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May 4, 2012

By first-class, U.S. mail

Mr. Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer
South Dakota State Historical Society
900 Governors Dr.
Pierre, SD 57501

Attn: Paige Olson, Review & Compliance Coordinator

Re: Project: 120423004F - Sunflour Railroad, Inc. Abandonment of Rail Line
Milepost No. 228.2 to Milepost 236.2 in South Dakota
Location: Multiple Counties
(STB)

Dear Mr. Vogt:

Thanks for your letter of May 2 in regard to the above Project.

As suggested in your letter, I have reviewed "South Dakota's Railroads" as bearing on listing of railroad property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Based on that review, it is my opinion that the 8.1-mile segment of rail line between one mile west of Claire City and Veblen in Roberts and Marshall Counties, SD owned by Sunflour Railroad, Inc. is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and that abandonment of that rail line segment would not negatively impact historic properties in the Project Area.

The segment of rail line was constructed by the Fairmount and Veblen Railway in 1912. It was acquired by Soo Line Railroad Company in 1915, and by Sunflour Railroad, Inc. in 2000. There are no railroad structures, such as depots or station buildings, along the rail line segment. There is a single wooden bridge along the rail line segment (copy of photograph attached), which is not distinctive. Attached is a survey map of the segment of rail line that shows that the rail line segment extends through unremarkable rural territory except for the right-of-way through the small town of Veblen, SD.

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Based on the foregoing, I am respectfully requesting that you concur that the rail line segment is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historical Places, and that abandonment of the rail line segment would not negatively impact historic properties in the Project Area.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Sunflour Railroad, Inc.

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cc: (by first-class, U.S. mail, w/copy of May 2 letter)
Ms. Victoria Rutson
Mr. Tom Mars





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DESIGN INC

Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors

Transmittal Letter

To: Tom Mars

Date: December 21, 2011

Company: Sunflour Railroad

If enclosures are not as noted,
please inform us immediately.

Address: 3400 56th
Commerce City CO 80022

Re: Survey of Record & RR - R.O.W.

☒ Approval ☐ Review & Comment ☒ Information ☐ Signature ☐ Other (Specified)

Copies	Date	Description
1	12-21-11	Survey of Record Marshall County, City of Veblen, SD
3	12-21-11	Marshall County Railroad R.O.W. section maps
5	12-21-11	Roberts County Railroad R.O.W. section maps

Remarks:

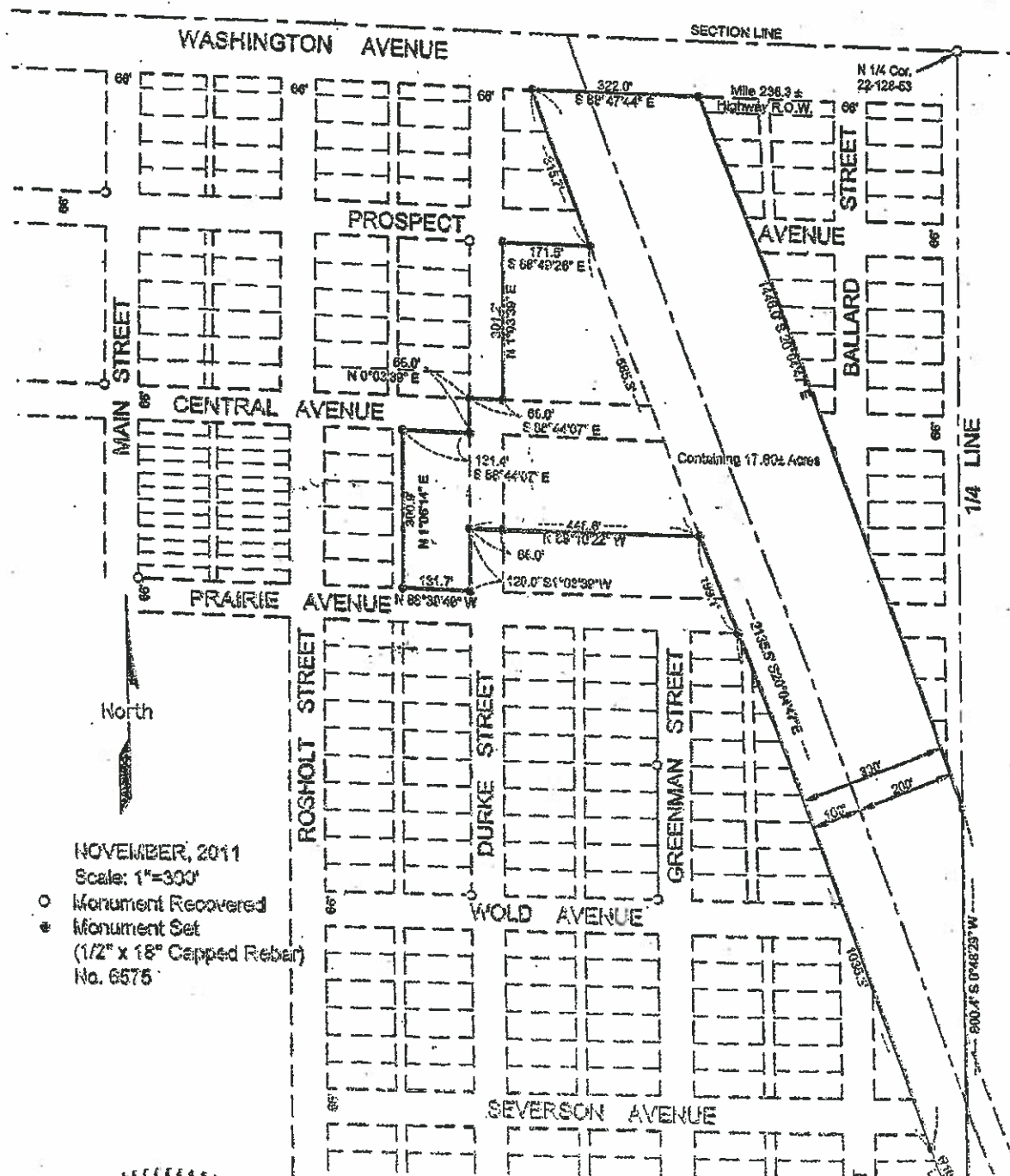
Enclosed is of the Railroad survey of the ROW from Veblen to 1 mile w of Claire City.
After surveying and researching the boundary of railroad ROW North of the highway in Veblen
I couldn't find any documentation or evidence that you purchased any Railroad ROW beyond
Mile 236.3 which lies approximately on the South Highway ROW in Veblen.
If you have any questions, please contact me at CDI.

