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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE (285X)

CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT FOR WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

THIS INDENTURE, by and between Arthur A. Herk and Geralda V. Herk, husband and wife, of Fingal, North Dakota, and Matt Kraemer and Wylma Kraemer, husband and wife, of Enderlin, North Dakota

parties of the first part, and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, party of the second part.

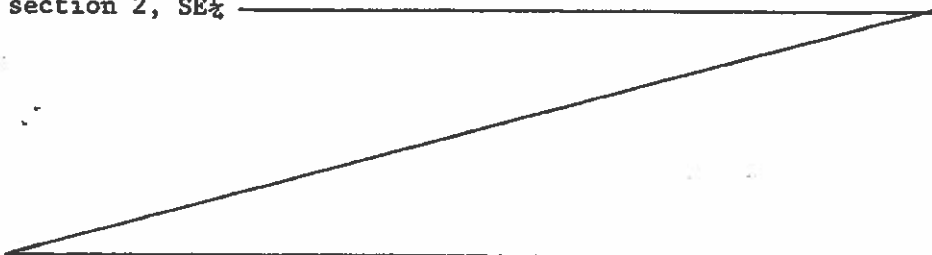
WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934, as amended by section 3 of the Act of August 1, 1958 (72 Stat. 486, 16 U.S.C., sec. 718d (c)), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire small wetland or pothole areas suitable for use as waterfowl production areas:

WHEREAS, the lands described below contain or include small wetland or pothole areas suitable for use as waterfowl production areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of (\$ 1,650.00 )  
One thousand six hundred and fifty-----Dollars, the parties of the first part do hereby convey to the United States, commencing with the acceptance of this indenture by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative which acceptance must be made within -SIX- months of the execution of this indenture by the parties of the first part, or any subsequent date as may be mutually agreed upon during the term of this option, a permanent easement (in perpetuity) or right of use for the maintenance of the land described below as a waterfowl production area, including the right of access thereto by authorized representatives of the United States:

Barnes County, North Dakota  
T. 137 N., R. 57 W., 5th P.M.  
section 1, SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
section 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$



Subject, however, to all existing rights-of-way for highways, roads, railroads, pipelines, canals, laterals, electrical transmission lines, telegraph and telephone lines, cable lines, and all outstanding mineral rights.

The parties of the first part, for themselves and for their heirs, successors and assigns, covenant and agree that they will cooperate in the maintenance of the aforesaid lands as a waterfowl production area by not draining or permitting the draining, through the transfer of appurtenant water rights or otherwise, of any surface water including lakes, ponds, marshes, sloughs, swales, swamps, or potholes, now existing or recurring due to natural causes on the above-described tract, by ditching or any other means; by not filling in with earth or any other material or leveling, any part or portion of the above-described tract on which surface water or marsh vegetation is now existing or hereafter recurs due to natural causes; and by not burning any areas covered with marsh vegetation. It is understood and agreed that this indenture imposes no other obligations or restrictions upon the parties of the first part and that neither they nor their successors, assigns, lessees, or any other person or party claiming under them shall in any way be restricted from carrying on farming practices such as grazing at any time, hay cutting, plowing, working and cropping wetlands when the same are dry of natural causes, and that they may utilize all of the subject lands in the customary manner except for the draining, filling, leveling, and burning provisions mentioned above.

Excepted are certain drainage ditches which the parties of the first part may maintain and/or wetlands which are deleted from the provisions of this easement. The above exceptions are shown on a map certified by the Regional Director at the time of acceptance.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. This indenture shall not be binding upon the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA until accepted on behalf of the United States by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, although this indenture is acknowledged by the parties of the first part to be presently binding upon the parties of the first part and to remain so until the expiration of said period for acceptance, as hereinabove described, by virtue of the payment to parties of the first part, by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, of the sum of One Dollar, the receipt of which is hereby expressly acknowledged by parties of the first part.

2. Notice of acceptance of this agreement shall be given the parties of the first part by certified mail addressed to Mr. Matt Kraemer at Enderlin, North Dakota 58027 and such notice shall be binding upon all the parties of the first part without sending a separate notice to each.

2a. The vendors further agree that the consideration for this indenture shall be paid to Matt Kraemer and Wylma Kraemer of Enderlin, North Dakota.

3. It is further mutually agreed that no Member of or Delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit to arise thereupon. Nothing, however, herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, where such contract is made for the general benefit of such incorporation or company.

4. Payment of the consideration will be made by a United States Treasury check after acceptance of this indenture by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative and after the Attorney General, or in appropriate cases, the Field Solicitor of the Department of the Interior shall have approved the easement interest thus vested in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals this

30th day of March, 1972.

<u>Arthur A. Herk</u> (L.S.)	<u>Matt Kraemer</u> (L.S.)
Arthur A. Herk	Matt Kraemer
<u>Geralda V. Herk</u> (L.S.)	<u>Wylma Kraemer</u> (L.S.)
Geralda V. Herk	Wylma Kraemer
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

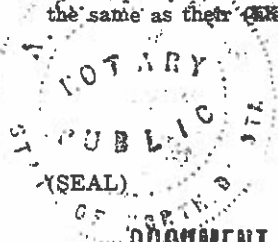
STATE North Dakota }  
COUNTY OF Ransom } ss

On this 30th day of March, in the year 1972, before me personally appeared

Arthur A. Herk and Geralda V. Herk, husband and wife, and Matt Kraemer and Wylma Kraemer, husband and wife, his wife, known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

A. S. Watne

A. S. WATNE  
Notary Public, RANSOM CO., N. DAK.  
(Official Title)  
My Commission Expires April 15, 1974



DOCUMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS, ss.  
County of Barnes, North Dakota. }  
I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 10th day of May 1972, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., and was duly recorded in Book 0-5 of Misc. Page 111-112  
By Jesse J. Lang Deputy REGISTER OF DEEDS  
RECEIVED 3.00 P



Compared \_\_\_\_\_  
Grantor \_\_\_\_\_  
Grantee \_\_\_\_\_  
Indexed \_\_\_\_\_  
Checked \_\_\_\_\_

The Secretary of the Interior, acting by and through his authorized representative, has executed this agreement on behalf of the United States this day of MAY 8 1972 19

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
By Travis S. Roberts  
Travis S. Roberts  
Regional Director  
(Title) Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

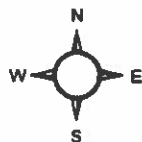
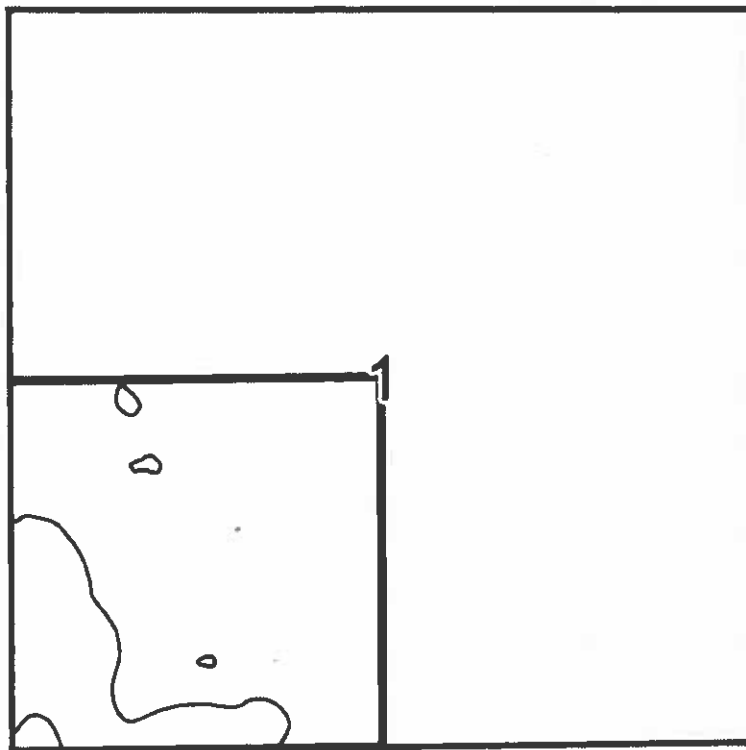
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Map 1 of 2

WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA BARNES COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA EASEMENT  
AUTHORIZED BY MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP ACT OF MARCH 16, 1934, AS AMENDED.  
T. 137N., R. 57W., 5th PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

SECTION 1, SW1/4



1 inch = 0.25 miles

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Approved by:

*Paul Halko*

Date:

*7/16/2020*

**LEGEND**



Section Boundary



Boundary of Easement Description



Wetlands Covered by Provisions of the Easement



Wetlands Deleted from the Easement



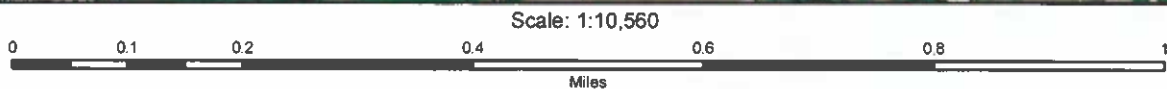
Approved Drainage Facility

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Barnes County, North Dakota

T 137 N. R 57 W.

SECTION 1, SW1/4



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-  Section Boundary
-  Boundary of Easement Description
-  Wetland Areas Covered by Provisions of the Easement