

Dakota Datebook

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1934 Drought

Telegram By Sarah Walker

May 29, 2025 – The Great Depression of the 1930s brought disastrous droughts to North Dakota. In 1934 the state was suffering its sixth year in a row with below average precipitation. The U.S. Weather Bureau called the drought the “worst on record.” 1934 saw 9.5 inches of moisture, almost 8 inches below average.

Because the drought had been going on so long, the topsoil and subsoil moisture was severely deficient. When the normal spring rains did not fall, “dust storms of unprecedented severity” raged frequently “during April and May, and crops deteriorated.” Some people called the dust storms “dry blizzards,” for the springtime winds whipped the tiny soil particles through the air like snow in the worst winter tempests.

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Fessenden-Bowdon School Board Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 7:00 AM Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Larson, Miranda Kittelson, Erin Hagemeister, Mychal Neumiller, Hans Widicker
OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Stacy Benz, Principal Aaron Loff, Business Manager Michelle Johnson, Teacher - Haley Lorenz, Cheryl Ryan
President Monica Larson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was reviewed and amended. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Kittelson, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting March 11th and special meeting March 12th as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Kittelson, second by Neumiller, to approve financial reports as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Widicker, to approve the district bills as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The superintendent report was given. The principal's report was given. The assistant activities director's report was given.

Letter of resignation was received from Cassie Kallenbach, 2nd Grade Teacher. Motion by Neumiller, seconded by Kittelson, to accept the resignation letter from Cassie Kallenbach, 2nd Grade Teacher. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Policy BDA authorizes the board to adopt policies with one reading when the board deems this action necessary. Motion by Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to adopt the following policy with one reading: FGA-BR1 - Student Education Records Access and Amendment Procedure, FGA-E1 - Notice of Directory Information, FGA-E2 - Model Notification of Rights Under FERPA For Schools, FGA-E7 - School Officials' Guide to FERPA and Data Privacy Policy, GCC-E1 - Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, GCC-E2 - PPRA Model Notice and Consent/OPT-Out for Specific Activities, IDC - Data Protection and Security Breaches, IDC-AR - Security Breaches Procedure and FACB - Student Transfer and Withdrawal Records. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was negotiations - to discuss negotiations strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). Motion by Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to break into executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) for the purpose of Negotiations Strategy. Roll call voting. All voting yes. Motion carried. Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room.

Executive session began at 7:24 am with the following members present: President Larson, Kittelson, Hagemeister, Neumiller, Business Manager Johnson, Supt Benz. Widicker was recused.
Motion by Kittelson, second by Neumiller, to adjourn executive session at 7:52 am. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. The public was invited to return to the meeting room. The meeting was reconvened at 7:53 am.

The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 AM.

Monica Larson, President
Michelle Johnson, Business Manager
District Exenditures Presented on April 15, 2025

Farmers Union Oil Co \$5,977.61; First International Bank & Trust (Visa) \$1,689.95; Loff, Mayme \$51.85; Lorenz, Haley \$25.26; School Lunch Account \$1,270.55; ABM Technology Group \$4,735.05; Advanced Business Methods \$1,118.43; Fessenden-Bowdon School Dist \$760.00; First International Bank & Trust (Cash) \$300.00; Flinn Scientific Inc \$48.81; Hart Counseling Services \$1,200.00; Hildenbrand, Wayne \$450.00; IState Truck Center \$2,948.92; Mid-Dakota Lumber \$235.86; ND Council of Educational Leaders \$150.00; Pitso Education LLC \$230.40; Rosa's Pizza \$211.00; ABM Technology Group \$3,500.00; Advanced Business Methods \$1,118.43; City of Fessenden \$858.62; Cole Papers Inc \$235.58; Core Facility Solutions \$4,550.00; Dacotah Paper Company \$1,291.40; Dakota Dust-Text \$623.25; Dakota Fire Extinguishers Inc \$695.24; East Central Center for Exceptional \$100,643.98; Farmers Union Oil Co \$3,295.05; First International Bank & Trust (Visa) \$2,300.13; Gewont, Kathryn \$503.85; Herald-Press \$260.50; High Point Networks \$865.74; IState Truck Center \$490.57; Marco Technologies LLC \$4,252.79; Menards-Jamestown \$761.52; Midwest Investigation & Security \$695.00; Nardini Fire Equipment Co Inc \$990.00; ND Council of Educational Leaders \$250.00; NDSBA \$253.50; North Dakota Telephone Company \$289.72; School Lunch Account \$1,509.90; Time Management Systems \$195.52; Tracy's Market \$73.30; Ottertail Power Company \$10,585.67; First International Bank & Trust \$72.40; Magic-Wrighter Inc \$78.99. Total: \$162,644.34.

