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3-17-26

Mr. Waldo  
Interim Public Works Director  
City of Dickinson Public Works  
3411 Public Works Blvd.  
Dickinson, ND 58601

Dear Mr. Waldo  
Interim Public Works Director  
City of Dickinson Public Works :

Mr. Waldo and the City of Dickinson Public Works Department. Please find enclosed my Proposal for Pasture Lease Bid. If you have any questions, please call me at 7014-290-3458 or email at [chad.brusseau@corteva.com](mailto:chad.brusseau@corteva.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Brusseau". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Chad and Carol Brusseau, Brusseau Farms

Enclosure included

# || "PROPOSAL FOR PASTURE LEASE" || 35 ACRES NORTH OF CELL #4

|| Submitted by Chad and Carol Brusseau, Brusseau Farms, Dickinson, ND

## OVERVIEW

The "Proposal for Pasture Lease" is being respectfully submitted to the City of Dickinson Public Works Department by Chad and Carol Brusseau for the continued pasture stewardship utilizing animal and grazing husbandry while introducing Regenerative Grazing, the latest grazing technology in grazing management. Also acknowledging the need for better noxious weed control to prevent the spread of noxious weeds on city property or adjacent private land showing that the City of Dickinson is a responsible landowner and neighbor.

## The Objective

- Objective #1: Introduce Regenerative Grazing, which is the latest in grazing technology where you manage short periods of grazing with longer recovery periods to allow for better grass regrowth and increased soil health.
- Objective #2: I will be renting the surrounding pastures from Larry Schnell and we will be completing a Range Land Assessment with the Stark County NRCS office and local range specialist Dennis Froemke. If awarded this lease, I will be including this parcel into the evaluation and can provide that information to the city as a long-term grazing plan at no cost to the city.
- Objective #3: Since I will be renting the surrounding pastures, I will be pumping water from the river to a portable water tank, for temporary water supply to the cattle.
- Objective #4: Proper agronomic practices will be utilized for accurate timing of noxious weed control to reduce weed stands and to be a good neighbor to the surrounding landowner.
- Objective #5. I will be updating the fences surrounding the pasture at my expense.

## The Opportunity

- Opportunity #1: Enhance the current pasture with a plan for better weed control and pasture assessment that will include grass inventories and better weed control plan for short and long-term management success.
- Opportunity #2: Continue the working relationship that Brusseau Farms has had with the City of Dickinson Public Works Department. Brusseau Farms has been successfully working with the City of Dickinson since 2010 with irrigation out of cells 1,2 and Cell 3 and in the last 7 years successfully converting cells 1 and 2 from irrigation to farm ground.

# BRUSSEAU FARMS PROPOSALS FOR PASTURE LEASE

1. I am submitting 2 bid proposals.
  - a. The first being a 3-year contract with payments of \$30/acre for three years with annual payments made by May 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Grazing contract would be from May of 2026 through September of 2028.
  - b. My second proposal is for 5 years with the rent going up \$2/year annually, starting at \$30 and finishing on year 5 at \$40/acre with annual payments made by May 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Grazing contract would be from May of 2026 through September of 2030.
2. Brusseau Farms will provide effective seasonal long weed control annually.
3. Brusseau Farms will maintain and repair fences annually.
4. Brusseau Farms will work with the Stark County NRCS and Dennis Froemke, to establish a long-term grazing plan and appropriate stocking rates and rotational grazing timelines, which will benefit the City of Dickinson long term.

## Rationale

- Historically the city has awarded land bid proposals for 3 years, my first bid listed above is for 3 years, but I would ask the City of Dickinson to consider my second bid proposal for 5 years for the following reasons:
  - I am introducing not just a grazing plan, but a Regenerative Grazing Plan that improves pasture quality and soil health.
  - Regenerative Grazing is the latest agricultural practice promoted by the USDA and this overall pasture plan would be the first in Stark County and would be positively promoted by the Stark County NRCS and would be used in educational promotions that would highlight the City of Dickinson as a trend setter in the latest Grazing Systems approach.
  - The amount of leafy spurge that needs to be controlled is going to require a multiple year plan to succeed.
  - I have a 5-year lease on the pastures surrounding this pasture and have access to the pasture without traveling along the Cell #4 road.
- If awarded the right to steward the 35 acres of pasture, I intend to begin weed control this spring followed by in season spot spraying and annual spot treating to significantly reduce the leafy spurge population. This would include chemical weed control, mowing and timely grazing.
- The goal is to graze the pasture at the appropriate stocking rates twice a year for 12-19 days per grazing period and let it recover the remainder of the year preventing overgrazing.

## Technical/Project Approach

1. Stark County NRCS and Range Specialist Dennis Froemke will be completing a Pasture Inventory Assessment and Grazing Plan.
2. Chemical applications will be done by licensed and insured applicators, whether commercially applied or applied by myself, a certified private applicator in the state of ND.
3. Soil classification will be done by the Stark/Billings County USDA NRCS office.
4. All the above costs will be the responsibility of Chad Brusseau, if awarded the stewardship of the 35 acres of pasture, which is an estimated \$8-\$12/acre annually value at no cost to the City of Dickinson.

