

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

August 12, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 12, 2025 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Cherry County Courthouse, as per notice in the Valentine Midland News every week, with the agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Roll call was taken. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Mike McConaughey, Nina Nelson, Martin DeNaeyer, and County Clerk Samantha Leonard. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board of Commissioners' regular meeting minutes from July 29, 2025 were read. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes with noted corrections. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The Board of Equalization meeting minutes from July 29, 2025 were read. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The Board of Correction meeting minutes from July 29, 2025 were read. Nelson moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve minutes as read. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

Road Foreman Brent Collier provided an update for District #3 re: the new culvert project on Anderson Bridge Road is completed, fixing roads near Fawn Lake and west of Merriman, and hand patching being done throughout the district. Road Foreman Steve Stichka provided an update for District #2 re: patching, Whitman Road millings, storm in Brownlee Area, routine maintenance, and the scraper & semi are both fixed. JD Osburn, road foreman for District #1, updated the board re: routine maintenance, patching, 2 motor graders & a loader are fixed, and cleaning out culverts.

At 10:34 a.m. the board met with representatives from the Amish Community re: naming new roads leading off Anderson Bridge Road. These roads are discussed with the board to name only for GEOCOM and 911 purposes. The roads remain private, and the county assumes no liability or responsibility for said roads. There was discussion with the board, EM Director Jessica Coyle, and County Attorney Eric Scott in re: to meeting with USPS to set up a grid for postal services to each individual property leading off the roads. Mr. Scott advised the representatives of the Amish Community it may be a good idea to have a sign posted off Anderson Bridge Road showing owners and miles to their residence, along with a private road sign. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to accept Highland Trail for a private road as depicted in the attached map of Exhibit 1. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried. McConaughey moved and Nelson seconded to accept Rio Vista Lane as a private road as depicted in the attached map of Exhibit 2. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance received from the State of Nebraska. DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to adopt Resolution #2025-10 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for 2025. Roll call vote: Aye – McConaughey, DeNaeyer, Nelson. The motion carried.

Highway Superintendent JD Osburn presented the NIRMA Request to Occupy Right of Way Permit to the board and County Attorney Eric Scott. Mr. Scott advised the board their role is care, custody, and control of county roads. Mr. Scott expressed his concern with the draft permit presented is there is no endorsement by the county board. The two options are for the board to authorize a representative to sign the permit for the county or each applicant bring their permit & application before the board for approval. Mr. Osburn researched fees collected from other counties for an application. The board asked Mr. Scott to update the draft permit and application for consideration at the next regular board meeting and to include a fee of \$50 in the application. No board action taken.

Emergency Management Director Jessica Coyle updated the board re: grass fires, NEMA Quarterly meetings, seat plane in Chadron, and weather.

The board discussed options for changing locks to all doors and offices of the Cherry County Courthouse and Cherry County South. Grounds Superintendent Pat Greenough informed the board he would recommend having one master key and a key for each office. There would be 6 door locks to be changed. Mr. Greenough has been in contact with Heart City Lock & Key for an estimate. Mr. Greenough has met with Binswanger Glass from Norfolk, NE to replace the front door of the Cherry County Courthouse and the south door of the Cherry County South building. Binswanger and Heart City Lock & Key will provide estimates for further consideration of the board.

The board discussed employee classification analysis memos for the Planning & Zoning Administrator with County Attorney Eric Scott to determine if the position should be classified as hourly or salary. Mr. Scott advised the board that he feels the position should remain salary as the administrator does make recommendations, take action, and makes decisions. His main concern would be looking at the underlying function of the job, not the minimum threshold, as the administrator does make independent judgment and the general work of the position is non manual labor. His suggestion to the board is to find a percentage of the salary between the Clerk's Office hours work and Zoning

hours work and adjust the salary to include both positions, as the current Administrator fulfills both positions. No board action taken.

The board reviewed the Miles of Smiles annual update. No board action taken.

Clerk Leonard presented an email received from MIPS pertaining to the county updating the website to be compliant with the Federal ADA requirements. All government websites must be compliant by April 2027. The fee for the website will change from \$65/month to \$224/month and the conversion will be free from MIPS. McConaughey moved and DeNaeyer seconded to approve MIPS to update the county website to be compliant with Federal ADA requirements. Roll call vote: Aye – DeNaeyer, Nelson, McConaughey. The motion carried.