Payroll for April 2025: Payroll Items \$1,987.80; Payroll Direct Deposit \$111,268.40; Automatic Payments \$53,711.23; Plus Federal Withholding \$29,184.30. Total: \$196,151.73.
Publication Date: March 24, 2025

Summons

IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF WELLS
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ROBIN ROST, Plaintiff,
vs.

Vera Rost a/k/a Vera Shumilova,
Defendant
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, VERA ROST:

[¶1] You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you or will be filed with the clerk of this court, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within 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.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

[¶2] Under Rule 8.4 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, upon service of this summons, you, and your spouse, are bound by the restraints following:

(1) Neither spouse shall dispose of, sell, encumber, or otherwise dissipate any of the parties' assets, except:

a. For necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets; or

b. For retaining counsel to carry on or to contest the proceeding;

If a spouse disposes of, sells, encumbers, or otherwise dissipates assets during the interim period, that spouse shall provide to the other spouse an accounting within 30 days.

(2) Neither spouse shall harass the other spouse.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

IF EITHER SPOUSE VIOLATES ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, THAT SPOUSE MAY BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

[¶3] Dated this 19th day of February, 2025. Paul Murphy (ND ID #05166)

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Publication Dates: May 10, 17, 24, 2025

Fessenden April City Council Meeting Minutes

UNSIGNED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 7, 2025 7:30 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Donna Young; Aldermen Vince Harshbarger, Jeff Johnson, Karl Mogren, Brian Schimelfenig, Ron Widiger; Paula Tweton, City Auditor; Jeff Roehrich, Public Works Commissioner.

Absent: Alderman Robert Krueger.

Guests: Tammy Roehrich, Ryan Knatterud, Robyn Risovi, Aaron Opdahl, Lisa Bertrand, Cheryl Ryan, Zach Mason, Anne Ehni, Herald-Press.

The regular meeting of the Fessenden City Council was called to order by Mayor Donna young at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Widiger to approve the agenda. Motion carried on voice vote.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Mogren to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve them. Motion carried on voice vote.

It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Johnson to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried on roll call vote: Harshbarger aye, Johnson aye, Mogren aye, Schimelfenig aye, Widiger aye.

Johnson moved to approve time cards; seconded by Harshbarger. Motion carried on voice vote.

Finance: Monthly financial statements reviewed. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Mogren to approve finance report; motion carried on voice vote. Mileage reimbursement and personal vehicle use will be placed on the May agenda.

Announcement: City Government Week will be held in May.

Auditor: Auditor Tweton reported on NDLC workshop topics and legislative issues affecting budgeting for cities. Black Mountain software discussed; Tweton will provide council members with price list for options prior to the next council meeting in May.

Public Works Commissioner: No report.

Unfinished Business: Moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Widiger to allow Motorbikes and The Bunker to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on date of street dance for All-School reunion with this specification to be included in special

liquor permit issued to these businesses and in compliance with North Dakota state law of 2 a.m. closing. Motion carried on voice vote.

Fessenden All-School Reunion Committee letter regarding property clean-up reviewed. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Widiger for the City to co-endorse letter. Motion carried on voice vote. City will mail out letter.

