

January 3, 2023

**ITEM 204-2002-R0123**

**Request for Authorization to Grant a Utility Easement to NorthWestern Energy; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System and in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to grant a utility easement to NorthWestern Energy near the intersection of Kagy and So. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to support construction of Bozeman Fire Station #2.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. MSU is requesting authorization to grant a utility easement to NorthWestern Energy to provide electrical service to the Bozeman Fire Station #2 which will begin construction in the spring of 2023.
  2. This easement will allow NorthWestern Energy to bring electrical power directly to the fire station facility as outlined in the previously approved ground lease by the Board, item # 193-2005-R0321.
  3. MSU and the Bozeman community will benefit from this direct utility service by avoiding the reliance on MSU utilities, allowing Bozeman Fire station #2 to operate as a standalone facility with separate utilities. This benefit satisfies requirements of BOR Policy 1003.6.
  4. No state funds are requested as part of this easement.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Easement and diagram