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BAYFIELD COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM

The importance of maintaining and restoring the monuments that comprise our Public Land Survey System is well known. Bayfield County has re-established a payment system to encourage corner remonumentation. This program, funded through the Wisconsin Land Information Program and the Bayfield County Land Records Department, will provide financial assistance to private land surveyors for corner remonumentation that occurred during the course of a private land survey (past or present).

The program will be administered as follows:

- (A) The Program will be managed on a first come – first serve basis, subject to available funding. All remonumentation practices shall satisfy the terms of A-E 7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (B) Monuments, application forms, and corner certification forms will be provided by the Bayfield County Land Records Department. Written permission shall be obtained from the Land Records Department prior to corner remonumentation. Final approval shall be granted before payment is authorized.
- (C) Corners funded by this program shall include those corners of the original government survey (section corners, quarter corners, and original meander corners) in Bayfield County. Other corners may be approved on a case-by-case basis (C ¼ corner, etc.).
- (D) The Bayfield County Land Records Department reserves the right to deny application or payment for remonumentation for reasons enumerated, but not restricted, to the following:
 - (1) Existing application is pending, on file, or is already recorded for the subject corner.
 - (2) The application is being made by an agency or concern that conducts its own monumentation program.
 - (3) The application does not directly relate to a past or present private survey.
 - (4) The applicant has failed to provide the necessary information to substantiate a reasonable corner position.
 - (5) The applicant has not completed a current corner restoration request.
 - (6) The applicant is unqualified or has established a pattern of unprofessional practice.
- (E) If a corner is not currently monumented with a 1” or greater iron rod or pipe, Bayfield County will provide one monument per location (currently a drivable, capped monument). The participating surveyor shall provide his own dies to stamp the corner location and his registration number on the cap.
- (F) Each monument shall be within 100 feet of the corner and at near right angles, where practical. All distances to the objects shall be horizontal and bearings shall be magnetic, unless otherwise noted. If trees are used, the face toward the corner shall be blazed at breast height or marked with an “X” or section number; distances shall be measured from the corner monument to a nail in the side of the bearing tree at root crown. Thought shall be given to select live trees or metal objects of reasonable permanency. If tie

objects are not available, the surveyor shall place witness monuments in the manner described above. Witness monuments shall be at least 3/4" x 18" iron pipes or rods, to be provided by the surveyor. All monuments, including corner monuments, shall be placed flush to the ground where practical or mounded with stone to stabilize the monument. Road monuments shall be placed in such a manner as to protect the monument. If road conditions prohibit the placement of a Public Land Survey System monument with reasonable assurance of permanency, this monument may be used as a witness monument and the corner marked with a magnetic nail, iron rod, or similar facsimile. A steel fence post with survey marked sign provided by Bayfield County shall be driven in close proximity to the re-established corner and placed on the tie sheet unless such location is deemed hazardous by the surveyor.

- (G) The monument certification form shall be completed and filed at the office of the Bayfield County Register of Deeds and at the Bayfield County Land Records Department. There shall be no filing fee for the recording of this document.
- (H) The monument certification form shall be completed as accurately as past and present records allow. Basis for monument location, previous notes and data, the tie sketch, and other requirements of Wisconsin Administrative Code A-E 7 shall be included on this form.
- (I) Upon completion of monument restoration and filing of the certification form and subject map of survey, Bayfield County will pay \$100 to the surveyor of record for each approved monument installed, and \$75 for tie sheets filed for existing, sound corners monumented by a 1" or greater iron rod or pipe. This office recommends accepting existing corners where it is obvious that they have been used for a long period of time, fit local occupation lines, or other historical records. Acceptance of a remonumented corner or the payment for same under this program shall not be construed to imply that Bayfield County places any sanction on the corner position. The liability for the authenticity, acceptability, and accuracy of a corner position lies entirely with the surveyor who places the corner.
- (J) Bayfield County will pay an additional \$50 for sub centimeter accuracy GPS coordinates on the Section or 1/4 Monument.
Requirements Include:
Northing and Easting in Bayfield County Feet (WISCRS)
Latitude and Longitude
Two Tie Coordinates
Base station used for RTK
Reported RMS
Double occupancy for RTK
Photo of corner