Tammy Roehrich updated the Council on major changes with FEMA and how this will affect the lagoon project. Bid opening will go forward on May 1, 2025. Tammy discussed alternative sources of funding, possible assistance from state and Congressional legislators, and the need to pursue funding sources for this project. Mayor and Council thanked Tammy for all her work on behalf of the City. Other issues discussed were the lack of fill available locally and the need for bank stabilization at the lagoon.

Ryan Knatterud of the Maddock Rural Fire Protection District presented information regarding gaming site authorization at The Bunker to assist Fessenden (Fessenden Hook and Ladder) until such time as Fessenden can obtain its own license. Gaming will include pull tabs, electronic pull tabs, sports pools, and Twenty-One with raffles to be determined later. Moved and seconded by Widiger and Mogren to approve gaming site authorization. Motion carried on voice vote.

Discussion regarding request from Wells County Tax Assessor Jana Mogren for building permits to include parcel number and legal address. Permits will be updated to reflect this change.

Building permit from Cindy Melby for new garage presented. Consensus was that drawing needed to be more detailed with more specifics. Moved by Widiger and seconded by Harshbarger to table decision on permit until the next meeting; motion carried on voice vote. Further discussion held on role of committee regarding permits, i.e., should committee see property and make recommendations to Council. This will be placed on the agenda for the May 2025 meeting.

Aaron Opdahl addressed the Council regarding crack sealing and based on the condition of the streets that this probably should be done every year instead of every 2 years as previously planned. He presented an estimate of \$5275 to crack seal Fessenden streets. Moved by Widiger and seconded by Johnson to move ahead with crack sealing. Motion carried on voice vote. Jeff will work on repairing cutouts and other street areas in need of repair.

Fessenden May City Council Meeting Minutes

UNSIGNED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING May 5, 2025 7:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Donna Young; Aldermen Vince Harshbarger, Jeff Johnson, Karl Mogren, Brian Schimelfenig, Ron Widiger; Paula Tweton, City Auditor; Jeff Roehrich, Public Works Commissioner.

Guests: Lisa Bertrand; Anne Ehni, Herald Press; Susan Hazelett, Apex Engineering; Tammy Roehrich; Stutsman Hastings and Tyler Szarkowski of Scherbenske, Inc.; Daniel Schwartz, Nexus Planning and Consulting; Kathy Shimizu.

The regular meeting of the Fessenden City Council was called to order by Mayor Donna Young at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Daniel Schwartz of Nexus addressed the lagoon situation. The City received one bid from Scherbenske, Inc. for \$6.5 million. The City had budgeted for \$4.5 million. The \$1.9 million BRIC grant Fessenden had received from FEMA had been rescinded by the federal government; however, on May 1, 2025, the State of North Dakota awarded Fessenden \$1.9 million. Discussion was held on how to pay for the shortfall. Question was raised as to whether the BRIC grant would ever be reinstituted; it was unknown if this would happen as well as timing not aligning with the lagoon project. Suggestions included another special assessment in addition to the 2013 water/sewer special assessment, adding \$50 to the water bill. Council was reminded that the bid was a 60-day bid. Council was not comfortable making decision without community input and decided to hold a community meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7 PM at Festival Hall. Tammy Roehrich, Daniel Schwartz, and Susan Hazelett will attend to answer questions. It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Jeff Johnson to accept Nexus's project management contract; motion carried on roll call vote with all members voting aye. Hazelett and Schwartz then left the meeting.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Mogren to dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve them. Motion carried on voice vote.

It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Vince Harshbarger to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried on roll call vote; all voting aye.

Johnson moved to approve time cards; seconded by Schimelfenig. Motion carried on voice vote with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

FINANCE: Moved by Johnson and seconded by Mogren to transfer \$5000 from the General Fund to the Street Fund. Motion carried on voice vote, all voting aye. Auditor instructed to get proposals from First International Bank and Trust (FIBT) and Community Credit Union (CCU) for rates for possibly 6 to 7 months on CDs as City's CDs will mature in June 2025.

