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February 29, 2016

North Dakota Industrial Commission
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program
State Capital – Fourteenth Floor
600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept 405
Bismarck, ND 58505

Grant Review Committee Members,

Enclosed is a ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000 for a \$40,100 project to complete playground improvements at Clausen Springs Park. The Barnes County Park Board is responsible for improvements and maintenance at this rural Barnes County Park and continually receives requests for enhanced facilities.

Improvements include the removal of outdated and unsafe playground equipment and replacement with new ADA compliant and safe play structures. These improvements are critical to ensure Clausen Springs Park continues to be a recreation destination for individuals of all ages and abilities.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 701-845-2251 office, 701-840-0250 cell or e-mail bkoepplin@kwh.com. Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Sincerely,

Bobby Koepplin, Chairman
Barnes County Park Board

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



Name of Organization: Barnes County Park Board

Federal Tax ID#: 45-6002198

Contact Person/Title: Bobby Koeplin, Chairman

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Fax #: 701.845.2252

Co-applicants: NA

MAJOR Directive:

Directive D. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Additional Directive:

Directive A. Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Type of organization:

Political Subdivision

Project Name: Clausen Springs Park Playground Improvements

Abstract/Executive Summary:

The Clausen Springs Park Playground Equipment Improvements Project will entail the removal of existing, unsafe equipment and installation of new ADA compliant playground structures. Equipment to be installed includes swing sets, tire swing, seesaw, bobble riders and soccer goals. The Project also includes the installation of wood fiber landing area, border and accessible concrete path. Barnes County Park Board will be responsible for the project. Board members and staff will work alongside the equipment supplier to prep the area and install the equipment – this will ensure that equipment is installed correctly and safely while reducing project costs. Clausen Springs Park sees significant traffic and use during summer months by overnight campers and day-use visitors. This project will result in a much improved amenity for families visiting the park.

The total project cost is \$40,100. The project will be completed during the Fall of 2016 and Spring of 2017. Exact timing will be dependent on funding and weather.

Project Duration: June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017

Amount of Grant request: \$10,000

Total Project Costs: \$40,100

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required.

Amount of Matching Funds: \$30,100

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

See Table under “*Source of Matching Funds*”

Source(s) of Matching Funds

Clausen Springs Park Playground Improvements – Project Funds		
Land & Water Conservation Fund	\$ 20,050	Cash Grant - pending
Barnes County Park Board	\$ 552	Cash
Barnes County Park Board	\$ 1,100	In-Kind Labor
Private Sector	\$ 3,386	Cash Donations Received
Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant Funds	\$ 5,012	Cash Grant - Pending
Outdoor Heritage Fund	\$ 10,000	Cash Grant - Pending
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS	\$ 40,100	

Certifications

I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative**Organization Information:**

The Barnes County Park Board is responsible for the general operation and maintenance of two rural Barnes County Parks – Clausen Springs Recreation Area and Little Yellowstone Park. Barnes County Park Board is a 7 member committee which includes County Commissioners, County Staff, Park Manager, and community volunteers. The Park is managed by a seasonal part time Park Manager, assisted by two part time staff and weekend campground hosts.

The Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area is owned and managed by the ND Game and Fish Department with whom the Park Board has partnered and contracted to manage, build, maintain and operate campground facilities.

The Park Board has limited funding from Barnes County property tax mill levy, camping registrations, and firewood sales. Through strategic leveraging of grant funds, donations and in-kind services, the Park Board has completed over \$169,500 in critical infrastructure improvements within the Park. These include modern shower facilities, concrete privies, upgraded electrical hook-ups, water system improvements, accessible fishing pier, boat ramp, and campsite improvements. Playground equipment has been identified as a priority on Park Board plans since 2011 but has been deferred due to lack of funding.

