

Affidavit of Publication

Cathy Job, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of: **Public Service Commission, Case No PU-24-086, 1 time(s)**, as required by law or ordinance. NDNA IO: 25025PP1.
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.

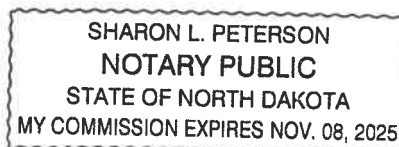
Signed: Cathy Job

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

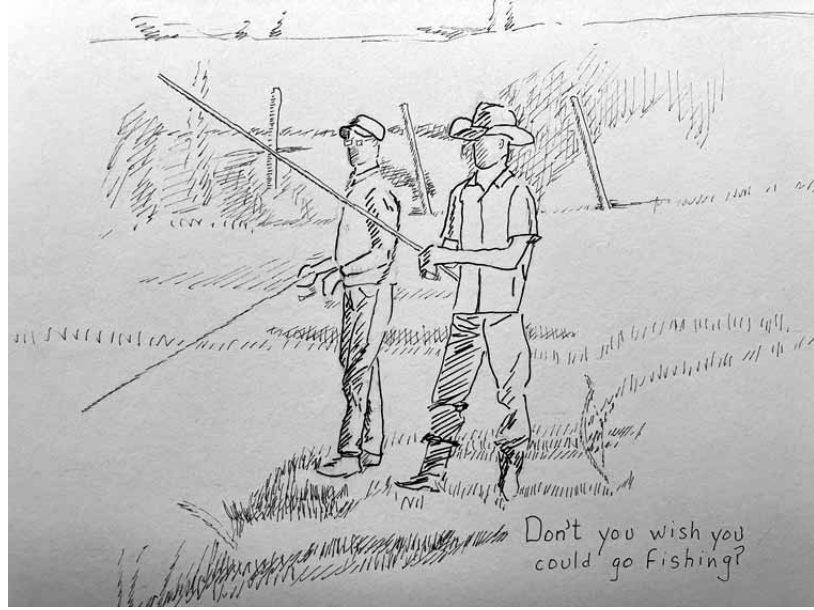
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 2025.

Sharon L. Peterson





DAKOTA RUSH HOUR Barb Kraft



Greetings!
I think a person has the opportunity to go fishing every time you go to get your mail. Is the mail going to be in the box? Is the letter I've been waiting for from Minot to come to Berthold for the past week going to be there?
In reading two articles in The Kenmare News both by Ann Estvold on Feb. 5th "Bill seeks to improve post office delivery" and on Feb. 12th "North Dakota resolution asks U.S. Postmaster General to improve mail service". I have also, been concerned about this since the United States Postal

Service (USPS) started closing post offices in 2012 and laying off 250,000 postal employees over a period of 20 years, some prior to 2012. There are various articles on govexec.com pertaining to this.
The USPS is like a river, it goes in a direction it has a course, tributaries from various sources bring water which keeps the river flowing. If the tributaries dry up, the river is unable to flow as well. Starting in the 1990's more people started using faxes and emails, that is one less revenue source (or tributary) for the USPS or the river.

Facebook has become so popular, people send greetings and Christmas cards via Facebook where they previously used the USPS. This is another source of income or tributary drying up, thus hurting the bottomline of the USPS or our river.
UPS and FED EX deliver packages which are another source of revenue that the USPS loses. Or another tributary drying up, making our river more shallow.
The USPS brought and still brings a light to the world. People would wait and still wait eagerly to get their mail. From yesteryear "what news will The Berthold Tribune tell us this week, what humor will Norman Rockwell's painting on Look magazine bring? I am anxious to read what Successful Farming has to say."
The mailmen were central to the prospering and well being of America. Their Gold standard of dedicated public service helped shape the US and its citizens. The mail empowers people to respond to the social events of the day.
My solution to the US mail problem:

Negotiate a deal with Fed Ex or UPS to buy the USPS. Or maybe the US Government will give the USPS to one of these companies. Or one company be responsible for mail and the other for packages.
The agreement with the transfer of the USPS to UPS or FED EX:
The name USPS has to remain. My reason for this; the US mail is historical, it has a name recognition. This is an American institution that was started on July 26, 1775, where Benjamin Franklin

was the first postmaster general. The USPS has exclusive access to letter boxes marked "U.S. Mail" and personal letterboxes in the U.S. The rural areas and inner cities are always to get their mail. The USPS will have its logo on the business and delivery vehicle under current logo. Wages and unions, will take a lot of serious thought. You always have to have a point (post office/UPS or FED EX) where people can get their mail or mail letters and so forth.
I feel this is a win, from a business point: you already have the resources such as drivers, logistics, and vehicles with UPS or FED EX. Less vehicles on the road is good for the environment. The river that was drying up as the USPS will again flourish and people can go happily fishing. Their Western Livestock Reporter newspaper will be on time. They can read the latest local sports in The Kenmare News. The birthday cards sent by grandkids will come in the mail on time. The life saving medications will arrive promptly.

