

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT FOR WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT RIGHTS 296X

THIS INDENTURE, by and between Lawrence Christopherson and Mabel Christopherson,
his wife, of Bisbee, North Dakota

parties of the first part, and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting by and through the Secretary of
the Interior or his authorized representative, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934, as amended
by section 3 of the Act of August 1, 1958 (72 Stat. 486, 16 U.S.C., sec. 718d (c)), authorizes the
Secretary of the Interior to acquire small wetland or pothole areas suitable for use as waterfowl
production areas:

WHEREAS, the lands described below contain or include small wetland or pothole areas
suitable for use as waterfowl production areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred
(\$ 2500.00, the parties of the first part hereby convey to the United States, commencing with
the acceptance of this indenture by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative
which acceptance must be made within nine months of the execution of this indenture by the parties
of the first part, or any subsequent date as may be mutually agreed upon during the term of this
option, an easement or right of use for the maintenance of the land described below as a waterfowl
production area in perpetuity, including the right of access thereto by authorized representatives
of the United States:

Towner County, North Dakota
T. 159 N., R. 68 W., 5th P.M.
section 35, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
section 36, All

Subject, however, to all existing rights-of-way for highways, roads, railroads, pipelines,
canals, laterals, electrical transmission lines, telegraph and telephone lines, and all out-
standing mineral rights.

The parties of the first part, for themselves and for their heirs, successors and assigns,
covenant and agree that they will cooperate in the maintenance of the aforesaid lands as a waterfowl
production area by not draining or permitting the draining, through the transfer of appurtenant
water rights or otherwise, of any surface water including lakes, ponds, marshes, sloughs, swales,
swamps, or potholes, now existing or reoccurring due to natural causes on the above-described tract,
by ditching or any other means; by not filling in with earth or any other material or leveling, any
part or portion of the above-described tract on which surface water or marsh vegetation is now
existing or hereafter reoccurs due to natural causes; and by not burning any areas covered with
marsh vegetation. It is understood and agreed that this indenture imposes no other obligations or
restrictions upon the parties of the first part and that neither they nor their successors, assigns,
lessees, or any other person or party claiming under them shall in any way be restricted from
carrying on farming practices such as grazing, hay cutting, plowing, working and cropping wetlands
when the same are dry of natural causes, and that they may utilize all of the subject lands in the
customary manner except for the draining, filling, leveling, and burning provisions mentioned above.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. This indenture shall not be binding upon the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA until accepted
on behalf of the United States by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative,
although this indenture is acknowledged by the parties of the first part to be presently binding
upon the parties of the first part and to remain so until the expiration of said period for accept-
ance, as hereinabove described, by virtue of the payment to parties of the first part, by the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, of the sum of One Dollar, the receipt of which is hereby expressly
acknowledged by parties of the first part.

2. Notice of acceptance of this agreement shall be given the parties of the first part
by certified mail addressed to Lawrence Christopherson at Bisbee, North Dakota, 58317
and such notice shall be binding upon all the parties of the first part without sending a separate
notice to each.

3. The parties of the first part warrant that no person or selling agency has been
employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon agreement or understanding for a
commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide
established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the vendors for the purpose of securing
business. For breach or violation of this warranty the United States shall have the right to
annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or
consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

4. It is further mutually agreed that no Member of or Delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract, or to any benefit to arise thereupon. Nothing, however, herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, where such contract is made for the general benefit of such incorporation or company.

5. Payment of the consideration will be made by Disbursing Officers check after acceptance of this indenture by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, and after the Attorney General or in appropriate cases, the Field Solicitor of the Department of the Interior shall have approved the easement interest thus vested in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals
this 10 day of July, 1967.

Lawrence Christopherson (L.S.)
Lawrence Christopherson

Mabel Christopherson (L.S.)
Mabel Christopherson

____ (L.S.)

____ (L.S.)

____ (L.S.)
(Witness)

____ (L.S.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE North Dakota)
COUNTY OF Towner) ss

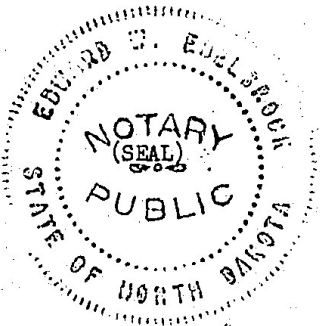
On this 10 day of July, in the year 1967, before me personally appeared Lawrence Christopherson and Mabel Christopherson, his wife, known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they ~~(as)~~ executed the same as their ~~(his)~~ free act and deed.

Edward W. Edelbrock

Edward W. Edelbrock

Notary Public North Dakota
(Official Title)

My commission expires March 21, 1973



ACCEPTANCE

This indenture is accepted on behalf of the United States this _____ day of _____, 1967, under the authority contained in section 4 of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, as amended, and pursuant to authority delegated by 210 DM 1.3, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife Order No. 4, and 4 AM 4.5D(1).

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By R. W. Burwell

(Title) Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife 24180

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF TOWNER } SS

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed for record in this office on

SEPT. 7, 1967

at 3:30 o'clock PM. and duly recorded in book

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John M. Nelson Register of Deeds

Deputy, Towner County Abstract Co. \$2.50

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