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Attention: Glen Ockerman

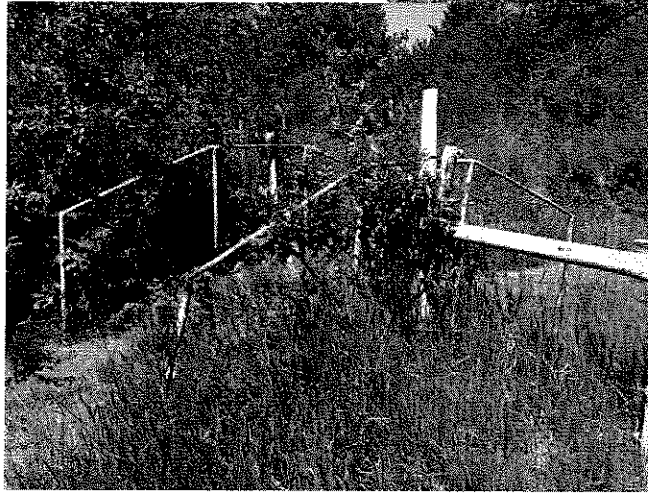
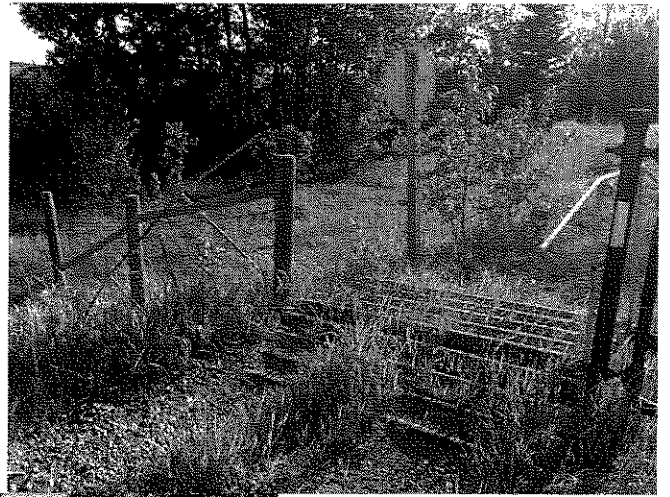
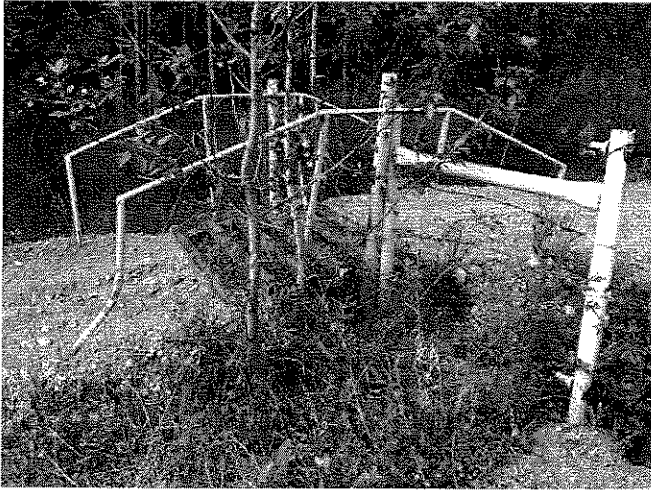
July 20, 2015

Dear Glen,

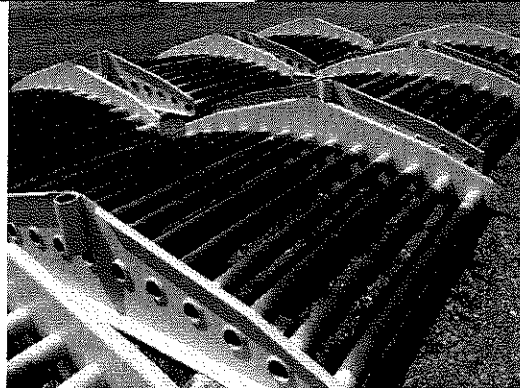
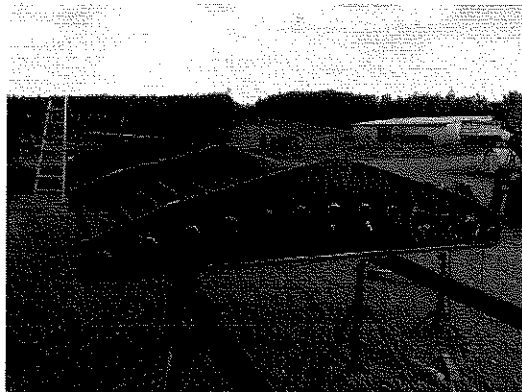
The Iron Horse Grooming Foundation received a \$50,000.00 matching grant from the Alberta Provincial Government as part of their Alberta Recreation Trails Program. The grant is for replacing all the texas gates on the Iron Horse Trail. We submitted this project for several reasons:

- 1) The old texas gates are showing wear and tear and many of them have various broken parts which pose a danger to users. This is a huge safety and liability issue for N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd., the Municipalities and for Riverland Recreational Trail Society.
- 2) The old gates were narrow and could not accommodate the new wider side X sides and larger ATV's. We are receiving an increased number of phone calls from adjacent landowners who lease the right of way for grazing informing us of gates being left open by trail users. Cattle are getting out and, again, this is a safety and liability issue as cattle are getting into neighboring crops and have the potential of getting onto the surrounding roads.
- 3) The old gates were at a very sharp angle and ATV's were more likely to flip over backwards especially with inexperienced riders.

I've included some photos here so you can see the condition of some of the gates. Notice the broken pieces of pipe sticking straight out at about eye level for riders. As well, the condition of the gates do not leave a very nice impression with tourists who come to our area to use the Iron Horse Trail.



We had a new gate design created and were able to hire a local contractor to build the gates for us. The pipe was donated by B & R Eckel's and the new gates are now complete and ready to be installed.



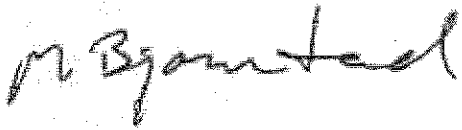
The value of the donation of pipe and trucking from B & R Eckel's was \$5,105.00 and we are able to use this for part of the matching dollars for the grant.

Riverland Recreational Trail Society would like to ask the County of St. Paul to assist with the installation of the new gates by providing the work in kind. The work in kind would also be used as matching dollars towards the grant. Our records show there is a total of 40 gates in the County of St. Paul that need to be replaced. The original gates were installed by the municipalities to ensure they were done uniformly and in a manner that addressed all safety issues.

We will be contacting the adjacent landowners who have lease agreements with N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. to see if we can eliminate any of the existing gates.

Thanks in advance for your consideration and if you have any questions about this project, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bjornstad". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Marvin Bjornstad
President
Riverland Recreational Trail Society