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Liz Prather, being duly sworn, states as follows:

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2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of: **Public Service Commission – Casey and Julie Voigt case No. RC-23-348, 2 time(s)** as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

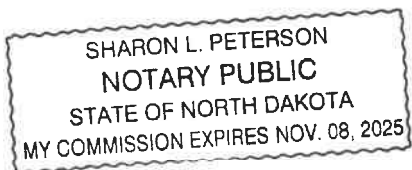
Signed: Liz Prather

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 2023.

Sharon L. Peterson



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Styling tips for a versatile and cozy wardrobe staple

LAUREN CORONA | BestReviews

Flannels are versatile wardrobe staples, and whether your look is preppy, alternative or anything in between, you have plenty of styling choices.

Flannel basics

Flannel is a soft, woven fabric. It used to be made from wool, but today it's most commonly made from cotton. To increase the material's softness, machines rub a fine metal brush over the fabric to raise some of the fibers.

While plaid flannel shirts are extremely popular, you can also find flannels and solid colors and prints other than plaid. A flannel shirt in red plaid or buffalo check is classic, or you can go for a more muted motif (gray is popular).

Styling tips

What's great about flannel shirts is that you can layer them in various ways to suit the weather. Here are five styling ideas to try with a flannel shirt:

1 Under a jacket: To best show it off, button your shirt but keep your jacket undone. Pair it with a denim jacket for a relaxed yet cool look or a leather-style jacket for an edgier style.

2 Over a T-shirt: A classic look is to wear your flannel shirt unbuttoned over a T-shirt.

This adds an extra layer of warmth but won't leave you sweltering. Neutral, solid-colored shirts work well here — especially black or white ones — as they don't make your outfit look too busy. You can also sport a graphic tee for an alternative look.

3 Around your waist: This simple action can turn a drab outfit into something much more interesting. You can wear anything you like on the rest of your body, depending on the weather, from a dress or shorts and a T-shirt to jeans and a turtleneck.

4 Under a sweater: Flannels look great worn under sweaters on crisp days when you need an extra layer. Ideally, you should choose a sweater with a low enough neckline so the collar of your shirt can peek out. Leaving your flannel unbuttoned not only gives this look a casual twist but also shows off more of your shirt.

5 Dressed up: While a flannel shirt doesn't work at a formal event, you can absolutely dress it up enough to look smart-casual. Wear it tucked into dress pants, chinos or even well-fitting black jeans. Put a suit jacket or blazer over the top, and you've created a look that's presentable but not overly formal.

FLANNEL SHIRTS TO CHECK OUT



Dickies Women's Long Sleeve Plaid Flannel Shirt: This hard-wearing flannel has been double-brushed for softness and comes in a range of plaid hues. It's 100% cotton and is warm enough for fall, but not excessively thick. \$25-\$29 at Amazon

Billabong Men's Classic Long-Sleeve Flannel Shirt: Soft and warm, this is an ideal shirt for wearing in the fall. You have a choice of several plaid and check designs, including Purple Haze and Ox-blood Plaid. \$40-\$50 at Amazon

Goodthreads Women's Long-Sleeve Flannel: With its half-placket, this shirt has a more relaxed look than a full button-down, but this limits its versatility and the ways you can style it. You can pick from a wide range of colors. \$27.92 at Amazon

Amazon Essentials Men's Regular-Fit Long-Sleeve Flannel Shirt: Since it's made from mid-weight cotton, this flannel is perfect for crisp weather. It has a regular fit, making it a versatile choice to wear with most outfits. \$14-\$24 at Amazon



Legendary Whitetails Men's Buck Camp Flannel Shirt: There are a wide range of hues to choose from, all with contrasting corduroy in the cuffs and collar. It's highly durable, and the chest pocket features a pencil slot. \$30-\$42 at Amazon



Legendary Whitetails Women's Cottage Escape Flannel Shirt: Made from a mid-weight soft brushed cotton, this shirt is ideal for fall days. You can choose from 14 plaids and checks. \$29.99 at Amazon

Lauren Corona writes for BestReviews. BestReviews has helped millions of consumers simplify their purchasing decisions, saving them time and money.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS POWWOW GROUNDS CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE EAGLE BUTTE, SD

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, at the office of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Projects Office, 8250 Airport Road, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, 57625 until 3:00 pm local time, Thursday, December 21, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Project includes the following Work: INSTALL A NEW 2,800 SQFT TWO-STORY WOOD FRAME AND STEEL BUILDING, FOUNDATION, WITH CONFERENCE AREA, CROWS NEST OBSERVATION, EXTERIOR STAIRS, EXTERIOR DECK, AND MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ROOMS. INSTALL A NEW 12,600 SQFT CIRCULAR COVERED WOOD FRAME AND STEEL POWWOW ARENA STRUCTURE AND FOUNDATIONS WITH PORTLAND CEMENT THICKENED EDGE SURFACING UNDER THE CANOPY ENCLOSING GRASS ARENA. INSTALL PORTLAND CEMENT SIDEWALK AND THICKENED EDGE SURFACING, GRAVEL PARKING LOT SURFACING, SANITARY SERVICE AND MAIN, WATER SERVICE AND MAIN, SECONDARY ELECTRICAL SERVICE EXTENSION, EXTERIOR LIGHTING, SOUND SYSTEM, PORTABLE BLEACHERS, SITE AMENITIES, SITE DEMOLITION AND PREPARATION, SITE GRADING AND EXCAVATION, LANDSCAPING AND REVEGETATION, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, HVAC, DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE PROJECT IS GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF EAGLE BUTTE, SD, ALONG HWY 212 ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING POWWOW GROUNDS.

