



OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MN

# LAND AUCTION

Opens: Wednesday, June 14 | 8AM

**Closes: Wednesday, June 21 | 12PM** CDT 2023

TIMED  
ONLINE

 From exit 55 to Fergus Falls, south 7 miles on Hwy. 1, then west 2-1/2 miles on 120th St., land on the south side.  
Property Address: 15670 120th St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537

This land is located approximately 13 miles southwest of Fergus Falls and has multiple appeals to different buyers including farmers, investors, farmstead buyers and hunters. Tract 1 features tilled cropland and productive soils. Tract 1 also features a substantial amount of wildlife habitat and lake frontage on Upper Lighting Lake providing awesome world class hunting opportunities. Build your dream home out in the country on tract 2 which features a farmstead located down a dead end road providing peace and solitude along a quiet lake.

**104.6± Acres**



**Donald E. Bergerud, Virginia M. Olson, & Daniel W. Bergerud, Owners**

contact Max Steffes at Steffes Group, 701.237.9173 or 701.212.2849 or visit [SteffesGroup.com](http://SteffesGroup.com)

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Scott Steffes MN14-51; Max Steffes MN14-70. TERMS: 10% down upon signing purchase agreement with balance due at closing in 45 days. This is a 5% buyer's premium auction.

The Terms and Conditions of Sale are set forth upon this page in this Buyer's Prospectus and the Earnest Money Receipt and Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"). The information set forth is believed to be accurate. However, the owner of the properties and Steffes Group make no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied. Information contained in this document was collected from sources deemed to be reliable and is true and correct to the best of the writer's knowledge. Auctioneers and owners will not be held responsible for advertising discrepancies or inaccuracies.

### **All ANNOUNCEMENTS ON AUCTION DAY TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED INFORMATION.**

Prospective buyers are advised to consult with an attorney of their choice with respect to the purchase of any real property including but not limited to, seeking legal advice from their own attorney regarding disclosures and disclaimers set forth below.



#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Steffes Group along with their employees are seller's agents and are licensed in the state where the property is located. We strongly recommend buyers secure buyer representation, at their expense, in all real estate transactions.

The sale of this property IS NOT contingent on the Buyer securing financing or any other Buyer contingencies.

**The auction begins on Wednesday, June 14 and will end at 12PM Wednesday, June 21, 2023.**

All bidders must register their name, address, and telephone number in order to receive a bidding number, or all bidders must register with SteffesGroup.com as an online bidder to participate in the auction sale online.

The successful bidder will be required to sign an Earnest Money Receipt and Purchase Agreement at the close of the real estate auction. A total deposit of 10% of the contract sale price will be required. Those funds will be placed in a Real Estate Trust Account as good faith money until closing.

Down payment is due on the day the bidding closes and signing of the contracts will take place through email and electronic document signatures. In the event the auction bidding closes after 3:00PM, the earnest money will be due the following business day.

The contract signing will take place at Steffes Group, 2000 Main Ave E, West Fargo, ND 58078

If the winning bidder is unable to come to the Steffes office for signing of the contract, arrangements will be made to email or fax a copy of the contract for signature. The buyer would fax the signed copy back to 701.237.9173 or send a scanned copy by email.

Purchasers who are unable to close because of insufficient funds will be in default and the deposit money will be forfeited. Balance of the purchase price must be paid in full at closing on or before: Friday, August 4, 2023.

Closing will take place at Seller's closing attorney office, or a professional closing company agreeable to both buyer and seller.

Seller will provide up-to-date merchantable abstract(s) or (ii) an ALTA title insurance commitment ("Title Commitment") for issuance to Buyer of an ALTA Owner's Policy of Title Insurance ("Title Policy") in the amount of the purchase price. In the event Seller elects to furnish a Title Commitment, Seller shall pay for 50% of the cost of the premium for the Title Policy, and Buyer shall pay for 50% of the cost of the premium for the Title Policy.

Property will be conveyed by a Warranty Deed.

#### **2023 Taxes: Prorated to close**

Subsequent taxes and or special assessments, if any, to be paid by buyer. Real Estate Taxes are subject to reassessment under new owner.

Closing Agent Fee will be shared equally between Buyer and Seller.

The auction sale is for registered bidders and their guests. All bidding is open to the public and the property is offered for sale to qualified purchasers without regard to sex, race, color, religion, natural origin or handicap.

Please note the bidding will not close and property will not be sold until everyone has had the opportunity to make his or her highest and best bid.

