# LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM PROCESSING FORM

(B) ITEM 2 OF 2

1.	DATE OF PROPOSED ACTION: September 6, 2016		
2.	AGENDA ITEM:  Appointments  Bids/Purchases  Claims  Contracts/Agreements/Leases  Grants  X Land Use: Board App/Subdivision/ZC  Proclamations  Public Hearings/Rules & Reg's  Reports & Public Petitions  Other		
3. DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development Office  Microsoft Corp and			
AP	PLICANT: Black Hills Energy AGENT: Steil Surveying Services		
4.	DESCRIPTION:		
a re	nsideration of a Subdivision Permit and Plat for North Range Business Park, 8th Filing, eplat of North Range Business Park, 6th Filing: Lot 3, Block 13, Laramie County, WY.  RECEIVED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY BY THE LARAMIE GOODLY ATTORNEY HOUNT \$		
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#### LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Planning • Building

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Laramie County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Pepper McClenahan, AICP, Planning Manager

DATE: September 6, 2016

TITLE: Review and action of a Subdivision Permit and Plat for North Range

Business Park, 8th Filing, a replat of North Range Business Park, 6th Filing:

Lot 3, Block 13, Laramie County, WY.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Steil Surveying Services, on behalf of Microsoft Corp and Black Hills Energy, has submitted an application for approval of a Subdivision Permit and Plat to replat the approximately 119.35 acre property into four lots. The application is being run concurrently with a Board Approval to approve the use by Black Hills Energy for the "King Ranch Substation" on the property to be known as Lot 2, Block 15 in North Range Business Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Filing.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The North Range Business Park is primarily owned by Cheyenne LEADS and currently totals around 620 acres. The park houses Wal-Mart's food distribution facility, NCAR's supercomputing center, and Microsoft's Data Center.

#### **Pertinent Regulations**

**Section 2-1-101** (a-d) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations governing the criteria for a subdivision permit.

**Section 2-1-101** (e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations, governing the criteria for a plat.

**Section B.1(a-c)** of the North Range Business Park PUD, regulating criteria for a subdivision permit and plat, as amended.

#### AGENCY REVIEW

#### Combined Comments for the Board Approval & Subdivision Applications

#### **Board of Public Utilities**

BOPU has no comments at this time but will as development accrues.

#### **County Assessor**

It does not appear that Lot 1 has any legal access to a dedicated road. The 32' ingress/egress easement terminates at the west property line of Lot 2, Block 13, NRBP06. Lot 2, Block 6, which runs between Logistics Dr. and the east property line is common area.

#### **County Engineer**

- 1. The plat should indicate if the platted area shown will ultimately be served by a public water supply and/or sanitary sewer system or by private wells and septic systems.
- 2. I concur with the request for a waiver of a detailed drainage study and traffic study. These items shall be submitted with the site plan application and can be reviewed at that time.
- 3. All areas (i.e., notes, etc.) that refer to Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power should be removed and replaced with just Black Hills Corporation.
- 4. General Notes 4b and 4c shall be rewritten such that they are much more clear to understand they currently do not make sense.
- 5. General Note 4b indicates the centerline of the easements are described, but the description is not located on the plat drawing. The easements shall be adequately located and/or described (i.e., via meets and bounds and/or bearings and distances) on the plat drawing.
- 6. A note should be added that clarifies access for Lot 1, Block 15 will be through the use of Lot 2, Block 6.
- 7. A note should be added that indicates Lot 2, Block 13 has an easement that ties into the 32' ingress/egress easement shown on this plat that provides Black Hills Corp. ingress/egress through Lot 2, Block 13.

#### WYDOT

If area was part of initial traffic impact study for the North Range Business Park and traffic calculations are different from the original assumptions, then that difference should be noted with the study to keep track of changes as actual development of the Park takes place.

#### **WAPA**

- 1. All construction activities within WAPA's overhead transmission line easement areas, including, but not limited to, road crossings, utilities, landscaping, fencing, and site grading, must be coordinated with this office.
- 2. The plat should provide for appropriate setbacks from WAPA's transmission line. Note: WAPA maintains a 75 foot wide right of way, being 37.5 feet on each side of the center line.