A pre-bid conference will be held online on December 11, 2023, at 9 am local time (10 am CT). The pre-bid conference is not mandatory. The Instructions to Bidders for Construction Contract provides instruction to attend virtual meeting. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project are available at www.klieng.com "Projects for Bid" or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by inputting Quest Project #8843168 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Project Office, 8250 Airport Road, P.O. Box 590, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, 57625. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described above. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and regulations. The Contractor shall, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all applicants will

receive consideration for employment without regard to sex, race, creed, color, or national origin, and that a preference shall be applied for qualified Indian applicants.

This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than ten percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native American Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope.

The successful Bidder and subcontractors in performance of the construction work will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, including Certification and Compliance of the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). The TERO Information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Project Manual only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for questions at (605) 964-8376. The prevailing wage scale on all federally funded construction projects will fall under the Davis-Bacon Act or TERO Wage Scale, whichever is higher or whenever a particular skill is not classified under the Davis-Bacon Act, unless the contract specifically states otherwise.

Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to Tribal tax laws, business license fees, and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional information is included in the specifications. For more information, contact Lyle Smith, Tribal Projects Director, at the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, (605) 964-6961.

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to at least five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by South Dakota. A contractor must be a holder or provide a written covenant to obtain said license within the time of the acceptance for Bids.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a responsible bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. One (1) Contract will be awarded for the work. All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following

information:

1. The work covered by the bidder
2. The name of the bidder
3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of South Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.
4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda. No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed 15 days from the date of opening bids, and to rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

For all further requirements regarding bid submission, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Projects Office By: Lyle Smith Title: Tribal Projects Director Published: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2023 Legal No: 67437

The North Dakota IDEA Advisory Committee meeting will be virtually from 9:00 a.m. (Central Time) to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Souther at 701-328-2277. Agenda items include (1) School-Based Medicaid Program, (2) Suspension /Expulsion, (3) Dispute Resolution Training, (4) Early Childhood Update, (5) Educational Hub (6) Public Comment. For further information or any special needs, contact Michelle Souther, Department of Public Instruction, Office of Special Education, 600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440, (701) 328-2277. 12/7 - 67576

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND DRAFT 2024 INTENDED USE PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITY LIST NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on January 17, 2024. The public hearing will be held at 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND and remotely via Microsoft Teams. Attendees may dial in by calling 701-328-0950 and entering phone conference ID 291 353 704#. To attend by computer or mobile app, visit deq.nd.gov/calendar.aspx and click on the event.

The purpose of the hearing will be to present the draft fiscal year 2024 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List developed by the NDEQ as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Program. The CWSRF Program was established by the Clean Water Act (CWA) Amendments of 1987 to help communities finance the costs of wastewater treatment, stormwater, landfill, water meter, and other water pollution control improvements needed to achieve or maintain CWA compliance. All interested parties are invited to appear and present comments. Written comments also may be mailed to the NDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324, or emailed to ndsrf@nd.gov. Comments must be received by January 25, 2024, to be considered. Copies of the draft Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan are available upon request by writing to the above address or by calling 701-328-5211. The current Intended Use Plan and Priority List are available for viewing at <https://deq.nd.gov/MP/>.

The NDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodation, contact NDEQ's Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888. Dated this 1st day of December 2023. David J. Bruschnwein, P.E. Director Division of Municipal Facilities 12/7 - 67571

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO State Board of Water Well Contractors Operations TAKE NOTICE that the State Board of Water Well Contractors

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code Title 90 at

10:30am on January 26, 2024, at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504. A link will be provided at www.dwr.nd.gov for online participation.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Department of Water Resources at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504, calling 701-328-2795, or online at www.dwr.nd.gov. Also, written comments may be submitted to Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504, or via email to asebach@nd.gov with the subject "Administrative Code Comments," until 5 pm February 5, 2024. If any accommodations are needed related to this rule update or public hearing attendance, please contact the Department of Water Resources' Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Chris Kadmas, at 701-328-1956 or ckadmas@nd.gov at least 24-hours prior to the public hearing. Dated this 1st day of December, 2023. /s/ Kati Arneson Administrative Assistant, North Dakota State Board of Water Well Contractors

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Burleigh County Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing during their scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 13 2023 at 5:15pm local time in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City /County Building, 221 North 5th Street, Bismarck, ND. The Burleigh County Planning and Zoning Commission will at this time hear all interested persons regarding a proposed subdivision. Petitioner is seeking approval of a one (1) lot subdivision on the following described property:

NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 139N, Range 78 West Parent Property Addressed as: 850 NE 171st Street

If you are not able to attend this public hearing, you may submit your comments in writing to Burleigh County Building, Planning, Zoning, PO Box 5518, Bismarck, ND 58506-5518, or email at burleighcobuilding@nd.gov. Letters and comments must be received by 8:00 am on December 11, 2023 so they may be distributed to the Commissioners before the meeting. Letters and comments received after 8:00 am, December 11, will be distributed at the meeting. By Mitch Flanagan, Building Official /Planning Director For Burleigh County Planning and Zoning Commission Dated this 20th day of November 2023 11/29 & 12/7 - 67412

