



Affidavit of Publication

Katie Foiles, 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 exhibit.

A. Exhibit Attached (Overview):

NDNA Order Number: **26083NN0**

NDNA Invoice Number: **25647**

Description: **Notice of Filing and Notice of Public Hearing, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Case No. PU-26-164**

Publication(s): **Kenmare News, Minot Daily News**

Date published to ndpublicnotices.com: **July 15, 2026**

Exhibit details publication(s) and run dates published as requested by the placing agency or department; description of published notice.

2. 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.

Dated: July 17, 2026

Signed: _____

Print Name/Title: Katie Foiles, Advertising Placement Coordinator

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____

May 4, 2027



Over 150 North Dakota lakes stocked with record number of walleye fingerlings

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department stocked nearly 12 million walleye fingerlings statewide earlier this summer, about 11 million of which were raised at Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery and 1.1 million at Valley City National Fish Hatchery.

The record combined walleye production from both federal hatcheries was more than 12 million in 2017.

“Traditionally, on large production years, significant numbers of walleye fingerlings would go to big systems”, according to Jerry Weigel, North Dakota Game and Fish Department fish production and development section supervisor, “but this year, 2.3 million walleye went into Lake Sakakawea and just under 500,000 into Stump, Darling and Ashtabula, with the remaining fish stocked into over 150 other lakes”.

Each spring, walleye eggs are collected by fisheries personnel and taken to Garrison Dam and Valley City national fish hatcheries where they are hatched. Shortly after, the walleye fry are stocked into production ponds and after a month of growth, 1-inch or larger fingerlings are collected and stocked across the state.

Distribution trucks traveled more than 12,000 miles over a two-week period in June to stock



A handful of the nearly 12 million walleye fingerlings stocked in North Dakota lakes this year.

fingerlings.

“Stocking conditions in 2026 were optimal given the unusually cool temperatures over the weeks in June when fish were being stocked,” Weigel said.

The receiving waters were rich in invertebrates, critical food for the survival of the newly stocked walleye. Conditions are favorable for good survival and growth of young walleyes.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE KENMARE PARK DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Kenmare Park District will hold its regular July board meeting at the following date, time & location:

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
5:00 P.M.
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(Publication Date: July 8th & 15th 2026)

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THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2025

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Carpio City Council Meeting Minutes June 1, 2026 Carpio City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burkett at 6:29 pm. Council members present were Peter Thorp, Megan Wentworth and Kelvin Faul. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Faul moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved with the correction of the date of the next meeting from the 2nd to the 1st of June. Councilwoman Wentworth seconded the motion. Carried by all.

Visitors' Present: Marvin Baker & Chris Larson.

Unfinished Business:

CC Steel to be back on-site June 15 to finish the sewer project final details. Mayor Burkett and Councilman Faul will replace the check valve before they come.

The idea presented at the last meeting regarding a possible "build to suit" situation with the owner of the property next to Z Bar was discussed. It was also discussed to build our own building. Several ideas of what type of building were discussed but the need to set a financial limit on what the city could afford monthly needs to be established. Tabled for now.

New Business:

1st reading of ordinance 2026-02 regarding building setbacks from property lines. Councilwoman Wentworth moved to approve as read. Second by Councilman Thorp. Carried by all.

Marvin Baker brought the issue of raccoons living under the old opera house next to his property is becoming a safety issue. Requested the city do something to eradicate the problem.

Chris Larson brought concerns about how the building permits are being handled now that the county is in charge. In the past if a shed or fence was to be built, a permit was required. According to the county, that is no longer the case.

The initial discussions for the 2027 budget began. Items brought up were a website for the city, increasing pay per meeting to the council members and increasing the fund for "employees" for when extra help is needed for mowing or snow removal.

Councilman Thorp requested the auditor look into the depth of coverage through our insurance.

Building Permits: None
Gambling Permits: Vet's Gaming at Z Bar

The monthly financial report was reviewed. Councilman Faul moved to pay the bills. Second by Councilwoman Wentworth. Carried by all. Bills paid were as follows:

Check 6646: AAA Heating\$3,000.00
Check 6647: Coulee Services\$1,800.00
Check 6648: MDU\$2986.95
Check 6649: Ann Gates\$1,596.75
Check 6650: SRT\$192.77

Check 6651: Circle Sanitation\$2,046.75
Check 6652: Coulee Services\$280.00
Check 6653: Kenmare News\$86.87
Check 6654: North Prairie Regional Water\$212.47
Check 6655: City of Berthold\$1,476.61
Check 6656: Farmers Union Oil\$363.82
Check 6657: Austin Burkett\$975.00
Check 6658: Kelvin Faul \$420.00
Check 6659: Megan Wentworth\$420.00
Check 6660: Peter Thorp \$420.00
Auto withdrawal: Reinan Business Solutions\$60.00
Transfer: Town & Country credit card\$57.48
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.
Next meeting: July 6, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Chairman Auditor

Carpio City Council Meeting Minutes July 6, 2026 Carpio City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burkett at 6:30 pm. Council members present were Peter Thorp, Megan Wentworth and Kelvin Faul via phone. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Wentworth moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Councilman Thorp seconded the motion. Carried by all.

Visitors' Present: Michael Gorder (Moore Engineering) & Chief Al Schmidt.

Police Report: There was a non-compliance issue regarding the Z Bar. Situation is being resolved with additional training for staff. There have been some speeding issues in town that are being addressed by Chief Schmidt. There was an unattended death last week. The situation is still under investigation, but it is believed to have been natural causes.

Unfinished Business:

Sewer project: CAP 16 submit-

ted. Councilman Thorp moved to approve, second by Councilwoman Wentworth. Carried by all.

SRF drew request #15 submitted to include CAP #16 and Moore Engineering invoices. Councilwoman Wentworth moved to approve, second by Councilman Thorp. Carried by all.

Substantial completing is set for Friday July 17th with final completion for the week following once some repair issues have been corrected.

2nd reading of ordinance 2026-02 Building Setbacks. Councilwoman Thorp moved to approve as read, second by Councilman Thorp. Carried by all.

New Business:

Oaths of Office given to Councilman Peter Thorp on his reelection and to Councilwoman Sara Filippek on her newly elected position to the board. Congratulations to both.

A preliminary budget for 2027 was submitted for review and discussion. Several line items were discussed and increases were recommended. The board to review the preliminary budget and bring final suggestions to the August meeting.

After review of the city ordinance regarding alcohol sales and the positive impact the Z Bar has on community involvement, the board opted to waive any fine for the noncompliance issue at this time and send a letter to the owner.

It was proposed that our alcohol ordinance be reviewed for possible updating at the August meeting.

Building Permits: None
Gambling Permits: None

The monthly financial report was reviewed. Councilman Thorp moved to pay the bills. Second by Councilwoman Wentworth. Carried by all. Bills paid were as follows:

Check 6663: Coulee Services\$4,442.00
Check 6664: MDU\$1,024.62
Check 6665: Ann Gates\$1,596.75
Check 6666: SRT\$191.41
Check 6667: Circle Sanitation\$2,046.75
Check 6668: Coulee Services\$200.00
Check 6669: Sheldon Brandt\$591.04
Check 6670: North Prairie Regional Water\$169.08
Check 6671: City of Berthold\$2,438.51
Check 6672: Farmers Union Oil\$902.14
Check 6673: Western Agency\$940.00
Check 6674: Ward County\$756.60
Check 6675: PowerPlan\$3,335.28
Check 6676: Donn Brown Construction\$810.00
Check 6677: North Dakota League of Cities\$382.00
Check 6678: IRS\$746.64
Auto withdrawal: Reinan Business Solutions\$60.00
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Next meeting: August 3, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Chairman Auditor

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Basin Electric Power Cooperative | Case No. PU-26-164 Prairie Winds ND 1 Project - Ward County Siting Application

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the application in Case No. PU-26-164 is scheduled for August 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center and Water Park, 2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701.

On August 12, 2009, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order in Case No. PU-08-75, granting Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 14 for Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) to construct a wind facility comprised of 77 turbines with a capacity of up to 115.5 megawatts (MW).

On May 1, 2026, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a siting application to amend the 2009 Order and Certificate to remove the 1.5 MW per turbine and the 115.5 MW facility restrictions. Basin proposes to remove the existing turbines and upgrade them to 1.6 MW turbines with a total facility capacity of up to 128 MWs. The project will not affect the layout or expand the site boundary. The project is located in Ward County approximately 24 miles due south of Minot, ND and is shown on the attached map.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location 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 construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed 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?

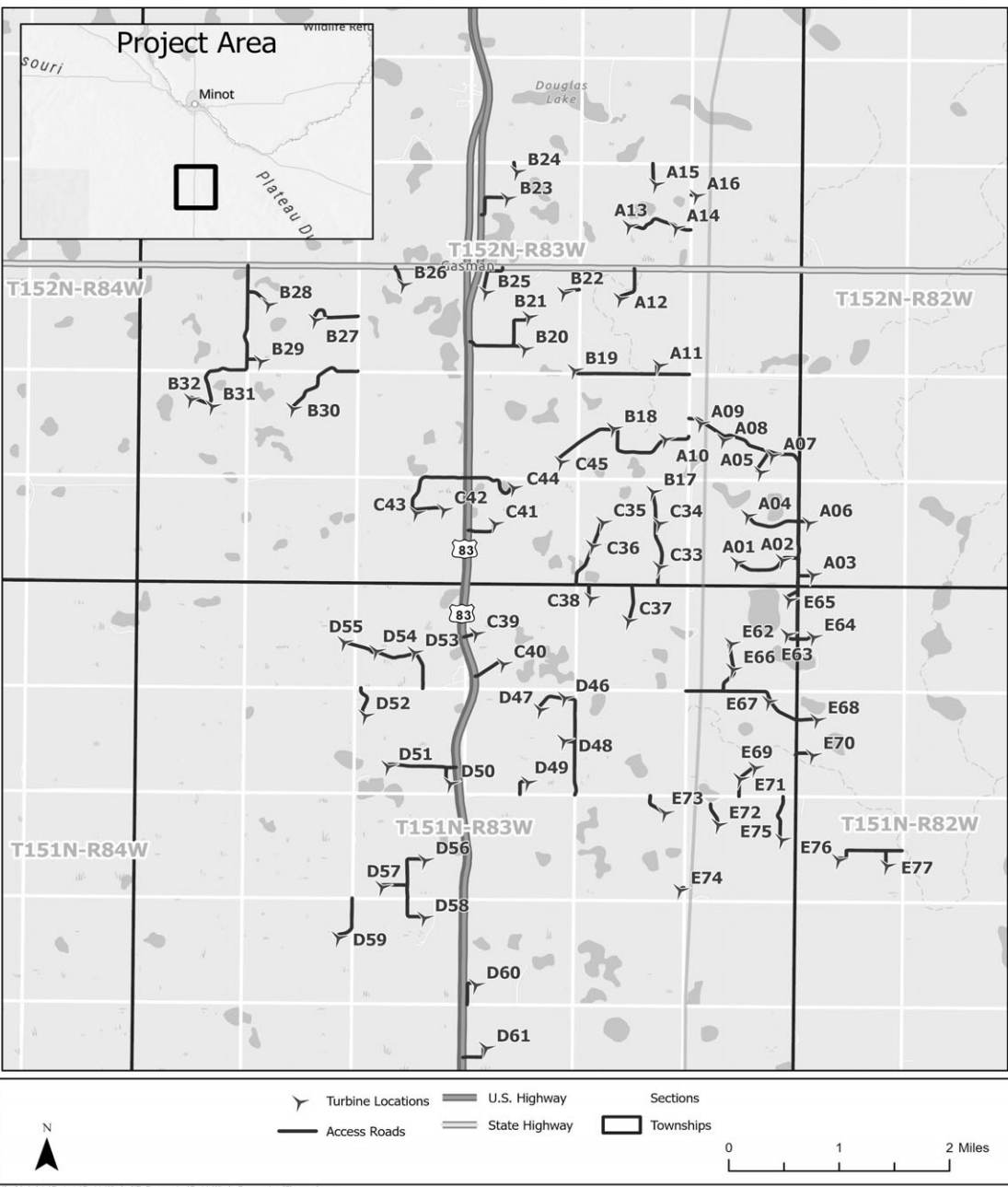
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: July 7, 2026

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178 AGRICULTURE

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If the tall weeds or grass on a property is determined to be in excess of 8 inches tall, such weeds or grass must be cut within 48 hours. Additional exemptions are outlined in City Ordinance section 22-9. Otherwise, the City of Minot will arrange for cutting; and the cost of such work will be assessed against the property. No further notice to individual property owners is required under Chapter 22. Any questions regarding tall weeds or grass cutting procedures should be directed to the Public Works Department at 857-4140.

(May 15, 29, June 15, 30, July 15, 31, August 14, 31, September 14, 2026)

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

In the Matter of the Guardianship and Conservatorship of Barbara Coker, an alleged incapacitated person.

Case No. 51-2026-PR-00095

NOTICE OF HEARING AND RIGHTS TO PROPOSED WARD

[1] PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing in the above matter will be brought before the Ward County District Court, the Honorable Gary Lee presiding, on the 10th day of August 2026, at 3:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties can be heard.

[2] There will be a hearing held to determine whether a guardian and conservator should be appointed for you at the Ward County District Courthouse, Minot, North Dakota.

[3] If the Court finds that you need a guardian and conservator, the Court shall consider whether Lutheran Social Service of MN should be appointed as your guardian and conservator or whether some other qualified person(s) should be appointed as your guardian and conservator. The Court shall also consider whether the powers and duties of the guardian and conservator be limited to allow you to retain control over certain activities.

[4] You are required to attend the hearing, and may be assisted by the court-appointed guardian ad litem.

[5] The guardian ad litem is an attorney appointed to represent your best interests and to explain to you what may happen as a result of the hearing. You may retain a separate attorney to advocate for your point of view.

[6] The Petition explains how your rights may be affected is attached to this Notice and may also be viewed at the Ward County Clerk of Court's Office. Interested parties have a right to file a response to the Petition and may also want to contact an attorney to intervene if they object to the Petition.

[7] If it is in your best interests, the hearing may be held at a location other than the Ward County Courthouse.

[8] The Petitioner, you, and intervening parties, have the right to present evidence, and to call or cross-examine witnesses.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.

Ashley E. Beall (Bar ID #06589)
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Attorney for Petitioner
(July 1, 8, 15, 2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 51-2026-PR-00110

IN DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF WARD
NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DIS-

TRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Marian H. Askim

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

1. Kay L. Gregurek has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Marian H. Askim.
2. All persons having claims against Marian H. Askim are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
3. Claims must either be presented to Kay L. Gregurek, personal representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 998, Minot, ND 58702-0998, or filed with the Court.
Dated: July 13, 2026
s/ Kay L. Gregurek
Personal Representative
(July 15, 22, 29, 2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 51-2026-PR-00096

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Barry T. Renner, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Gail Karen Reiten, personal representative of the estate, c/o Kostenko Law, P.C., P. O. Box 667, Minot, ND 58702, or filed with the Court.
Dated this 24 day of June, 2026.
Gail Karen Reiten
Personal Representative
Remington M. Kostenko (ND ID #09033)
KOSTENKO LAW, P.C.
P.O. Box 667
Minot, ND 58702
Telephone No. (701) 833-1985
Email: rklaw@srt.com
Attorney for the Personal Representative
(July 1, 8, 15, 2026)

Blu Riderz will perform aggregate surfacing and reconditioning on Minuteman Missile roads in Ward County on or about July 15, 2026, and ending on or about July 27, 2026.

Affected segments: 142 St SW starting at 303rd Ave SW to Highway 23
And along 303rd Ave SW for .644 miles
Information: Blu Riderz, 701-838-4455
(July 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 2026)

Surrey Public School Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2026 Board Meeting Attendance
Board: Tyler(President), Thiesen (Vice President), Magnuson, Atterton, Carlton Dr.Schaefer (Superintendent), Brennon (Business Manager), Mayer (HS Principal)
1. Opening and Consent Agenda
The meeting commenced at 5pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Consent agenda was approved. Motion Tyler/Second: Magnuson Roll Call: All yes
2. Dr Schaefer
Recommends we have a Plant Ops and Maintenance Manager and proposes that Tim Magnuson stays in this position. He explained that this is not a conflict of interest according to the NDCC. Tyler motioned to make Tim Magnuson to Plant Ops/Maintenance Manager/ Carlton Second/ All vote yes, Magnuson abstained. Dr Schaefer went on to say how disheartening learning that the bond did not pass by just 5 votes short. He is arranging meetings with the Fire Marshal to get a priority list of what needs to be done first before kids start back to school. He will get quotes if able before he turns the position over. Talked about planning a special meeting regarding what steps should be taken next. The meeting will be June 23rd at 530pm. Ag classes and FFA are still unknown what we will do next year.

3. Business Manager- Alyssa Brennon
Mr. Bucks is ready to get started. Lunch fund annual transfer of \$52,000 into the general fund to cover food service salaries. Tyler motioned to transfer money from the food fund to general fund/Second by Thiesen. All Vote Yes. Hiring a whole new food service team for next school year.
4. Principal Mayer Report
The science position is open and a few applications have come in and one interview so far. The new Math teacher needs to take praxis. Talking with a few people about coming in to teach some ag classes and one would need a teaching permit-or take American licensure.