The following language should be amended on the plat:

- a) All construction activities within Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) easement are restricted areas and must be coordinated with WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION Lands Department, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, Colorado 80539-3003, (800) 472-2306.
- b) No trees or other vegetation, which will exceed 10 feet in height at full maturity, are allowed within the easement area.
- c) No buildings or other structures are allowed within the transmission line easement area.
- d) A minimum overhead clearance of 20 feet from the transmission line conductors must be maintained at all times.
- e) Induced voltages and currents may occur on the facility constructed or placed under or near high voltage transmission lines. The owner shall be responsible for the protection of personnel and equipment in their design, construction, operation and maintenance of the facility.
- f) Any changes in existing topography must be coordinated and approved by WAPA. Excavation is not permitted within 20 feet of any transmission line structure.
- g) No fences shall be installed on or across the easement area without first submitting the fence/gate for review and approval by WAPA.

Within these parameters, Western Area Power Administration has no objections with the proposed Subdivision Permit and Board Approval.

Agencies Responding with No Comments: Cheyenne MPO, County Real Estate Office, Environmental Health Dept., Combined Communications Center.

Agencies Not Responding: County Treasurer, County Conservation District, US Post Office, Emergency Management, Fire District No. 2, Sheriff's Office.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The application is *literally* in accordance with the development policies and physical patterns identified in PlanCheyenne, which recommends Mixed-Use Employment Campus as the future land uses, and states:

The Mixed-Use Employment Campus category is intended to include a variety of uses, with a primary focus on employment designed in a business campus setting. Many of the Mixed-Use Employment Campuses in the community (e.g. portions of Swan Ranch) are in the early stages of development or are established (e.g. **North Range Business Park**, and Cheyenne Business Parkway), but still have many sites available.

The Mixed-Use Employment Campus category envisions offices and light industry in a campus setting, emphasizing the importance of being located near major transportation facilities. Along with retail and service uses, these categories also list public and civic uses, such as open space, parks, and pedestrian walkways, as secondary uses. Residential uses are discouraged.

The North Range Business Park PUD states "the Planning Commission shall review the application to find the following":

- **a.** That the proposed subdivision permit is in substantial conformance with the approved Master Final Plat
- **b.** That public access is provided to all lots and tracts
- c. That drainage is addressed in conformance with the Master Drainage Plan

The PUD document was updated and approved by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners on January 6, 2015. One of the critical changes was a clause modifying (b) above to read:

**b.** That public access is provided to all lots and tracts. INGRESS/EGRESS ACCESS FOR COMMERCIAL LOTS SHALL BE ALLOWED VIA PRIVATE ACCESS WITH REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR SUFFICIENCY.

This subdivision permit and plat would create one 5.74-acre and two 0.23-acre lots, connective easements for access and utilities, and a remaining tract of 113.15 acres. The three smaller lots are intended for use by Black Hills Energy Corporation for a new substation and gas metering yards. A site plan for an industrial data center has been submitted for approval on the remaining parcel at this time.

Access to the site would be provided via an existing 80' Ingress/Egress Easement coming from the East along Logistics Drive. The existing barriers of the substation and WAPA corridor to the North make access from Happy Jack Road difficult. The PUD allows for access for commercial uses to be an easement if approved by the Planning Department for sufficiency. At this time, staff would recommend allowing the use of the easement for this property.

Full drainage and traffic studies will be reviewed with subsequent Site Plans to ensure conformance with the Laramie County Land Use Regulations and the Master Drainage Plan for the North Range Business Park.

A public hearing was held before the Laramie County Planning Commission on August 25, 2016. No comment was received from the public. Applicant Casey Palma stated that the references on the plat to Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power are correct. The entity is legally known as Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power, with daily business correspondence such as billing conducted under the name Black Hills Energy. A discussion was held regarding access to the site and easements on the plat. It was noted that the easements did not specify to whom they would be dedicated. Applicant acknowledged the need to add specifics relative to the use of the easements, and noted transmission lines and easements for gas and power would be created later. The Planning Commission voted (5-0) to recommend approval to the Board with 2 conditions.

Staff finds the proposal in conformance with the plans and policies of PlanCheyenne (2014), the Laramie County Land Use Regulations (2011), and the amended North Range Business Park PUD.