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO Department of Water Resources Operations TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Water Resources

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code Title 89 at

9:30am on January 26, 2024, at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504. The Department will provide a link at www.dwr.nd.gov for online participation.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Casey and Julie Voigt Case No. RC-23-348 v. Coyote Creek Mining Company, LLC Complaint

NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING November 30, 2023 Preliminary Statement

The Public Service Commission (Commission) received a request for a Formal Hearing on November 22, 2023 from Casey and Julie Voigt, who are landowners in the permit area at the Coyote Creek Mine in Mercer County. The Voigts are concerned with the terms of their lease agreement with Coyote Creek Mining Company, methods used to calculate the projected suitable plant growth material (SPGM) resread depths, SPGM resread depths for property owned or ranched by the Voigts, and the future productivity of their soil. Notice of Formal Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the captioned matter is set for a Formal Hearing, commencing at 9:00 a.m., CST, on December 22, 2023, Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Steve Kahl Executive Director 12/7 & 14 - 67558

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This time of year, as you contemplate upcoming holiday travel, include a Murphy's Law check on your arrangements. That means considering what might go wrong with Plan A and what sort of Plan B you need. Ideally, you can find a reasonable-cost Plan B, but some on-the-spot problems can be resolved only by throwing money at them.

Airport access or parking is full

If you're driving to your departure airport, you need to get to the terminal. Check up on your departure airport, and if either access or parking is perennially congested, you have to get there some other way. Finding out when you're already on the way is too late for a fix. Fortunately, you have easy Plan B options:

- If access roads typically clog up on heavy-travel days, take a train to the airport if one is available.
■ If airport-lot parking is likely to fill up, arrange in advance for a space: Some airport lots offer reservations, or you can arrange off-airport parking at Airport Parking Reservations (airportparkingreservations.com) and maybe even cut the cost compared with the airport's lot.

Your flight is canceled

When an airline cancels your flight for any reason, it owes you either a refund or a seat on its own next available flight — often only that and nothing more. And that "next flight" might be two days later. There are no easy Plan B outs. You can ask your original airline to put you on another line: Some lines will do this, but they don't have to. If you can find a replacement seat on another line on your own — a big if — you'll probably pay a stiff



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premium over the cost of your original ticket. To be prepared, find out which other lines cover your route, and if you have to arrange your own replacement flight, do it online — airport desks will be mobbed. If your trip isn't long, you can pile back into your car (or rent one) and drive to your destination, or you can scrub the entire trip.

If you don't accept your original airline's offer, for any reason, you have to make sure that it doesn't cancel your return space. And you may have to cancel some destination hotel, rental car, or other reservations you hold immediately.

Your connecting flight is canceled

If you're canceled at a connecting hub, you face those hassles and a few more. If your connecting flight is canceled for a reason within an airline's control, most big lines promise you "care," including meals and overnight accommodations, until it can get you to your final destination; low-fare lines typically do not. But don't count on it: Airlines are masters at blaming almost any glitch on weather or air traffic control. And if the airline isn't to blame, all you get is the standard refund or next seat choice.

There's no good Plan B. You have the same problems as in the above case. And if the airline doesn't offer care, you're on your own if you need to stay overnight. Have Hotel Tonight or a similar app available.

Your hotel is full

If an airline glitch makes you miss check-in time, a hotel is free to sell your room to someone else. And a hotel can sometimes be full even if you arrive on time. Unfortunately, a feasible Plan B may mean throwing money at the problem. If a hotel can't honor a reservation, it's in violation of a contract. But being in the right legally is no help when you get to a hotel desk late at night and the agent says, "Sorry." There are no federal or state laws that demand any specific recourse: The hotel may offer to "walk" you to another spot, but no law requires it. You're back to Hotel Tonight. And throwing money.

Most of the time, you'll complete your holiday trip more or less as planned — at worst, a few hours late. But be ready for Murphy, just in case.

Email Ed Perkins at edperkins@mind.net. Also, check out Ed's new rail travel website at www.rail-guru.com.

HUMOR

We wish you a merry birthday

We knocked the birthday candles out of the park this year.

Our oldest granddaughter's birthday fell on Easter, her mother's birthday fell on Mother's Day and my sister-in-law's birthday fell on Thanksgiving.

One was overshadowed by the resurrection, the next melded into a towering pile of handmade cards and the last was in

competition with turkey, trimmings, pilgrims and Plymouth. Frankly, it was a lot of two-for-one.

Happy Birthday and He is risen! Happy Birthday! How was your Mother's Day?

Happy Birthday! Pass the dressing, please.

A son-in-law and his oldest daughter have birthdays on either side of July Fourth. Now, that's the time to birthday — cookouts, parades, fireworks and flags — it's all about you, baby! Well, it's not really, but why not pretend it is?

Having a birthday on Christmas is an entirely different matter.

I had a beloved great aunt whose birthday followed Christmas. It was always a dilemma what to give her so soon after an avalanche of gifts. Mom usually wrapped a pretty package for her containing lotion or fragrance. Her birthday was overshadowed by a major holiday, but she always smelled good.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day, ranks first in the U.S. for the least common birthday. The second least common birthday is New

Year's Day. The third least common birthday is Christmas Eve.