Purpose of Grant:

The Clausen Springs Recreation Area is a 545 acre campground and multi-use recreation area located 4.5 miles west and 1.5 miles south of Kathryn. The Clausen Springs Campground offers 58 campsites with tables and fire rings (21 with 50/30/20 amp electrical pedestals), shower facilities, concrete privies, boat landing, fishing piers, beach area, baseball diamond, and hiking trail. The Clausen Springs Recreation Area is the only Barnes County Park with a fishery and provides exceptional recreational activities for visitors of all ages including fishing, canoeing, camping, hiking, picnics, and connecting with nature in general. Clausen Springs Lake is a popular spot for year-round fishing as well as paddle boating and canoeing and hosts two miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail around the lake. Investments have been made over the

years to improve the facilities including installation of a standard fishing dock, a handicap accessible fishing dock, boat ramp, three new concrete privies, modern shower facilities, and upgraded electrical hookups. Clausen Springs Park sees significant traffic and use during the summer months. In 2015 there were 561 camper registrations. This represents over a 10% increase from 2014 when additional amenities were added at the park. Registrations range from one night (5-9%) to two weeks with the majority being a two night stay (80%). This is in addition to the untold number of no-fee day-use visitors which are not tracked but use the park daily. The Park is open to all residents and visitors to the Sheyenne River Valley. Beautiful weather days result in numerous visitors enjoying the scenery, gathering in a shelter, birding, picnicking, hiking or fishing. Bev Anderson, Park Manager has noted that the number of users has continually increased as additional improvements have been made to the park. One park amenity that is noticeably absent is safe and accessible playground equipment for our youth visitors. Since campground infrastructure and amenity improvements have been completed, playground equipment has been identified as the primary need on registration forms. Families who are camping at the park need a variety of activities to keep them engaged and encourage them to come back. Young children in particular are not always able to participate in some of the activities the park offers – providing playground equipment for them is critical.

Attached you will find pictures of the existing equipment as well as a graphical representation of the proposed new equipment and the layout of such equipment on the site. Equipment to be removed includes two swing sets and a merry go round. New equipment to be installed includes swing sets, tire swing, spinner, seesaw, bobble riders, and soccer goals. The project also entails the installation of border, wood fiber landing area, and an accessible concrete path.

This is a new project and a ND Outdoor Heritage Fund grant is a critical component of a financial package with many partners.

The Clausen Springs Park Playground Improvements Project meets Outdoor Heritage Fund Program **Directive D: Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.** This Project continues the Park Board efforts to provide outdoor recreation opportunities to all residents and visitors to the Sheyenne River Valley area. The replacement of aging and unsafe playground equipment provides one more opportunity for families to enjoy a conserved natural area and connect with the nature. In addition, the establishment, ownership and continued management of Clausen Springs Wildlife Management Area by the North Dakota Game and Fish meets **Directive A: Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen; Directive B: Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching; and Directive C: Developing, enhancing, conserving, and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands.** Without the partnership between ND Game & Fish, Barnes County Park

Board, Barnes County Water Management District, Barnes County Soil Conservation Service, ND State Water Commission, Barnes County Wildlife, Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway, North Country National Scenic Trail, and many others; the Clausen Springs Park and Recreation Area would not be able to conserve our natural resources, provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and provide exceptional access opportunities for sportsmen and the public.

Management of Project:

The Project will be managed by the Barnes County Park Board. Board members have extensive experience in managing grants and park improvement projects and will ensure that the project is progressing on schedule, on budget, and to meet objectives.

Board Chairman, Bobby Koeplin serves as Manager of Rural Development - Cass County Electric Cooperative. He has provided leadership for numerous finance, operations, fundraising, and construction committees and has supervised manufacturing, office building, tourism construction/renovation and community projects of over \$10 million. He has designed, written specifications, fund raised, bid, administered and directly supervised Barnes County Park and Fort Ransom State Park improvement projects since 2011.

Board Member Scott Tichy, lead Park Ranger - US Army Corp of Engineers, Baldhill Dam has been the lead planner and project coordinator for playground installation projects at Baldhill Dam and Tower City Park.

Kerry Johnson, Superintendent, Barnes County Highway Department, has extensive construction equipment experience and has managed first hand, the install of playground equipment at Little Yellowstone Park.

The supplier/manufacturer of the playground equipment will work with Park Board members to complete the installation of the equipment. This will ensure that all equipment is installed correctly and safely while keeping costs reasonable.

