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September 21, 2006

**No. 06PL140 - Layout Plat**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	Fisk Land Surveying & Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Brent Pushing
REQUEST	<b>No. 06PL140 - Layout Plat</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 SE14/ SE1/4; SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4; SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4; S1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4; S1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4, Section 25, T2N, R6E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 40 acres
LOCATION	Northwest of the terminus of Sun Ridge Road
EXISTING ZONING	General Agriculture District (Pennington County)
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	General Agriculture District (Pennington County)
South:	General Agriculture District (Pennington County)
East:	General Agriculture District (Pennington County)
West:	General Agriculture District (Pennington County)
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Private water and sewer
DATE OF APPLICATION	8/25/2006
REVIEWED BY	Travis Tegethoff / Mary Bosworth

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Layout Plat be approved with the following stipulations:

1. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, the road construction plans for the extension of Sun Ridge Road shall be submitted for review and approval. In particular, the road construction plans shall show the street constructed with a minimum 60 foot right-of-way and a 24 foot paved surface with curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, sewer and water or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained. In addition, a design showing a minimum 96 foot wide diameter right-of-way with a minimum 76 foot wide diameter paved cul-de-sac bulb at the end of the proposed right-of-way shall be submitted for review and approval;
2. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, road construction plans shall be submitted for review and approval for the section of street that is unnamed located north of Lot 2. In particular, the road construction plans shall show the street constructed with a minimum 45 foot right-of-way and a 20 foot paved surface with curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, sewer and water or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall

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- be obtained. In addition, a design showing a minimum 96 foot wide diameter right-of-way with a minimum 76 foot wide diameter paved cul-de-sac bulb at the end of the proposed right-of-way shall be submitted for review and approval;
3. Prior to submittal of a Final Plat, the plat document shall include the dedication of the right-of-way for the east 660 feet of Sun Ridge Road located directly east of the subject property or an "H" Lot shall be recorded dedicating the right-of-way or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be approved waiving the requirement to dedicate the right-of-way;
  4. Prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the City Council, the section line highway shall be constructed to City Street Design Standards or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained to waive the street improvements or the section line highway shall be vacated. The adjacent property owner shall participate in the platting or vacation of the section line highway or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained to allow half a right-of-way. In particular, the road shall be located in a minimum 66 foot wide right-of-way and constructed with a minimum 24 foot wide paved surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, water and sewer or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained;
  5. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, a drainage plan shall be submitted for review and approval. In addition, the plat shall be revised to show drainage easements as needed;
  6. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, water plans prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer showing the extension of water lines shall be submitted for review. If a shared well and/or a community water facility is proposed than it shall be designed as a public water system or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained. In addition, the plat document shall be revised to show utility easement(s) as needed;
  7. Upon submittal of a Preliminary Plat application, sewer plans prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer showing the extension of sanitary sewer mains and service lines shall be submitted for review and approval or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained. If individual on-site wastewater systems are proposed, then an on-site wastewater plan prepared by a Professional Engineer demonstrating that the soils are suitable for on-site wastewater systems shall be submitted for review and approval;
  8. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, a topographical drawing showing any proposed grading and a sediment and erosion control plan for all improved areas shall be submitted for review and approval;
  9. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, a cost estimate of the subdivision improvements shall be submitted for review and approval;
  10. Upon submittal of the Preliminary Plat application, all Uniform Fire Codes shall be continually met;
  11. Prior to submittal of a Final Plat application, a Wild Fire Mitigation Plan shall be submitted for review and approval and the plan shall be implemented;
  12. Prior to submittal of the Final Plat, the property shall be rezoned to a zoning district as required to allow a minimum 10 acre lot or a Variance from the Pennington County Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be obtained;
  13. Prior to submittal of the Final Plat, surety for any required subdivision improvements that have not been completed shall be posted and the subdivision inspection fees shall be paid; and,
  14. Prior to submittal of the Final Plat, a note shall be placed on the plat document stating

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that "An alternate drainfield area for each lot shall be identified upon submittal of a building permit."

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Layout Plat to subdivide approximately 40 acres into four residential lots. The applicant has also submitted a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations request in conjunction with the Layout Plat application. (See companion item #06SV053.)

On July 19, 2004, City Council approved a Layout Plat (04PL084) with stipulations for the subject property.

On September 19, 2005, City Council denied without prejudice a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations (05SV023) for the subject property.

The applicant is now submitting a Layout Plat that still has four lots but has revised the location of Sun Ridge Road and extends Sun Ridge Road to western limits of the subject property. The subject property is located west of Rapid City on Sun Ridge Road. Currently, there are no structures on the property.

The Layout Plat is an informal preliminary review of a proposed subdivision to identify any major issues prior to platting. It is intended to provide the subdivider with an informal process where major issues may be identified and general agreements may be reached with Rapid City as to the form of the plat. Comments regarding the Layout Plat are based on the level of detail provided. All specific details of the subdivision may not be addressed as part of the Layout Plat approval but the major concerns and issues are identified based on the information provided. All applicable Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Regulations, Street Design Criteria Manual, and any other applicable regulations will need to be met as part of the Preliminary and Final Plat. Any waiver from the Rapid City Municipal Code or the Street Design Criteria Manual will require a formal variance request or a special exception whichever is applicable.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the Layout Plat and has noted the following considerations:

Sun Ridge Road: Sun Ridge Road construction plans must be submitted for review and approval as it is classified as a collector street. In particular, the road construction plans shall show the street constructed with a minimum 60 foot right-of-way and a 24 foot paved surface with curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, sewer and water or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained. In addition a design showing a 96 foot diameter right-of-way with a minimum 76 foot wide cul-de-sac bulb at the end of the proposed right-of-way on Sun Ridge Road must be submitted for review and approval. Currently, Sun Ridge Road is located in a 66 foot right-of-way and constructed with an approximate 20 foot wide paved surface.

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The Layout Plat identifies that approximately 660 feet of off-site road improvements for the extension of Sun Ridge Road to the subject property will be constructed as a part of this development. Prior to submittal of a Final Plat, the plat document must include the dedication of the right-of-way for this portion of Sun Ridge Road or an "H" Lot must be recorded or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be approved waiving the requirement to dedicate the right-of-way.

Section Line Highway: An unimproved section line highway is located along the south lot line of the subject property. The section line highway must be constructed to City Street Design Standards with a minimum 24 foot wide paved surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, water and sewer or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained. The applicant also has the option of vacating the section line highway; however, the southern half and a portion of the north half of the section line highway is located on adjacent properties under different ownerships than the subject property. As such, the adjacent property owners must participate in the vacation or the platting of the section line right-of-way or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow platting half a right-of-way must be obtained. Staff is recommending that the section line highway issue be addressed as identified prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the City Council.

Lane/Place: Road construction plans must be submitted for review and approval on the section of street that is unnamed and is classified as a lane/place street located north of Lot 2. In particular, the road construction plans must show the street constructed with a minimum 45 foot right-of-way and a 20 foot paved surface with curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, sewer and water or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained. In addition, a design showing a minimum 96 foot diameter right-of-way with a minimum 76 foot wide cul-de-sac bulb at the end of the proposed right-of-way must be submitted for review and approval.

Forty Dwelling Units: Currently, Sun Ridge Road serves as exclusive access to 39 residential lots. The proposed layout will result in 43 lots with one exclusive point of access. On August 16, 2000, the City Council approved an amendment to the Street Design Criteria Manual stating that "...a street shall not provide exclusive access to more than forty (40) dwelling units. A second street access shall be provided when more than forty (40) dwelling units are exclusively accessed from a street." Staff noted that an exception had previously been granted and subdividing one parcel into four lots was a minimal increase based on the County's zoning designation of the property. As such, an Exception Request (06EX048) was granted on September 5, 2006 to allow 43 dwelling units in lieu of 40 dwelling units with one point of access.

Fire Protection: The Fire Department staff has stated that the structures shall be fully fire sprinkled if minimum access requirements and minimum required fire flows cannot be met. In addition, all proposed streets must be constructed to meet the minimum standards of the Street Design Criteria Manual to insure fire apparatus access or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations shall be obtained. Staff is recommending that construction plans be submitted for review and approval as identified upon Preliminary Plat submittal.

The Fire Department staff has also indicated that the property is located in a high wild fire

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hazard area. As such, prior to submittal of a Final Plat application, a Wild Fire Mitigation Plan must be submitted for review and approval. In addition, the Wild Fire Mitigation Plan must be implemented.

Drainage: As part of the Preliminary Plat application, a drainage plan must be submitted for review and approval. The drainage plan must identify that any discharge meets pre-development flow rates or on-site detention must be provided. In addition, a grading plan and an erosion and sediment control plan for all improved areas must be submitted for review and approval.

Staff believes that this proposed plat generally complies with all applicable Zoning and Subdivision Regulations assuming compliance with the stated stipulations.

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