And yet a few squeeze by: Jimmy Buffet was born on Christmas Day, as were Isaac Newton, Clara Barton, Humphrey Bogart and Justin Trudeau.

The downfall of a birthday on Christmas? You rarely have a party. For starters, nobody can come. Seems they're all busy doing other things.

Candles on the cake pale next to the brilliance of a Christmas tree with a thousand sparkling lights.

Your gifts have tags that say, "Merry Christmas/Happy Birthday!"

On the other hand, a good thing about a Christmas birthday is that nobody forgets it.

Plus, some of those Christmas birthdays come with riveting stories about a harrowing journey preceding the birth. Ice and snow, plows and ambulances — there's even one about a trip through the desert on a donkey. All of which is followed by the giant exhale and cloud of euphoria once the baby safely arrived.

Nearly every December birthday is somewhat swept up in the whirlwind of joy and celebration that permeates the season, an air of giving and human kindness

that can puncture the most dismal of headlines. That's a lovely ambiance for a birthday or any day.

A Christmas birthday also shares a timeless truth with a unique birth that has been celebrated on Christmas Day for centuries: A baby changes everything.

Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's" is now available. Email her at lori@loriborgman.com.



Notice of Blasting Schedule for BNI Coal Ltd., Center

Pursuant to Public Law 95-87 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and Chapter 38-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, notice is hereby given of a blasting schedule for the area known as the Center Mine, BNI Coal Ltd., Center. Blasting will not occur within Mining Permit BNCR 9401. Blasting may occur within Mining Permit BNCR 1101 in the following areas:

- S 1/2 Section 8 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 9 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 18 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 17 Township 141N Range 83W
NE 1/4 Section 16 Township 141N Range 83W
S 1/2 Section 24 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 19 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 20 Township 141N Range 83W
All Section 21 Township 141N Range 83W
SE 1/4 Section 12 Township 141N Range 84W
NE 1/4 Section 13 Township 141N Range 84W

Blasting will not occur within 1 mile of the City Limits of Center. Dates and times when explosives are to be detonated: Blasting may be conducted daily and will occur from sunrise to sundown beginning December 21, 2023 through December 21, 2024.

Access Control Methods: Signs and/or guards will be posted at all access points to the blast site. Highwall areas will be cleared prior to blasts.

Blast Signals: Blast Warning (1 minute prior to detonation) is an intermittent siren. All Clear Signal is a continuous siren.

Emergency Situations: Blasting may be conducted at times different from those announced in the blasting schedule, when rain, lightning or other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. All aforementioned safety procedures will be followed prior to any emergency blast. 12/14

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documents for twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) by inputting Quest Project #8943168 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCON at (952) 233-1632 or info@queston.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notices, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Projects Office, 8250 Airport Road, P.O. Box 990, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, 57825. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am - 4:30 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents as described above. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and regulations. The Contractor shall, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to sex, race, creed, color, or national origin, and that a preference shall be applied for qualified Indian applicants. This contract includes a Native American Preference. If a Native American contractor's bid is less than ten percent higher than a non-native American contractor's bid, the contract may be awarded to the Native American Contractor. Firms or individuals seeking such preference must submit evidence of Indian ownership and control in the sealed bid envelope. The successful Bidder and subcontractors

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In performance of the construction work will be required to comply with all applicable federal labor laws including minimum wage rates decisions of the United States Department of Labor (Davis-Bacon Act) and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The Contractor shall be required to comply with the terms and conditions of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, including Certification and Compliance of the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). The TERO information sheets and Compliance Plan are included in the Project Manual only for the Vendor's convenience, with all TERO documentation to be submitted to the proper TERO authorities listed in the documents. The Contractor must submit a letter stating proof of compliance to the Owner, copied to the Engineer, prior to commencing work. The Tribal Employment Rights Office can be contacted for questions at (605) 964-8376. The prevailing wage scale on all federally funded construction projects will fall under the Davis-Bacon Act or TERO Wage Scale, whichever is higher or whenever a particular skill is not classified under the Davis-Bacon Act, unless the contract specifically states otherwise. Bidders are responsible for contacting the Tribe with regard to Tribal tax laws, business license fees, and other requirements. The taxes include contractor's excise, sales and use taxes, additional information is included in the specifications. For more information, contact Lyle Smith, Tribal Projects Director, at the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, (605) 964-6961. Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to at least five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by South Dakota. A contractor must be a holder or provide a written covenant to obtain said license within the time of the acceptance for Bids. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a responsible bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. One (1) Conflict will be awarded for the work. All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided, plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information: 1. The work covered by the bidder 2. The name of the bidder 3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of South Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal. 4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda. No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The Owner reserves the right to reject any

and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed 15 days from the date of opening bids, and to rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received. For all further requirements regarding bid submission, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Projects Office By: Lyle Smith Title: Tribal Projects Director Published: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2023 Legal No: 67437

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Public Review and Comment Federal Coal Lease Tracts NDM-110277

