



ND Earth Day patch contest

NDGF News Release

The state Game and Fish Department's annual Earth Day awareness campaign is accepting entries for design of a 2012 Earth Day patch. North Dakota students ages 6-18 are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is March 15.

The Game and Fish Department will announce a winner in three age categories – 6-9, 10-13, and 14-18. Each winner will receive a pair of Nikon 8x40 binoculars. The final patch design will be chosen from the three winners.

The winning design will be used on a patch given to members of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and any school participating in Earth Day cleanup projects on state-owned or managed lands in North Dakota in April and May.

The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day – celebrated April 22 – or keeping North Dakota clean. It must be round and three inches in diameter. There is a limit of five colors on the patch, and lettering must be printed. Name, address, age and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form. Only one entry per person is allowed.

Earth Day Entry and reporting forms are available on the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. For more information, contact Pat Lothspeich by email at ndgf@nd.gov, or call (701) 328-6300.

Legals

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Minnkota Power Coop, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line – Center to
Grand Forks
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-09-670
NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF
HEARINGS**

January 18, 2011
On September 7, 2011 the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 121 to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) designating a transmission facility corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota.

On December 2, 2011 Minnkota filed applications for a modification to the designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a transmission facility route to be designated within the modified corridor as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive requirements under N.D.C.C. chapter 49-22 that separate hearings

be held concerning the waiver request, the corridor modification and the route permit.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. A Public Hearing on the application will be held:

February 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 805 Main Ave. Washburn, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

February 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom at the UND School of Law, 215 Centennial Drive Stop 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties.

March 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at the Chieftain Conference Center Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave.S, Carrington, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?

2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Kevin Cramer, Commissioner
Tony Clark, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner
(Jan. 26, Feb. 16, 2012)

Mercer City met Dec. 16

The rescheduled city meeting of the Mercer City Council was called to order Dec 16, 2011 by Mayor Edward Schumann, with council members Joe Jerkovich, Steve Mikkelson and Gerald Schlafmann present.

The November minutes were read and approved with a motion by Gerald and seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Financials were the first order of business as there was a need to rescind the motion of last month to transfer \$2800.00 from street to equipment. The auditor explained that she checked into the amount that was allowed for the loan and found it was to be 80% of the oil and gas tax not 20% of the full street fund as was earlier thought. Steve made a motion to rescind with Joe second. Motion passed. The auditor was asked to find out what was left on the loan for the Bobcat, as the city would like to pay it off as soon as possible.

Steve then made a motion to transfer \$2600.00 from street to equipment which was the allowable amount. Seconded by Joe. Motion passed.

Mrs. Wall has asked permission to bring in garbage to the city dumpster. It was agreed by consensus to allow her as she will be charged the residential garbage rate.

Election contract with the county was discussed and a motion made by Gerald to accept the new contract with Steve seconding. Motion passed. There was also discussion on the matter that 2 council member seats were up for re-election. It will be posted on the community board that anyone wanting to run can pick up the required petition from the city auditor.

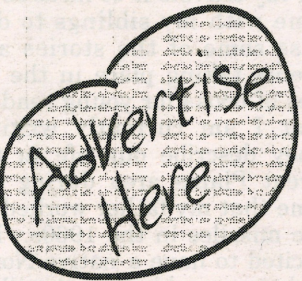
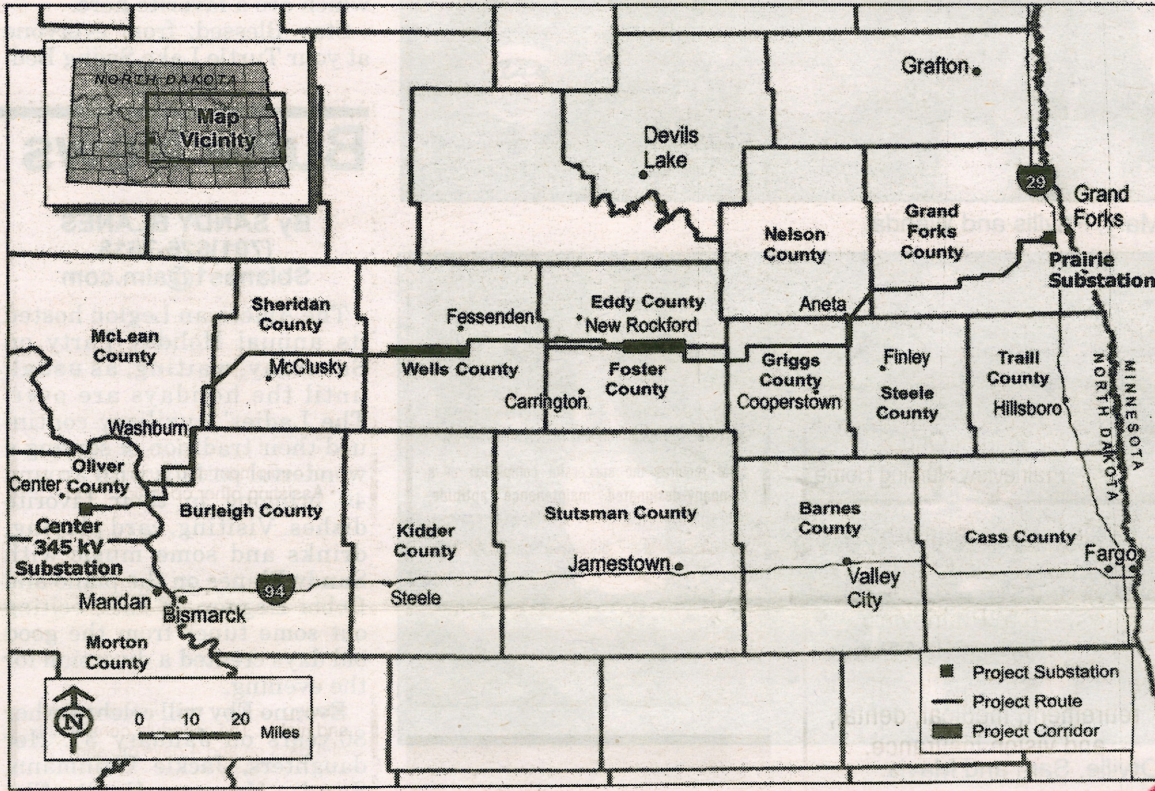
The new building contract was read and discussed, it was decided to make some other changes and will be brought to the next meeting.

Ed brought to the attention that there were trees, wood and goose remains being dumped where they should not be. It was discussed about what to do and decided the council will try putting a "no dumping" sign up first to see if it will be enough deterrence.

Bills were initiated: Tom Mack \$331.00, Tom Mack \$285.00, FU Oil \$1241.73, MEC \$43.89, BHG \$95.96, WM \$1036.52, Hawkins \$122.00, ND Dept. Health \$16.00, Otter Tail Power \$44253, Gerald Schlafmann \$50.00, Joe Jerkovich \$135.94, Hardware Hank \$71.19, Ed's Service \$42.75, Rhonda Stradinger \$99.83, Marge Laib \$120.58, Pam Lill \$21.90, RDO \$1636.4.

JoLene Rust,
City Auditor

(Jan. 26, '12)



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