AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Court House, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call for public comments. Public comment may be submitted in person or via telephone at 605-882-6248 or 605-882-6297

3. Conflict of interest items

4. Action to approve October 27, 2026, agenda

5. Action to approve October 20, 2026, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners

6. Discussion with Agwrx Cooperative representative about road right-of-way

7. Monthly Reports
   a. Emergency Management
   b. Sheriff

8. Discussion/possible action to approve purchase of vehicle for Emergency Management

9. Discussion/possible action to authorize advertising and hiring for Administrative Assistant position in Director of Equalization office

10. Discussion/possible action to approve Codington County employee health insurance proposal

11. Action to approve abatement applications

12. Action to approve claims for payment

13. Action to approve automatic budget supplements

14. Action to approve personnel changes

15. Action to approve travel requests

16. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:

17. Old Business

18. New Business

19. Open
   a. Public Comments
   b. Commission Comments

20. Action to enter into Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2
   (1) Discussion of personnel issues (SDCL 1-25-2(1))
   (2) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2(2))
   (3) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives (SDCL 1-25 2(3))
   (4) Discussion of pricing or marketing strategies when public disclosure may harm the competitive position of the county owned business (SDCL 1-25-2(4))
   (5) Discussion of information pertaining to the protection of public or private property (SDCL 1-25-2(5))

21. **Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items.**

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Official Proceedings
County of Codington
Codington County Court House
14 1st Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201

October 20, 2026

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Randall Schweer, and Troy VanDusen; Chair VanDusen, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS

Chair VanDusen called for public comments to be taken up during the open portion of the meeting; none were offered. There were no conflict-of-interest items to note.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Schweer, second by McElhany, to approve the agenda for October 20, 2026, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Randy Falvey, updated the Board: The contractors have finished working on the remodel project of our building; everything has been completed with the exception of a ventilation fan circuit that the electricians are waiting on, that should be completed this week; we did our mechanical and electrical walk through, everything looks good; we have moved everything back into its place in the shop and truck storage area; this winter we will work on painting the interior structure to tie together the old and the new; the repaving portion of the project on County Roads 7/169th St. and 10/460th Ave. has been completed after some weather delays, we are putting the finishing touches on the shoulders as well as the approaches, striping should be completed later this week so, the road should be fully open by the end of this week; we will do our final sweep of the roads that we chip sealed, and these roads will then be striped following CR's 7 & 10, at which point we will take down our signage; we are currently working on cutting grass on all of our county roads in preparation for winter weather and should have that completed within the next couple of weeks; back to hauling gravel in the NE corner of the county. **Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf,** Ag Building – staff working on maintaining the facility on meetings and events taking place; the fire panel that had been losing phone line connection for a considerable amount of time has been resolved; Courthouse/Detention Center – have found another drain line leak in the restrooms on first floor, we are planning on getting the drain lined; plan to attend a conference next month; Park – 2026 – 1735 reservations, 1368 online reservations, 367 offline reservations, $174,898.46 revenue; 2025 – 1753 reservations, 1393 online reservations, 360 offline reservations, $167,710.50 revenue; 2024 – 1889 reservations, 1465 online reservations, 424 offline reservations, $161,187.50 revenue; staff is cutting logs for firewood and cleaning the grounds for winter; light sensors should be installed this week; Weed – spraying will be wrapping up the week, with 1 township and 1 state road left to spray, the equipment will be cleaned and winterized on nice days following completion. WNV – South Dakota West Nile Virus cases are at 55 this year.

CODINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer, to stay with the current Sanford health insurance plans, the standard and true plans to offer employees 6 different options to choose from, Human Resource Representative, Natalie Remund, provided the Board a spreadsheet with the different health insurance proposals that were submitted; a substitute motion by Gabel, and second by Johnson to postpone making a decision about the employee health insurance proposals until next week, Tuesday, October 27th, 2026; all voted aye; motion carried.