New Federal Mining Plan In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and the Department of the Interior's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region Office, prepared a supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) to analyze the environmental impacts of a federal mining plan approval for future mining operations in federal coal lease NDM-110277, held by Coyote Creek Mining Company (CCMC), the Coyote Creek Mine is located in Mercer County, near Beulah, North Dakota. The federal coal lease tracts (LBA Tracts) consist of 320 acres in the following locations: Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota • SW 1/4 Section 24, Township 143 North, Range 89 West • SE 1/4 Section 26, Township 143 North, Range 89 West OSMRE prepared the SEA, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, in accordance with 43 CFR 46.135, the SEA incorporates by reference the environmental analysis contained in the Bureau of Land Management's and OSMRE's Coyote Creek Mine Lease by Application for Emergency Lease Sale of Federal Coal, Serial Number: NDM 110277 available to the public at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/Document#DOI-BLM-MT-000-2018-0006-EA. OSMRE is responsible for reviewing plans to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased federal coal. Pursuant to 30 CFR 746, OSMRE must prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) a decision document recommending approval, conditional approval, or disapproval of the proposed mining plan modification. Approval of a mining plan modification would authorize surface mining of recoverable federal coal in the leases of 5.2 million tons. If the 5.2 million tons of federal coal from the LBA Tracts is mined in a continuous manner, it would represent approximately two years of coal production at the Coyote Creek Mine at a mining rate of 2.6 million tons per year. However, the mine sequence of the LBA Tracts would take place in small tonnages over a 13-year period. The projected mine life and operating plans of the Coyote Creek Mine, whether the ASLM approves the federal mining plan for the LBA Tracts or not, are anticipated to extend through the year 2040. OSMRE is soliciting public comments on the EA and the unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and unsigned FONSI are available for review as of December 7, 2023. All comments must be received or postmarked by January 5, 2024, to be considered. Documents are available for review online at: https://www.osmre.gov/laws-and-regulations/ndpa/projects

FONSI are available upon request. You are invited to direct these comments by mail to: ATTN: OSMRE, Coyote Creek SEA c/o: Logan Sholar OSMRE Western Region P.O. Box 25065 Lakewood, CO 80225-5065 Comments may be emailed to OSM-ne-pa-and@osmre.gov, with the subject line: ATTN: OSMRE, Coyote Creek SEA. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public review to the extent consistent with applicable law. Additional information regarding this Project may be obtained from Logan Sholar at (303) 960-5816 or lsholar@osmre.gov. 12/14 - 67681

To ensure alignment with applicable state and federal regulations, Innovis Health, LLC, dba Essentia Health Mid Dakota Clinic, an affiliate of Essentia Health, is providing notice that it intends to destroy, by shredding, paper medical records from the Essentia Health Mid Dakota Clinic. These paper medical records are more than ten (10) years old, and destruction of these paper medical records is scheduled to begin on January 29, 2024. If you wish to retrieve your paper medical records prior to destruction, please request these records from myChart account or submit a Release of Information (ROI) form to Essentia Health by January 19, 2024. ROI forms can be found at: https://www.essentialhealth.org/12/14 - 67721

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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North Dakota Parks & Recreation
 Lake Sakakawea State Park C-Store
 Pick City, ND
 Sealed Lump Sum Bids will be received for the Lake Sakakawea State Park C-Store until 2:00 p.m., local time December 14, 2023. Bids shall be prepared in compliance with the Instruction to Bidders and shall be bid as General Contract (all trades) OR Multiple Contract consisting of the following Prime Contracts: General Building & Site Construction; Mechanical Construction; or Electrical Construction.
 Bids shall be addressed to:
 Sean Johnson
 Planning & Projects Chief
 North Dakota Parks & Recreation
 And delivered to:
 Ackerman-Estvold,
 Engineering & Management Consulting, Inc.
 1907 17th St. SE
 Minot, ND 58701
 Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud. Contact Ackerman-Estvold for the Bid Opening video conference link.
 Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities. A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held through video conference on November 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., local time. Contact Ackerman-Estvold for the Prebid Meeting video conference link.
 Project consists of a 4,300 square foot concession and convenience store building of a combination of masonry and wood construction, with related site construction, fueling station, and road/parking/trail improvements.
 Project location is 720 Park Avenue, Pick City, ND 58545

Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access through Quest CDN (www.questcdn.com) You may download the digital plan documents by inputting Quest project #8757731 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.
 Exchanges: Obtain access by contacting any of the following exchanges: Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck Builders Exchange, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Williston, North Dakota; Minnesota Builders Exchange; Construction Industry Center, and Sioux Falls Builders Exchange, South Dakota. All Prime contractors must contact Ackerman-Estvold through Sonya Boykin (sonya.boykin@ackerman-estvold.com) to be added to the Plan Holders list and to receive the links to the Bid Opening and Prebid Meeting video conferences.
 Successful Bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time. Work must be substantially complete on March 31, 2025. Work is subject to liquidated damages.
 Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.
 Sean Johnson, Planning & Projects Chief
 North Dakota Parks & Recreation.
 (11-16-2023)(11-23-2023)
 (11-30-2023)(12-07-2023)

CITY OF STANTON MEETING MINUTES

October,9, 2023
 President Saylor called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Cole and Ballensky. Absent were council members, Neumiller and Babb. Also, present were Auditor Braithwaite, Maintenance Supervisor, Chapman, Maintenance Laborer, Sailer, and Attorney Gooss with Solem Law Office. Guest J. West, P. Kaufmann and Deputy Zaneski with Sheriff's Department.
 Moved by Ballensky, seconded by Cole approving the minutes of September 11th, 2023, City Council regular meetings. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 Moved by Cole, seconded by Ballensky approving the Financial Reports for August 2023 submitted by Auditor Braithwaite. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 The council held a discussion with Luke, Dakota Transload, on a substance that could possibly come from Dakota Transload. This substance had been found in the sewer lines and in the Miller Lift Station. The maintenance crew were able to get the lines flushed and the lift station cleaned out. Chapman and Sailer informed like and the council that this same substance was found roughly the same time last year, and the maintenance had to be done then last well. The substance was tested, and a copy was given to Luke to review. Luke believed that the substance did not come from Dakota