**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED.**

**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD UPON SELLER CONFIRMATION.**

**THIS IS A 5% BUYER'S PREMIUM AUCTION. FIVE PERCENT WILL BE ADDED TO THE FINAL BID TO ARRIVE AT THE CONTRACT SALE PRICE.**

#### **PROPERTY SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY**

All dimensions and descriptions are approximations only based upon the best information available and are subject to possible variation. Sketches may not be drawn to scale and photographs may not depict the current condition of the property. Bidders should inspect the property and review all the pertinent documents and information available, as each bidder is responsible for evaluation of the property and shall not rely upon the Seller, Broker or Auctioneer, their Employees or Agents. The property will be sold AS IS and without any warranties or representations, expressed or implied.

#### **SUCCESSFUL BIDDER**

The successful bidder of the property shall be determined by competitive bidding. Should any dispute arise between bidders, the auctioneer shall have the right to make the final decision either to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer the property that is in dispute. The auction will be recorded and the auctioneer's records shall be conclusive in all respects.

#### **SELLER'S PERFORMANCE**

The Seller has agreed to the terms of the sale as published. However, the Broker and Auctioneer make no warranties or guarantees as to the Seller's performance.

**AGENCY DISCLOSURE**  
**Steffes Group, Inc. is representing the Seller.**

#### **POSSESSION**

Possession will be at closing or completion of current crop harvest, whichever is later, unless otherwise agreed to in writing and agreeable by buyer and seller.

#### **TRACT SURVEY:**

**If tract 1 and tract 2 sell to separate buyers, the BUYER(S) and SELLER shall evenly split the costs of survey estimated to be \$2,600. If the same purchaser buys both tracts, seller WILL NOT provide a survey.**

#### **MINERAL RIGHTS**

All mineral rights, if any, held by Seller will be transferred upon closing. However, the Seller does not warrant the amount or adequacy of the mineral rights.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLAIMER**

The Seller, Broker and Auctioneers do not warrant with respect to the existence or nonexistence of any pollutants, contaminants or hazardous waste prohibited by federal, state or local law. Buyer is responsible for inspection of the property prior to purchase for conditions including but not limited to water quality, and environmental conditions that may affect the usability or value of the property. No warranties are made as to the existence or nonexistence of water wells on the property, or the condition of any well.

#### **EASEMENTS AND SURVEY**

This real estate is selling subject to any and all covenants, restrictions, encroachments and easements, any results that an accurate survey may show, as well as all applicable zoning laws.

#### **BUYER DEFAULT**

When using our online auction services, you are making a firm commitment to purchase said item(s) and are entering into a legal and binding contract. Bids may not be cancelled or retracted for any reason.

Non-paying bidders or fraudulent bidding will subject you to legal recourse and possible criminal charges including any fraud and/or interstate commerce violations.

#### **INTERNET RISK**

You acknowledge that the internet may be an unreliable and error-prone network. Steffes Group will not guarantee that bids placed online will always be transmitted to or received by the auctioneer in a timely fashion. You agree to hold Steffes Group, Inc. and its employees harmless for any interruptions in online bidding. At the sole discretion of the Company, the auction may be suspended, postponed, or cancelled if internet service is unstable or disrupts the online portion of any event that is simulcast as an Internet Auction.

Further, the auctioneer has the sole discretion to accept or refuse any bid. Steffes Group retains the right, at our sole discretion, to add, delete, or change some or all of our online services and the terms and conditions governing their online auctions at any time without notice.

#### **BIDDING PROCEDURE**

As a buyer you have two objectives to accomplish:

1. Purchasing the property.
2. Purchasing the property at a price you can afford.

How is this accomplished?

1. Estimate comparative value.
2. Experienced buyers always decide what to pay before the bidding begins.

3. Inspect the property carefully.

4. Compare with other properties available in the area.

5. Check the selling price of previously sold properties.

6. Discuss your buying plans with a lender. Have your financing arrangements made in advance.

7. This sale is not subject to financing.

#### **AVOID OVER OR UNDER BIDDING**

- Always bid on a property toward a price.
- Establish that price before the bidding begins. By doing this you will avoid getting caught up in the auction excitement and pay a price that is too high for the market or one that you cannot afford. It will also make you confident to bid to your established fair market value. Many bidders who do not plan ahead end up with regrets after the auction because they were too nervous or uncertain about their judgment to bid.

#### **THE BIDDING STRATEGY**

- Research and know the value of the property.
- Have your financing arranged before the auction.
- Establish your highest and best bid before the bidding begins.
- Make your bids promptly to force other bidders up or out without delay.

