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ITEM 190-2801-R0920

Request for Authorization to Adopt "Tilleman Field" as the Formal Name of the New Football Field; MSU Northern

THAT

In accordance with BOR policy 1004.1, MSU Northern requests authorization from the Montana Board of Regents to adopt the name Tilleman Field for the new football field built on MSU Northern's campus.

EXPLANATION

In September of 2019, the Tilleman family, owners of the Tilleman Motor Company and GMC dealership in Havre, made a lead gift to kick off the public phase of the fundraising campaign for the new Northern Lights football field and stadium project.

Mike Tilleman, a former NFL football player, was also instrumental in starting Northern's football program twenty years ago, as well as founding the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF), which has contributed significantly to MSU Northern Athletics over the last 20 years.

Through the NLASF, Mike hosts a celebrity pheasant hunt called Legends for Lights, which brings former NFL players to Havre every fall. All money raised is donated by NLASF to the MSU Northern athletic program and provides vital funding for scholarships and staffing needs.

The naming process has been collaborative and included input from both the campus community and the public. Multiple opportunities and methods to provide feedback and discuss the formal name have been provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Public Feedback (Email)

Attachment 2: Public Feedback (Meetings)