

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-1604-R0323

Request for Authorization to Accept Donated Land from the University of Montana Foundation for Construction of a new Sports and Activities Complex; University of Montana Western

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes the University of Montana Western to accept the gift of land donated by the University of Montana Western Foundation.

This item is consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System, the provisions of BOR Policy 1003.6 and MCA 20-25-103.

EXPLANATION

1. The University of Montana Western (UMW) is requesting authorization to accept a gift of land donated by UMW Foundation (UMWF) for new construction of a Sports and Activities Complex in Dillon, MT.
2. The property is 14 acres of undeveloped land and is contiguous to the southern corner of the campus behind the existing sports complex. The property is herein described as:

Legal Descriptions: Tract 5A and Parcel FB

A tract of land located in the S ½ of Section 19 and in the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, P.M.M., and in the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 9 West, P.M.M., County of Beaverhead, State of Montana.

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3. UMW Foundation and the Erb family are working with the City of Dillon to finalize the subdivision abandonment so they can provide a clean title to UMW.
 4. This complex will provide new space for all student athletes and related operations including a football field, training space, locker rooms, parking, vendor space, tail-gating space, and ancillary spaces. The complex will be available for sports camps, concerts, and other student activities that will promote student engagement. This project brings our fans and students together on our campus to help build a sense of community to watch or participate in sports activities.
 5. In addition to approval of this item, UMW is seeking an MOU and Lease with the UMWF for the construction of the Sports and Activities Complex. See Item 205-2605-R0323.
 6. Both the Sports and Activities Complex and the Wellness Center are anticipated to open in Fall 2024. The new Wellness Center, to be constructed as an addition to the Bulldog Athletics and Recreation Center (BARC), was approved in September 2022 and driven by the ASUMW student body wanting more student engagement and opportunities for health and wellness activities on campus.
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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1: Map of Land
- Attachment #2: Legal Descriptions