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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for land agreements within Kneehill County.

Policy Guidelines:

- Agreements are to be arranged by the CAO or designate involved in the project.
- County employees are not to undertake private work for any landowner while doing road projects.

1. Land Purchase:

- 1) When the County is purchasing land it is necessary to have a Commissioner of Oaths available. Therefore, any land buying agreements are to be approved by the CAO.
- 2) Consideration for the land will be paid to the Landowner at the rate of \$3,000/acre (minimum\$600).

2. Fence Compensation

- 1) For any road construction project which requires removal of fences to properly construct the road, the County will remove and replace the fences at no cost to the landowner.
- 2) A fence is defined as one that will keep livestock confined.
- 3) If in the opinion of the CAO or designate the fence will not adequately confine animals, the County will not replace the fence and no compensation will be payable to the landowner.
- 4) If a temporary fence is required by the landowner in order to confine his livestock during construction, the County will construct a temporary fence. If required, the temporary fence will remain for one year to establish grass at which time it will be removed by the County. If the grass is not well established in the first year, the fence will remain for one additional year.
- 5) If the fence is to be replaced by the County the general construction policy is:
 - (a) The fence will be constructed using new wire and new posts.
 - (b) If the landowner wishes the fence constructed to a higher standard than County standards as outlined below, he must supply at his own cost any extra wire and posts which may be required.
 - (c) When rebuilding a barb wire fence the crew will use:
 - (i) 4" treated posts set 13 feet apart
 - (ii) 6" diameter 7-foot-long treated corner posts
 - (iii) 4 strand barb wire



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- (d) When rebuilding a high tensile fence, the crew will use:
 - (i) 4" treated posts set 20 feet apart
 - (ii) 6" diameter 7-foot-long treated corner posts
 - (iii) 5 strands high tensile unless the fence which existed prior to undertaking the road project was of a higher standard.
- (e) The County will only construct a fencing berm through a coulee or swampy area, and only if same is required to accommodate fence re-construction on a County road project.

3. Crop Damage

- 1) Crop damage compensation will be one payment at the rate of \$600/acre (minimum \$600), based on the estimated acreage, and will be paid on any seeded crop land, such as wheat, barley, etc., seeded hay land and native pasture. A letter to be sent to the landowner with compensation cheque advising of compensation calculation and the procedures, under the Municipal Government Act, of Public Notice for road project write offs and the landowner's recourse should he consider himself the affected party.

4. Borrow Pits:

- 1) The normal rate of compensation for an area on private property (borrow pit or back sloping areas) which is disturbed as a result of a County project will be a flat rate of \$600 per acre (minimum \$600). This amount is in excess of the crop damage compensation rate.
- 2) The CAO or designate will inspect the project prior to payment of the compensation to ensure the project has been completed satisfactorily.
- 3) If a mail box has to be removed in order to undertake a road construction project, the County will remove the mail box and will arrange to have it re-set when the project has been completed.

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