

THE NAPA TO PLATTE REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY'S

POSITION PAPER

ON THE FUTURE OF THE NAPA TO PLATTE RAIL LINE

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The Governor in his October 31, 2012 letter to the South Dakota State Railroad Board outlined 5 "important considerations" that must be taken into account should the Board choose to pursue a possible sale of the Napa to Platte Rail Line.

The Governor conditioned the sale of the rail line only if those 5 conditions and potentially other considerations can be met by stating:

**"If all these conditions can be met, as well as others deemed appropriate by the Board, possible sale of the line and returning it to private ownership may be the quickest and most beneficial to the local shippers, ag producers, and the local economy".**

The Governor's 5 points:

- 1. The ability of Dakota Plains Ag Center to proceed with their proposed development along the line should not be impeded in any way,**
- 2. The proposed Wagner Native Ethanol project, should it ever come to fruition, must be guaranteed reliable rail service to its facility,**
- 3. Protections must be put in place that assure the state that rehabilitation and operations will progress on the line at a reasonable pace,**
- 4. If a proposed purchaser abandons effort at restoring service on the line or otherwise fails to follow through on the terms and conditions of any agreement deemed appropriate by the Board, the state must retain the ability to assume ownership of the line again, and**
- 5. Most importantly, the Board must ensure that the terms of any proposed sale of the line protects and continues all of the benefits currently in place as the result of the core line sale agreement.**

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The Napa to Platte Regional Railroad Authority (NPRRA) fully supports the Governor's Conditions if the State Railroad Board and the Governor pursue their current rail line sale efforts.

NPRRA understands SDDOT is now considering selling the segment of the line from near Napa Jct extending westerly approximately 14 miles to near the intersection of Hwy 50 and Hwy 25. (Subject Property).