Transload. The council argued that there was no other place that the substance could be coming from and requested that Dakota Transload pay for the incurred costs to clean the sewer lines and the lift station. Luke will visit with his superior on this matter.
 T. Johnson notified to Auditor Braithwaite that work requested on his building permit#23-19 which submitted on June 14, 2021 had now been completed.
 The council discussed the ordinance which prohibited certain animals within the city limits. West requested for changes in the ordinance which was rejected by the council. He was directed into taking proper steps if he wanted to make these changes per Century Code. He was ordered to remove chickens off his property immediately.
 Moved by Ballensky, seconded by Cole approving a Pledge of Securities from Union State Bank of \$250,000.00 for the third quarter of 2023. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 Moved by Ballensky, seconded by Cole approving the prebuy and partial contracts with Fitterer Oil, LLC for October 1st, 2023 – March 31st, 2023. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 Moved by Cole, seconded by Ballensky approving the lifetime membership for the Mercer County Historical Society. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 Chapman updated the council on

the status of the new sweeper. The council also discussed the no parking sign to be placed on South Avenue per Sheriff's Department's request. Chapman will take care of that.
 Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving the payment of the following bills submitted:
 City of Stanton \$1502.83, ND State Tax Commissioner \$520.66, Wages \$7052.28, Mutual of Omaha \$50.40, U.S. Treasury \$4442.59, BCBS of North Dakota \$4697.10, Circle Stanton Inc. \$4877.50, Aflac \$937.86, WAPA \$1778.92, Dakota Dust-Tex \$294.50, Franklin Templeton \$1027.90, NAPA \$35.98, City of Stanton \$68.08, Blachedge \$81.92, Southwest Water Authority \$5335.83, Millennium Express \$16.23, WRT \$489.30, Donovan & Kaffar, PPLP \$150.00, Chem Lab \$119.16, Boyko Investments \$400.00, Black Water Bandits \$1600.00, REC \$17545.00, Postmaster \$1434.00, Verizon Wireless \$74.52, John Deere Financial \$903.12, Butler Machinery \$175.33, Millenium Express \$32.46, Sailer \$112.86, Wages \$5647.46. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.
 Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
 The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. which is also the Final Budget Hearing.
 Mayor: Tom Saylor
 Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite
 (12-07-2023)

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 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 Steve Kahl
 Executive Director
 (12-07-2023)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM SURFACE WATER
 TAKE NOTICE that KOPSENG, RYAN, BISMARCK, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7340 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from surface water.
 The application requests a permit to appropriate water from the Missouri River, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the NE1/4 of Section 05, Township 145 N., Range 084 W., Mercer County, at a pumping rate of 1,200 gallons per minute during the operating season for each year said water permit may remain in force, with an annual appropriation of 265.0 acre-feet of water, for the purpose of irrigating 65.3 acres in the NE1/4, 68.4 acres in the NW1/4, 21.6 acres in the SW1/4, and 20.6 acres in the SE1/4 all of of Section 08, Township 145 N., Range 084 W., as shown on the map(s) accompanying the

application.
 TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the North Dakota Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 2 day of January 2024. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.
 Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 16, 2023.
 /s/John Paczkowski, P.E.
 North Dakota State Engineer
 1200 Memorial Highway
 Bismarck, ND 58504-5262
 (11-30-2023)(12-07-2023)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
 RELATING TO State Board of Water Well Contractors Operations
 TAKE NOTICE that the
State Board of Water Well Contractors
 will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code Title 90 at
10:30am on January 26, 2024, at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504. A link will be provided at www.dwr.nd.gov for online participation.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Department of Water Resources at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504, calling 701-328-2795, or online at www.dwr.nd.gov. Also, written comments may be submitted to Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck ND 58504, or via email to asebach@nd.gov with the subject "Administrative Code Comments," until 5 pm February 5, 2024. If any accommodations are needed related to this rule update or public hearing attendance, please contact the Department of Water Resources' Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Chris Kadmas, at 701-328-1956 or ckadmas@nd.gov at least 24-hours prior to the public hearing.
 Dated this 1st day of December, 2023.
 /s/ Kati Arneson Administrative Assistant,
 North Dakota State Board of Water Well Contractors

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 Dated this 1st day of December, 2023.
 /s/ Andrea Travnicek
 Director – Department of Water Resources

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 RELATING TO the North Dakota Racing Commission Rules
 TAKE NOTICE that the
North Dakota Racing Commission
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10:00 am on January 5, 2024, at 4501 Coleman Street, Suite 100, Bismarck, North Dakota.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Racing Commission or calling 701-328-4633. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above address until January 15, 2024. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Racing Commission at the above telephone number or address at least 5 days prior to the public hearing.
 Dated this 4th day of December 2023.
 Bruce Johnson
 Executive Director NDRC

