July 12-13, 2018

ITEM 180-2301-R0718

Request for authorization to execute a utility easement with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Montana Agricultural Experiment Station

THAT

The Board of Regents authorize Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) to an execute agreement for a utility easement with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) to establish an underground electrical line to a neighbor's well location through the real property of the Eastern Agricultural Experiment Station (EARC) property.

EXPLANATION

- 1. Neighboring property owner has the need to run electricity to their well. To do this Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. needs to install an underground electrical line from the power pole on Hwy. 200.
- 2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. has requested that MAES grant MDU an underground electrical right-of-way easement to facilitate the expansion of infrastructure.
- 3. MAES will benefit with improved roadway, compensation for any crop or road side damage, i.e. crop loss (should they damage the current crop in the field), depth of bury so all agricultural operations can occur without damage, and road side reclamation to include condition equal to pre-trench condition. This benefit satisfies requirements of BOR Policy 1003.6.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1- Easement Agreement Attachment #2- Promise of Payment Attachment #3- Map of Work Area