Market Report
Berthold Farmers Elevator's Grain Merchandiser, Morgan Hall, reports; Markets have stayed decently steady this week. Wheat is \$0.30 from chart highs but seeming to be a little top heavy. Recent upward movements come from the feeling of tighter global stocks and higher global values. We are also concerned about the cold temps in winter wheat growing areas. Basis values are starting to weaken as we see sales happen. Canola has also been on a nice upward trend.
Chinese demand is moving its way over to Australia as their rapeseed is a cheaper option than Canadian canola.
Stats: Canada will release its first acres estimate March 12th. Soybeans have been boosted with some exports lately. Brazil is 25% harvested. In comparison, they still have more than the entire US soybean crop to harvest, so there is a long way to go.
Here is my weekly plug to put price targets in while we are at

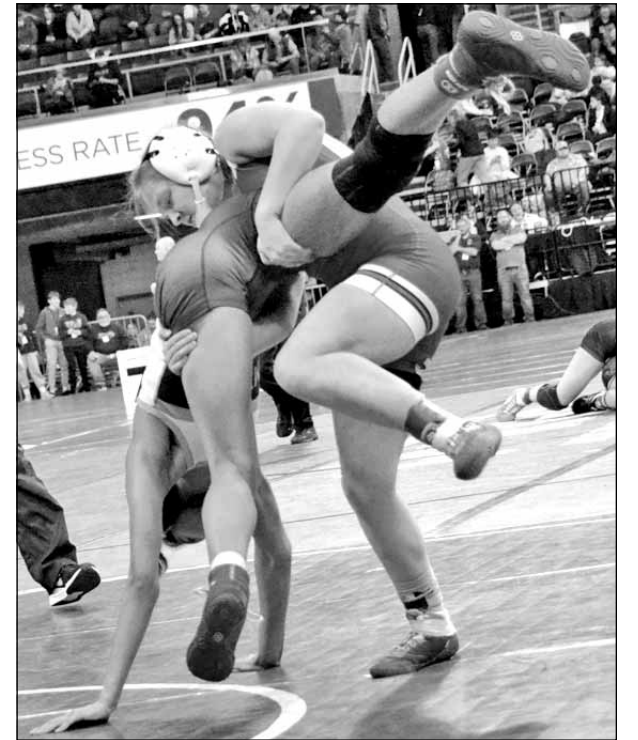
some higher prices and before planting season comes around. For the most up to date information visit our website and add us on Facebook and twitter.
Healthy Living! Please give a smile and hello to the men and women who work at the USPS. They are understaffed due to massive layoffs and post office closings for the past 20 years.
Thank You! As a nation we have a great debt of gratitude to the USPS also known as the Post Office, U.S. Mail or the Postal Service.
Sincerely,
Barb

People Make The News
Natalie Helfrich, of Berthold, was named to the President's Roll of Honor for the Fall Semester 2024 at the University of North Dakota.

DLB-Berthold girls wrestlers make their mark at State



Wrestling at the State competition in Fargo...155# Deysi Krisher (pictured above) finishes 5th at the Girls State Wrestling Tournament with a win over Lainy Jochim of Mandan by Fall in 4:30. Photo by Ben James
Kashtyn Bredahl (pictured right) at 130# wins the Consolation Semi-Final round over Haleigh Carr from Minot by Fall in 1:17. Kashtyn placed 4th at the Girls State Wrestling Tournament. Photo by Ben James



Public Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Siting Application

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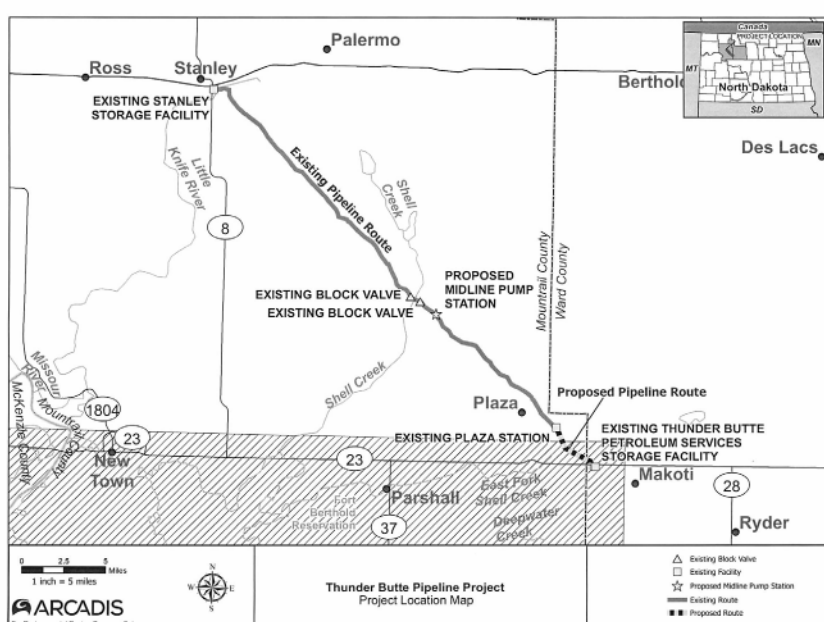
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Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner

Randy Christmann
Chair

Jill Kringstad
Commissioner



Public Notice

Monthly Meeting Synopsis Board of Education February 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Kenmare Public School No. 28, was held on Monday at 3:45 p.m. in the boardroom at Kenmare High School.

Directors C. Zeltinger, Gill, Patterson, Christensen, J. Zeltinger, Pugh and Cook were present.

The news media and members of the public were also present. Director Cook called the meeting to order.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director Gill to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director C. Zeltinger to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:
Moved by Director J. Zeltinger and seconded by Director Pugh to give satisfactory in Goal and Vision Setting. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Pugh and seconded by Director J. Zeltinger to give satisfactory in Board Relations. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director C. Zeltinger to give satisfactory in Curriculum and Student Support Services. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Pugh and seconded by Director Christensen to give satisfactory in Community Relations. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director J. Zeltinger to give satisfactory in Operations and Resource Management. Motion passes unanimously.