NOVEMBER 3RD MEETING DATE
Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to meet on Thursday November 5th, 2026, due to the need to canvass the votes of the 2026 General Election; all voted aye; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER CONTINGENCY TRANSFER
Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve Commissioner Contingency transfer to Court Appointed Attorney budget in the amount of $45,465.38; all voted aye; motion carried.

CLAIMS
Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following claim; all voted aye; motion carried.
WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 6011.65

JAIL CLAIM
Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following jail claim; all voted aye; motion carried.
BECKENHAUER 1,110,734.70, ARCHITECTURE INC 52,164.00, TEGRA GROUP 20,863.29

TRAVEL REQUEST
Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve a travel request for Emergency Management, Government Buildings, and Memorial Park staff to attend meeting; all voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Commissioner Gabel gave an update on the new jail project and provided the Board with an update of where the jail project costs currently are at.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to enter into executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives (SDCL 1-25-2(4)) at 9:28 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:24 a.m. and no action was taken. Human Resource Representative, Natalie Remund, was present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT
Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by Schweer, to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

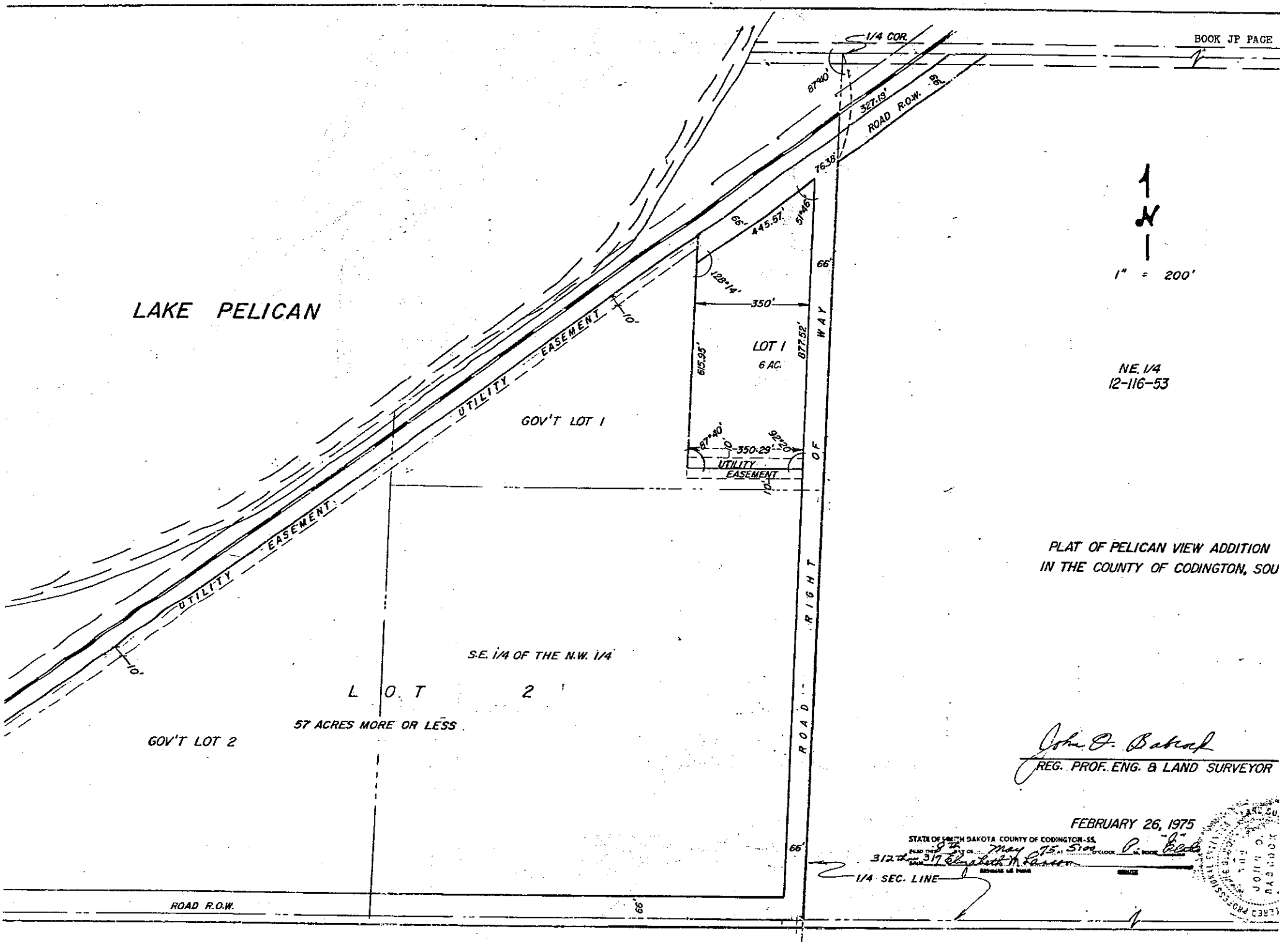
ATTEST:

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Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

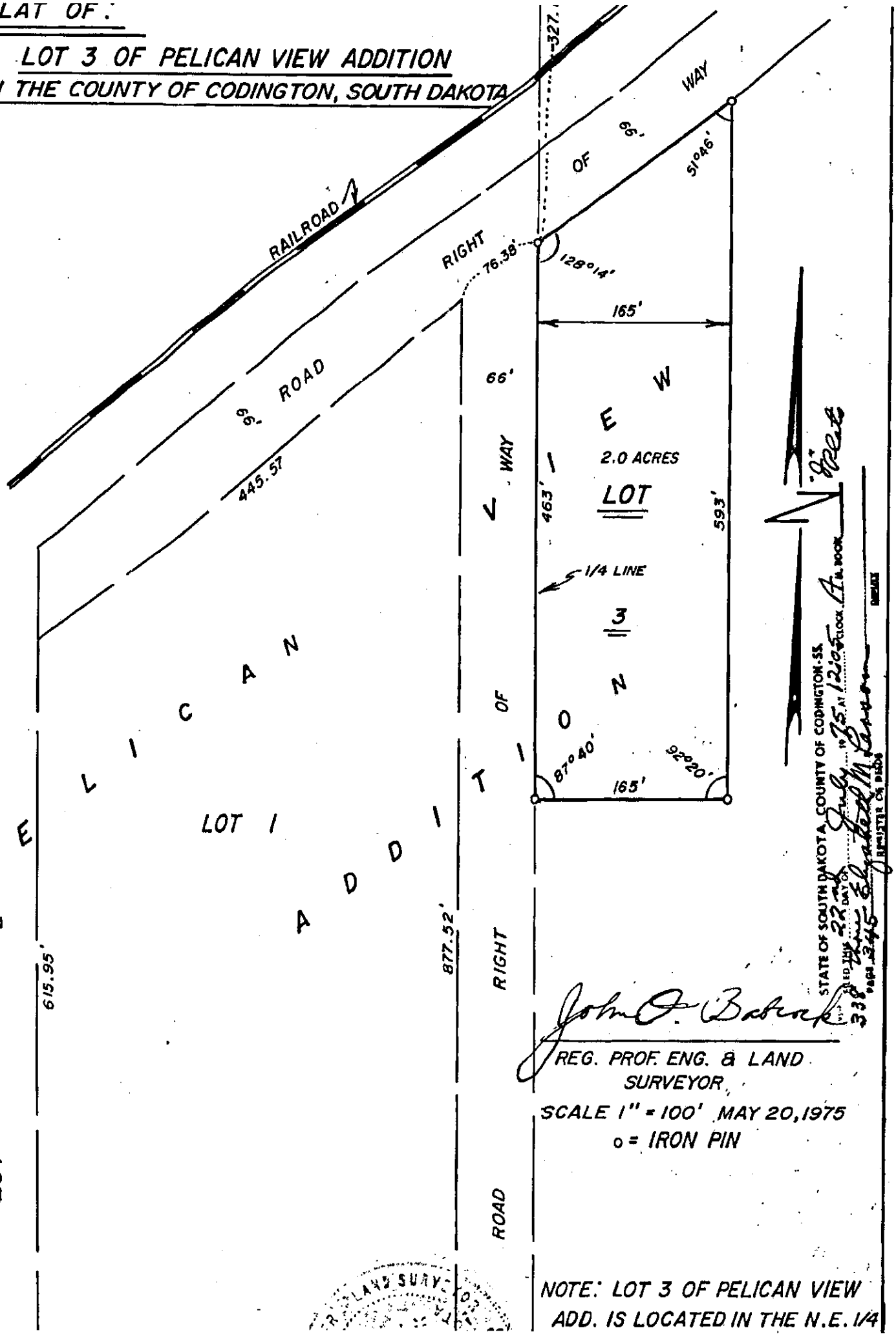
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Codington County, 20 October 2026