MERCER COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENTS

The 2023 Mercer County real estate tax statements will be mailed around December 11, 2023. If you have not received a statement, please contact the Mercer County Treasurer's office at 745-3323 or dgrannis@nd.gov. Please utilize our drop box on the south side of the courthouse, pay by check through the mail to PO Box 39, Stanton, ND 58571, pay online at www.mercercountynd.com or pay in person at 410 Van Slyck Avenue, Stanton ND. Century Code, Section 57-20-07.1 states, in part, as follows:
"Failure of an owner to receive a statement will not relieve that owner of liability, nor extend the discount privilege past the February 15th deadline." There will be no exceptions to this! If your check does not clear, please call to make sure we received it. Please note also – we are not allowed to accept post dated checks, nor are we allowed to hold on to checks until a designated date. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mercer County Housing Authority Board is looking for a member to fill an unexpired term. The position will begin immediately and run through June 2026, with the possibility of being reappointed. The Commission is requesting that any person interested in serving fill out an application of interest by visiting www.mercercountynd.com or

contacting the Auditor. To be eligible for appointment, persons must reside within Mercer County. Mercer County Housing Authority Board—One (1) Unexpired term through June 30, 2026
Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor
(12-14-2023)(12-21-2023)

CITY OF PICK CITY DECEMBER 6, 2023 MINUTES

Council present: Brandon Reiser, Scott Bather, Lori Davis, Kel Westman, Arvid Anderson
Absent: none
Also present: Jim Sailer, Public Works, Amy Ones, consultant, Diane Johnson, Auditor.
Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30
Davis motioned, second Reiser to approve consent items; bills, agenda & minutes of the 11-1-23 meeting. All in favor
Davis motioned, second Westman to approve Bow & Arrow permit for Lee Little. All in favor.
The City received \$2000.00 from Hazen Winter Sports to help offset the 75th celebration expenses.
River front property was discussed no action taken.
South shore requested to be taken off the agenda till further notice.
Water Report: Moore engineering is in the process of gathering information for the Lead & Copper Service Line inspection.
Attorney was not present: no report on O. Anderson issue.
Sewer – OK
Distribution checks received: 11-20-23: Rest & Lodging \$1203.77; Coal

Conversion \$646.09; Coal Severance \$1405.33; Highway Tax \$557.70; Rev Sharing/State Aid \$1322.88; Midco \$68.56
Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Next meeting date 1-3-2024
General Fund: Payroll/ins/reimb-2843.57; NDPers- 234.00; US Treas. – 1248.90; WRT- 132.23; RRE – 632.44; Circle – 2347.00; DustTex- 49.70; DOC-33.25; Donavan & Kaffer- 1565.00; Fitterer Oil – 462.00; Hazen Star – 92.84; Menards – 25.98; ND One Call- 10.40; Ones consulting-850.00; RDO- 816.46;Scotts – 303.35; Myron Stern – 24.56; J. Sailer – 7.52
Water Fund: Payroll-\$1263.34; Jim Sailer- 50.00; WRT-42.44;RRE – 268.40; MSRWD-3602.98
MSRWD –2500.40; MC Auditor-700.00; NDDOH –100.00; NDWU – 100.00
Sewer: Payroll-631.66; MC Auditor –300.00
Minutes being published are subject to the councils review & revision
Arvid Anderson, Mayor
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MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Travis Frey. Present were Commissioners Rick Bauman, Liza Taylor, Gene Wolf, Jamee Folk, Auditor Carmen Reed. Dan Arens of the Hazen Star was absent. Others present during portions of the meeting were Tax Director Cyndi Zueger, Treasurer Dawn Grannis, Chief Deputy Mark Schmitt, Ashley Hill, Steven Eid, Darren Hellman and ibV Energy Partners Representative Eric Wedesky.
HB1307 Funds, October Recorder's fees of \$3,519.80, Human Resources position, and Emergency Management position were added to the agenda. Bauman made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Bauman made a motion to accept the November 1, 2023, minutes as presented. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Board reviewed bills. Bauman made a motion to approve bills as presented. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. The following bills were approved for payment. ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$1,881.00; ASKIM, CRAIG \$299.48; THE BEACON \$1,864.36; BEULAH DRUG \$5.00; BRONSON'S MARKETPLACE \$10,525.74; C & R RADIATOR \$468.58; CITY AIR MECHANICAL, INC. \$1,336.59; CITY OF BEULAH \$92.29; CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY \$29.75; CITY OF STANTON \$7,378.62; CONTRA COSTA SUPERIOR COURT \$41.00; WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH \$4,044.53; D & E SUPPLY CO INC. \$2,950.66; DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC. \$323.99; DEMELLO, ZACHARY \$106.99; DETECTACHEM, INC. \$376.80; ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INC. \$1,200.00; LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC \$979.39; EVERSPRING INN AND SUITES \$866.70; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$28,226.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$19.86; FITTERER OIL HAZEN LLC \$123.50; WEX BANK \$4,319.32; FREY, TRAVIS \$155.60; GALLS, LLC \$504.75; GO PROMO, LLC \$81.00; HAZEN HEALTH PHARMACY \$32.43; HAZEN HARDWARE HANK \$360.73; HAZEN STAR \$287.20; HEART RIVER STABLES \$4,155.00; AUTO VALU \$1,070.17; HOLIDAY INN FARGO \$252.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT \$5,524.74; J & M HARDWARE, INC. \$1,146.66; KRAUSE SUPER VALU \$118.28; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES \$90.00; REX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS \$205.00; MERCER COUNTY