Mrs. Hennix received an overall rating of Satisfactory for evaluation done spring of 2025.
Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director Pugh to approve the following intents to hire:

Paxton Perlichek – Boys Golf
Jacob Rodin – 1/2 7-8 BB Coach
Amber Rodin – 1/2 Asst. GB Coach
Mike Fraunfelter – Baseball Coach
Hunter Rodin – 1/2 7-8 BB Coach

Motion passes unanimously.
Moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Patterson to ap-

prove the resignation of Mr. Roth after the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director J. Zeltinger and seconded by Director Patterson to approve June 10th 2025 as the school board election date. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director J. Zeltinger and seconded by Director C. Zeltinger to approve the following one read policies:

DGGA
FGDB
Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director J. Zeltinger to approve the following First Read Policies:

DKA
KACA
KADA
DKBA
Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director J. Zeltinger to approve raising the current substitute teacher pay from \$130/day to \$160.00/day. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director Pugh to approve paying Kevin's Plumbing bill for summer/fall work. The bill amount is \$13,173.01. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director J. Zeltinger and seconded by Director C. Zeltinger to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as proposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director Gill to approve transferring up to \$20,000 to the Hot Lunch account for the rest of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Christensen and seconded by Director J. Zeltinger to approve the open enrollments for the 2025-2026 school year out of district. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be March 19th at 4:00 pm.
Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

BILLS

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	30824.30
CREA	39600.00
KENMARE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE	50.00
NORTH DAKOTA ENVELOPE CO.	215.63
ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	60.00
PEARCE DURICK, PLLC	662.50
RESERVATION TELEPHONE	482.00
SOURIS VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICES	396.00
AFLAC	2097.91
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	6647.30

CHRISTOPHER A. CARLSON	556.40
HORACE MANN ANNUITY	540.00
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	9864.21
NDEA	1089.70
STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	479.00
T F F R	32088.13
NDPERS	325.00
HEALTH EQUITY - FLEX MED	1437.20
JP MORGAN	3508.03
GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY	16616.00
ANGELINA PATTERSON	274.40
ARLEN SAYLER	324.81
BLICK ART MATERIALS	139.55
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	30824.30
CIRCLE SANITATION, INC.	768.75
CITY OF KENMARE	448.50
COMPUTER STORE, INC.	15932.00
CREA	5044.07
DAKOTA TRUCK & FARM	5226.64
FARMERS UNION LUMBER	176.57
FARMERS UNION OIL	4657.61
FARMERS UNION OIL-BERTHOLD	2007.49
G&P COMMERCIAL SALES	459.82
GAFFANEY'S	746.22
GARTNER'S JACK & JILL	306.16
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	7782.89
JOSH COOK	274.40
KRIS ZIMMER	85.79
LAURIE ZELTINGER	20.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	99.24
LINGO SPEECH THERAPY	4530.00
MARY ANN MELIN	2500.00
MCGRAW HILL	75.36
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	25954.26
ND FBFA	2250.00
NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL OF EDUC. LEADERS	300.00
PAXTON PERLICHEK	50.00
PEARCE DURICK, PLLC	3030.80
POWERS SCHOOL GROUP LLC	3186.00
RACHEL EDWARDS	41.56
RADISSON HOTEL	205.00
RDA SYSTEMS INC.	473.27
RESERVATION TELEPHONE	993.00
RYAN AUFFORTH	117.01
TESTOUT CORPORATION	725.00
THE VILLAGE	1650.00
TRAFERA, LLC	500.00
TREVOR MELIN	232.81
WENDY LARSEN	86.00
Total:	270,038.59

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DEADLINES FOR ADVERTISING: MONDAY-THURSDAY AT 11 A.M. FOR NEXT DAY • FRIDAY AT 11 A.M. FOR WEEKEND • FRIDAY AT 1 P.M. FOR MONDAY • MONDAY AT 10 A.M. FOR TRADING POST

NOTICES

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equal Housing Opportunity
 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status/national origin, in the sale, rental or financing of housing or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living w/parents or legal guardians, pregnant women & people securing custody of children under the age of 18.

In addition, North Dakota State Law also prohibits discrimination based on age and status w/ respect to marriage & public assistance. This paper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law.

All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis. If you believe you have been discriminated against in connection with the sale, rental or financing of housing, call: North Dakota Fair Housing Council at 701-221-2530 or toll-free 1-888-265-0907. The phone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

General Advertising Policies

Please review your ad on the 1st day of publication. Any error should be reported immediately as the liability is limited to the first insertion only, and ceases completely if not reported within five days of the publication date. The newspaper's liability shall at no time in any way exceed the cost of the space involved.

We do not accept liability for any other damages which may result from an error or omission in or of an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper, which reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. We are not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an ad.

The advertiser, and not the newspaper, is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. Advertising is subject to credit approval. A tear sheet will be provided upon request.

All classified ads must be prepaid or credit must be approved prior to advertisement running.

MERCH

50 WANTED TO BUY

! A Auto Bent Up! or Junked. I'll buy! Also Scrap Iron! 240-7453, 240-2147

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*Brand new Quantum/Jazzy 1450 scooter, unit weight 344lbs. Original price \$4900. Make an offer *Bernina sewing machines & surgers, closed sewing business and have lots of sewing supplies & fabrics

*Generator, dual fuel portable WG en 7500 DF Westinghouse, Brand new! 9 mi west of Berthold Call 941-685-8370

FOR SALE electric hospital bed in good condition 701-838-6411

JOBS

175 HELP WANTED PROFESSIONAL

Soil District Conservation Manager

The Ward Soil Conservation District is taking applications for General Manager. This full time position will function as the CEO of the Conservation District, having the overall leadership for personnel, technical and program planning, finances, public outreach, project management and implementation.