Auditor: No report.
Mayor: Mayor Young announced that donkey situation had been resolved with no further involvement of City.

Public Works Commissioner: Discussion was held on street repair. PWC Roehrich had received a proposal from Bechtold Paving. Moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Johnson to have Jeff obtain additional bids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Ron Widiger and seconded by Mogren to approve building permit from Cindy Melby for a garage; motion carried on voice vote. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Widiger to have Properties Committee review all permit applications before presenting them to the Council; motion carried on voice vote.

Auditor read first reading of the ordinance to amend the Midco Franchise:

WHEREAS Midcontinent Communications ("Midco") holds a communications franchise ("Franchise") for the construction and operation of a communications system within the City of Fessenden, North Dakota ("Grantor"); and

WHEREAS, Grantor and Midco have mutually agreed to amend the Franchise by adopting this Ordinance Amendment ("Amendment") and to make such other changes as are mutually agreed upon herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FESSENDEN, NORTH DAKOTA, CITY COUNCIL:

1. Section 2, paragraph 4, Franchise Term shall be amended to add an additional ten (10) years from the Effective Date of this Amendment.

2. The Effective Date of this Amendment shall be June 30, 2025.

3. Section 5, paragraph 2, shall be amended to read as follows:

Service to City. Grantee, subject to the line extension requirements of Section 2.5 hearing, will provide one (1) Drop and (1) Basic Cable Service at no cost to one (1) City Building to be mutually agreed upon by City and Grantee.

4. Notices to Grantee shall be: Midcontinent Communications
Attn: Legal Counsel

Public Comment: Resident Zach Mason discussed water meters in general and that he had some water pipes freeze in his basement during the winter. All agreed that North Dakota winters are tough on pipes but that the cold weather spares us from having termites and iguana problems.

Moved by Johnson to adjourn; Mogren seconded. Motion carried on voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

MARCH 2025 INVOICES

GENERAL FUND: *Ottertail, City Hall utilities \$637.42; *NDPERS, Health Insurance PWC \$853.94; *NDPERS, Auditor retirement \$252.44; *IRS monthly payment, Federal Tax \$2,339.70; *NDTC, City Hall \$279.36; *Fessenden Park Board, 17% share State Aid \$543.36; Paula Tweton, Mileage ND League of Cities workshop \$154.10; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, Fire extinguisher maintenance \$116.55; Intuit (Quickbooks 2024 program), Updated program for Quickbooks \$1,048.95; Dust-Text, Rug cleaning \$45.45; Tracy's Market, Cleaning supplies \$65.72; Herald-Press, Minutes, ad \$198.99; Visa, IT, office supplies, QB yearly user fee \$2,382.69; Cenex, Hardware \$153.73; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, Service to fire extinguishers \$116.55. Total: \$9,188.95.

MUNICIPAL FUND: *Double M Sanitation, Trash Collection, Cenex \$6,450.00; *Ottertail, Pump house \$433.23; *Ottertail, Lift Station 1 \$99.79; *Ottertail, Lift Station 2 \$48.75; *Ottertail, Lift Station 3 \$37.37; DSG, Parts \$96.80; Weigelt Refrigeration/Heating, Thermal coupler replacement and labor \$101.69; Central Plains, 1,000,269 gallons \$6,034.61; Apex Engineering, Lagoon improvements \$6,914.00; ZionsBank/AMKO, Annual paying agent fee \$400.00; Jackson Services, PVC retirement \$780.48; *USPS, Water Billing postage \$159.60; NDDOH, Water sample testing \$54.00; Visa, Water sample postage, IT \$55.53; Cenex, tank rental \$122.50. Total: \$21,788.35.

CITY HALL MAINTENANCE: Midakota Lumber and Supply, Paint \$179.97.

