Jerry Cope, Chairman South Dakota Rail Board
Darin Berquist, Secretary Department of Transportation
700 East Broadway Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Chairman Cope and Secretary Berguist:

We submit for consideration and approval by the South Dakota Rail Board this proposal to purchase approximately 0.73 acres (31,978 square feet) of State Railroad ROW adjacent to our property in Presho. The proposed purchase equates to the property beyond a line 65-feet parallel from the centerline of the railroad as indicated below.



Based on the land appraisal completed by Randy Vance of DVI Appraisal Services on February 21, 2017, we propose a purchase price of \$0.16 per square foot. Purchase of this property will allow us to clear up the encroachment of our house on State property and continue use of land that we have occupied and maintained for 35 years.

While the crossing to our property via Elm Street has been in common use by the residents of Presho since 1934 to access the former railroad depot, we understand the Department of Transportation's position requiring that we apply for an official crossing permit in regards to accessing our property where Elm Avenue joins our property. Please find attached the official permit application, along with payment.

With your approval of our proposed purchase of Right of Way and the attached crossing permit application, we would be pleased to commit to paying the fees associated with any re-platting, easement preparations or filings required to record and document this transaction.

Thank you for your consideration and willingness to work with us on a mutually agreeable solution to this situation.

Sincerely, July Brost Judy Brost

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Attached:

**DVI Appraisal Report** 

Crossing Permit Application & Payment