Qualified applicants should have degree in agriculture, agronomy, biology, conservation, ecology, environmental science, farm operations, forestry, natural resources management, business, business administration, business management, operations management, management science, public administration or a related discipline. However, related past experience managing a natural resource organization, agency, a business or comparable experience with farming/ranching operation will be considered.


Applicant should be highly motivated self-starter with excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work with diverse clientele. For a full job description and application, contact WSCD office at (701) 852-5438 Ext. 3, located at 1920 13th St. SE, Minot, ND 58701 or web site at www.wardcountyscd.org.

Pay depending on experience. Application deadline is March 3, 2025.

REAL ESTATE

283 HOUSES FOR SALE

Rugby ND 713 S. Main



5 Bed 2 Bath Garage \$114K Price, \$5K Down Contract for Deed 480-392-8550

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350 AUTOMOTIVE PARTS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETING

Newman Township annual meeting will be held on March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm in the clerk's home. One Supervisor will be elected. All township business will be done at that time. Reorganization meeting to follow election. In the case of inclement weather, the annual meeting will be rescheduled to March 26th at 7:00pm. Sue Lund, clerk (February 26, March 10, 2025)

Burt Township Annual Meeting Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at the NDSU Extension Center. One clerk/treasurer position to be elected. Any other Township business will be conducted at this meeting. Vanessa Rovig - Clerk (February 26, 2025)

IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF WARD, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE INTEREST OF L.A.M., BORN AUGUST 5, 2014

Nichole Miller, birthmother, and Shane Miller, Petitioners, v. Travis Lynn Webster, birthfather, and North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services, Respondents.

Case No. 51-2025-DM-00051

SUMMONS

[1] TO: TRAVIS LYNN WEBSTER.

[2] You are the respondent to a Petition for Termination of your parental rights to a minor child conceived with Nichole Miller in McLean County, North Dakota. You have a right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney and qualify, an attorney will be appointed to you. Applications for counsel can be sought from the Ward County Clerk of Court by calling 701-857-6600 or obtaining the application from https://www.nd.gov/indigents/docs/2017/CivilCases.pdf

Respondent is also being put on notice that his failure to act and obtain counsel could be deemed as a waiver of counsel in this proceeding. If Respondent is seeking the assistance of an attorney in this matter, he shall do so in a timely manner and notify the court of his intent to do so and/or his attorney's name and contact information.

[3] Respondent is also being put on notice that it is the intent of the Petitioners to ask for a default judgment in this matter. A hearing has been set on April 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. C.S.T. at the Ward County Courthouse, 315 3 rd St. SE, Minot, ND 58701. If you intend to contest the proceeding regarding the termination of your parental rights, you must appear for the hearing on that date.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Erica J. Shively
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 Attorney for Petitioners
 (February 26, March 5, 12, 2025)

IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF WARD IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT Freedom Mortgage Corporation,

Plaintiff, v. Bruce A. Larson and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance

upon, the real estate described in the complaint, and any person in possession,

Defendants.

SUMMONS CIVIL NUMBER: 51-2025-CV-00449

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

- To the above-mentioned Defendants including all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint.
- You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned a copy of an Answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service.
- If you fail to do so, Judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
- This Summons and Complaint will be filed with the Clerk of this Court.
- This action relates to the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following described real property in the County of Ward, State of North Dakota: S 1/2 of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 16, Casseday's Addition to the City of Sawyer, Ward County, North Dakota. Property Address: 306 1st Avenue W n/k/a 120 1st Street SW, Sawyer, ND 58781
- The Plaintiff is not seeking a personal judgment against the above-named Defendants. Dated: January 21, 2025

/s/ Tyler S. Wirick
 Tyler S. Wirick
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 Tel: 801-355-2886
 Email: tylerw@hwmlawfirm.com
 Bar Number: 10014
 HWM: ND21433
 (February 26, March 5, 12, 2025)

KOK FAMILY LAND SALE

The following farmstead will be sold at private sale on sealed bids as follows:
 Description: Mountrail County, North Dakota: Township 152, Range 88, Section 14
 Approximately 15.74 acres located in the SW4, comprising the Kok Family homestead. (Exact acres to be determined by survey to be paid for by successful bidder)
 Terms: The farmstead will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. All bids must be submitted in writing and presented in sealed envelopes marked "Kok Family Land Sale." All bids must be accompanied by a 10% earnest money deposit. Bidders will be notified, in writing, within 10 days of bid opening of acceptance or rejection of their bid. The three top bidders, as determined by seller in seller's sole discretion, will be contacted and invited to attend a bid auction, in person or electronically, at the offices of the Kelsch Law Firm where they will be given an opportunity to raise their bids. Sale to close on or before April 14, 2025, by payment of the balance of the purchase price in cash. Bids: Mail or deliver written sealed bids to Arlen M. Ruff, Kelsch Law Firm, PO Box 1266, Mandan, ND 58554-7266, on or before March 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. CST, at which time bids will be opened. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities

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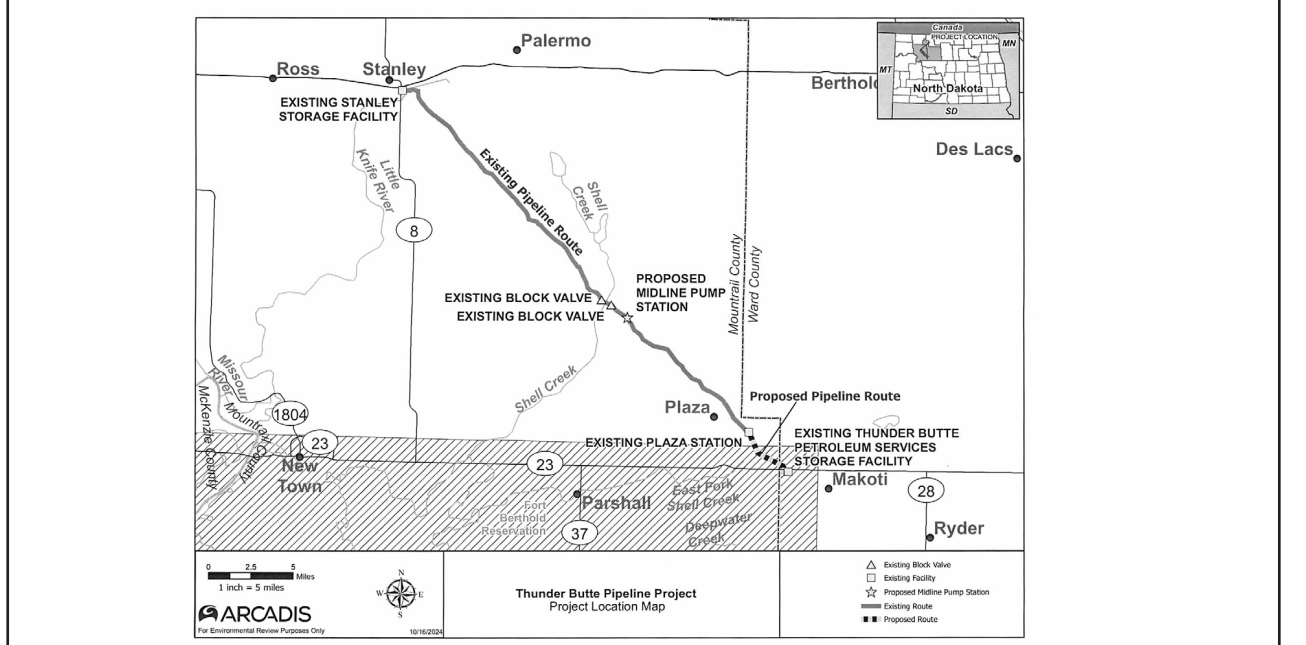
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(February 26, 2025)

NORTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

WENTZ LIVING CENTER employment opportunities! FT RN office position, every 3rd week-end day shifts, \$25,000 sign on bonus. FT RN 3-12-hour day shifts, every 3rd weekend, rotating holidays. FT RN or LPN 3-12-hour night shifts, every 3rd weekend, rotating holidays. Excellent wages, benefit package, \$50,000 sign on bonus for FT floor positions. Contact: Melissa Glatt RN, DON, 701-754-2381. WLC is an EOE.

JOIN THE MCLEAN COUNTY TEAM as a Deputy Sheriff! Serve with honor, protect the community, and make a real difference. Apply now to start your rewarding career in law enforcement! For more information regarding this position visit http://www.mcleancountynd.gov/employment/.

THE BOTTINEAU COURANT official newspaper of Bottineau County is looking for a full time office and advertising manager. Responsibilities include creating and designing advertisements, sales and communication with clients. Send resume to Strand Agency, Attn: Stacy, 521 Main Street #3, Bottineau, ND 58318.

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New Study Estimates University System Economic Impact At \$3.71 Billion

The economic contribution of the North Dakota University System (NDUS) on the state was estimated at \$3.71 billion in fiscal year 2023, which includes \$2.83 billion from operational expenditures and \$885.6 million from student spending, according to a recent report by North Dakota State University's Center for Social Research and the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. The economic contribution includes both direct and secondary effects.

Importantly, the study shows that for every dollar of general funds, the NDUS generated an additional \$3.17 in non-general funds in fiscal year 2023. General funds are provided by the state of North Dakota. Non-general funds come from a wide variety of other sources such as grants, contracts, sponsored programs, student tuition and fees, and donations.

"The state's number one workforce developmental tool is higher education, and in addition, its economic impacts are vital to North Dakota's economy, as illustrated by the new economic impact report," said NDUS Chancellor Mark Hagerott. "Higher education invests in people and knowledge and creates opportunities critical to the state's economic development. Higher education is an investment in our state's future for both people and opportunities for

in-demand jobs in the state's ever-growing workforce."

The authors of the report are Nancy Hodur, director, Center for Social Research, and Dean A. Bangsund, research scientist, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University.

"Institutions of higher education in North Dakota provide the state with an educated workforce ready to meet the challenges of North Dakota's dynamic state economy," the authors concluded. "They provide research, outreach and continuing education programs for the state's residents and businesses. In addition to providing education, the state's universities and colleges create and support jobs and employment opportunities through research, extension, teaching, athletic, and cultural activities. The activities and services of the North Dakota University System provide economic benefits which enhance local and state economies."

The study is a comprehensive examination of the North Dakota University System, which is comprised of the university system office, the system-wide Core Technology Services enterprise, and 11 public higher education institutions across the state

Hoeven, Cornyn, Colleagues Call On ATF To Overturn Unconstitutional Biden Rules

Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) joined Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and twenty-eight of their Senate GOP colleagues in sending a letter to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Deputy Director Marvin Richardson urging him to align the agency with President Trump's Second Amendment priorities as laid out in his recent Executive Order. The senators called on Richardson to identify and rescind former President Biden's unlawful firearms regulations, including the "Engaged in the Business" rule, pistol brace rule, "ghost gun" rule and "zero tolerance" policy under which ATF has revoked the licenses of federal firearm licensees (FFLs) over minor bookkeeping violations.

