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Michele,
Here is a copy of our cattle guard policy if that helps out also.

Thanks,
Todd

Cattle Guard Policy

- Landowners are required to petition the Board of Prairie County Commissioners for permission to establish new locations for cattle guards on Prairie County roads.
- It is the responsibility of the landowner to purchase all of the necessary materials including the concrete foundations (stringers) needed for the construction of the new cattle guards at the new locations. All materials must be approved by the County Road Supervisor prior to installation.
- The installation of new cattle guards on Prairie county Roads will require the County Road Supervisors approval and must meet minimum Prairie County Standards and Specifications.
- The minimum width for all new cattle guards located on HIGH GRADED Prairie County Roads with signed Public Access Easements is 24 feet.
- UNIMPROVED MINIMUM MAINTAINED Prairie County Roads will have a minimum of 12 foot cattle guards installed to replace existing gates on existing fences. The county will install the new cattle guards as needed and when time allows at county cost. Those land owners who want to have larger cattle guards than the minimum 12 ft. will be responsible for the additional cost at the Prairie County rate. Any cattle guards on newly established fences will be the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. Alternate travel routes around the cattle guards are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners.
- Landowners are responsible for attaching their fence to the cattle guards in a safe and reasonable manner. • Landowners will be responsible for the care, maintenance, cleaning, repair and purchase of all the necessary parts needed for the construction of a cattle guard including the concrete foundations (stringers) for those cattle guards that are located on Prairie County roads without signed Public Access Easements or those that have not been declared by the resolution process.
- Landowners must petition the Board of Prairie County Commissioners for permission to remove or relocate cattle guards on Prairie County Roads. The County Road Crew at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners will remove or relocate the cattle guard.
- All cattle guards presently in place on Prairie County roads with signed Public Access Easements are the property of Prairie County to maintain and replace as needed.
- Landowners who purchase their materials from the County or have work done by the County Road Crew will be billed at a rate established by the Board of Prairie County Road Department Sales and/or Services Price List. Copies are available at the Courthouse and at the Road Shop.
- Cattle guard permits and procedures are available at the County Clerk and Records Office