

Valley City 7/20

OUTLETS: Of six alternatives, five would pump water into river from source of worst quality

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able to obtain a copy of a map that showed where the proposed gravity-flow outlet alternatives would be.

"There's six alternatives and five of them are out of Stump Lake, and I believe that Barnes County should oppose any Stump Lake outlet," Leitner said.

County resident Leroy Triebold recently took a water sample from Stump Lake to the Fargo-Cass County Public Health environmental laboratory to be analyzed.

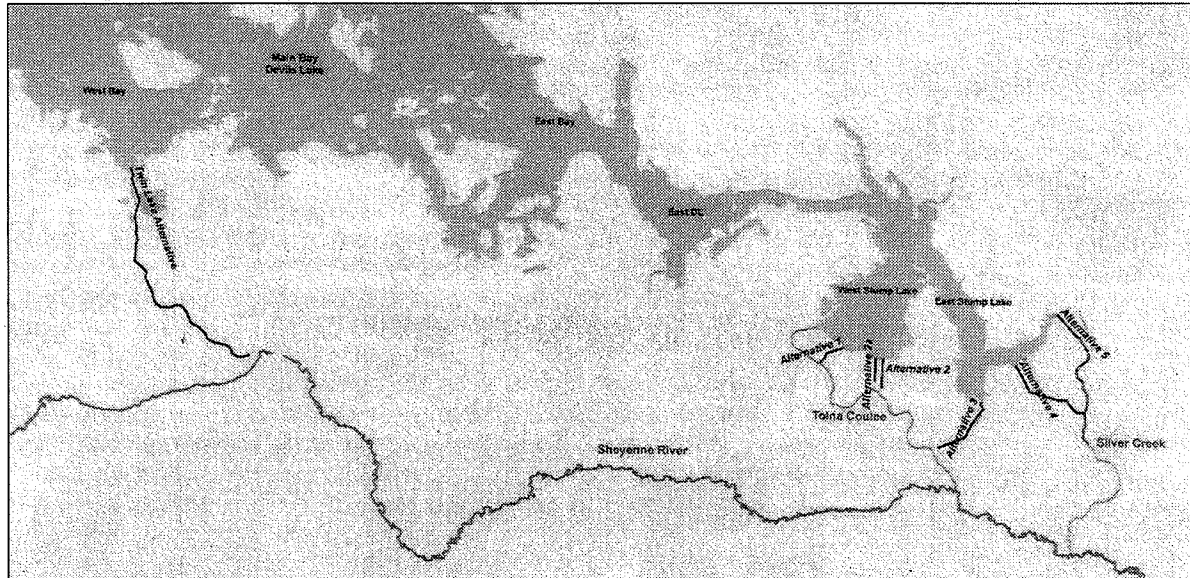
The findings Triebold presented to the commission showed sulfate levels at 2,300 milligrams per liter. Sulfates can act as a laxative in humans, causing diarrhea and dehydration. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends 250 mg/l of sulfates in drinking water.

On July 8, a petition signed by more than 900 county residents was presented to Valley City Mayor Bob Werkhoven. Included in the petition was a stance against water from Stump Lake entering the Sheyenne River.

"There's a large amount of people in the area that would be against it. In previous discussions the commission has also said they would be opposed to it, too," said Leitner.

The commission unanimously passed a motion opposing the Stump Lake outlets, and favoring the concept of an outlet from the west bay.

"I think we have to be for something instead of against everything," said Froelich. "Those people are pushing awful hard to get water off the lake, and I can't say I'm opposed to it if it's done in the correct way. To me it's a win-



Submitted photo

Gravity-flow outlets the state has proposed to run from Devils Lake into the Sheyenne River include one Barnes County favors, on the left; and five others that run from Stump Lake into the river, on the right.

win: It gets rid of the water off the Devils Lake, and gives us the good wintertime. Then it doesn't cause lake, which satisfies the people of water and runs the water in the any harm."

