

...pulled the card out of the camera and tried to download the pictures. It started flashing 'error on (digital camera) card.' I was going to throw it away. I figured the card was bad."

But he managed to get the photos downloaded and found the mountain lion images among about 500 other images on the card.

"I was pretty much stunned when I saw it," said Komarek, 32.

The photo represents the eighth documentation of a mountain lion in Minnesota in the past 15 years, said John Erb, furbearer/wolf research biologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Grand Rapids. Those documentations include photos, a dead mountain lion or DNA of a mountain lion.

Among those eight, three have occurred since mid-August, Erb said. They include one near Littlefork, one in southwestern Minnesota near Big Stone Lake and now the Lake County photo.

Komarek's photo was made at a site where he had put out a mineral block and a pile of apples to attract deer.

Despite these recent documentations, Erb and other state biologists believe that these animals are not Minnesota residents but dispersing into the state, likely from South Dakota. Some of these animals could be from other western states, said Steve Loch, an independent wildlife biologist from Babbitt.

"We have yet to document reproduction (in Minnesota)," Erb said. "We have yet to document an animal that appears to have a stable range."

South Dakota's mountain lion population began to grow in the mid-1990s, Erb said, and some of the cats, typically males, began dispersing from the Black Hills area. One was radio-collared and was documented to have reached the

expected. "And the increase we've seen in the last 10 years matches the time period of South Dakota's population reaching a peak," he said.

Documented photographs of wild, not captive-released, mountain lions remain rare. Erb said more than 90 percent of the supposed mountain lion sightings or photos are faked, or they are captive animals that have been released. Several mountain lion reports in recent years turned out to be captive animals, Erb said.

Erb has seen Komarek's photo and has seen other photos of the site that verify the photo was made in northern Minnesota.

Although some people may fear being attacked by a mountain lion, the chances are extremely remote, Erb said. The risk of being injured in car-deer crash or bitten by a domestic dog is much greater, he said.

If you do encounter a mountain lion, don't run, Erb said.

"Make yourself look big, or throw rocks," Erb said. "But it's not likely the mountain lions we're seeing now are resident animals. In two days, it might be 50 miles away."

The DNR welcomes responsible reports of mountain lions, Erb said. The agency wants exact locations, especially if there's snow on the ground, so biologists can look for tracks, he said. But lots of manipulated photos make the rounds on the Internet these days.

Komarek's photo of the mountain lion was made in an area where he hunts deer. The season opens Nov. 6.

"It'll make walking through the dark to the deer stand raise the hair on the back of my neck a little more," Komarek said.

Sam Cook is a reporter at the Duluth News Tribune, which is owned by Forum Communications Co.

A \$3,000 (8/20) proposal for Rain Source Capital Inc. was presented by Ms. Ova. The money would help create a venture capital company as another revenue source for new or expanding businesses. The money would be repaid by Rain Source Capital Investors. Ova made a motion seconded by Neys to approve \$1,000 in county funds. Roll call vote - Schwartz, Neys, Klose, Ova and Marks voted aye.

Ova presented a \$408,747 debt settlement proposal by Lunde Properties II, LLC for the balance owed on the original proposal to resurrect the Zappas Building. Lunde would convey the ownership of the two condominiums located on the second floor. The condos had an appraised value of \$300,000. Lunde's would also pay \$108,747. JSDC would pay up to \$100,000 to Cityscapes Development, LLC of Fargo as a share of the costs incurred to market the property. Tracy Muske questioned if the loans were secured and he questioned how the value was established when the condos have been unoccupied since construction. He commented that something is only worth what someone is willing to pay for a property. Alex Schwietzer, JSDC Treasurer, indicated that the project had filled a hole in the downtown area; Lunde had never intended to be a long term owner of the property; and it had helped rejuvenate downtown Jamestown. Marks made a motion seconded by Neys to approve the settlement. Roll call vote: Neys - Aye, Klose - Nay, Ova - Aye, Marks - Aye and Schwartz - Nay. Motion carried.

Mike Zimmerman, County Highway Superintendent, reported that graveling, FEMA and ER work were all progressing. The deadline for 2009 FEMA projects had been extended. As their final recommendation, the 2005 Road Committee had recommended accepting the Matrix System as is for prioritizing roads and they recommended that the Commission adjust the Matrix System as they saw fit. The committee indicated that they would be available in the future at the Commission's request. The committee also recommended acquiring up to date traffic counts on the County highways. Zimmerman indicated that those were taken this summer. Zimmerman recommended having scheduled monthly meetings with the full Commission at the road department. Road priorities and planning would be the focus of the meetings. Chairman Klose appointed Commissioner Schwartz to the road portfolio and the other portfolios held by Commissioner Kaiser.