Evaluation:

Park Manager Bev Anderson, seasonal staff, and campground hosts will monitor the playground equipment and note the amount of use of the newly installed playground equipment. In addition, the Park will continue to track campground reservations and track trends in the number of reservations as well as the length of reservations. User comments to staff and on reservation forms will also be noted.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: **Project Budget**

I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission [See Attached](#)

Sustainability:

The Clausen Springs Park and Recreation Area will continue to be maintained by the Barnes County Park Board through their lease with the ND Game & Fish Department. Both organizations are committed to continue sustaining the park and its amenities indefinitely. Park Staff will inspect the equipment frequently to ensure it is in good repair and ensure that any needed repairs are completed in a timely fashion. The newly installed playground equipment is expected to have a life span of 20-30 years with proper maintenance. Maintenance expenses will be covered through the Park Board budget.

Partial Funding:

Partial funding would negatively affect this project. The Park Board has limited funding from property tax mill levy, camping registrations, and firewood sales. Receiving grant funds are critical. Without grant funds major project/amenity improvements would need to be downsized or delayed.

Partnership Recognition:

The Barnes County Park Board will recognize the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership through a sign displayed at the project site, promoted during an annual visitor appreciation event, and in a press release and pictures sent to area newspapers and radio stations.

Awarding of Grants:

The Barnes County Park Board will be able to meet all provisions of the sample contract provided by the North Dakota Industrial Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Budget Standard Form
2. Location Maps
3. Site Plans and Pictures

Budget Standard Form
Clausen Springs Park Playground Improvements Project

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share**	Total Each Project Expense
1. Play Structures	\$10,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$10,110.00	\$20,110.00
2. Materials	\$	\$552.00	\$	\$	\$9,448.00	\$10,000.00
3. Construction	\$	\$	\$1,100.00	\$	\$6,665.00	\$7,765.00
4. Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00
5. Misc	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,145.00	\$1,145.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Costs	\$10,000.00	\$552.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$28,448.00	\$40,100.00

1. Cost of proposed play structures based on supplier estimate
2. Includes border, concrete, wood fiber, pea rock base, fabric
3. Equipment supplier oversight for one day, Park Board and Staff demolition & removal of existing playground equipment, site preparation, equipment installation – valued at actual expense or \$15/hr for volunteers
4. Barnes County Highway Department equipment use for demolition and site work
5. Additional demolition, site work and other small expenses

****Other Project Sponsor's Share**

Land & Water Conservation Fund	\$	20,050	Cash Grant
Private Sector	\$	3,386	Cash Donations Received
Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant Funds	\$	5,012	Cash Grant
TOTAL	\$	28,448	

Clausen Springs Park Playground Improvements Project OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND GRANT

