

June 12, 2014
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Dear Sir/Madam:

My wife, Martha Half and myself, Jim Verigin have owned this land, S.W.1/2 16/58/7 West of the 4th since 1998. We managed to purchase this property on an option of lease to purchase, as we quickly did. The house needed new flooring, and paint on the top level and also the entrance way followed through the years with a front deck of 12' x 42' with a wheel chair ramp, which made the house wheel chair accessible for our later years. We have constructed various small buildings and pens around our house to make it into a hobby farm. We were able to fence off the property including bailing and seeding it for our hobby farm. The out buildings and fences are still standing but we are unable to keep animals at this time. We do not intend to sell off our 30 acres for the fact it is willed out to our daughter.

I, Jim Verigin, am now physically disabled since September 2010 due to a semi-truck accident. Since this accident, I have been unable to perform certain duties such as harvesting the field or putting up more fencing as we had planned. My wife, Martha Half, has picked up the workload including our finances. Unfortunately; due to financial hardship, we have put ourselves into a situation where the bank is demanding payment of our loans, please refer to the enclosed documents. We have given this absolute thought and consideration, and with great remorse, we realize this is the only avenue left for us at this time.

Due to these reason, we are force to liquidate a portion of our property. We previously had horses in the north-end of the property and the bush itself is all fenced off with a dug out. As this is an ideal situation for another young couple to get into, we feel that 50 acres with fences would be very attractive for them in starting out. The purpose of sub-dividing is for financial reason and not into acreages. The 50 acres is useable for field and grazing but the south part where we live is mainly slough. We enjoy the sound of the beavers, ducks, geese, frogs, songbirds and our slough. We are not sub-dividing to sell off the property we are living on, we are sub-dividing in order to stay in the community and keep the property we are on and retire here.

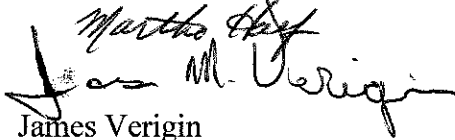
Our property in the north end has been untouched and unused for four years. We discussed amongst ourselves and to our greatest regret, we are requesting the county to approve our request to sell the north 50 acres for it is useable agriculture farmland. We have been informed by Crystal that your new bi-law passed in July 2013 states that you can only partition off 10 acres of your 80. We realize these are unusual circumstances but we are hoping and praying that you will accept our request so that our family can continue to enjoy living in this community.

At 30 years old, our daughter has obtained her Bachelor of Science and Criminal Justice Degrees. She has definite plans on returning home with her degrees, working in the community and restoring this house and property to a hobby farm again.

I, Jim Verigin, have been accepted for CCP disability, have applied for AISH, and now am negotiating with WCB for permanent disability.

We personally thank the St. Paul committee for considering our application, and taking the time out to meet with us on our appeal on this matter.

Yours respectfully;

Handwritten signatures of Martha Half and James M. Verigin. The signature of Martha Half is written above the signature of James M. Verigin.

James Verigin
Martha Half