

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Officially Appoint Election Workers
 Mrs. Malard presented a list of workers to the board for approval. Motion to approve was made by Weiser, seconded by Baumgartner...motion carried.
 Pre-School Program Motion to approve the pre-school program for the 2025-2026 school year was made by Small, seconded by Weiser...motion carried.
 Other Business
 Next Meeting Date July 14, 2025 @ 6pm
 Adjourn President Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.
 Cindy Schmidt, Board President
 Renae Malard, Business Manager

GENERAL FUND	
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	215.92
APTEGY, INC.....	5,131.35
AWARD EMBLEM MFG. CO., INC.....	
.....	164.72
BARRY, JOHN.....	635.20
BEASTROM OIL COMPANY.....	6,226.11
BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOP502.71	
CHRISTENSEN, DIANA.....	69.12
CITY OF HAZELTON, UTILITIES-	
WATER-SEWERGARBAGE.....	348.85
COMMERCIAL CARD SOLUTIONS	
.....	1,232.99
D & E SUPPLY CO, INC.....	1,021.90
DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC.....	488.05
DAKOTA FRONTIER COOPERATIVE,	
FUEL-HARDWARE-AUTOMOTIVE	
.....	1,507.51
DRN READI TECH	671.50
EMMONS COUNTY RECORD, PRINT	
ADS & MINUTES.....	189.04
HAZELTON INSURANCE AGENCY, INC	
.....	124.00
HAZELTON NEWSLETTER	98.00
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT	
RESOURCES.....	3,430.00
JOSTENS.....	396.00
JZ SOUND.....	600.00
LARSON, ELISE.....	108.00
LARSON, TAD.....	438.00
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.....	
.....	1,469.84
MENARDS.....	495.97
MIDWEST INVESTIGATION &	
SECURITY, INC.....	764.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPA	
.....	1,592.44
ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION	
.....	97.50
NDCEL	300.00
NODAK TRUVALUE.....	64.64
PURE COUNTRY.....	1,260.00
QUADIANT INC.....	1,627.97
ROCHESTER 100 INC.....	160.00
SHEA'S REPAIR AND SERVICE.....	
.....	2,544.49
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED.....	6,550.00
SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY... 380.53	
TROPHY HAUS.....	33.00
VANDER WAL, DANLYN.....	100.00
VOLOCHENKO, ANDREA.....	404.60
WEISER, CASSIE.....	30.00
Fund Total: 41,473.95	
Checking Account Total: 41,473.95	

CAPITAL PROJECTS	
COMMERCIAL CARD SOLUTIONS	
.....	510.78
PRAIRIE HEATING & AIR, INC.6,873.90	
Fund Total: 7,384.68	
Checking Account Total: 7,384.68	

FOOD SERVICE	
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO OF	
FARGO, LLC	12,892.17
DAKOTA DUST-TEX, INC.	127.50
MAIN STREET MARKET	39.72
Fund Total: 13,059.39	
Checking Account Total: 13,059.39	

ACTIVITY FUND	
APPLE CREEK FARM.....	74.00
COMMERCIAL CARD SOLUTIONS	
.....	4,301.12
MAD MOVES LLC.....	320.40
MAIN STREET MARKET	38.02
SAMS CLUB MASTERCARD/SYNCB .	
.....	220.70
WEIGEL, BRENDA.....	77.04
Fund Total: 5,031.28	
Checking Account Total: 5,031.28	
(09-11-2025)	

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF EMMONS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
 AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING
 AUGUST 12, 2025

Chairman Dan Materi called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with Commissioners James Gartner, Erin Magrum, Craig Miller and James Vander Vorst being present. Also present was

States Attorney Joseph M. Hanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 Chairman Materi welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the commission if they had any questions or wanted more discussion regarding the conditional use permit application submitted by

Emmons-Logan Energy Storage, LLC to construct, operate or maintain an Emmons-Logan Energy Storage Project in Emmons County.