"On Friday, February 7, 2025, President Donald J. Trump took de-

cisive action to reaffirm law-abiding Americans' Second Amendment rights in issuing his Executive Order, Protecting Second Amendment Rights," the senators wrote. "We urge you to immediately align ATF's rules and policies with the President's strong support for the Second Amendment."

"Under former President Joe Biden, ATF adopted numerous policies and rules that infringed upon Americans' Second Amendment protections. President Trump's Executive Order directs Attorney General Pam Bondi to review and develop a plan of action regarding President Biden's unlawful firearms regulations," the senators continued. "We ask that you work with the Attorney General to quickly identify and rescind these policies."

NDSU Extension To Host Getting It Right In Canola Webinar

Farmers and crop advisers searching for research-based canola production recommendations should plan to participate in NDSU Extension's Getting It Right in Canola Production webinar on March 14.

Sponsored by the Northern Canola Growers Association, the canola production webinar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon, Central time.

"These educational webinars will provide research updates and recommendations that can help farmers with production decisions for the 2025 growing season," says Ana Carcedo, NDSU Extension broadleaf crops agronomist.

The webinars will be hosted via Zoom, with presentations from NDSU specialists Brian Jenks, Ven-

kata Chapara, Anitha Chirumamilla, David Ripplinger, Janet Knodel and Frayne Olson on critical topics, including agronomy recommendations, pest and disease management, market forecasts and more. The sessions will end with a live Q&A, allowing participants to engage directly with the speakers.

Certified crop adviser continuing education credits will be available for those attending the live webinar. There is no participation fee, but preregistration is required at ndsugir.com. All who preregister will receive emailed instructions and a Zoom link to join the webinar.

For more information, contact Ana Carcedo at 701-831-5796 or via email at a.carcedo@ndsu.edu.

ND Launches Employer Survey To Strengthen Workforce Ecosystem

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, in partnership with Deloitte, a leading global provider of consulting and advisory services, is conducting a statewide employer survey to assess and improve the state's workforce ecosystem.

"This survey provides a valuable opportunity for North Dakota employers to directly shape the future of our workforce development strategies," said Commerce Workforce Development Director Katie Ralston Howe. "Their input is crucial as we strive to address workforce challenges, support businesses, and strengthen economic growth across the state."

The brief survey gathers insights from employers on their successes, challenges, and workforce needs, including hiring, training, and retention strategies. This information will be used to inform and improve workforce development initiatives, streamline efforts between employers and public/private resources, and better support North Dakota's growing economy.

North Dakota-based employers from all industries are encouraged to participate in this important survey. Owners, managers and HR

representatives are best suited to provide valuable insights. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and only one anonymous submission per employer is needed. To participate, visit <https://deloitte-survey.deloitte.com/Community/se/3FC11B2648F08E27>. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, Feb. 27, at 11:59 p.m. CST. For more information, contact Janna Pastir at jpastir@nd.gov.

For more North Dakota news and information, go to www.NDCcommerce.com.

Housing Finance Agency Is One Of Best Mortgage Companies To Work For In 2025

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) has been ranked as one of the Best Mortgage Companies to Work for by National Mortgage News for 2025.

"We appreciate the recognition as one of the Best Mortgage Companies to Work for again this year," said Dave Flohr, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency's Executive Director. "This honor highlights the work our team does day in and day out supporting North Dakotans on their homeownership journey."

Through its FirstHome™ program, NDHFA assists primarily first-time homebuyers in achieving homeownership by providing low-cost mortgages, down payment and closing cost assistance. Single parents, veterans, and families with disabled or elderly household members can qualify for similar help through HomeAccess. The agency's North Dakota Roots program assists households who require assistance to buy again or whose income exceeds the limits of the agency's FirstHome program.

"Our housing partners continue to share our programs with buyers and that led us to help 4,124 individuals and families successfully purchase a home last year," said Brandon Dettlaff, NDHFA Homeownership Division Director.

Parties interested in the agency's programs will find information at www.ndhfa.org, including contact information for the Participating Lenders who originate mortgage loans on NDHFA's behalf and for

FirstHome Certified Agents, real estate agents who have exhibited a commitment to assisting homebuyers who may benefit from the agency's programs.

National Mortgage News and Best Companies Group's annual awards program identifies, recognizes, and honors the best employers in the U.S. mortgage industry. This year's list included 36 companies who were identified as the winners with the final rankings revealed in a special report published in National Mortgage News on February 18, 2025. NDHFA is the only company that received this honor from North Dakota or surrounding states.

Determining National Mortgage News' Best Mortgage Companies to Work for includes a survey process consisting of evaluating workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, and demographics along with an employee survey to measure the employee experience. NDHFA has received this ranking every year since 2022.

NDHFA's mission is to make housing affordable for all North Dakotans. Over the past 40 years, more than 54,000 individuals and families have benefited from the affordable home financing provided by the state agency.

The North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Kelly Armstrong as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley, oversees the agency.

Proceedings Of The New Town City Council

NEW TOWN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 15, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Jay Standish; Council Members: Frank Sillitti, Doug Bratvold, Nathaniel Mayer, Jesse Baker (5:10 P.M.)

Others Present: Bill Woods, Eileen Zaun, Laurie Giffey, Troy White Owl, Scott Andersen, John DeGroot, Cal Oldenberg, Jason Strand, Patrick Samson, Brooks Goodall and Carolyn Hayden.