## QUALIFICATIONS

1. Chad Brusseau has over 38 years of experience involving cropland and noxious weed control recommendations, having worked for the crop protection industry with Elanco, Dow AgroSciences and currently Corteva Agrisciences, allowing him access to industry leading solutions for effective weed control.
2. Chad Brusseau grew up just 1 mile south of this pasture and returned home to farm in 2007 and has been recognized at both the County and State levels for responsible farming practices and soil stewardship practices by the USDA NRCS.
3. Brusseau Farms currently farms 1100 acres in Stark County, working with 5 landlords. Two of which have 220 acre surrounding lagoon Cells #1 and #2 and the pasture surrounding the 35 acres of pasture in this proposal. Renting the surrounding pastures allows for access without going around the road of Cell #4.
4. Brusseau Farms base operation is located just 1 mile south of the proposed 35 acre pasture that allows for daily visits and quick response time.

Brusseau Farms would like to thank the City of Dickinson Public Works Department for consideration in regard to the stewardship and pasture improvement in the Proposal for Pasture Lease Bid of 35 acres. If you have any questions regarding this bid proposal, please reach out to me at 701-290-3458.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Chad and Carol Brusseau

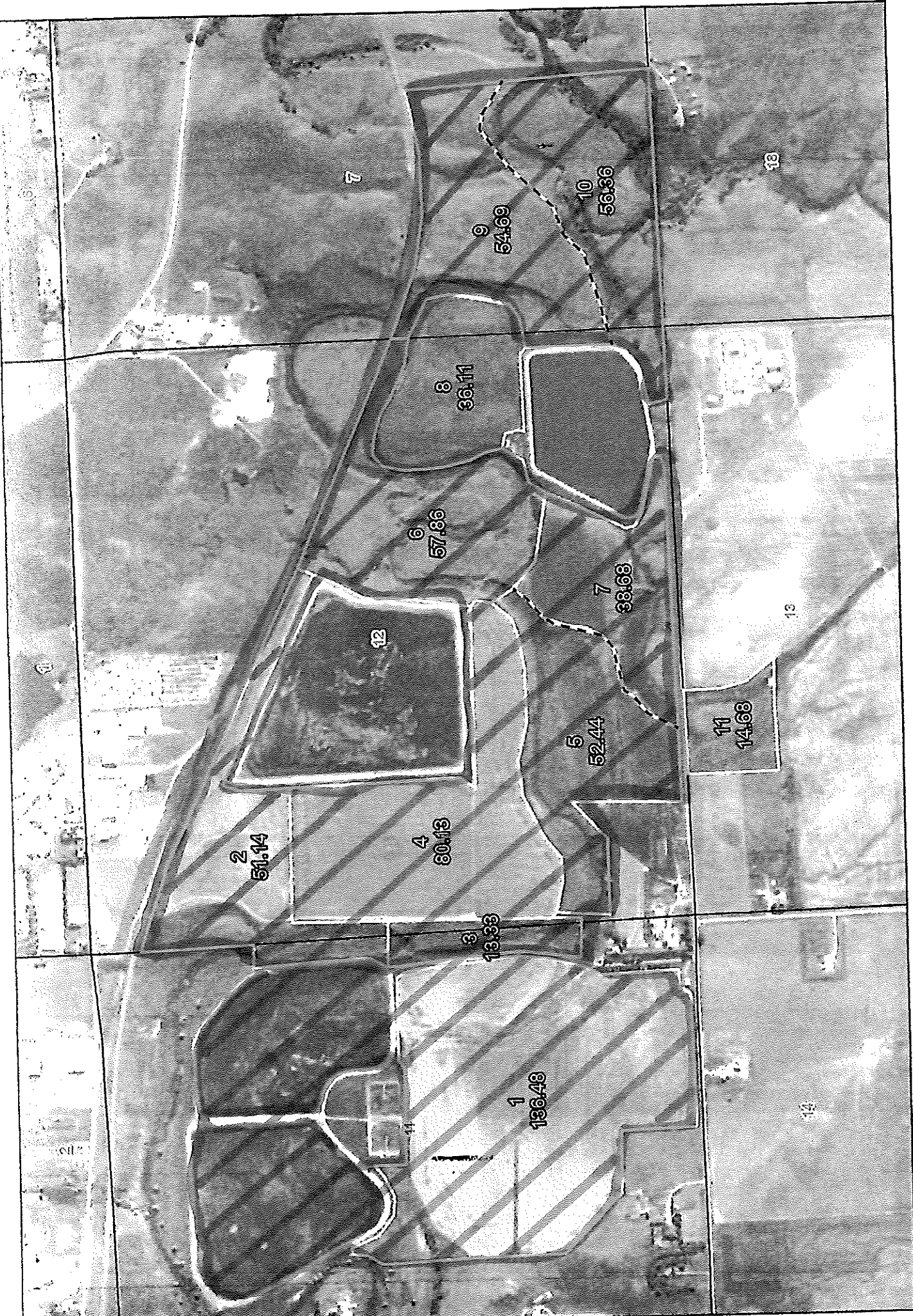
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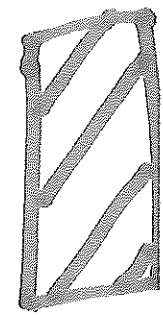
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Bruseau Prescribed Grazing Plan Map  
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*Correcting pasturing for the next 5 yrs*



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# Appendix A

