

**September 17-18, 2014**

**ITEM: 164-2009-R0914**

**Execute Easement/Right of Way Agreement between the Hill County Electric Cooperative and the Northern Agricultural Research Center**

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**THAT**

Consistent with Regents Policy 1003.6.IV, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University/Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MSU/MAES) to execute an agreement with the Hill County Electric Cooperative to grant an easement for installation of distribution power lines across MAES/Northern Agricultural Research Center property located in Hill County.

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**EXPLANATION**

The Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCEC) has requested a 30 ft. easement to accommodate placement of a 4 inch duct from the Hill County Electric Herron Park Substation to the WAPA Assiniboine Substation which will cross the Northern Agricultural Research Center (NARC) near Havre.

HCEC will pay \$192.50 for the easement which consists of .275 acre. The highest and best use for the land is grazing. The consideration paid for the easement is based upon the estimated fair market value of the land based on comparable property valuation. The Easement Right of Way Deed to be executed is attached.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment #1