

Meade County Fair Association

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Sturgis, SD 57785

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Meade County School Board
1230 Douglas St
Sturgis, SD 57785

Dear Meade County School Board;

The Meade County Fair Association Inc. respectfully submits our request for your consideration a proposal to transfer land to the Meade County Fair Association Inc. for the purposes of establishing a permanent county fairgrounds.

The Fair Association currently organizes the Meade County Fair on property owned by the Meade County School district leased to the Fair Association under a ninety-nine year lease. This lease consists of approximately five acres surrounding the fair building and includes hay land and the school's central supply building.

The Fair Association has begun the process of planning an additional building located to the south of the current fair building. The primary purpose of this building is to provide a location for 4-H shooting sports and to provide a location for static exhibits during the fair. During this planning process, the Fair Association has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Meade County School District and the Fair Association to renegotiate the land situation in order to remove the central supply building from the lease and establish land around the fair building conducive to establishing a location and facilities for a permanent fair grounds.

The Fair Association proposes the termination of the current ninety-nine year lease in exchange for land deeded to the Meade County Fair Association Inc. The deeded land would consist of seven acres to the south and east of the current fair building (see attached). The Fair Association would accept a conditional deed that allowed for the land to revert to the Meade County School District upon the dissolution of the Fair Association.

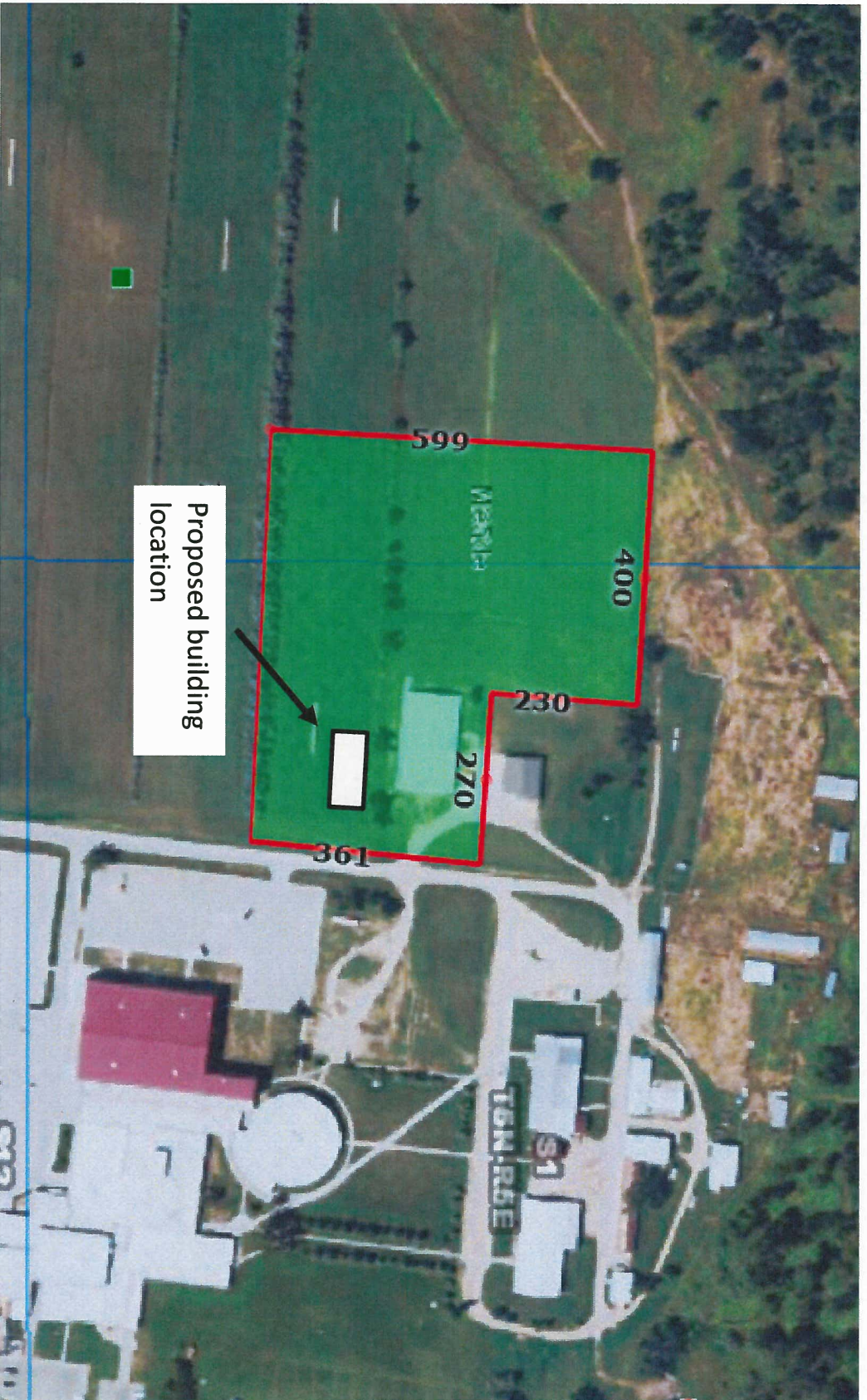
The change in size and ownership of the land will allow the Fair Association the opportunity to establish a permanent fairgrounds. Additionally, the change in size will allow for further development of the fairgrounds to include an exhibit hall, picnic area, an outdoor arena and amphitheater.

The Fair Association understands that the Meade County School Board is currently in negotiations with the city of Sturgis to purchase property and relocate the rodeo grounds. The Fair Association would be willing to consider alternatives offered by the School Board that meets the needs of all parties involved.

Sincerely,



Ronald Adam
Vice President
Meade County Fair Association



Fair Proposal:

- 7 acres to be surveyed, parcelled and deeded to the Meade County Fair Association with rights to revert back to the school district in the event of the dissolution of the Fair Association.