SITE LOCATION MAPS

Clausen Map 1



Clausen Overview Map

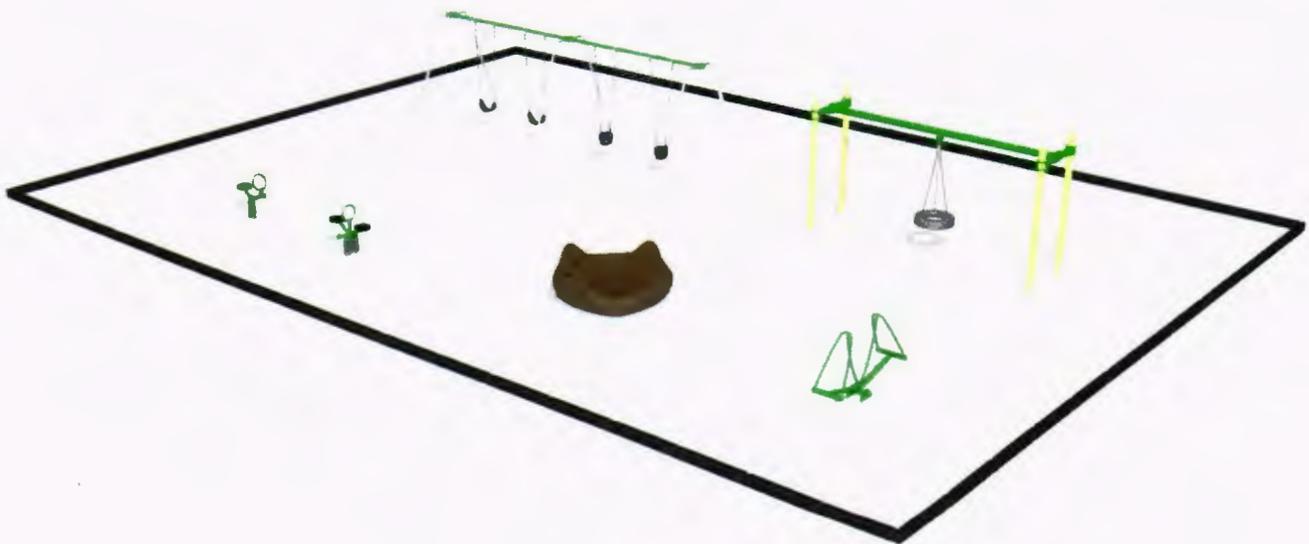


SITE PLANS & PICTURES

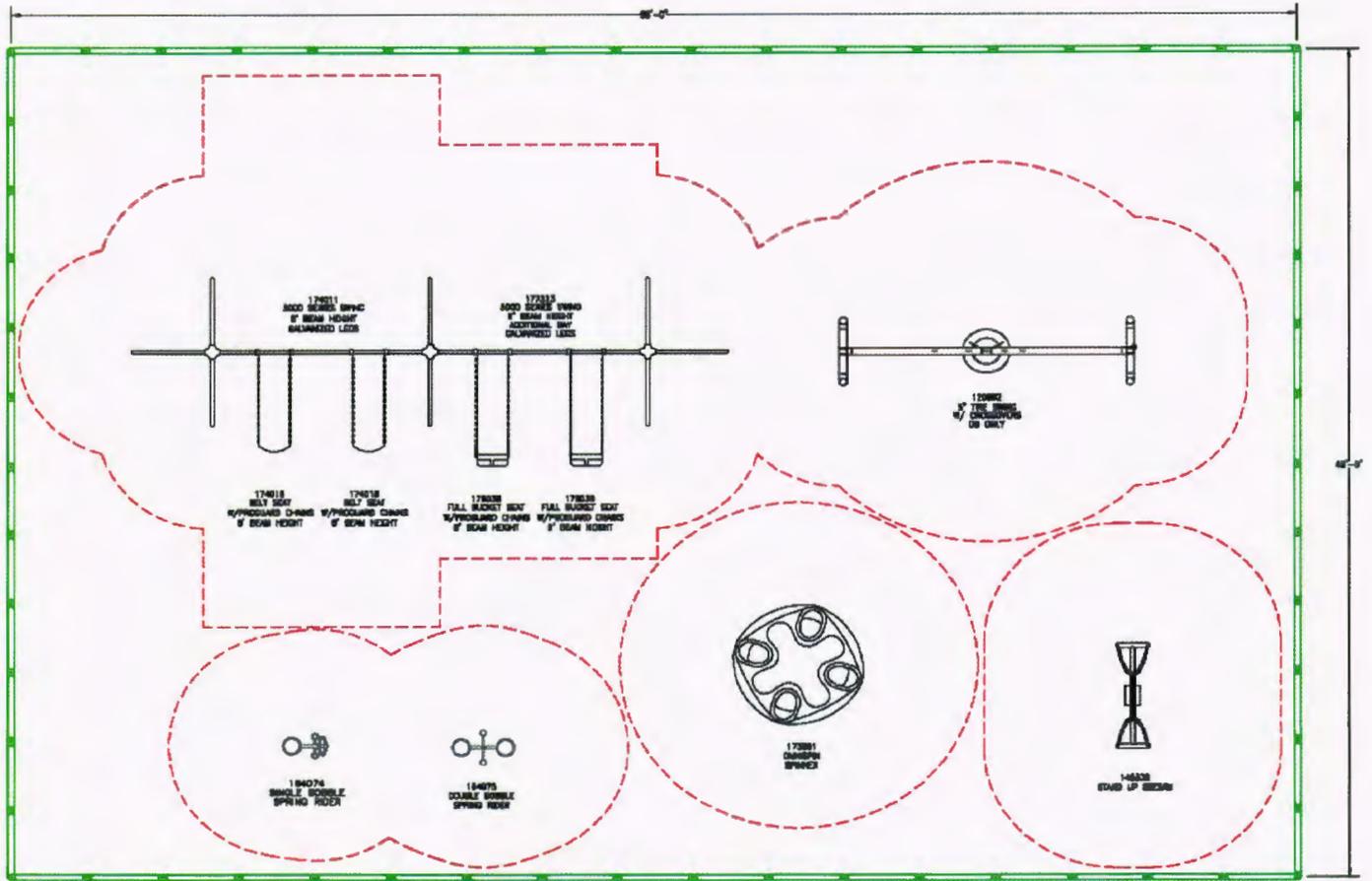
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Proposed New Equipment