Wid Taylor



SURVEY OF RECORD

**RAILROAD PROPERTY IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 22, T128N, R53W
MARSHALL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

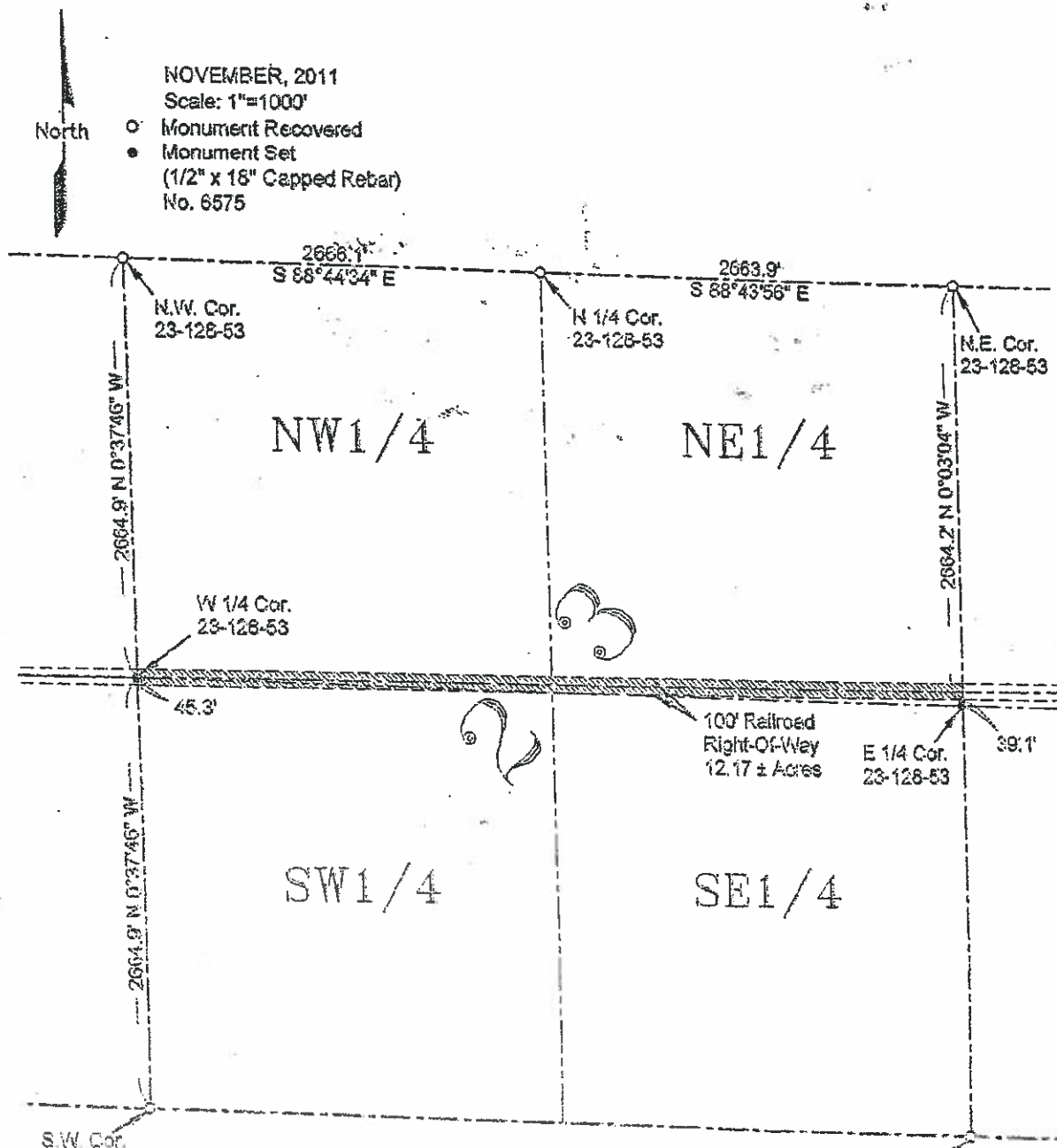


Prepared By:



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RAILROAD R.O.W. IN SECTION 23, T128N, R53W MARSHALL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA



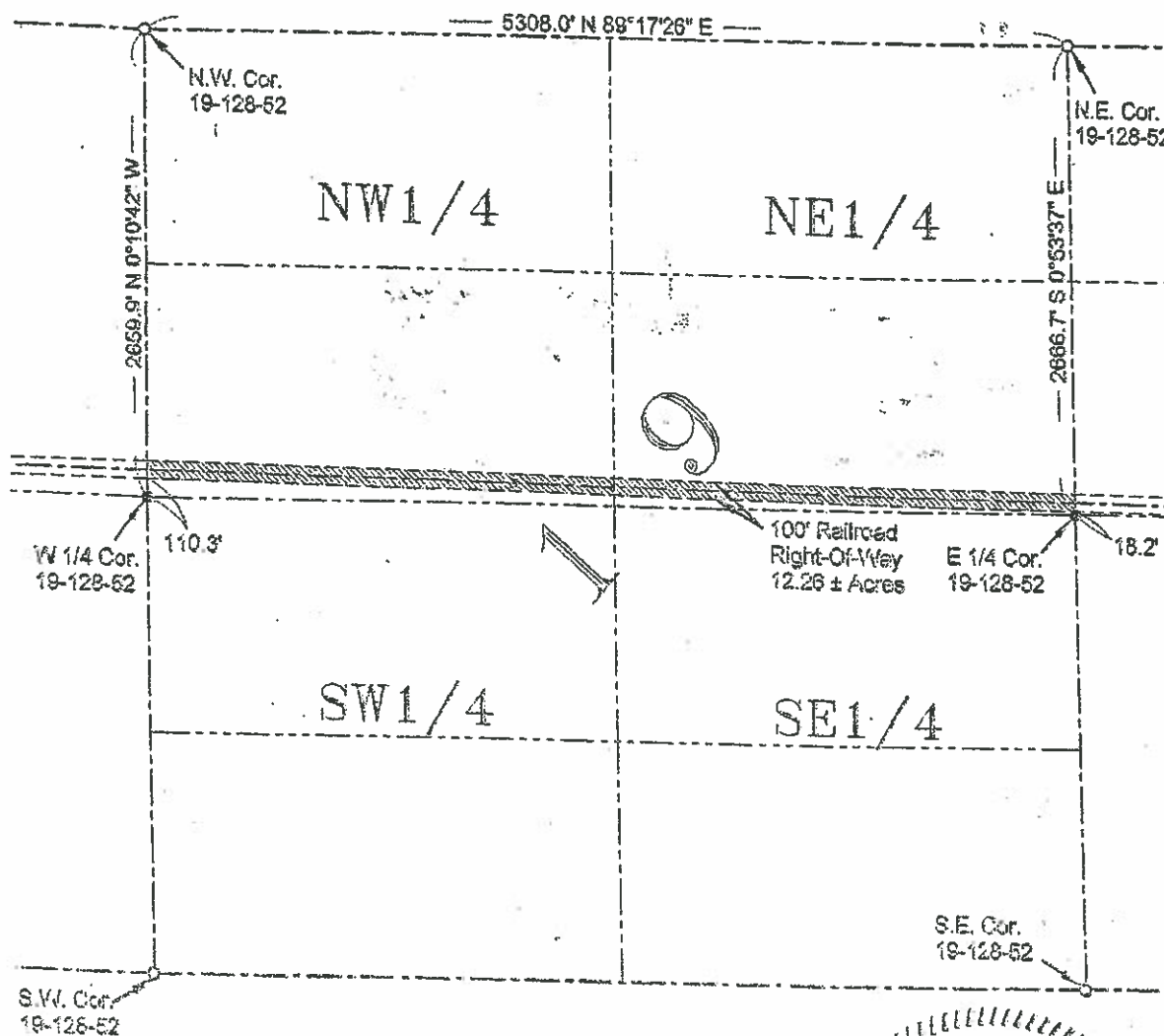
RAILROAD R.O.W. IN SECTION 19, T128N, R52W
ROBERTS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA



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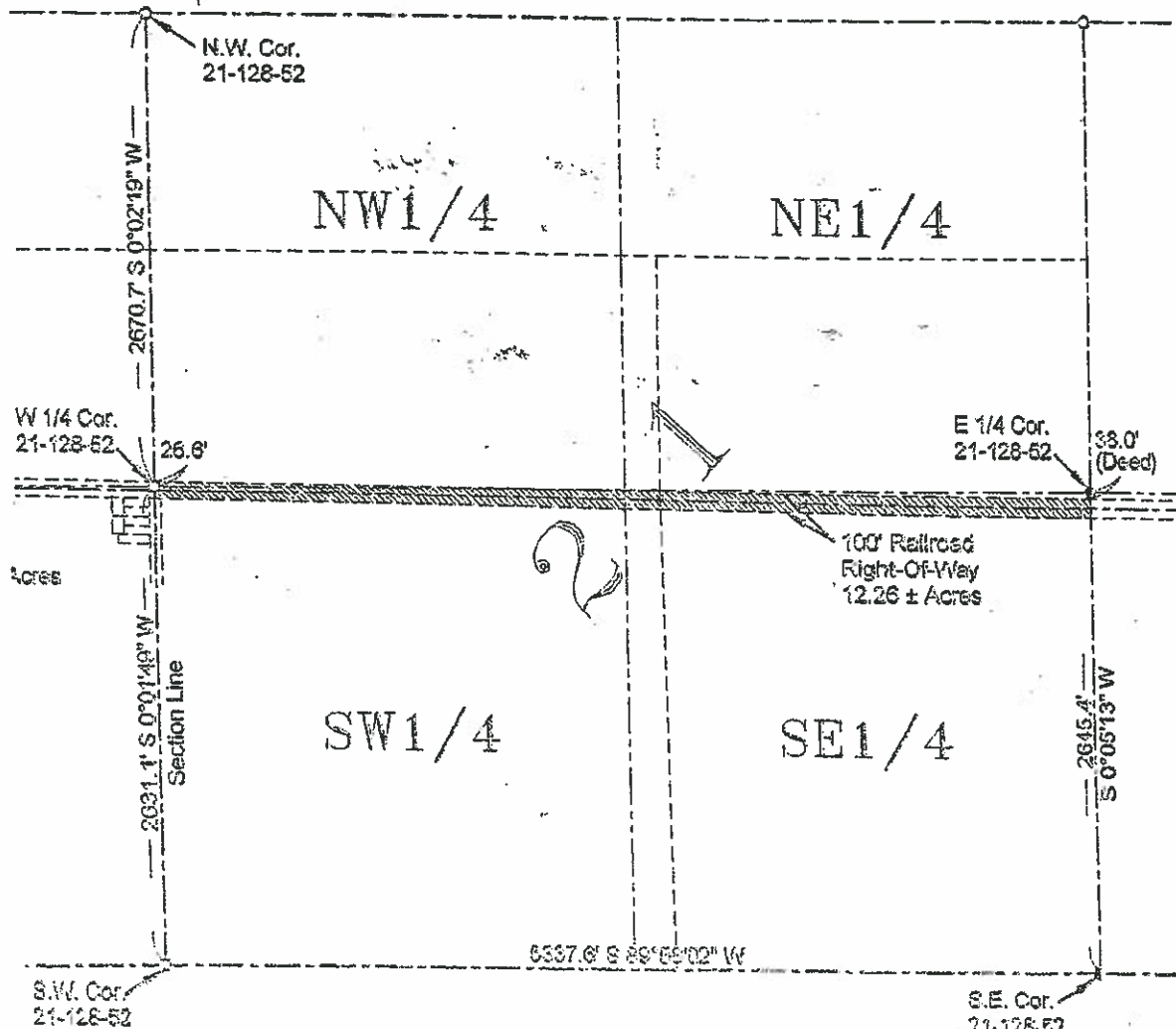