Commissioner Schwartz addressed the dust problems on the frontage road adjacent to Interstate I-94, west of the Woodbury Interchange. The dust was a safety issue on I-94. High traffic to Gavalon Grain would continue throughout the harvest season and beyond. The road could be treated with a Magnesium Chloride solution to help control the dust at a cost of about \$2,200 to \$2,800. Gavalon would pay 1/3 and Midway Township would pay \$500. Ova made a motion seconded by Neys to treat the road to try to abate the dust issues. Motion carried. Jan Thompson, County Treasurer, presented the treasurer's checks and auditor's warrant that were entered into the minutes at the September 21, 2010 meeting for cancellation. Neys made a motion seconded by Marks to cancel the checks and warrants. Motion carried.

Check #	Payee's Name	Dept	Bank	Date of Issue	Amount of Check
36768	Cynthia Herk	Co Treasurer	Unison	12/31/2008	\$ 5.99
37963	James J. Kropp	Co Treasurer	Unison	07/20/2009	\$ 8.74
County Warrant #					Amount
46487	Ryan Odenbach	General Fund	Wells Fargo	03/04/2009	\$10.90
					Grand Total
					\$25.63

Jerry Bergquist, 9-1-1 Coordinator / Emergency Manger, requested acceptance of a \$16,341 Homeland Security grant that would purchase three (3) data terminals for the Jamestown Ambulance Service. The terminals would route the ambulances to calls for assistance. The County would administer the grant. Ova made a motion seconded by Schwartz to accept the grant. Motion carried.

Bergquist requested participation of another grant that would assist 12 rural fire departments. The grant would buy a portable radio repeater and a fixed backup repeater. The total cost of the equipment was \$55,090.60. The County's share (5%) of the cost would be \$2,754.53 paid from 9-1-1 funds. Neys made a motion seconded by Schwartz to participate in the grant. Motion carried. Ova made a motion seconded by Neys to pay \$110.00 in taxable meals. Roll call vote - Klose, Ova, Marks, Schwartz and Neys voted aye.

A motion to pay the mid-month bills was made by Neys and seconded by Marks. Roll call vote - Ova, Marks, Schwartz, Neys and Klose voted aye.

ALLTEL 45.99; COLE PAPERS INC 187.40; DAN'S SOOPER STOP 506.22; DKK GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES INC 1,855.00; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 3,404.93; FREEDOM RESOURCE CENTER 60.00; GALL'S INC 125.48; JAMESTOWN I-94 CLARK 248.69; LISKO FUNERAL CHAPEL 205.00; MYHRE LAW OFFICE 1,511.60; ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS 360.00; NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC 75.00; OFFICELAND 603.75; POST BOARD 45.00; PRESS ROOM/THE 25.00; STOP & GO #431 1,015.25; STOUTD INC/R M 343.73; SUPER WASH 18.00; SYNERGY GRAPHICS INC 150.00; TDS METROCOM 150.83; TRAUTMAN/RUSSELL 40.00; TWO RIVERS PRINTING 260.79; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 172.93; DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS 445.00; DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS JMTN 146.52; JERRY IVERSON CONSTRUCTION INC 4,120.70; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 2,669.23; OFFICELAND 231.45; QWEST 1,290.00; TDS METROCOM 8.71; BOB'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC 11.90; BORDER STATES PAVING INC 20,542.44; BUSKNESS/JOHN O 679.50; CARQUEST AUTO PARTS 32.85; CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC 85.20; CREATIVE ENERGY 2,994.01; DAKOTA

City of Courtenay Unofficial Minutes October 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bollingberg, those present were Soupir and Bartlett. A motion was made by Bartlett seconded by Soupir to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the financial sheet. Items discussed were, Hall lighting, Campground sewer payment, Lagoons problems, Ordinance for Campgrounds, Consolidated taxes on sold lot, Unkept lots. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 06, 2010 7 PM. October 26th, 2010

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF STUTSMAN in the Matter of the Estate of LaRay Walz, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Charlette Middlestead and Gale Scherbenske, at 1410 9th Avenue NE, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401 and 1406 5th Avenue NE, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401, respectively, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 22nd day of Oct., 2010.
Charlette Middlestead - Co-Personal Representative
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Jamestown, ND 58401
Gale Scherbenske - Co-Personal Representative
1406 5th Avenue NE
Jamestown, ND 58401
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Attorney for co-personal representatives
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October 26, November 2, 9, 2010

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
345 kV Transmission Line - Fargo to Monticello
Public Convenience and Necessity Electric Case No. PU-10-606
Northern States Power Company
345 kV Transmission Line - Fargo to Monticello
Public Convenience and Necessity Electric Case No. PU-10-607
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
October 20, 2010

On October 11, 2010, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) and Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed separate applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the Minnesota border to a new Blison Substation to be constructed in Cass County, North Dakota. These applications

are for the ND segment of a regional transmission line proposed from Fargo ND to Monticello MN. The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction, ownership and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicants are fit, willing and able to provide service. Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by November 30, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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
Tony Clark, Commissioner
Kevin Cramer, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner
October 26, 2010

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YES A "NO" VOTE WILL PROTECT & SAVE THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF STUTSMAN COUNTY
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• Crop & Livestock Education
• Farm & Family Economics Programs
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- Family Nutrition, Parents Forever, Food Preservation
• Weekly News Columns & Radio Programs
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