The board recessed from 11:58 am to 1:00 p.m.
The board recessed from 1:00 p.m. to 1:01 p.m. to convene as Board of Equalization.

DeNaeyer moved and Nelson seconded to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: Aye – Nelson, McConaughey, DeNaeyer. The motion carried.

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	67,619.06	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the General Fund in the amount of	\$		67,619.06
GENERAL			
Allen Monument Company	Services		\$190.00
Wade Andrews	Mileage		\$77.00
Applied Connective	Services		\$5,283.30
Melissa Bancroft	Mileage		\$72.80
Black Hills Chemical	Services		\$269.12
Bomgaars	Supplies		\$101.84
Michael Borders	Services		\$1,020.53
Buckles Fuel Service	Services		\$356.73
CenturyLink	Services		\$4,100.31
Cherry County Court	Services		\$224.75
Cherry County District Court	Services		\$36.00
Cherry County Extension Service	Services		\$1,008.81
Cherry County Hospital	Services		\$8,393.23
Cherry County Sheriff	Services		\$234.52
Cherry County Treasurer	Bank Fees/Transfer		\$10.00
Cherry County Treasurer	Correction		(\$5.00)
Cidnet	Supplies		\$300.00
Clearly Communications	Telephone Service		\$324.95
DAS State Accounting 6506	Services		\$537.60
DAS State Accounting 6507	Services		\$203.80
James Edwards	Services		\$200.00
Firstnet/AT&T Mobility	Services		\$392.26
Pat Greenough	Reimbursement		\$100.00
GRP & Associates	Services		\$103.00
Timothy Hanson	Equipment		\$2,636.75
Patrick Hooper	Reimbursement		\$414.01
Johnson Law Office	Clerical Salary/Rent/Telephone/Equipment		\$4,753.00
KBR Rural Public Power	Services		\$103.25
Marco Technologies	Services		\$280.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Services		\$186.00
Midland News	Services		\$586.41
Midland Printing, Dana Anderson	Services		\$181.03
MIPS	Services		\$3,229.29
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Dues/Fees/Training		\$24.90
Nebraska State Library/Publications	Services		\$217.15
NK Waste Management	Services		\$386.00
North Central District Health Department	Services		\$2,008.00
Office Products	Supplies		\$3,539.41
Paper Tiger Shredding	Services		\$55.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement		\$150.00
Platte Valley Communications	Services		\$5,230.85
Prema	Services		\$101.66
Presto X	Services		\$124.37
Quadient Leasing	Services		\$1,304.15
Quadient Finance USA	Services		\$546.71
Quill Corporation	Services		\$52.86
Region IV Inc	Services		\$2,626.00
Cardmember Service	Services		\$114.09
Sennet Duncan Jenkins & Wickhad	Services		\$3,183.27
True Value	Supplies		\$34.78
Uline	Supplies		\$10.70

City of Valentine	Utilities	\$5,031.06
Ward Plumbing & Heating	Services	\$20.46
Western Oil/Conoco	Services	\$61.74
Wex Bank	Services	\$4,159.11
Woods & Aitken LLP	Services	\$2,600.00
Wrenched Tire & Auto LLC	Services	\$131.20
	TOTAL	\$67,619.06

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	90,164.48	.
and disallowed in the amount of			
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Road Fund in the amount of		\$	90,164.48