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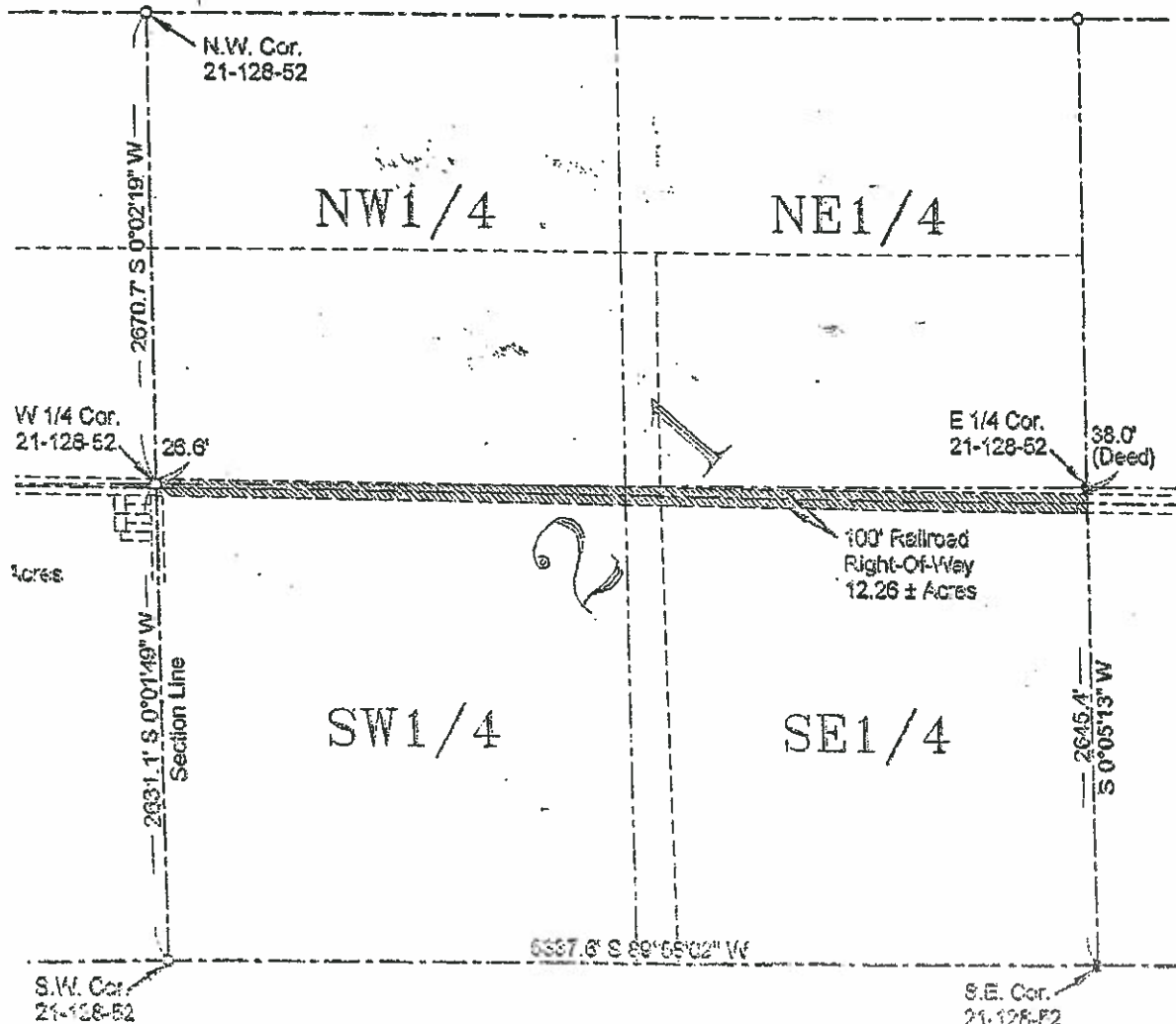
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