Commissioner Miller asked NextEra Energy Resources Representatives how they arrived at the 7.2 million in property taxes over the life of the project? Clint Scherb, Project Developer for NextEra Energy Resources, replied that NextEra Energy Resources hired a third-party economic studies group that did their analysis pertaining to the property taxes, and are pretty certain that the property taxes spent over the twenty-five-year period would equal between five to seven million. Commissioner Miller asked how they came about this figure as North Dakota doesn't have anything set up for battery storage taxes? According to Clint Scherb, NextEra Energy Resources reached out to the state, but they indicated that they can't give a firm number right now. The analysis did confirm from a couple different groups that the project would be locally assessed because it's not utility owned.

State's Attorney, Joseph M. Hanson, stated that he visited with Christina Seppanen, Director of Tax Equalization, and she's concerned about the project being locally assessed because the batteries themselves being personal property, rather than being taxed as real property. Joseph M. Hanson asked NextEra Energy Resources if they could file an affidavit of attachment or consider those facilities and equipment to be real property that can be assessed? Casey Furey, Crowley Fleck Law Firm, responded that this question would have to be brought back internally to be discussed as they don't know if they could commit. They've been communicating with the ND Tax Commission who is unable to provide a firm number at this time, but are working on their framework.

Commissioner Vander Vorst asked if NextEra is changing its holdings or changing the company to XPLR? Clay Cameron, NextEra Energy Resources Director of Development, responded that XPLR is a separate company outside of NextEra Energy Resources and are the transmission owner entity that owns their transmission assets.

Chairman Materi felt that after Tuesday's public hearing, the commission have to pull the brakes on this project, and get the permit fee that was approved in August 22, 2022 cleared up. It's clear that this project is an industrial project, and out of good faith, we cannot accept the \$62,000 when the permit fee should be 3% of the \$181 million-dollar project. Clint Scherb responded understanding the commission believing that the application fee of 3% of the project costs applies to industrial types, not meaning the zoning of the land or the district that it's zoned in, but the type of project. Mr. Scherb continued by stating that they understand the context now after reviewing the commission meeting from Tuesday morning prior to the hearing where a gentleman presented some context. And after communicating our concerns regarding the applicability of the fee for this project, and believe the basis of the amount of the fee is unclear, and because of the late stage of our permit application, NextEra Energy Resources wants to agree to the 3% of the project costs for the fee. For the purpose of calculating the fee, they looked at the total project costs of the infrastructure, including batteries and inverters. The project costs would be \$132 million equating to a \$3.96 million application fee. NextEra Energy Resources is requesting to pay in a milestone type paying ten percent upon conditional use permit approval, forty percent after Public Service Commission approval, and fifty percent within thirty days upon construction.

There was some discussion relative to paying the permit fee in one lump sum or agreeing to the milestone payment schedule. Commission Magrum agreed to NextEra Energy Resources idea of paying the permit fee in portions and thought it was an excellent idea. This is usually how contractors operate when doing jobs, they require so much money down and throughout the phases, you have a payment schedule.

Commissioner Gartner commented that the wind farm conditional use permit

fee was \$27,000 and NextEra Energy Resources is offering \$3.96 million for this project. This moves us forward ensuring that whenever there's projects, there's an economic impact.

Commissioner Vander Vorst commented that the project seems lucrative to the county; but it doesn't change the scope of the project for him, and he has to vote his conscience, and not his pocketbook.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Emmons-Logan Energy Storage, LLC to construct, own, and operate the Emmons-Logan Energy Storage Project with a fee of \$3.96 million, and agree to their permit fee schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. During discussion, Commissioner Miller stated that when the commissioners took this job, it was for the betterment of the county to do what was right for the county, and to protect the citizens of the county. Commissioner Miller also stated that he heard nothing about this project that really scared him and didn't hear any objections from the landowners in the area of the project. Commissioner Magrum commented that by putting a percentage amount on these permits is just trying to gain some value because most of these projects that are coming into the county are low impact or have no impact when it comes to fulltime employment. Chairman Materi stated that his concern is that the permit fee should be a full amount paid upfront of the project and put into an escrow account that stays there until the project is completed. A roll call vote was taken. "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi and Miller. "NO": Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the board, Commissioner Magrum motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Approved: September 2, 2025
 Daniel Materi, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 Marlys Ohlhauser
 Emmons County Auditor
 (09-11-2025)

ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
 ZEELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
 (UNOFFICIAL MINUTES)

The August 11, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at the Zeeland Public School by President Francis Meier. Board members present Francis Meier, Neil Meidinger, Jennifer Meier, Josh Rossow and Donavon Bender. Others present Adam Wishek, Elem. Lead Kim Dockett, Kyle Anderson, H. S. Lead Jayden Streifel and Bs. Mgr Joyce Scherr. Brandt Dick attended virtually.

Meidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, second J. Meier. All Aye.

With the correction of changing 2024-25 to 2025-26 for Ms. Engelhart to be Title I Sex Discrimination Coordinator, Rossow made a motion to approve the regular July 14, 2025 minutes, second Bender. All Aye. J. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes from the special July 30, 2025 meeting, second Meidinger. All Aye.

The financial reports were reviewed. Rossow made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by the Bs. Mgr. and payment of the following claims, second Bender.

City of Zeeland 83.91; BEK 105.85; MDU 468.05; DRN 360.00; Emmons Co Record 290.92; Zeeland Oil 45.03; So Central Prairie Sp Ed Unit 6,966.50; Unisom Insurance 13,842.00, Zeeland Activity 317.54 and BCBS 6,282.68. All Aye.

Supt Report – Brandt informed the board that he and Adam Wishek had met about financials.

Bus routes are still being decided depending on number of students.

Title monies will be used for Title and Intervention salary.

At this time Mr. Wishek discussed the bank's proposals to the board. The bank feels that they would like some kind of collateral. Request for titles for buses for collateral. Asking that loan interest payment would be due March 1, 2026, with remaining interest and loan balance due March 31, 2026. Meidinger made a motion to accept the bank's proposal, second Bender and carried unanimously to approve.

H. S Lead Report – August 19 and 20 will be PD days. Mr. Cline passed his praxis for teaching special ed.

Elem Lead Report - Intervention will

be discussed with staff.

No Public Comment.

Old Business - Final readings on policies. J. Meier made a motion to approve the adoption of the FDE policy which includes education of special education students with disabilities, second Rossow. All Aye. Meidinger made a motion to approve the adoption of the GACB Patriotic Exercises policy, second Bender. All Aye.

Supt Dick said there is protocol to follow for the selling of the buses bought with ESSER funds. No date on when a share of funding needs to be returned to USED.

New Business – Contract for parttime music was reviewed, Wolf will receive \$54.81 per hour for approximately 75 minutes per day. Meidinger made a motion to approve the contract for part time music for Trudy Wolf, second J. Meier and carried unanimously to approve.

Cell phone policy was addressed. Mr. Steifel shared a template with his suggestions for changes. The policy is a state law and completely bans cell phones for the students from first bell to last bell of the day. He also shared the violations that would involve our students. Only exception is with a medical note from a doctor. Rossow made a motion to approve the cellphone policy with the suggestions from Mr. Streifel, second Bender and carried unanimously to approve.

Supt. Dick went over the per pupil pmt worksheet. As Zeeland gets smaller the state aid will drop also. With drop in enrollment and the 3% cap finances will get tighter.

Preliminary Budget is here for the public to view if anyone wishes to see what the Cert. of Levy looks like and tax dollars. Still waiting to make sure the numbers we received from both counties are true and if anything will need to be changes. All this will be discussed at the public budget hearing September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

J. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second Rossow. All Aye.