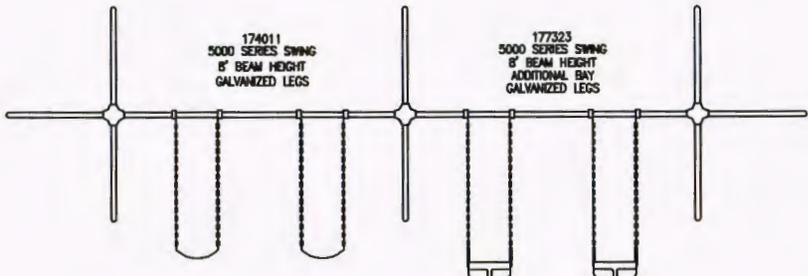


Proposed Site Plan



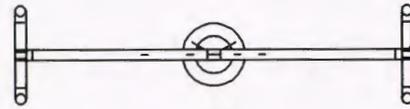
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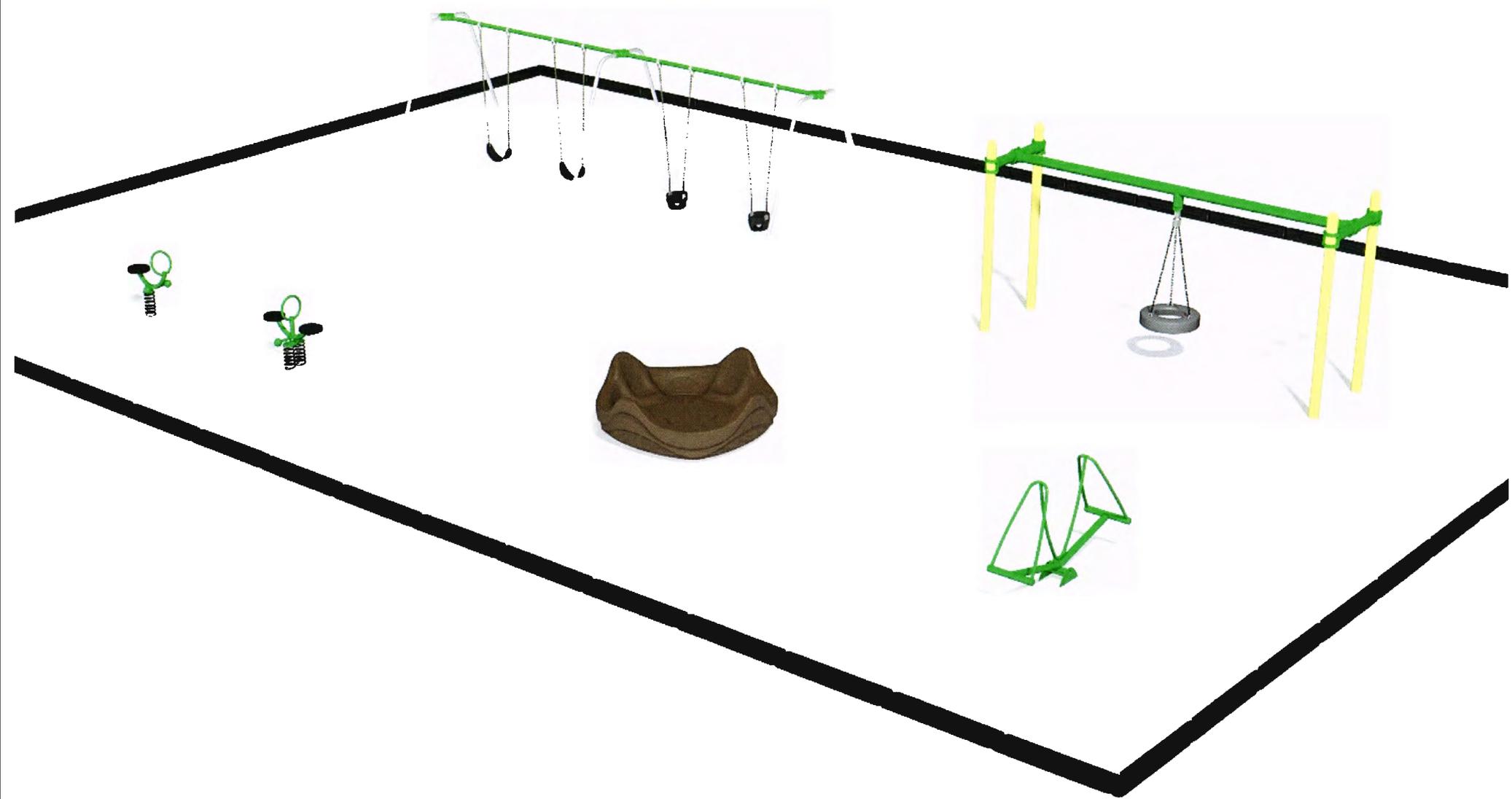
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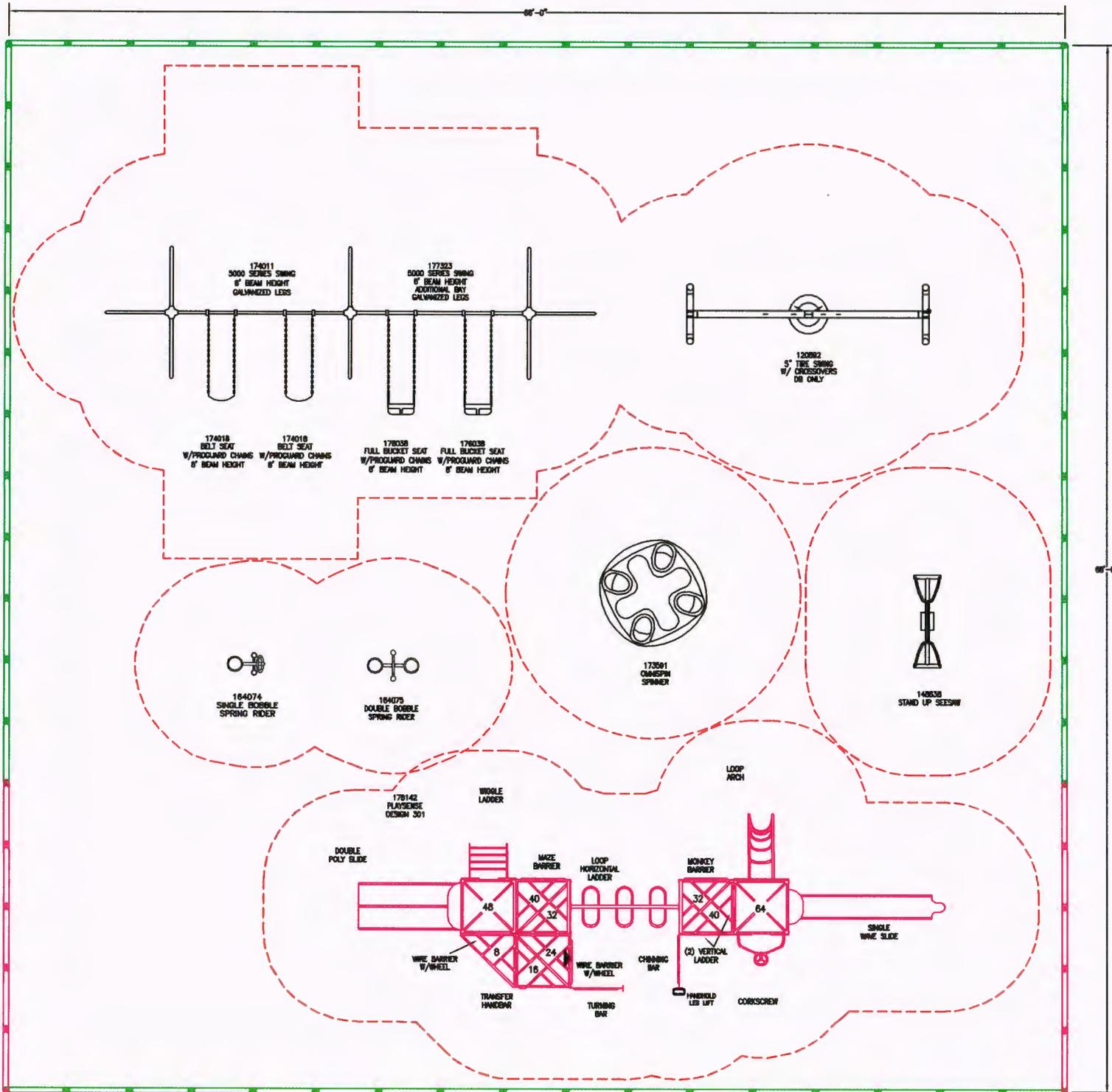