#### **RECOMMENDATION and FINDINGS**

Based on evidence provided, staff recommends the Laramie County Board of Commissioners find that:

- **a.** This application meets the criteria for a subdivision permit pursuant to section 2-1-101 (a-d) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **b.** This application meets the criteria for a plat pursuant to section 2-1-101 (e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **c.** This application meets the criteria for a subdivision permit and plat pursuant to section B.1 (a-c) of the North Range Business Park PUD, as amended.

and that the Board approves the Subdivision Permit and Plat for North Range Business Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Filing, Laramie County, Wyoming, with the following conditions:

- 1. Comments from the County Engineer shall be addressed and the plat updated accordingly, prior to the hearing with the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.
- 2. Suggested language from WAPA shall be included and updated on the plat prior to the hearing with the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.

#### **PROPOSED MOTION**

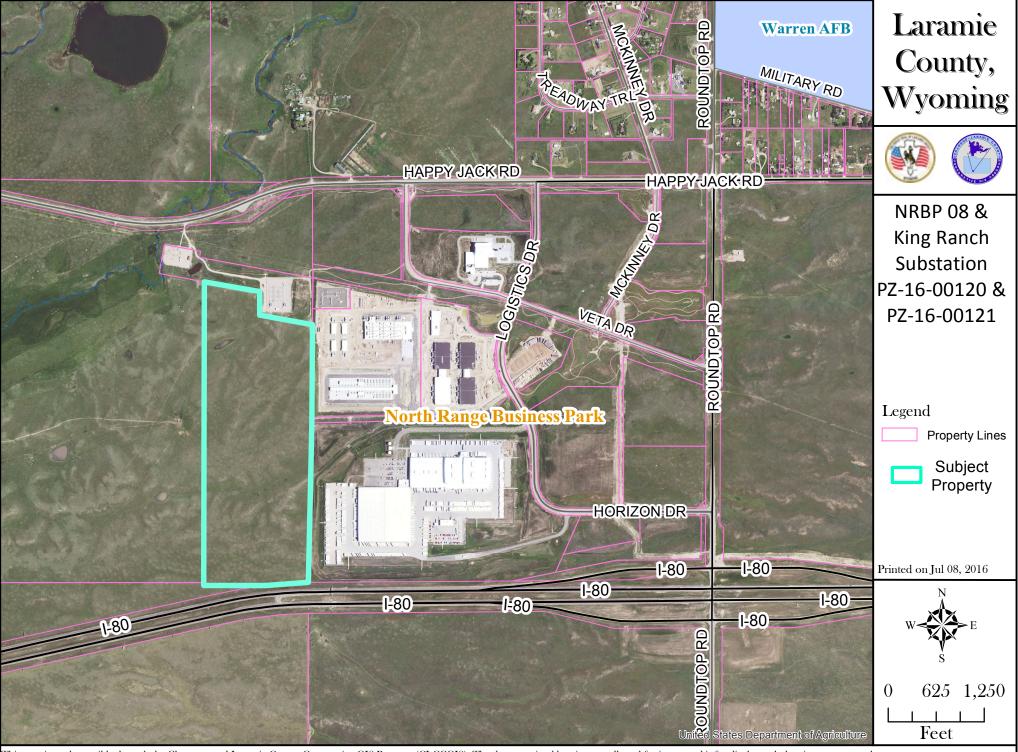
I move to approve the Subdivision Permit and Plat for North Range Business Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Filing, with conditions 1 and 2, and adopt the findings of fact a, b and c of the staff report.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Location Map Attachment 2: Aerial Map