ATTEST:
 Joyce Scherr, Business Manager
 Francis Meier, President
 (09-11-2025)

CITY OF ZEELAND
 REGULAR MINUTES
 AUGUST 12, 2025

Order called at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lacher.

Roll was called. Travis Stahl (P); Todd Dohn (P); Ryan Pfeifer (P) and Alfred Schumacher (P). Public present was Judy Underdahl was here to take a photo of the council.

Reviewed minutes. Schumacher made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, second Dohn. All Aye.

Auditor presented the financial reports. Pfeifer made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented and payment of the following claims, second Stahl. L. Volk 1,278.25;

J. Scherr 369.40; IRS 387.70; MDU 1,223.57; Zeeland Oil LLC 134.73; Rocky's Fuel Oil 204.10; McIntosh Co Assessor 612.50; Trash LLC 2,300.00; Emmons Co Record 61.29; WEB 2,413.35; ND Dept of Health 27.00; BND 128.02; NDRW 270.00 and Moore 2,230.20. All Aye.

Old Business–Wishek Electric installed the stirator and added lights to the tower. Project is in progress. After asking for 60% of the 2.230.26 and receiving those funds the invoice SIN003678 will be paid.Stahl made a motion to accept the request to draw monies to pay invoice, second Schumacher. All Aye.

City purchased LOTS 8; BLOCK 7 from the county.

Interest is purchasing lots in Zeeland, but city has no lots.

Our city maintenance person has resigned. Mr. Volk will be greatly missed in the city of Zeeland. The City council and citizens of Zeeland wish to thank him for all the hours he put in keeping the city running and looking good.

New Business – MDU was contacted and they do not trim trees unless they feel it is a problem.

Trap Shoot will take place Sept. 14, 2025 for a Quasi fundraiser. They requested using the area up by the arch for the event.

In the past council had discussed

sidewalk grants. City did receive a projection with two different ways of doing the sidewalks, one was \$385,000 and the \$675,000. Possible grants available but city would still need to add assessments to pay for this. Nothing decided.

Other Business – Auditor reviewed a bit about the new 3% cap for mill levy requests. A preliminary Cert of Levy Budget is available for public preview if so desired.

Talked about the buckling sidewalk by the city hall.

Next meeting will be the public budget hearing meeting September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

Pfeifer made a motion to adjourn, second Schumacher. All Aye.

ATTEST:
 Joyce Scherr, Auditor
 Pius Lacher, Mayor
 (09-11-2025)

ABBREVIATED NOTICE
 OF INTENT TO
 AMEND, ADOPT, AND REPEAL
 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING
 TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY
 MEDICINE AND VETERINARY
 TECHNOLOGY

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the ND Admin. Code at 5:30pm on October 6, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 825 E. Beaton Drive, West Fargo, ND 58078.

A copy of the proposed rules and/or a regulatory analysis may be requested by writing the NDBVME, PO Box 328, Lisbon, ND 58054 or calling 701-683-4705. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above address until October 16, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at the above telephone number or address at least one week prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025.

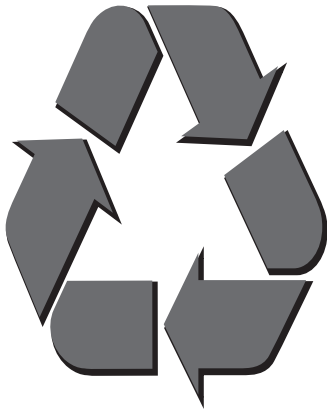
Sara Lyons, DVM
 NDBVME Executive Director

NORTH DAKOTA
 STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 NOTICE OF
 BRAND RENEWAL

North Dakota livestock brands will expire on Jan. 1, 2026, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 4.1-73-12. Present brand owners have the right to rerecord their brands. If a brand is allowed to expire, ownership interest of the brand will be lost and the brand may no longer be used.

In August, a renewal notice for each recording was mailed to the address on file in the brand recording office. If you have not received your notice or have questions about renewing a brand, contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or visit www.ndstockmen.org.

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