Meeting called to order: 5:00 P.M.

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve the agenda.

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

1. Minutes:

Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillitti to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on December 18th, 2024.

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

2. Financials - Bills/Rath & Mehrer:

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve the Financials and Bill Set as presented.

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Bratvold, Mayer; Absent: Baker; Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Sillitti to approve Rath & Mehrer to audit the City of New Town for the year ending December 31, 2024. The fee not to exceed \$18,500.00.

Voting Aye: Mayer, Sillitti, Bratvold; Absent: Baker; Motion carried.

Baker arrived at 5:10 P.M.

1st Month Bills: CK#45249 AXON \$650.00, CK#45250 Cenex Fleet \$319.62, CK#45251 EBSCO \$43.00, CK#45252 Family Support Center \$793.38, CK#45253 Cynthia Fernandez \$103.97, CK#45254 Julie Herbel \$103.97, CK#45255 Mountrail County Treasurer \$5598.40, CK#45256 MWEC \$11,313.11, CK#45257 ND Child Support \$1624.62, CK#45258 RTC \$2832.00, CK#45259 United Quality \$1441.48, CK#45260 Vestis \$2383.88, CK#45261 Williston Robotics \$50.00, CK#45262 William Woods \$3500.00; Total 1st Month Bills: \$30,757.43

Council Bills: CK#45263 A&W Towing \$2000.00, CK#45264 Ackerman-Estvoid \$211,455.17, CK#45265 AE2S \$63,068.00, CK#45266 Aire-Master \$680.00, CK#45267 American Welding \$6701.95, CK#45268 Armor Interactive \$1703.77, CK#45269 CEI Electrical \$34,089.13, CK#45270 Core & Main \$166.75, CK#45271 Dept Emergency Services \$480.00, CK#45272 Elan Financial \$42.78, CK#45273 Flowpoint \$319.32, CK#45274 Graymont \$8987.33, CK#45275 Hawkins \$1206.30, CK#45276 Industrial Equipment \$1201.37, CK#45277 Information Technology \$362.25, CK#45278 Karl Chevrolet \$50,135.20, CK#45279 Menards \$329.76, CK#45280 Mid States Wireless \$13,020.82, CK#45281 MC Promoter \$697.46, CK#45282 MVTL \$29.00, CK#45283 NAPA \$234.83, CK#45284 Nelson Auto \$90,399.30, CK#45285 Jack & Jill \$767.03, CK#45286 NOVA \$270.00, CK#45287 One Call \$6.00, CK#45288 Premier Properties \$2500.00, CK#45289 Quadient \$300.00, CK#45290 Quadient Leasing \$363.39, CK#45291 Riteway Business \$1257.84, CK#45292 Saterno's \$168.28, CK#45293 TAG Firearms \$1567.50, CK#45294 Uniform Center \$2636.95, CK#45295 United Quality \$5461.23, CK#45296 VISA \$552.06; Total Council Bills: \$503,160.77

3. Tower Rent RTC:

Brooks Goodall from RTC is letting the City know that RTC is selling their tower up on Sanish. The city has the sirens, police radios, ambulance and the fire department on that tower. RTC has a Communication Tower Lease Agreement they want the city to sign. Right now, the city has not paid for the use of the tower. The lease is a 5-year lease and after five years will have the

right to extend this lease for five additional terms of one year each. A yearly cost of \$2,880.00. RTC wants this lease signed when and if they sell the tower, whoever buys it may charge a lot more for rent.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bratvold to approve signing the lease for the tower \$2880.00.

Voting Aye: Mayer, Bratvold, Sillitti, Baker; Motion carried.

4. Chief Probation:

There has been talk about Chief White Owl Probation. White Owl had his 6-month review in April and should of had his year probation in October of 2024. The police ordinance book say a one-year probation period. Chief White Owl is over his year of probation and recommendation for full time hire as our Chief of Police.

Motion by Mayer, second by Baker, get Chief White Owl off probation and hire full time.

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

Motion by Sillitti, second by Mayer to approve a salary increase of 5% (\$99,500.00).

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Baker, Mayer; Voting No: Bratvold

5. City Foreman: Scott Andersen:

Did our burning at the landfill for the leaves and branches. I want to get rid of the 2005 chevy pickup, going to ask \$2,500.00. I have two employees that would like to buy it. The two new homes on Eagles Loop almost done, just a few minor things to do yet. The house company still has to put on the siding and finish the trim. I still have some dirt work to do around the houses this will get done in the spring.

6. Water Plant Updates:

We worked on the lime disposal last month, and got them cleaning out pretty good. We rented an excavator and dozer to get the job done. The Dawson pit can we amend the 2025 street project to include this. The pit is about to cave in, unsafe for any work to be done on it. Patrick will get this added to the 2025 street project. We had some issues at the KDU, the water was high in PH.

There must have been some kind of disturbance in the underground aquifer to make the PH so high. The KDU was testing the water with old test strips, which made the PH higher. The water plant employees uses their test strips and measure a lot lower. The KDU is now on track with the cities reading. This got the town in an uproar; Councilman Mayer was concerned that his people are paying the highest water bills around and we have unsafe water, something needs to be done.

Call will look into more of the RO System, as requested by Mayor Standish. The water is fine to drink, everything is back to normal.

7. AE2S: Jason Strand:

New Town Ground Storage Reservoir: At the last council meeting, the council approved to finalize our preliminary engineering report, using alternative #3 as the recommended alternative. This is for the elevated water storage tank. I am asking for approval to apply for State Water Commission cost-share funding for the preconstruction portion.