ROAD		
Bacon Repair	Services	\$4,514.27
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$895.13
Bordertown Discount Fuel	Services	\$6,042.60
Buckles Fuel Service	Services	\$5,900.43
Central Valley Ag Cooperative	Services	\$17,993.96
Cherry County Implement	Services	\$1,462.55
Brent Collier	Reimbursement	\$62.27
Colonial Research Chemical Company	Supplies	\$587.64
Consolidated Telephone	Services	\$283.92
Croell Inc	Services	\$301.88
Custer Public Power District	Services	\$157.68
Danielski Farms	Services	\$11,022.30
DAS State Accounting Central Finance	Services	\$27.70
Dooley Oil Inc	Services	\$748.39
ESRI Inc	Services	\$950.00
Floyd's Truck Center	Services	\$2,335.52
Great Plains Communications	Services	\$321.21
Hometown Lumber & Construction	Supplies	\$171.89
Inland Truck Parts Company	Services	\$45.92
KBR Rural Public Power District	Services	\$263.87
Kimball Midwest	Services	\$303.30
Kohler Trailer Sales	Services	\$120.90
Marc/Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$1,218.48
Martin Auto Parts II	Services	\$1,247.54
Medical Enterprises	Services	\$185.00
Village of Merriman	Services	\$122.25
Midland News	Services	\$84.00
Mips Inc	Services	\$180.00
Mullen Auto & Diesel	Services	\$74.47
Nebraska Public Power District	Services	\$53.96
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$384.00
Office Products	Supplies	\$58.11
The Parts Company	Supplies	\$75.90
Perrett Construction	Services	\$6,595.54
Platte Valley Communications	Services	\$97.42
Powerplan	Services	\$8,790.24
Prema	Services	\$93.88
Sandhill Oil Company	Services	\$7,255.91
Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	Supplies	\$116.99
Triple G Redimix	Supplies	\$5,828.22
Truck Center Companies	Services	\$1,258.56
City of Valentine	Services	\$243.68
Wrenched Tire & Auto	Services	\$25.00
3s Fabrication & Repair	Services	\$1,662.00
	TOTAL	\$90,164.48

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	12,636.66	.
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Visitor Promotion Fund in the amount of		\$	12,636.66

VISITOR PROMOTION		
Cherry County Visitors Promotion	Reimbursement	\$11.00
Great Plains Communication	Services	\$178.64
MCB Productions	Services	\$1,500.00
Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC	Food	\$1,312.00
NK Waste Inc	Services	\$100.00
NRG Media, LLC	Services	\$9,000.00
Office Products Center	Supplies	\$175.00
Valentine Rotary Club	Dues/Fees	\$111.00
City of Valentine	Utilities	\$249.02
	TOTAL	\$12,636.66

Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	2,010.06	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Health Insurance Claims Fund in the amount of			\$	2,010.06
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS				
Cherry County Clerk		Health Insurance Claims		\$2,010.06
		TOTAL		\$2,010.06
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	10,623.19	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Bookmobile Fund in the amount of			\$	10,623.19
BOOKMOBILE				
Thomas County Library		Bookmobile	\$	622.00
Valentine Public Library		Bookmobile		\$10,001.19
		TOTAL	\$	10,623.19
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	919.13	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Grant Fund in the amount of			\$	919.13
GRANT FUND				
Petty Cash		Reimbursement		\$919.13
		TOTAL		\$919.13
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	458.20	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the Emergency Management Fund in the amount of			\$	458.20
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Jessica Coyle		Reimbursement		\$253.07
Firstnet		Services		\$93.95
Office Products		Supplies		\$111.18
		TOTAL		\$458.20
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	492.53	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Emergency Services Fund in the amount of			\$	492.53
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES (2910)				
Centurylink		Services		\$273.31
Great Plains Communications		Services		\$219.22
		TOTAL		\$492.53
Claims were presented in the amount of	\$	977.60	.	
and disallowed in the amount of	\$	-	.	
A warrant was ordered drawn on the 911 Wireless Service Fund in the amount of			\$	977.60
911 WIRELESS SERVICE (2913)				
OPTK Networks		Services		\$977.60
		TOTAL		\$977.60

At 1:02 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

State of Nebraska,)
) SS.
County of Cherry,)

I, Samantha Leonard, the undersigned County Clerk of Cherry County, Nebraska, do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of August 2025.

Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk

Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
Cherry County Board of Commissioners

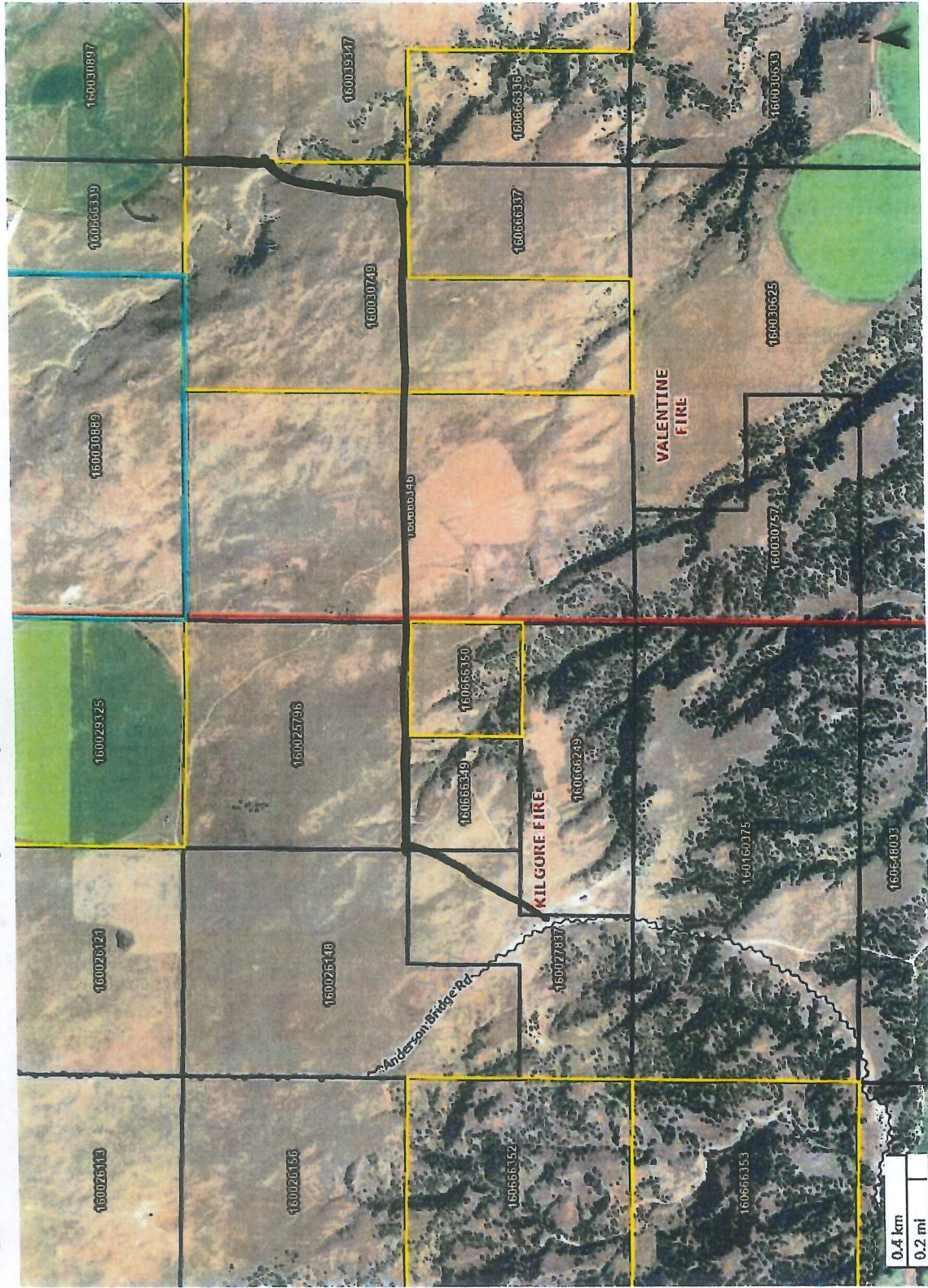


Cherry County, NE

Highland Trail

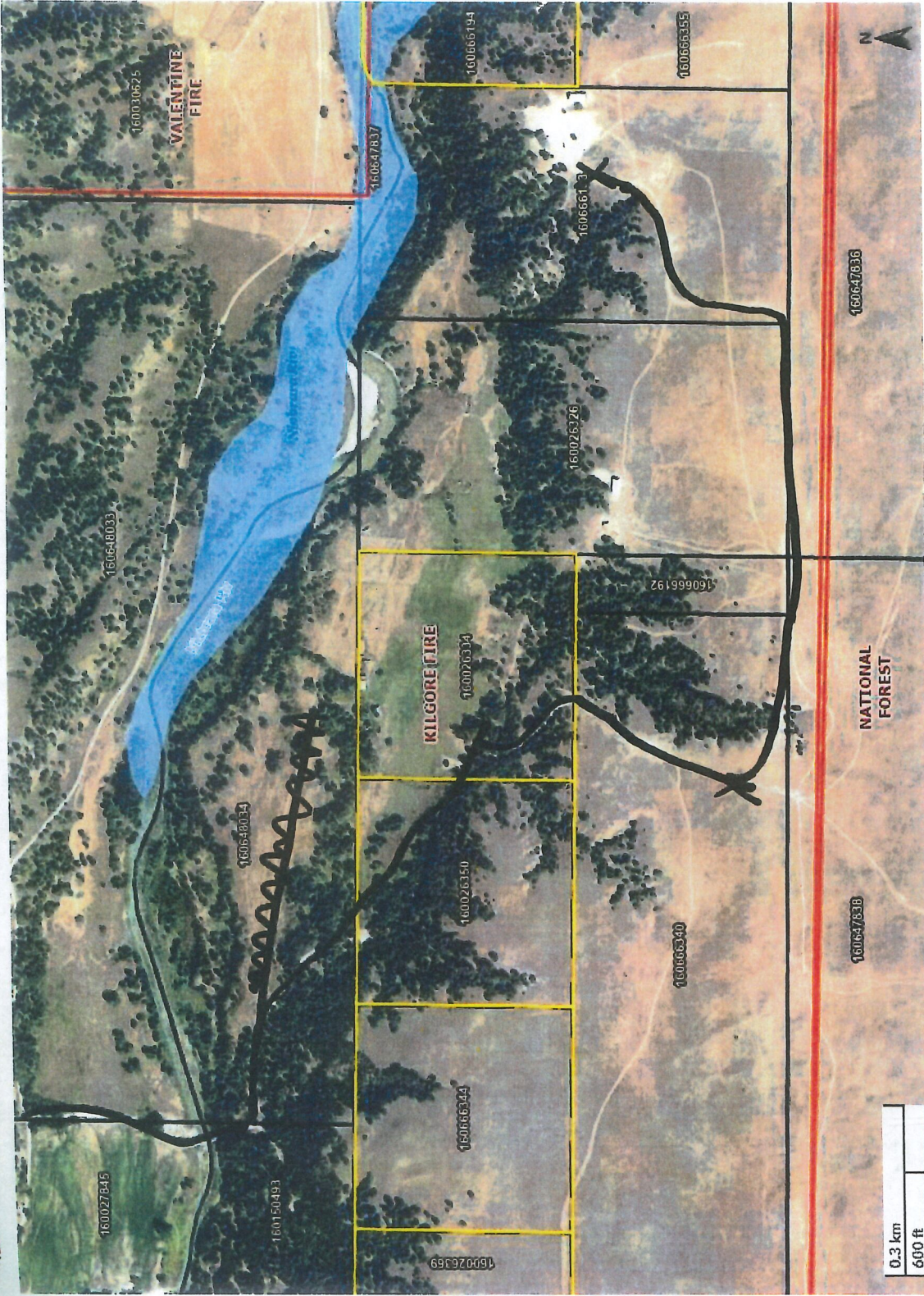
Exhibit 1

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- Parcel Numbers
- Roads
 - Asphalt/Bituminous Surface
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 - Gravel
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 - Unimproved
- Fire_Districts
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Beacon™ Cherry County, NE

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From X to X
Rio Vista Lane

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES
August 12, 2025

The Cherry County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on August 12, 2025 as per notice published in the Valentine Midland News. The current agenda being on file in the office of the County Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman McConaughey. Present were Commissioners Nina Nelson, Mike McConaughey, Martin DeNaeyer, County Clerk Samantha Leonard, and County Assessor Melissa Bancroft. The Open Meetings Act Poster was acknowledged by Chairman McConaughey.

No comments from the public were received during the allotted time.

No tax list corrections were presented to the board.

At 1:01 p.m. Chairman McConaughey adjourned the meeting.

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Mike McConaughey, Chairperson
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