DIGEST

Roads officer enters third month on job

Tim Gillespie, officer for the South Central Regional County Truck Regulatory Board, has been on the road for two months and has cited 19 trucks for being overloaded.

"Basically in a nutshell, I think it's going very well," Gillespie told the Barnes County Commission on Tuesday.

In Barnes County alone, he has cited seven overloaded trucks, caught four speeding trucks and seven other speeding violations.

The board is made up of Barnes, Stutsman, LaMoure and Dickey counties.

The officer also assists in marking damaged roads for the highway departments in the four counties.

"I cover a lot of back roads and I catch a lot of bad spots," he said. "I have to commend Barnes County and the highway department. Our roads are in a heck of a lot better shape than a lot of other counties."

Gillespie has had some colorful incidents while racking up 9,861 miles in his two months on the job. In one instance, he pulled over a suspected drunken driver who turned out to be legally blind.

In another instance, Gillespie had an easy time catching a truck who had exceeded the 80,000-pound weight limit in Barnes County. A truck weighing 212,000 pounds actually sunk into a township road south of Valley City.

The cost of repairing damaged roads can be up to \$200,000 per mile.

- David Luessen

Board selects bid for Sanborn Lake outlet

H & S Contracting Inc. of Moorhead, Minn., was selected by the Barnes County Water Resource District Board to construct an emergency outlet on Sanborn Lake.

The company's bid for the project was \$280,695.

"Preconstruction engineering will be at the end of the week and they'll be

longer do so.

Bars inside city limits must close at 1 a.m.

After a Thursday hearing, Southeast District Court Judge John Paulson denied a motion the city brought to dismiss the case.

James Pederson is the owner of the land the bars sits on. According to court documents, the city argued The Ram's owners don't have grounds for bringing the appeal because they don't own the land.

Paulson said otherwise. "These petitioners have standing," he wrote in court documents.

The next court date has not been set.

- Lee Morris

Minot flood relief total climbs to \$8K

Organizers of a Valley City fundraiser for victims of the flood in Minot have an updated total that they raised with a Thursday benefit.

Brenda Durheim of Bank Forward says the taco-in-a-bag lunch raised \$8,000, up from a previous estimate. Nearly \$6,000 of the total came from the meal, and the rest came from donations from businesses and individuals.

The American Red Cross helped plan the fundraiser, which drew about 600 people to help victims in Minot, where the Souris River inundated homes in June.

- Lee Morris

ND hit with heat amid flood fight

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The heat wave hammering the central U.S. has brought near triple-digit temperatures and a rare bout of prolonged high humidity to North Dakota.

Weather Service meteorologist Bill Abeling says a dew point of 82 degrees was recorded Monday in parts of North Dakota. He says dew points of more than 70 degrees are rare in the state.

The sauna-like conditions come amid recovery from record flooding of the Souris River in Minot and the Missouri River in

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a  
Division of MDU Resources Group,  
Inc.

Disposal of Franchise, Works &  
System - White Earth  
Application  
Case No. PU-11-230  
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR  
HEARING  
July 13, 2011

On June 6, 2011, Montana-Dakota  
Utilities Co. (MDU), a Division of MDU  
Resources Group, Inc., an electric  
public utility, filed an application under  
North Dakota Century Code Section  
49-04-05, to transfer its distribution  
franchise, works and system used in  
the provision of electric distribution  
service within the community of White  
Earth, North Dakota to Mountrail-  
Williams Electric Cooperative. MDU  
requests approval for release of its  
authority and obligation to provide  
electric service to the community of  
White Earth.

The issue to be considered in this  
matter is:

1. Whether MDU's proposal should be  
approved.  
Those interested are invited to comment  
on the application in writing.  
Persons desiring a hearing must file a  
written request identifying their interest  
in the proceeding and the reasons for  
requesting a hearing. Comments and  
requests for hearings must be  
received by August 26, 2011. If  
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can determine the matter without a  
formal hearing.

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