

NOTICE OF CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE SALE

Notice is hereby given that an authorized representative of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds of the State of Nebraska will offer for lease at public auction on the day and time set forth below, at the CUSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE BOARD ROOM in Broken Bow, Nebraska, the following educational lands within said County:

DATE: January 29, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather and/or bad roads, the Board’s Field Representative may postpone the sale until February 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. If this occurs, the County Treasurer and the Board’s Lincoln Office will both be notified at least 90 minutes prior to the originally scheduled sale time.

44	N½ and SE¼ (480 acres, more or less)	16-19-20W	\$30,076.00	December 31, 2031
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Predominant Land Use: 66 acres of pivot irrigated cropland, 41 acres of dryland cropland and 363 acres of grassland
This tract is located 15 miles north of Broken Bow, NE.
Improvements to be sold include: 1,400 rods of fence, stock/domestic well, submersible pump, pressure system, underground pipe with waterer, and 2 dugouts. Total Value: \$16,250.00
Personal Property Items: House, garage, 2 barns, all stocktanks, metal gates and panels, 240 rods of cropland interior and road fence in NW¼.
STIPULATION: Lessee will properly and completely remove, and clean up, all buildings including the house, garage, and barns, at Lessee’s sole and exclusive cost and expense and to the satisfaction of the Board’s Field Representative, not later than December 31, 2024.

A post sale pre-confirmation bonus bid in the amount of \$1,000.00 has been received by the Board for this tract which was previously offered for sale on November 28, 2023. Therefore, the bidding will begin with this bonus bid of \$1,000.00

Any item(s) listed above as “personal property” are subject to removal by the previous lessee. All right, title and interest in any items listed as “Trust owned”, shall remain with the School Land Trust.

To be eligible to bid on a school land lease, you must be able to contract in accordance with Nebraska Law and have deposited with a representative of the Board, or with the County Treasurer of the County in which the land is located, a bank draft, cashier’s check, certified check or money order made payable to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds equal to the 2024 rental of said tract. Said rental deposit may be submitted at any time until the tract is announced “Sold”.

If more than one qualified bidder is interested in a lease, it will be sold subject to Board approval, to the party bidding the highest bonus, in addition to the first year’s rent, at the auction. Bonus bids must be paid to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds immediately following the auction. Bonus bids are a one-time payment covering the entire term of the lease.

All sales of educational land leases at public auction are non-revocable offers from the bidder, which shall become binding contracts only upon acceptance and approval by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Leases will be effective January 1, 2024, or upon acceptance and approval by the Board, whichever occurs later.

Leases will be issued only to those who sign the “Lease and Application” in person or through an Attorney-In-Fact who presents a Power of Attorney at the time of the auction. A sample Power of Attorney form is available on the Board’s website. Lease assignments submitted to the Board within 30 days of the auction will be processed without fee. The Board’s standard form lease sets out the terms of the lease of the real estate to which this notice pertains; provided, however, any additional stipulations pertaining specifically to this real estate, which are included in this notice, shall become a part of the complete terms of the lease pertaining to this real estate. The Board’s standard form lease may be inspected at the County Treasurer’s office or on the Board’s website and a copy, which includes any additional stipulations pertaining to this real estate, can be obtained by contacting the Board’s Lincoln office or the Field Representative for this county named above.

The successful bidder shall, within thirty days of the date of Board approval, pay the amount of the value of the improvements (and growing crops, if applicable) as stated above, to the County Treasurer of the County wherein the land is situated. If such payment is not made on time and in full, all payments made by the successful bidder to the Board may be declared forfeited and a new lease or sale of the land may be authorized. All improvements affixed to the land which are not listed above are and shall remain owned by the School Trust. No improvements shall be placed on the land by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board; and any improvements made by Lessee without the prior written approval of the Board shall be permanently owned exclusively by the Board.

All monies received by the Board’s agents will be deposited subject to approval of the lease by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. In the event a lease is not approved, the appropriate refunds will be issued.

Rental is subject to change by the Board semi-annually at any time during the term of the lease.

The Lessee making each election to harvest fall-seeded crops will pay the 2024 rent on those acres. In the event of such election, the successful bidder, if other than the previous Lessee, will receive a refund of 2024 rent equal to the amount so paid by the previous Lessee.

Your attendance at this auction is at your own risk. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall not be liable for any exposure to, or contraction of, any illness or injury. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds reserves the right to restrict attendance at this auction.

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