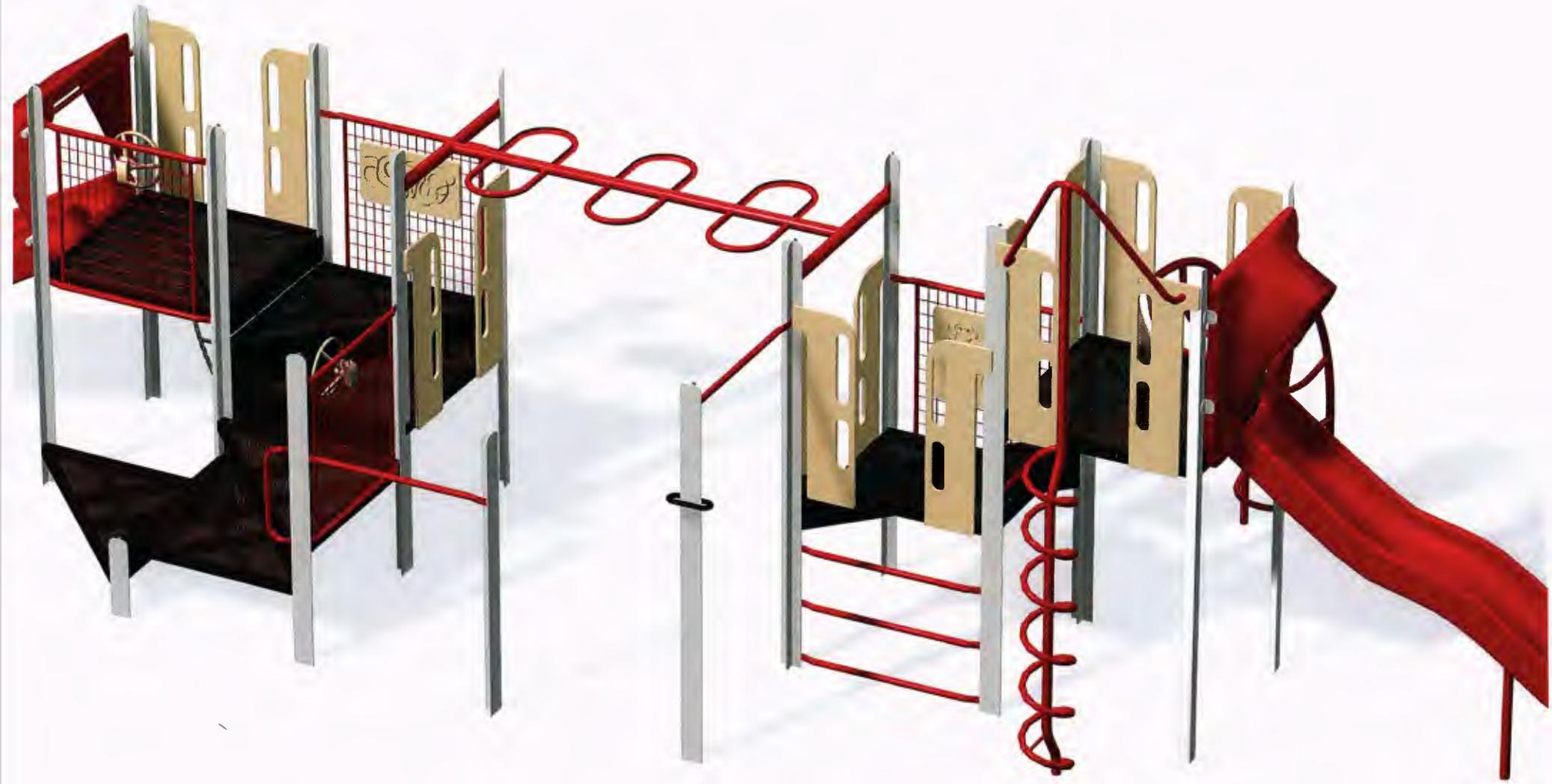
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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Barnes County Park Board	PHONE	DATE January 6, 2016
STREET 230 4th St. N.W., Room 202	JOB NAME Clausen Springs Playground Equipment	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Valley City, ND 58072	JOB LOCATION Clausen Springs Playground Equipment	