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$2,185.54; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$170.24; NAPA \$2,618.90; NDAE4-HYW \$200.00; ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 911 \$858.53; OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL \$1,615.00; NDEAFCS \$125.00; NDAAEA \$75.00; NORTHWEST TIRE AUTO SERVICE INC. \$5,040.62; PFLIGER, METTA \$232.02; RAY'S AUTO ELECTRIC, INC. \$102.70; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. \$10.75; RDO TRUCK CENTERS \$77.88; ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. \$829.65; RUD PROPANE LLP \$4,314.47; SAKAKAWA MEDICAL CENTER \$200.00; SCHAEFFER, ZACHARY \$61.00; SEIFERT, BRADLEY Q. \$19.27; SIG SAUER INC. \$2,058.20; SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY \$57.28; STERICYCLE, INC. \$20.00; THE HUB CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. \$79.24; THE RADAR SHOP INC. \$558.00; UNIFORM CENTER \$149.98; US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC \$732.57; VERIZON WIRELESS \$41.99; VOLK, GINGER R. \$302.05; WARNE CHEMICAL AND EQUIPMENT CO. \$599.20; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$3,056.65; WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$440.00 (TOTAL \$108,275.44).
Cyndi Zueger, Tax Director/Land Use Administrator, presented the following City of Beulah approved abatement application to the board;
• Abatement application for parcel number BB14488370216, at 1713 Blackstone Loop in Beulah for a reduction of \$24,780 off the original 2023 true & full value.
Frey made a motion to approve the City of Beulah abatement request for parcel number BB14488370216 as presented. Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
ibV Energy Partners Representative Eric Wedesky requested that the solar ordinance moratorium be lifted and discussed various reasons supporting this request. Folk requested more information regarding Basin Electric Cooperative's involvement and wants this revisited with the planning and zoning board.
Mercer County resident Steven Eid requested to have the 35 mph speed limits signs reinstated on County Road 18, that runs east from Highway 200 to County Road 37, with two roads running north to County Road 26 and County Road 37, due to the high level of semi-truck traffic. Eid believes it is the commission's responsibility to maintain the county infrastructure and ensure public safety. Originally there were three signs; County Road 18/ Hwy 200, intersection of 42 Ave SW/

County Road 26, near cemetery and County Road 18/County Road 37. Eid made the point that if a semi-truck is speeding and causes issues there is no recourse without a speed limit sign. Commission requested this item to be placed on the next agenda under the Highway Department at 10:00 a.m. to be discussed with Road Superintendent Ken Miller.
Wolf made motion to approve the Armor Interactive computer purchase of \$31,416.22. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Bauman made a motion to approve the purchase of the Tyler financial software server for \$21,793.72. Folk seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Chief Deputy Mark Schmitt presented information on the HB1307 Back the Blue funds of \$36,903 that the county has recently received. These dollars are for law enforcement recruitment and retention. The intent is for the Sheriff to use discretion on where and how the dollars would be dispersed and utilized to best fit their department needs. The Attorney General's office has indicated that these funds should be spent by March 21, 2025. No action was taken by the board.
Taylor made a motion to accept the October Recorders fees in the amount of \$3,519.80 Bauman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
There were three Mercer County planning and zoning applicants for a vacant unexpired position; Jesse Schiferl, Erick Hoffer and Lee Roy Fischer. Folk nominated Jesse Schiferl to the Mercer County planning and zoning vacant unexpired position. Taylor seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried. This appointment goes into effect immediately.
Taylor reported that the States Attorney has approved the Dakota Dynamics human resources contract with Tanya Wieler. Frey will sign the contract and give a copy to the Auditor's office.
Sheriff Terry Ternes is requesting to move the emergency management position out of the sheriff's office. Taylor will work with Tanya Wieler to establish and fill the emergency management position.
Portfolio updates were given.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Mercer County Government Center in Stanton, North Dakota. The meetings can be viewed online at: www.mercercountynd.com.
Approved: Travis Frey, Chairman
Attest: Carmen Reed, Auditor
(12-14-2023)

CITY OF HAZEN, NORTH DAKOTA NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIST FOR \$59,643.34 HAZEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DISTRICT #2022-01 NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment List setting forth the amounts assessed against each lot or tract of land benefitted by the improvement for Hazen Improvement District #2022-01 was confirmed by the Special Assessment Commission on November 13, 2023, and is on file with the City Auditor and open to

inspection by the public. Notice is further given that the governing body of the City of Hazen, North Dakota, will meet in the Commission Room of Hazen City Hall, Hazen, North Dakota at 6:00 PM CT, on January 2, 2024, to act upon the foregoing Assessment List. Prior to the meeting any aggrieved person

may appeal from the action of the Special Assessment Commission by filing with the City Auditor a written notice of appeal stating the grounds upon which such appeal is based. CITY OF HAZEN, NORTH DAKOTA
Monte J. Erhardt, City Auditor
(12-14-2023) (12-21-2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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In the matter of the estate of Larry W.

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Notice To Creditors
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. Pursuant to section 30.1-19-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, all persons having claims against the said decedent 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 Derek Yeager, personal representative, 616 Memorial Heights Dr., Houston, TX 77007, or filed with the Court.
Derek Yeager
Personal Representative
(12-14-2023) (12-21-2023)
(12-28-2023)