# Timed Online Bidding Process

Please note the bidding will not close until there has been no bidding activity for a period of 4 minutes. This is accomplished through the bid extension feature of our website. Bids placed within the last 4 minutes of the auction will extend the auction an additional 4 minutes. Bid extensions continue and the auction does not end until there are no bids for 4 minutes. Our goal is to realize the highest return to the seller, and satisfy all interested parties.

**This is an AUCTION! To the Highest Bidder. The bidding will not close and property will not be sold until everyone has had the opportunity to make their highest and best bid. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SAMPLE FOR THE TIMED ONLINE BIDDING PLATFORM AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THIS AUCTION SALE!**

**#1 TRACT 1:**

**TRACT 1:**  
 Description: NW1/4 Section 1-141-54  
 Total Acres: 162.75±  
 Cropland Acres: 161±  
 PID #: 24-0000-00902-000  
 Soils Productivity Index: 83.8  
 Soils: Barnes-Svea loams, 0 to 3 percent slopes (85.6%), Hamerly-Wyard loams 0 to 3 percent slopes (12.7%)  
 Taxes (2022): \$1,791.25  
**Bidding will be 163 X TIMES your bid.**  
**TERMS:** Ten percent down upon signing purchase agreement with balance due at closing in 45 days  
[More Details](#)  
[Timed Online](#)  
 Closing: Thursday, Feb 9, 10:00 AM CST  
 Lot Location: Ayr, ND  
[Map It](#)

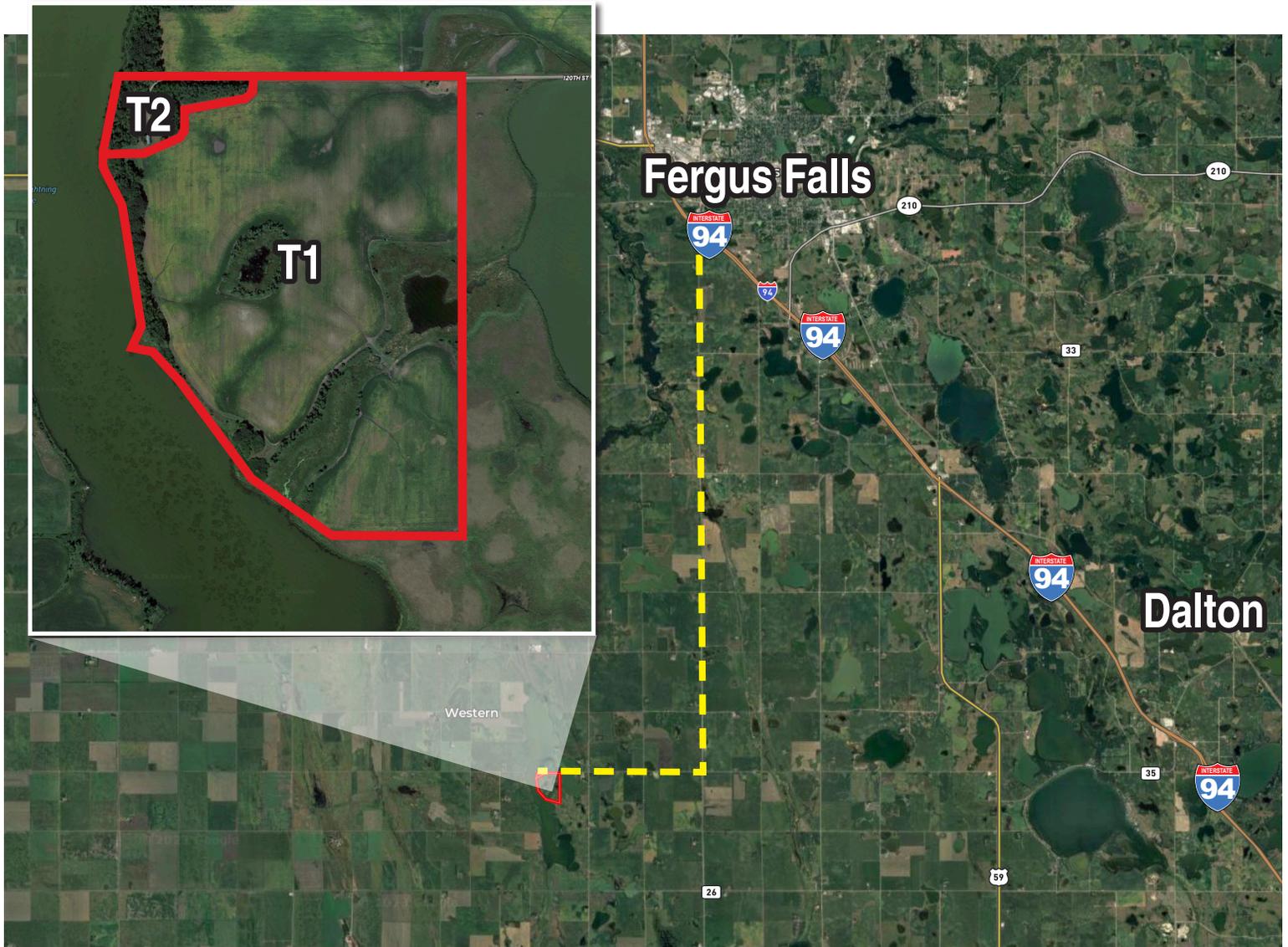
US \$6,130.00/x (26)  
 US \$999,190.00  
 (163.00 X \$6,130.00)

🔗 Lots with this symbol are linked together throughout the entire auction and will close together.

## June 2023

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11	12	13	14 OPENS CLOSES	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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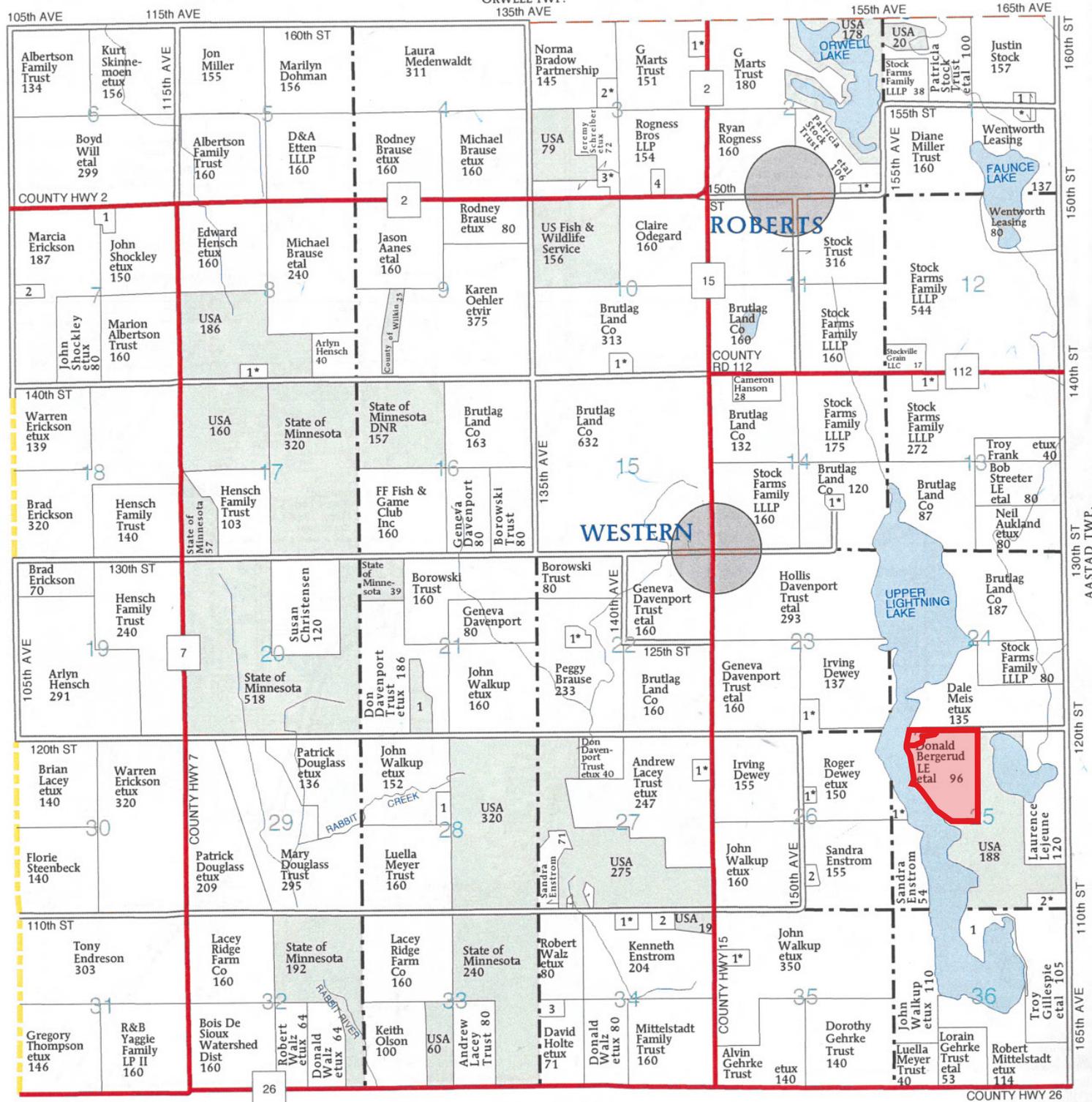