We propose to provide the necessary labor, equipment and materials to complete the following:

PHASE 1

Provide & Install the following as Manufactured by Landscape Structures:

- 1 Model #173591A, OmniSpin Spinner.
- 1 Model #148638A, Stand Up Seesaw.
- 1 Model #164075B, Double Bobble Rider.
- 1 Model #164074B, Single Bobble Rider.
- 1 Model #120892A, 4 Post Tire Swing.
- 1 Model #174011A/177323A, 5000 Series Swing Set w/2 belt seats & 2 full bucket seats.
- 58 4' Sections of Poly Bordering. Quantity based on attached area.
- 125 Cubic Yards of Engineered Wood Fibers. To also included 3" pea-rock base and ground fabric. Quantity based on providing a 12" uncompressed depth for the attached area.

TOTAL \$ 37,880.00

PHASE 2

Provide & Install the following, as manufactured by Landscape Structures:

- 1 Playsense Desgin #301.
- 10 4' Sections of Poly Bordering. Quantity based on attached area to be added for phase 2.
- 50 Cubic Yards of Engineered Wood Fibers. To also included 3" pea-rock base and ground fabric. Quantity based on providing a 12" uncompressed depth for the attached area. To be added to phase one quantity when installed.

TOTAL \$ 22,978.00

Notes:

- *Above pricing does not include any site preparation, ie. grading or staking if necessary.
- *Above pricing does not include any site restoration, ie. backfilling, grading or seeding.
- *Above pricing for phase 2 is based on it being installed at the same time as phase 1, if done at a later date the price will change.

We Propose hereby to furnish materials complete in accordance with the above specifications, for the sum of:

As per above

Terms Payment to be made as follows:

Upon Completion.

Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Dakota Fence and its agents from any and all claims or damages arising directly or indirectly from any failure to erect playground equipment or other products on or with property lines; any failure to comply with by-laws, restrictive covenants, building codes or other restrictions; encroachment or interference with any easement; damage to any improvements, including underground sprinklers, utilities, including wires or pipes; frost heave; personal injury or death. Purchasers agree that Dakota Fence's liability shall not exceed the amount paid to it under this Proposal. All work to be completed according to standard industry practices. **IMPORTANT:** All playground equipment must be properly maintained and installed over a surface that provides adequate fall protection. For details, refer to the "Handbook for Public Playground Safety" at www.cpsc.gov. Purchaser assumes sole responsibility to routinely inspect the playground equipment or other products for signs of wear, vandalism or other unsafe conditions. Purchaser agrees that any alteration or deviation from the above prices or specifications requires Dakota Fence's prior written consent and shall automatically become part of and subject to this Proposal. This proposal contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond Dakota Fence's control and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements. Purchaser agrees to carry all necessary and required insurance. Dakota Fence's workers are fully covered by Workers Compensation Insurance or other required insurance.

Acceptance of Proposal The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Dakota Fence is authorized to do the work as specified and Purchaser shall make payment as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance _____

Dakota Fence

By: Ken Follman
Ken Follman

This proposal may be withdrawn by Dakota Fence within 14 Days.

Purchaser

Name: _____
By: _____
Print Name: _____
Its: _____

PROPOSAL