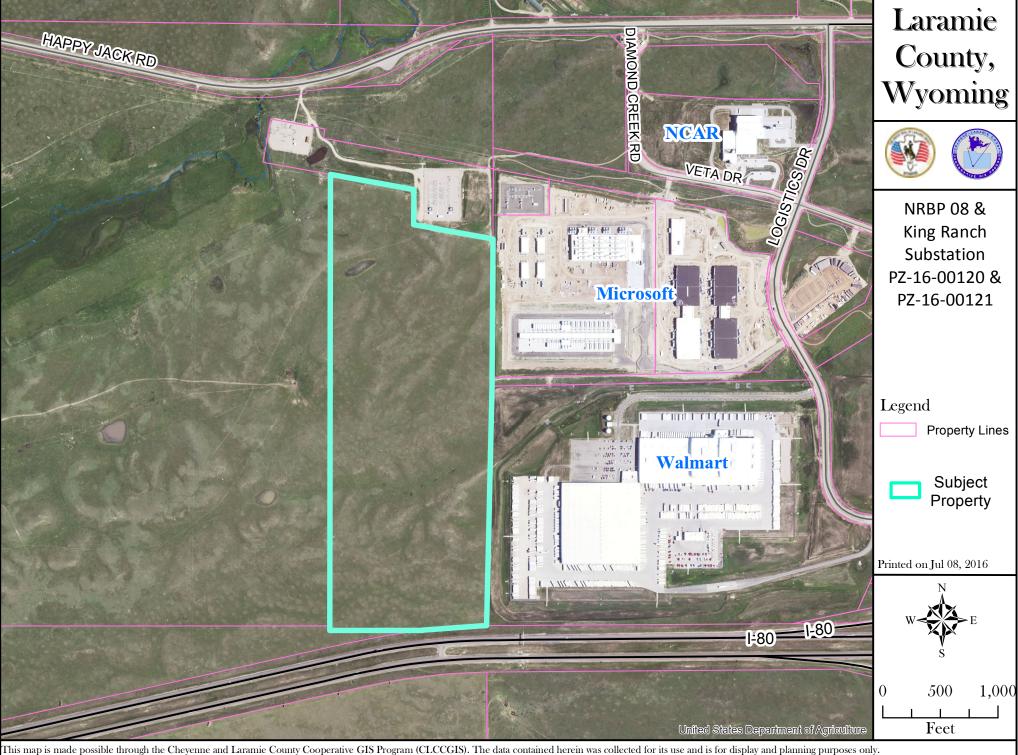
**Attachment 3: PlanCheyenne Map** 

Attachment 4: Zoning Map Attachment 5: Plat Map Attachment 6: Resolution