Description: Lots 1 & 2 Section 25-131-44 • Western Township • Total Acres: 104.6±

T-131-N

WESTERN PLAT

R-44-W



### Wetland Determination Identifiers

- Restricted
- ▼ Limited
- Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

**Description:** Lots 1 & 2 Less 5± acre (subject to survey) farmstead in NW1/4NW1/4 Section 25-131-44

**Total Acres:** 99±

**Cropland Acres:** 78.51±

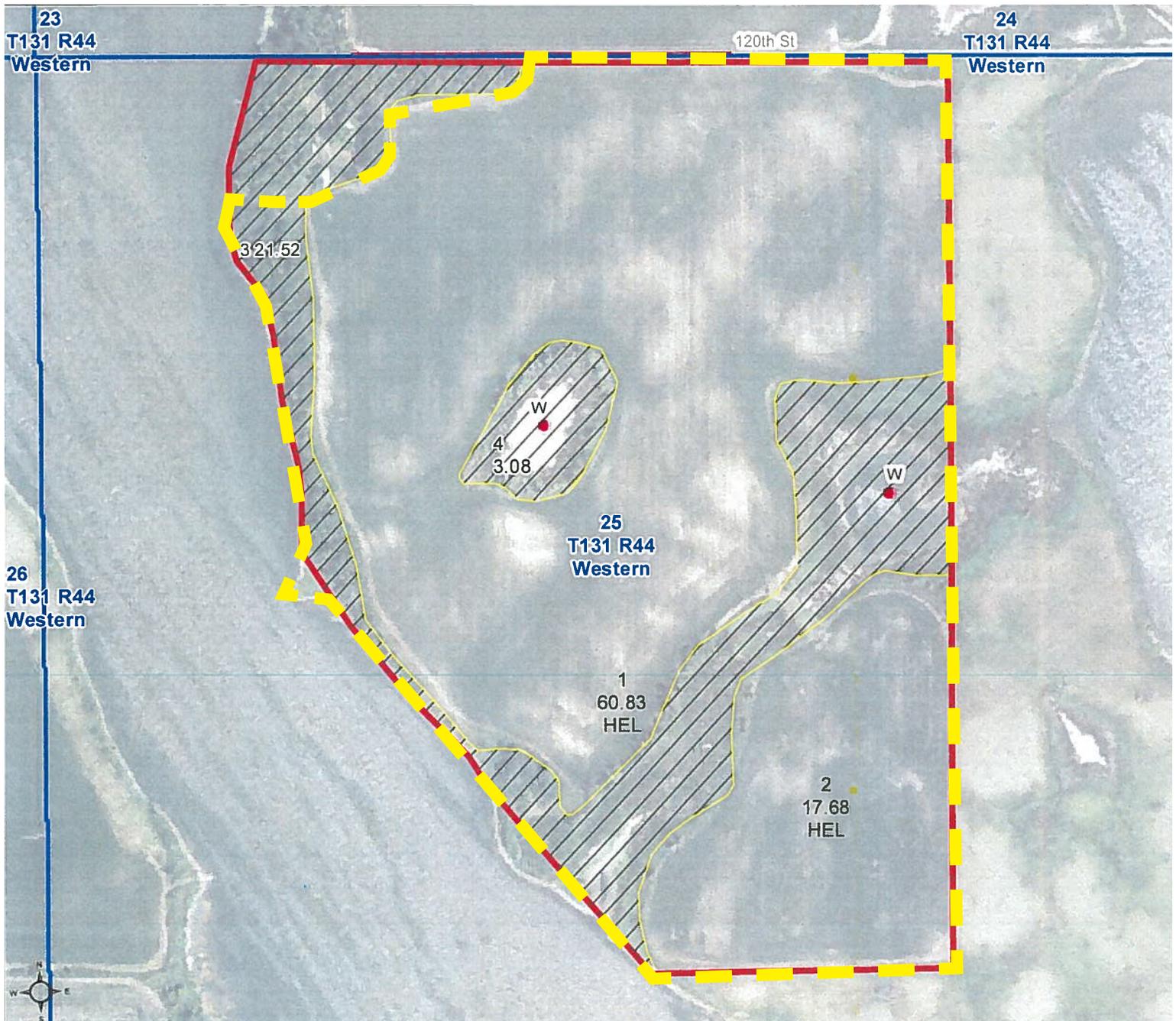
**PID #:** 610000250116000 (includes T2)

