

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: First National Bank Of Beaver Creek

COUNTY: Rock

CURRENT NAME: Beaver Creek State Bank

CITY/TWP.: Beaver Creek

LEGAL DESC.: Block 7, Lots 9 & 10, Original Plat

ADDRESS: First Avenue between  
Third and Fourth Streets

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Commerce</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Restricted _____	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		Bank
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1917 ORIGINAL USE: Bank

ORIGINAL OWNER: 1st National Bank of Beaver Creek ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Beaver Creek State Bank c/o Myron Kruse Beaver Creek, Minnesota 56116	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:		UTM REFERENCE:

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The Beaver Creek State Bank occupies two lots on the south side of First Avenue, the town's main street. On the west side, the structure adjoins a brick commercial building; to the east is an empty lot. The one-story rectangular building has a sandstone false-front facade. The main part of the building is stuccoed brick.

The classical facade consists of three bays. Fluted pilasters and columns flank the bays. Side bays are punctuated by transomed windows. The central bay is marked by a glass door with transom light. There is a false attic story above the entablature.

Detailing on the building is solid but restrained. Capitals are marked by carved fleurons and decorated egg-and-dart molding, the entablature exhibits dentils and stylized festooning on the frieze, the window lintels display carved keystones, and the door surround is marked by beaded and egg-and-dart moldings.

The interior of the bank is little changed from its original design. A dropped ceiling and new wallpaper are noticeable changes. The original brass screens are no longer at the teller windows. Otherwise the oak and marble interior maintains its integrity. The building is in excellent condition.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The bank's significance lies primarily in its design and integrity. Few small town banks are as well planned and maintained. The style itself is unique in the area. The structure is a visual highlight and focus of the Beaver Creek business district.

In addition, the bank is representative of the commerce of the town and area. The First National Bank of Beaver Creek built the structure in 1917. The original incorporators were men from Beaver Creek and entrepreneurs from Luverne, the county seat. The same year, the Beaver Creek State Bank built a smaller bank structure down the street. In 1924, the First National went into receivership. Subsequently, the Beaver Creek State Bank bought the building and moved in. The move was typical of small town commercial establishments. The former State Bank building now houses a liquor store.