Motion by Bratvold, second by Sillitti to approve applying for State Water Commission funding.

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

New Town 2023 Street & Utility Improvements: Construction on this project had been completed. Final date for this project was October 30, 2024, a brief punchlist still be done:

Possibly repair sprinkler lines at 202 6th Avenue E. Possibly pour new sidewalk along the west boulevard of this property as well. Sidewalk replacement would cost +/- \$11,760. Relocating curb stop at 206 6th Avenue E closer to the boulevard, +Repair spigot at 202 7th Avenue E. Clean asphalt and tar off of all the manholes and

gate valve covers. Review pavement and valley gutter at the intersection of Eagle & 7th Ave. I would like to schedule a walkthrough of the project with city staff and Wagner Construction in the spring of 2025 in order to assess the condition of the punchlist items and inspect the project for one-year warranty purposes.

New Town Phase 2 Street & Utility Improvements: DEQ sent us their comments on our plans and specs on January 7. Final plans and specifications were completed and stamped on January 8, 2025. I have brought a stamped copy of the final plans tonight for the city's reference. The Ad for Bids will run in the Mountrail County Promoter on January 8, January 15, and January 22. The plans and specs have been uploaded to Quest, and they've also been sent to the builders. The bid opening for the project is scheduled for January 31 at 11:00 a.m. at city hall. There is a State Water Commission pre-commission meeting on January 23 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the projects that will be reviewed at the regular State Water Commission meeting in February. We will be attending this pre-commission meeting over Teams in New Town. The regular State Water Commission meeting will be held on February 13 in Bismarck, and we will be attending in person.

The final construction cost estimate for the project is listed below:

- Base Bid: \$8,819,067.66
- Alternate #1: \$822,783.50
- Alternate #2: \$84,216.00

8. Ackerman-Estvoid - Patrick Samson:

2025 Street Improvement Project:

- Preliminary Plans and Estimate are attached.
- Met with Scott to Review prior to Council.
- Provided work area to AE2S for comment on Sanitary sewer needs.
- Identified 1 Manhole and sewer line to be replaced.
- Current Estimate is approximately \$795,000 - Budget was \$800,000 Estimates are based on average bid pricing from work completed in New Town in 2024.
- Bid Date: March 18, 2025 - Approval to advertise Bid in February after Council receive signed and sealed plans.

5-year Street Improvements Plan:

- Any City comments? Mayor Standish said little high on some of them, need more information on this.

New Town Trail - 23B, PS&E date for plans to the NDDOT is January 31, 2025. The NDDOT will bid the project.

9. Police Updates: Chief White Owl:

- Axon and Grant: utilizing impaired driving enforcement through January 31st.
- Personal: posted in NDSLIC the position of SRO/Patrol.
- Policy Manual: I might get another month free/no promises.
- Patrol Vehicles: all new vehicles have been ordered. Arrival for first unit April.
- Training: Officer Bolen to attending intoxilizer, will go next week.
- Call of Service: 426
- Misc: city employees paid for moving on day off. Councilman Mayer said they should not have to get paid to move, they should donate their time. Bratvold said they can get some help for them to move.

10. Building Permits:

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve Michelle Country, 107 4th Pl. New addition to home.

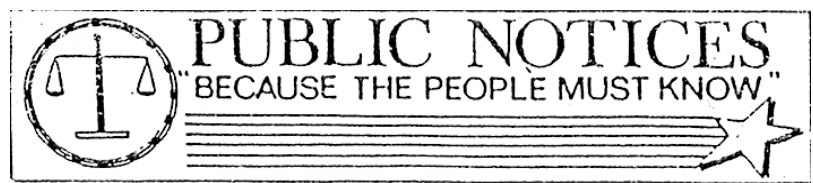
All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

11. Cemetery - Bural:

The grave diggers are having problems with digging the graves, as they are not market right. Whomever dug graves before just dug where they thought it should be. This last grave dug there was already a volt in the spot and on both sides. The lots going forward need to be marked a lot better, and maybe get a surveyor in there to make sure the rest of them are marked right and can tell if there is a volt in there or not. Paul Langhans suggested maybe not to dig in the winter, as you cannot see the grave good with the snow, (unless we have a mild winter).

Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 P.M.

Mayor, Jay Standish
Eileen Zaun, Auditor



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC
Thunder Butte Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-24-086

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the application in Case No. PU-24-086 is scheduled for April 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the American Legion Post 0121, 16 Main Street, Parshall, ND 58770.

On January 8, 2024, Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC (Thunder Butte) filed a combined application with the Public Service Commission for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for a crude oil transmission pipeline. The project will consist of construction of an approximately 3.84-mile pipeline and the conversion of an approximately 30.8-mile existing gathering pipeline in Ward and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota, with approximately 3 miles of the new pipeline located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. The pipeline location is shown on the attached map.

On February 20, 2024, Thunder Butte filed an amended combined application with the Commission.

On October 28, 2024, Thunder Butte filed an additional amended combined application with the Commission replacing the prior applications.

On January 22, 2025, Thunder Butte filed a response to a Commission information request.

Thunder Butte also filed an application for waiver of procedures and time schedules established under North Dakota Century Code sections 49-22.1-05, 49-22.1-06, 49-22.1-07, 49-22.1-08, and 49-22.1-10, and North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-06-01-02 and chapter 69-06-06, requiring separate notices and separate hearings on such applications.

The issues in the application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Is the proposed facility of such length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?

2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

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

2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility location 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?

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 at least 24 hours in advance.

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