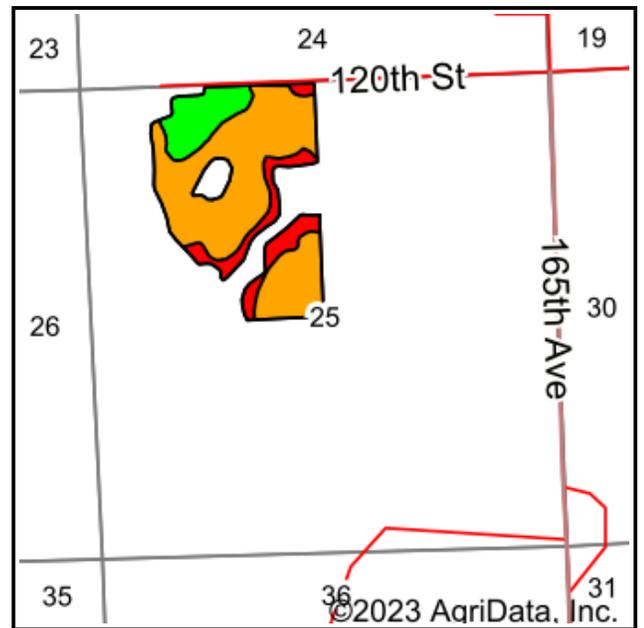
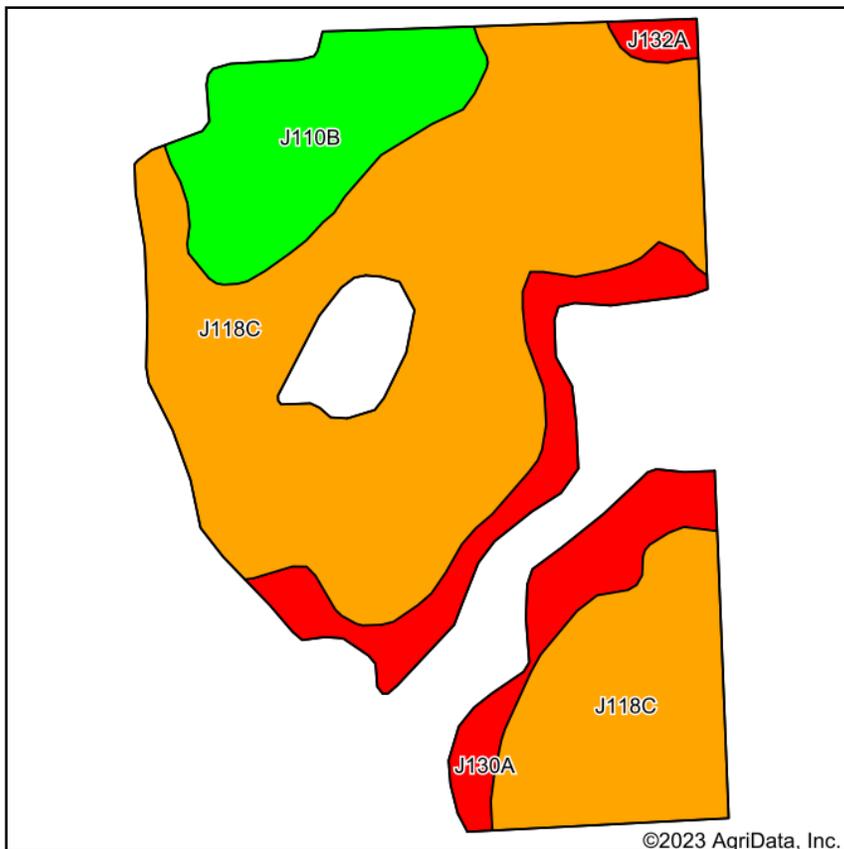
**Soil Productivity Index:** 70.2

**Soils:** Hokans-Svea-Buse complex (70%), Quam and Cathro soils (14.6%), Aazdahl-Formdale-Balaton clay loams (14.4%)

**Taxes (2023):** \$2,718.00 (includes T2)

**NO US Fish & Wildlife Easement**





Soils data provided by USDA and NRCS.

