

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ROAD CLOSING
RESOLUTION 2023-2024-52**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Richardson County, Nebraska, have deemed it necessary to consider the vacation or for the abandonment of the following road described below as:

Beginning at a point approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south of the intersection of 717 Road and 640 Avenue or beginning approximately 2,640 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, Nebraska and running approximately 2,640 feet or ½ mile south to the intersection of 716 Road and 640 Ave or the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East. Said road including Richardson County structure C007402110.

AND WHEREAS, the following was recommended by Steven J. Darveau, Jr. the Richardson County Highway Superintendent in a report received on May 10, 2023 to the County Board of Commissioners:

“Richardson County Bridge C007402110 has been closed since 1992, the north end of bridge was dug out to make repairs and the landowners planted the road shut. Structure has remained closed and landowners continue to plant county road. It is recommended this structure be permanently closed at this time.

This segment of road has no residents or businesses located along it. It has not been used since the closing of bridge C007402110 in 1992 when said roadway was planted to crops.

Adjacent landowners are in favor of said road and bridge closure. Neighboring landowners can access their property from the remaining portion of county road.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Richardson County Highway Superintendent that this segment of road and bridge can be permanently closed and abandoned. Road right-of-way can be reverted back to the adjacent landowners without any adverse effects except for the property purchased on August 8, 1914 by Richardson County as described as follows:

Beginning at a point 86 feet north of the bridge over whiskey Run, where said Creek crosses the section line between Sections 22 and 23, Township 3 North, Range 14 East, at hedge tree about 8 inches in diameter, standing on the west margin of the public road, thence south 86 feet, thence west 39 feet, thence northeast 96 feet, to place of beginning. Also beginning at a point 2 feet south of the above bridge, thence south 232 feet to a hedge tree about 8 inches in diameter and standing on the west margin of the public highway, thence northwest 58 feet, thence, bearing slightly more to the north, northwestward to a point 78 feet west of the point of beginning, containing approximately three-fourths (3/4) of an acre in all, there being a fence now on and along the west margin of said tracts of land which are purchased by the County for the purpose of providing a more suitable location for their bridge and roadway crossing Whiskey Run at the above point.

Described property should return to the current successors or landowner of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 14 East.

Richardson County needs to retain a temporary easement along the existing road for access to the bridge site until such time as the existing bridge can be removed. The temporary easement should terminate upon removal of the existing bridge.

As the landowner has previously farmed the roadway running north of the existing bridge, no permanent fence or gate would be required; however, it is recommended that a permanent fence or gating and fence be installed and maintained by the landowners at the south end of the vacated roadway.”

AND WHEREAS, whenever possible, the County Board shall cause copies of this resolution to be served by registered or certified mail upon the owners of land abutting on or adjacent to the road to be vacated or abandoned. Said notice shall be mailed not less than 2 weeks in advance of the hearing.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this Resolution is passed ordering a Public Hearing to receive input in support of or in opposition to the vacation of said road and structure to be held on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** in Room 202, Courthouse, Falls City, NE.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2023.

Richardson County Board of Commissioners

John Caverzagie, Chairman

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