5. New Business- Tarp for gym floor decision will be tabled until after November. Revised Ancillary Staff Handbook. Tyler moved to delegate authority to the business manager to make needed changes as seen fit and bring to board with any modifications yearly/Second by Thiesen. All Vote Yes.
6. Dr Schaefer recognized staff and expressed what a great staff that Surrey has. Expressed how great the students are here and how proud the community should be of how far we've come this year.
7. Adjourned
Next regular meeting July 8, 2026 @5pm with a special meeting for election/bond results June 22, 2026 5:30pm
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Board President
Business Manager
Surrey Public School Board Special Meeting Minutes June 23, 2026
1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.
2. Roll Call
Board Members Present: Tyler, Thiesen, Magnuson, Atterton, Carlton
Staff Present: Brennon, Schaefer, Hysjulien, Mayer
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Superintendent Dr Schaefer-Presentation
A. Started with some Financial Facts: Cost per Student: \$11,946 (127th lowest cost per student), staff salaries and benefits 66% of budget, lent transportation 5.16% total budget, building operations/maintenance 6.22% of budget, extra curricular 3% of budget. 1.43 million current mill production 119.64 mills levied.
B. Building Fund: Currently 18.42 mills levied \$219,100-> Expected Balance \$270,695. Costs for 25-26-\$75,000 including External doors end of life replacement, gym floor refinished, carpet for 3 classrooms end of life replacement. Additional needs 4 more classrooms, prek classrooms severe leaking, Kindergarten classroom wall/floor severe seeping.
C. Athletics >\$153,000 Basketball being the largest program cost -33%
a. Any reduction strategy should consider cost, participation, competitive impact, Title IX/equity considerations, and community expectations
b. Basketball \$53,500, Football \$30,000, Cheer \$22,100
c. Consider cutting 15% across the board reduction produces \$24,727 in annual savings (shared sacrifice, preserves every sport, easiest to replace publicly) (reduce travel, reduce equipment replacement, tournaments, assistant coaching support across all teams)
d. Targeted Program Reductions: New Budget Basketball \$40,000, Football \$21,000, Cheerleading \$18,000, Track \$19,000, Baseball \$14,000, Volleyball \$14,000. Total annual savings of \$27,000.
e. Program Suspension Scenarios-MOST DISRUPTIVE OPTION BUT IMMEDIATE SAVINGS. Board analysis should include participation, equity, student access, staffing, league obligations, and community value should be considered. Suspension should be framed as temporary, safety driven, and reviewed annually until fire code costs are resolved.
D. Taxing Authority- Safety Fund Levy Voter Approval, Special or General Election, 50% voter approval up to 5 mills (\$50,800), Max of 5 years safety plan updated regularly. Bond Referendum-Voter approval general election only, 60% needed based on amount requested. Build-

ing Fund- Voter approval, already in place 20 mills, currently 18.42, board could work to increase final 1.5 mills and raise \$15,000. General Fund-Board Approved, majority, capped now. Special Reserve-Board approved already in place 3 mills, emergency trust fund. Misc-Board approved, already in place 12 mills formula outlines max. Possibilities here Safety Fund and Bond Referendum, both need election, 5 mills for 5 years or cost of construction for 20 years. Safety Levy of 5 mills \$255,000.

E. Most likely the Fire Marshal is going to want the breezeway torn down which will force staff and teachers to walk outside from building to building. Snow removal is going to be the biggest issue.
F. Recommended strategy, Move forward with Bond Referendum in November, dedicate Building Fund, reduce extra-curricular spending, bring Safety Levy forward if Bond fails in November. Hybrid Plan provides a stronger balance than either uniform cuts or program elimination. Building fund dedication, annual ath-

letic budget reduction while preserving five sports Target of \$235,500/year. Administration should specify which expenses are reduced before adopting final amounts.
G. Board action requested- Recommended motion: Authorize administration to apply a hybrid athletic reduction strategy of approximately \$38,400 and redirect savings toward the highest priority fire code remediation items. Recommend motion to Authorize administration to apply 80% of all Building Funds to Fire

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Basin Electric Power Cooperative | Case No. PU-26-164
Prairie Winds ND 1 Project - Ward County
Siting Application
NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the application in Case No. PU-26-164 is scheduled for August 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time at the Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center and Water Park, 2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701.

On August 12, 2009, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order in Case No. PU-08-75, granting Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 14 for Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) to construct a wind facility comprised of 77 turbines with a capacity of up to 115.5 megawatts (MW).

On May 1, 2026, Basin filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a siting application to amend the 2009 Order and Certificate to remove the 1.5 MW per turbine and the 115.5 MW facility restrictions. Basin proposes to remove the existing turbines and upgrade them to 1.6 MW turbines with a total facility capacity of up to 128 MWs. The project will not affect the layout or expand the site boundary. The project is located in Ward County approximately 24 miles due south of Minot, ND and is shown on the attached map.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location 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 construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed 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.

Issued: July 7, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner; Randy Christmann, Chair; Jill Kringstad, Commissioner

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