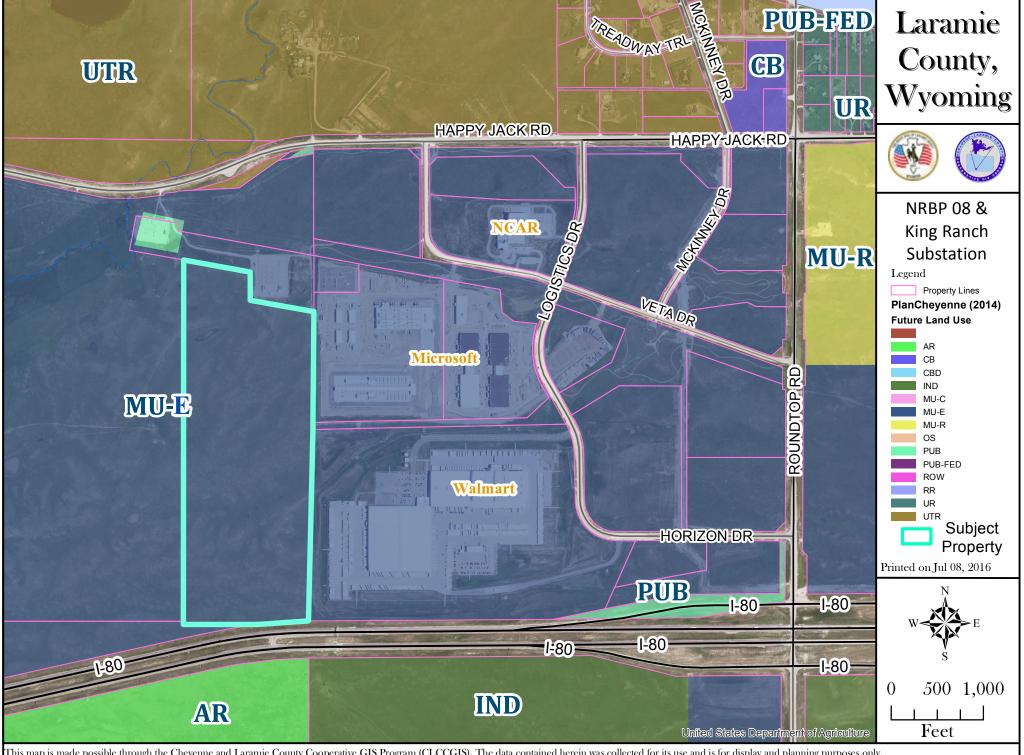


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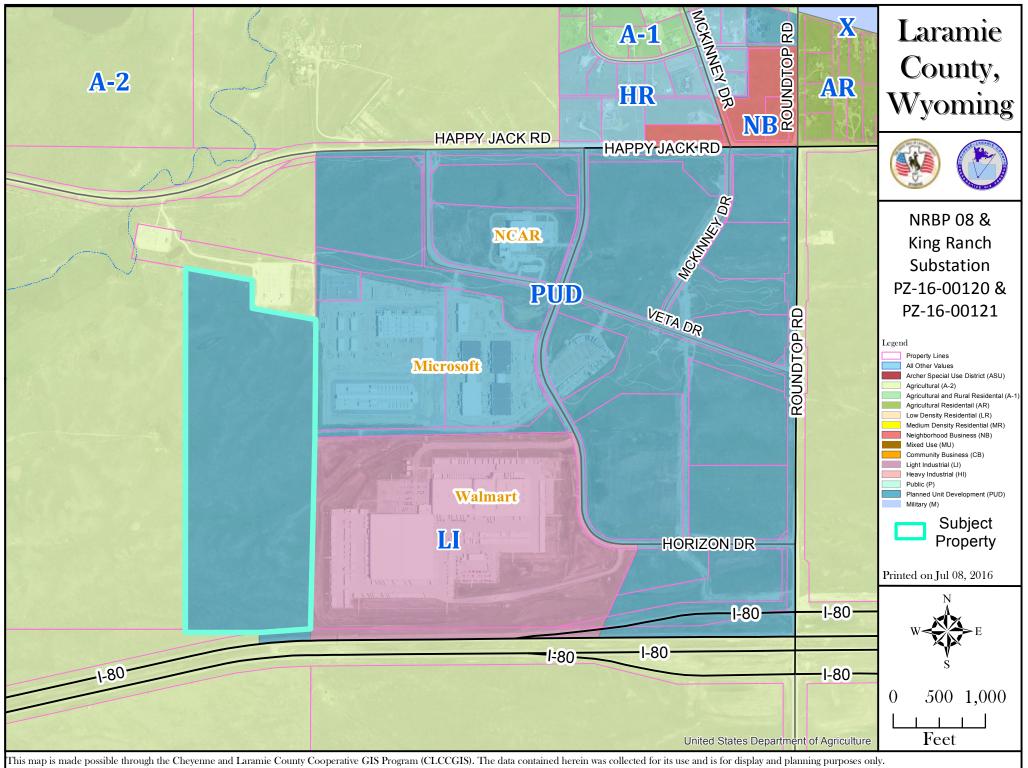


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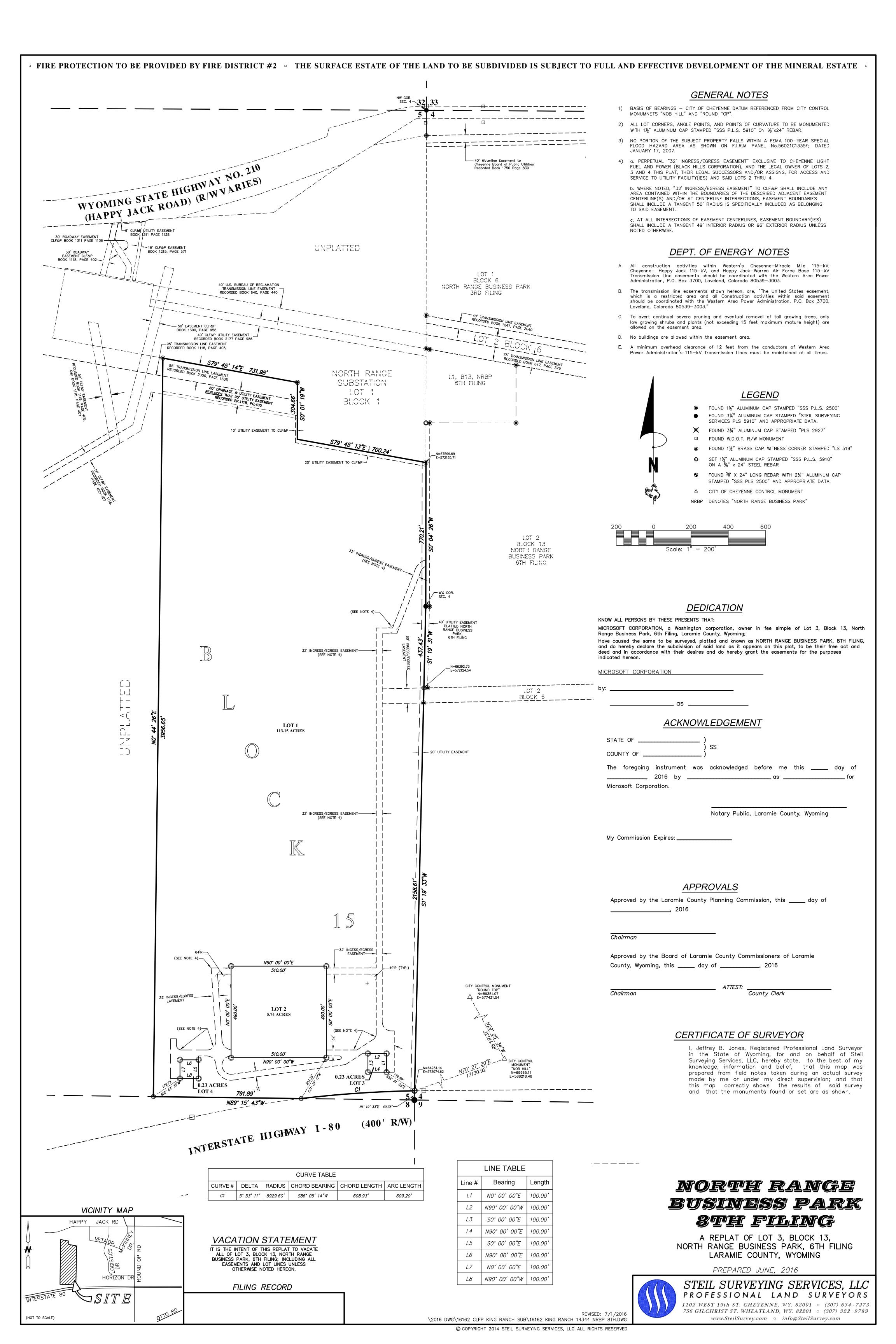
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## A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUBDIVISION PERMIT AND PLAT FOR NORTH RANGE BUSINESS PARK, 8TH FILING, A REPLAT OF NORTH RANGE BUSINESS PARK, $6^{\text{TH}}$ FILING: LOT 3, BLOCK 13, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING

WHEREAS, Wyoming State Statutes §18-5-201 to 18-5-208; §18-5-301 to 18-5-315 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the use of land through zoning in unincorporated Laramie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners adopted the Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision is in accordance with section 2-1-101 (a-d) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plat is in accordance with section 2-1-101 (e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed subdivision and plat is in accordance with section B.1 (a-c) of the North Range Business Park PUD; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is the subdivision permit for North Range Business Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Filing.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, as follows:

The Laramie County Board of Commissioners finds that:

- **a.** This application is in conformance with section 2-1-101 (a-d) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **b.** This application is in conformance with section 2-1-101 (e) of the Laramie County Land Use Regulations.
- **c.** This application is in conformance with section B.1(a-c) of the North Range Business Park PUD.

And that the Board approves the Subdivision Permit and Plat for North Range Business Park,  $8^{\rm th}$  Filing, with the following conditions:

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- 2. Suggested language from WAPA shall be included and updated on the plat prior to the hearing with the Laramie County Board of Commissioners.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF			
, 2016.			
	LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
ATTEST:	Buck Holmes, Chairman		
Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk	=		
Reviewed and approved as to form:  Mark T. Voss Laramie County Attorney	<b>-</b>		
Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk	=		