Area Symbol: MN111, Soil Area Version: 18

Code	Soil Description	Acres	Percent of field	PI Legend	Non-Irr Class *c	Productivity Index
J118C	Hokans-Svea-Buse complex, 2 to 12 percent slopes	54.94	70.0%		Ile	80
J130A	Quam and Cathro soils, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently ponded	11.50	14.6%		VIIIw	5
J110B	Aazdahl-Formdale-Balaton clay loams, 0 to 4 percent slopes	11.28	14.4%		Ilc	93
J132A	Quam-Cathro-Lakepark complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently ponded	0.79	1.0%		VIIIw	15
<b>Weighted Average</b>					<b>2.94</b>	<b>70.2</b>

**Description:** 5± acre (subject to survey) farmstead in NW1/4NW1/4 Section 25-131-44

**Property Address:** 15670 120th St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537

**Total Acres:** 5±

**PID #:** 610000250116000 (includes T1)

**Taxes (2023):** \$2,718.00 (includes T1)

**Well and abandoned septic**

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 Wayne Stein, Auditor-Treasurer  
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**PROPERTY ID#:** R 61000250116000  
**ID#:** 25336  
**Bill#:** 38952  
**Taxpayer:**

**Tax Desc:** Sect-25 Twp-131 Range-044 LOTS 1 & 2-LIFE ESTATE TO WALTER BERGERUD

**2023 Property Tax Statement**

VALUES AND CLASSIFICATION			
THIS PARCEL HAS DEFERRED "GREEN ACRES" TAXES			
Step 1	Taxes Payable Year	2022	2023
	Classification	AG NHSTD SEASONAL EXEMPT	AG NHSTD SEASONAL EXEMPT
	Estimated Market Value	390,900	478,600
	Improvements Excluded		
	Homestead Exclusion		
	Taxable Market Value	390,900	478,600
	New Improvements		
	Expired Exclusions		
<i>Sent in March 2022</i>			
Step 2	Proposed Tax		2,720.00
<i>Sent in November 2022</i>			
PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT			
Step 3	First-half Taxes		1,359.00
	Second-half Taxes		1,359.00
	Total Taxes due in 2023		2,718.00



You may be eligible for one or even two refunds to reduce your property tax. Read the back of this statement to find out how to apply.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 15670 120TH ST FERGUS FALLS MN 56537

Taxes Payable Year:	2022	2023
1. Use this amount on Form M1PR to see if you are eligible for a homestead credit refund. File by August 15. If this box is checked, you owe delinquent taxes and are not eligible. <input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Use this amount for the special property tax refund on schedule 1 of Form M1PR		
<b>Property Tax and Credits</b>		
3. Property taxes before credits	2,829.77	3,036.58
4. A. Agricultural and rural land credits	227.77	318.58
B. Other credits to reduce your property tax		
5. <b>Property taxes after credits</b>	2,602.00	2,718.00
<b>Property Tax by Jurisdiction</b>		
6. Otter Tail County	1,605.22	1,651.62
7. City or Town WESTERN TOWNSHIP	241.93	246.19
8. State General Tax	16.80	14.05
9. School District 0544	168.26	144.42
A. Voter Approved Levies	309.93	390.15
B. Other Local Levies	75.48	72.13
10. Special Taxing Districts OTTER TAIL COUNTY HRA	184.38	199.44
BOIS DE SIOUX WTRSHD		
11. Non-school voter approved referenda levies		
12. Total property tax before special assessments	2,602.00	2,718.00
<b>Special Assessments on Your Property</b>		
13. Special assessments Principal: Interest:		
<b>14. YOUR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	2,602.00	2,718.00

**Tract Number** : 49  
**Description** : PT NW4 S25/WEST  
**FSA Physical Location** : MINNESOTA/WEST OTTER TAIL  
**ANSI Physical Location** : MINNESOTA/OTTER TAIL  
**BIA Unit Range Number** :  
**HEL Status** : HEL field on tract.Conservation system being actively applied  
**Wetland Status** : Tract contains a wetland or farmed wetland  
**WL Violations** : None  
**Owners** : VIRGINIA OLSON, DONALD BERGERUD, DANIEL BERGERUD  
**Other Producers** : None  
**Recon ID** : None

**Tract Land Data**

Farm Land	Cropland	DCP Cropland	WBP	EWP	WRP	GRP	Sugarcane
103.11	78.51	78.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

**Tract 49 Continued ...**

State Conservation	Other Conservation	Effective DCP Cropland	Double Cropped	CRP	MPL	DCP Ag. Rel Activity	SOD
0.00	0.00	78.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**DCP Crop Data**

Crop Name	Base Acres	CCC-505 CRP Reduction Acres	PLC Yield
Corn	11.71	0.00	149
Soybeans	48.79	0.00	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

# Earnest Money Receipt & Purchase Agreement

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received of \_\_\_\_\_

Whose address is \_\_\_\_\_

SS # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ as earnest money and in part payment of the purchase of real estate sold by Auction and described as follows:

This property the undersigned has this day sold to the BUYER for the sum of..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Earnest money hereinafter received for..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance to be paid as follows..... In Cash at Closing..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1. Said deposit to be placed in the Steffes Group, Inc. Trust Account until closing, BUYERS default, or otherwise as agreed in writing by BUYER and SELLER. By this deposit BUYER acknowledges purchase of the real estate subject to Terms and Conditions of this contract, subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Buyer's Prospectus, and agrees to close as provided herein and therein. BUYER acknowledges and agrees that the amount of deposit is reasonable; that the parties have endeavored to fix a deposit approximating SELLER'S damages upon BUYERS breach; that SELLER'S actual damages upon BUYER'S breach may be difficult or impossible to ascertain; that failure to close as provided in the above referenced documents will result in forfeiture of the deposit as liquidated damages; and that such forfeiture is a remedy in addition to SELLER'S other remedies.
2. Prior to closing, SELLER at SELLER'S expense and election shall furnish to Buyer either (i) an abstract of title updated to a current date, or (ii) an ALTA title insurance commitment ("Title Commitment") for issuance to Buyer of an ALTA Owner's Policy of Title Insurance ("Title Policy") in the amount of the purchase price. In the event Seller elects to furnish a Title Commitment, Seller shall pay for 50% of the cost of the premium for the Title Policy, and Buyer shall pay for 50% of the cost of the premium for the Title Policy (and Buyer shall pay for 100% of the costs of any endorsements requested by Buyer, any costs related to extended coverage, and the costs of any lender's policy and endorsements). Zoning ordinances, building and use restrictions, reservations in federal and state patents and deeds, existing tenancies, easements and public roads shall not be deemed objectionable encumbrances or title defects.
3. If the SELLER'S title is not insurable or free of defects and cannot be made so within sixty (60) days after notice containing a written statement of defects is delivered to SELLER, then said earnest money shall be refunded and all rights of the BUYER terminated, except that BUYER may waive defects and elect to purchase. However, if said sale is approved by the SELLER and the SELLER'S title is marketable and the buyer for any reason fails, neglects, or refuses to complete purchase, and to make payment promptly as above set forth, then the SELLER shall be paid the earnest money so held in escrow as liquidated damages for such failure to consummate the purchase. Payment shall not constitute an election of remedies or prejudice SELLER'S rights to pursue any and all other remedies against BUYER, included, but not limited to specific performance. Time is of the essence for all covenants and conditions in this entire agreement.
4. Neither the SELLER nor SELLER'S AGENT make any representation of warranty whatsoever concerning the amount of real estate taxes or special assessments, which shall be assessed against the property subsequent to the date of purchase.
5. Minnesota Taxes: SELLER agrees to pay \_\_\_\_\_ of the real estate taxes and installment of special assessments due and payable in \_\_\_\_\_ BUYER agrees to pay \_\_\_\_\_ of the real state taxes and installments and special assessments due and payable in \_\_\_\_\_ SELLER warrants taxes for \_\_\_\_\_ are Homestead, \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Homestead. SELLER agrees to pay the Minnesota State Deed Tax.
6. North Dakota Taxes: \_\_\_\_\_
7. South Dakota Taxes: \_\_\_\_\_
8. The property is to be conveyed by \_\_\_\_\_ deed, free and clear of all encumbrances except special assessments, existing tenancies, easements, reservations and restrictions of record.
9. Closing of the sale is to be on or before \_\_\_\_\_ Possession will be at closing.
10. This property is sold AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. BUYER is responsible for inspection of the property prior to purchase for conditions including but not limited to water quality, seepage, septic and sewer operation and condition, radon gas, asbestos, presence of lead based paint, and any and all structural or environmental conditions that may affect the usability or value of the property.
11. The contract, together with the Terms and Conditions of the Buyer's Prospectus, contain the entire agreement and neither party has relied upon any oral or written representations, agreements, or understanding not set forth herein, whether made by agent or party hereto. This contract shall control with respect to any provisions that conflict with or are inconsistent with the Buyer's Prospectus or any announcements made at auction.
12. Other conditions: Subject to easements, reservations and restrictions of record, existing tenancies, public roads and matters that a survey may show. Seller and Seller's agent DO NOT MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR ANY WARRANTIES AS TO MINERAL RIGHTS, TOTAL ACREAGE, TILLABLE ACREAGE OR BOUNDARY LOCATION.
13. Any other conditions: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Steffes Group, Inc. stipulates they represent the SELLER in this transaction.

Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Steffes Group, Inc.

Seller's Printed Name & Address:

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