

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Form DEFA14A

August 03, 2009

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

Meeting Information

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Meeting Type: Annual  
For holders as of: 07/20/09  
Date: 09/15/09 Time: 7:00 p.m., CDT  
Location: The Grand International  
1505 North Broadway  
Minot, ND 58703

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
3015 16TH ST SW  
SUITE 100  
MINOT, ND 58701

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

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How To Vote  
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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

1. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Trustees Recommend a vote FOR all nominees.

NOMINEES ARE:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01) — Patrick G. Jones    | 06) — Edward T. Schafer    |
| 02) — Timothy P. Mihalick | 07) — W. David Scott       |
| 03) — Jeffrey L. Miller   | 08) — Stephen L. Stenehjem |
| 04) — C.W. "Chip" Morgan  | 09) — John D. Stewart      |
| 05) — John T. Reed        | 10) — Thomas A. Wentz, Jr. |

2. RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE COMPANY'S  
INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2010.

Trustees Recommend a vote FOR this proposal.

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