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Adaptive Re-Use

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Ashland, Nebraska

Originally a gas station built in 1932, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Ashland, Nebraska decided to purchase and restore the old Barnes Oil Company building, using it as a remote loan office, and location for an Automated Teller Machine. Berggren Architects were retained to research and restore the building to its original condition, write the National Register Nomination, and then furnish it as a modern bank, with a historic flair.

In the restoration, we were able to incorporate handicapped accessibility, and modern office needs, while keeping the building historic, and making it worthy of its place on the National Register of Historic Places. The building required replacement of the clay tile roof, replacement of wood trim details, repair and restoration of original lighting fixtures, and repair of the existing garage door which has been permanently raised above the conference room. Storefront elements were incorporated in a pattern sympathetic with the original garage door to fill the door frame in a thermally efficient manner.