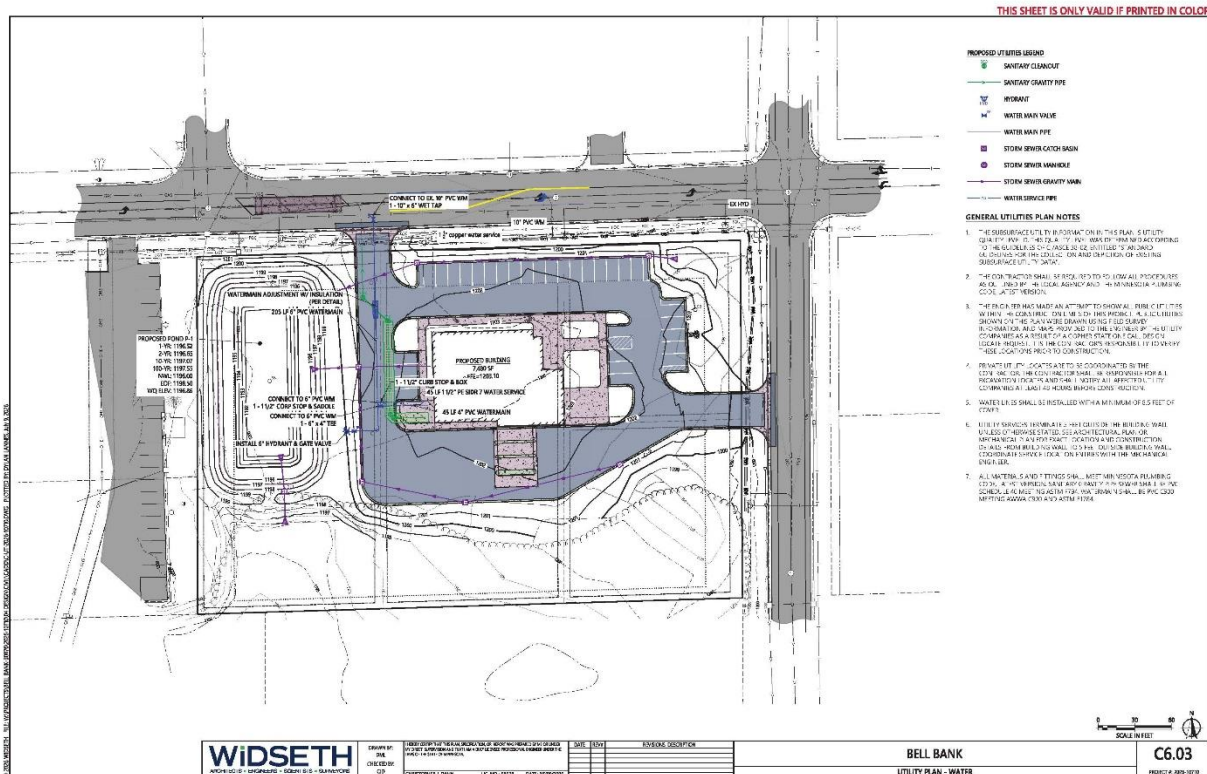
3.5 Grant of Right of Access For Maintenance and Repair. The Developer agrees that its obligations relating to the Improvements set forth in Sections 3.1 of this Agreement exist. The Developer hereby grants the City a permanent easement to the extent reasonably necessary to access and enter the Subject Land for the purposes of performing the rights and obligations of the City to perform service work pursuant to Section 3.2.

3.6 Indemnification. The Developer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees from any claim for personal injury, property damage or death occasioned by the location or maintenance of the Improvements on City property. Developer also waives and releases the City from any claims with Developer may have against the City for damage to the encroachments resulting from activities conducted by the City on the City right of way except for such gross negligence or willful acts of the City which cause damages to the Improvements for this the City would be otherwise liable to similarly situated property owners. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the City of any immunity, defenses, or other limitations on liability to which the City is entitled by law, including but not limited to the minimum monetary amounts on liability established by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466.

ARTICLE 4 **MISCELLANEOUS**

4.1 Binding Agreement. The parties mutually recognize and agree that all terms and conditions of this recordable Agreement shall run with the Subject Land and shall be binding upon the parties and the successors and assigns of the parties.

4.2 Amendment and Waiver. The parties hereto may, by mutual written agreement, amend this Agreement in any respect. Any party hereto may extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations of another, waive any inaccuracies in representations by another contained in this Agreement or in any document delivered pursuant hereto, which inaccuracies would otherwise constitute a breach of this Agreement, waive compliance by another with any of the covenants contained in this Agreement, waive performance of any obligations by the other or waive the fulfillment of any condition that is precedent to the performance by



the party so waiving of any of its obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement on the part of any party for any such amendment, extension or waiver must be in writing. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed, or shall constitute, a waiver of any other provisions, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

4.3 Estoppel. The City agrees, upon the written request of the Developer, within thirty (30) days of the request, to issue to the Developer or its prospective mortgagee or purchaser, an estoppel certificate stating, to the best of the City's knowledge: (i) whether it knows of any default under this Agreement, and if there are known defaults, specifying the nature thereof; (ii) whether this Agreement is in full force and effect; and (iii) whether there are any sums due and owing by the Developer to the City that remain outstanding (that have not otherwise been assessed to the Property).

4.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

4.5 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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CITY:
CITY OF BAXTER

Notary Public

DEVELOPER:

Bell Bank, Inc.

By: _____

Print Name:

Its:

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

On this _____ day of _____, 2026, before me a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared _____, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that s/he is the _____ of Bell Bank, Inc., a North Dakota Corporation, on behalf of the entity.

Notary Public

**This instrument drafted by
And after recording, please return to:**
Greta Bjerkness (#0390575)
Kennedy & Graven, Chartered
150 South 5th Street, Ste. 700
Minneapolis, MN 55402

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