STREET FUND: *Ottertail, East Shop \$81.15; *Ottertail, Main shop \$103.68; *Ottertail, Streetlights \$1,127.67; Stein's, Supplies \$1.88; Kreiter Autoworks Inc., Pickup repairs \$955.04; RDO, Mirror \$131.15; Jeff Roehrich, Rental for use of personal vehicle \$50.00; Cenex, Gas, fuel \$629.70. Total: \$3,080.27. March Payroll: \$9,403.00; Total Bills: \$43,460.57

Publication Date: March 24, 2025

NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Wells County Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday June 3, 2025 immediately after the public hearing in the KTL Building Meeting Room at Fessenden, ND. Dated this 16th Day of May 2025.

Jana Mogren
Wells County Tax Director
Publication Date: March 24, 31, 2025

Notice of Election

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 2025, the annual Fessenden-Bowdon School District 25 school election will be held for the purpose of electing three Board members (each for a three-year term). One position currently held by Monica Larson from Geographical Area #1 (at large from the City of Fessenden and Rural Township areas of Fram, Heimdal, Norway Lake, Manfred, West Norway, Hamburg, Bremen, Rusland, St. Anna, Oshkosh, Germantown, Fairville, Delger, West Ontario, South Cottonwood, Cathay); one position currently held by Hans Widicker from Geographical Area #2 (at large from City of Bowdon and Rural Township areas of Chaseley, Haaland, Speedwell, Silver Lake, Progress, Berlin, Kidder County Townships); and one position held by Mychal Neumiller from Geographical Area #3 (at large from Entire District). Also on the ballot will be the question of publication of school board proceedings. The polls will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (CDT) of that day at the Fessenden-Bowdon Public School.

Publication Dates: May 24, 31, 2025

Notice of Election

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 10th of June 2025, the annual school election for the Harvey Public School District #38 will be held at the Harvey City Hall (armory). Polls will be open from 8:00am until 7:00pm.

Aboard member will be elected from Area 1, the City of Harvey. The term is for three years. The seat is currently held by Spencer Marchand.

A board member will be elected from Area 4, consisting of Bull Moose Township, Crystal Lake Township, Lynn Township, Pony Gulch Township, Western Township, and portions of Chaseley Township, Delger Township, Rusland Township and Silver Lake Township which are in the Harvey Public School District. The term shall be for three years. The seat is currently held by James Mertz.

Also to be voted upon is the question of whether the school district shall publish the minutes of the School Board meeting and monthly bills paid.

Zane Remsen, Business Manager
Harvey Public School District
Publication Date May 10, 17, 24, 2025

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The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2025-2026 Deer Hunting Proclamation.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov. The deadline for submitting applications is June 4, 2025.

SEASON	OPENS	CLOSES	AREAS	RESTRICTIONS
DEER BOW	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 4	Statewide	Residents - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Nonresidents - Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters during regular gun season.
DEER GUN	November 7 12:00 noon (CT) 16 1/2 Day Season	November 23	All units	Restricted to type of deer and unit described on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in units 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required.
MUZZLELOADER	November 28 12:00 noon (CT)	December 14	Statewide	Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required.
YOUTH DEER	September 19 12:00 noon (CT)	September 28	Statewide	11-, 12- and 13-year-olds – Any antlerless deer is legal.* 14- and 15-year-olds – Any deer is legal.* Orange clothing required. *Hunting units 4A-4F, 3B1 and 3B2 a special license is required to hunt mule deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license.
SPECIAL DEER-BOW HERD REDUCTION	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 31	See Proclamation	Restricted to any-antlerless deer as described on license.
SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR				

- The 2025 North Dakota deer hunting season is set with 42,300 licenses available, 7,800 less than last year.
- A total of 806 muzzleloader licenses will be available in 2025, 150 less than last year.

A complete 2025 deer hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300 or online at gf.nd.gov.