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87°40'
327.19'
66'
ROAD R.O.W.
76.38'
66'
445.57'
51°46'
66'
128°14'
350'
LAKE PELICAN
10'
UTILITY EASEMENT
LOT 1
6 AC.
615.95'
877.52'
WAY
OF
GOV'T LOT 1
87°40'
92°20'
350.29'
UTILITY EASEMENT
10'
1" = 200'
NE. 1/4
12-116-53
PLAT OF PELICAN VIEW ADDITION
IN THE COUNTY OF CODINGTON, SOU
S.E. 1/4 OF THE N.W. 1/4
L O T 2
57 ACRES MORE OR LESS
GOV'T LOT 2
ROAD - RIGHT
66'
1/4 SEC. LINE
ROAD R.O.W.
66'
John O. Babcock
REG. PROF. ENG. & LAND SURVEYOR
FEBRUARY 26, 1975
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF CODINGTON-SS.
312 Elizabeth M Larson
JOHN O. BABCOCK

PLAT OF:

LOT 3 OF PELICAN VIEW ADDITION
IN THE COUNTY OF CODINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA



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SCALE 1" = 100' MAY 20, 1975

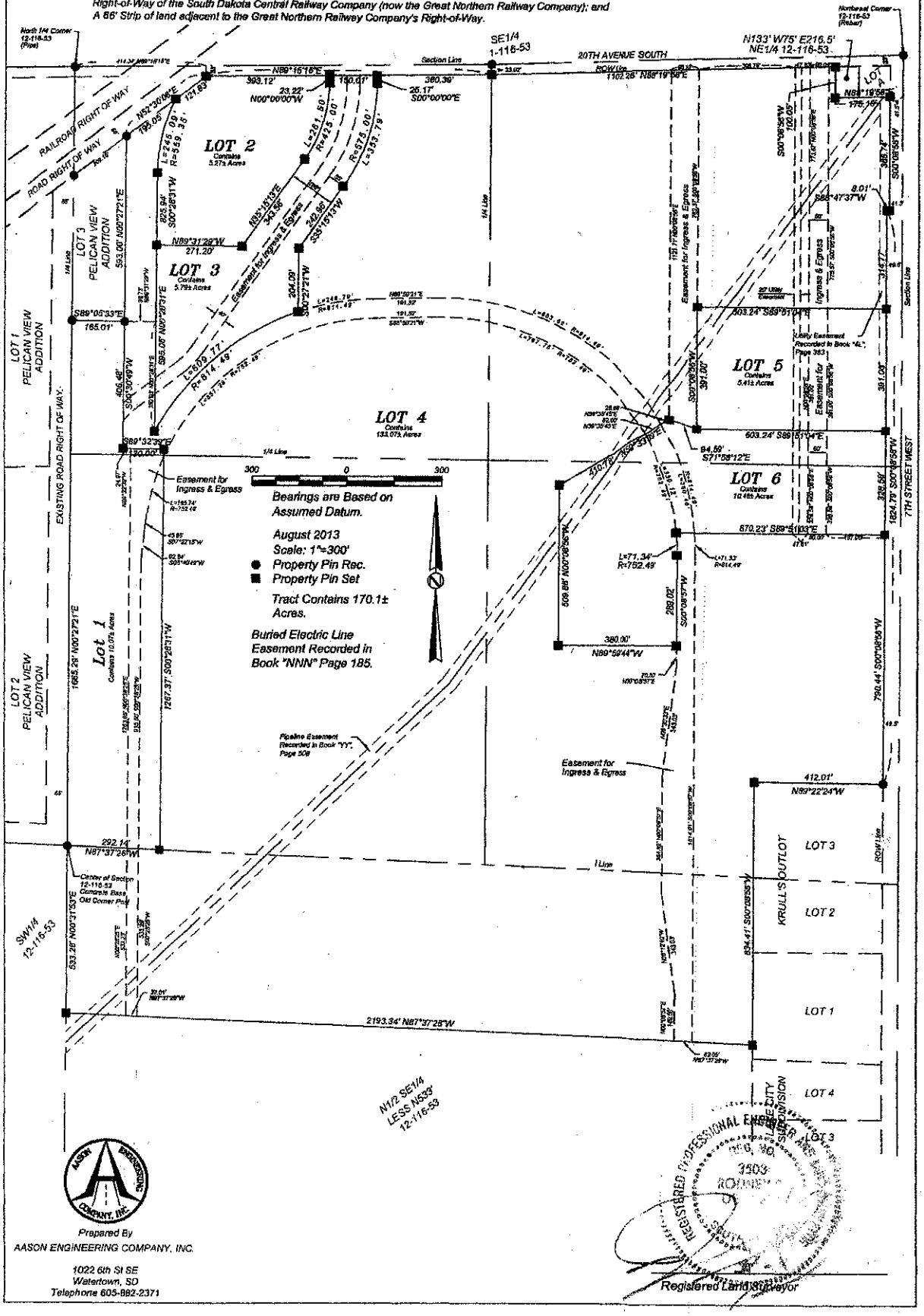
o = IRON PIN

NOTE: LOT 3 OF PELICAN VIEW ADD. IS LOCATED IN THE N.E. 1/4

Plat of
Watertown Crop Nutrients, LLC Addition to the Municipality of Watertown, in the County of Codington, South Dakota.

Tract is located in the Northeast Quarter and the North 533' of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, T116N, R53W of the 5th P.M., Codington County, South Dakota, less the following:

Road Right of Way;
Lot A of the Northeast Quarter;
The North 133' of the West 75' of the East 216.5' of said Northeast Quarter;
Lot 3 of Pelican View Addition;
Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Subdivision of Krull's Outlot;
Right-of-Way of the South Dakota Central Railway Company (now the Great Northern Railway Company); and
A 66' Strip of land adjacent to the Great Northern Railway Company's Right-of-Way.



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PERSONNEL TRANSACTION - NEW HIRE/CHANGE OF STATUS

EMPLOYEE NAME		DATE
Barbara Martenson		10/20/2026
EFFECTIVE DATE	**POSITION TITLE**	**DEPARTMENT**
11/1/2026	Administrative Specialist	Director of Equalization
CURRENT STEP	**NEW STEP**	
K	J	
CURRENT PAY RATE	**NEW PAY RATE**	
$30.35	$31.98	

REASONS FOR CHANGE

Promotion from Administrative Assistant to Administrative Specialist

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE Barbara Martenson

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE Shawna Cundiff

DATE 10/20/2026

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS _____

DATE _____

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE OR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

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CODINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR