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Fessenden City Council Meeting Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, August 4, 2025 7:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers PRESENT: Mayor Donna Young; Aldermen Vince Harshbarger, Jeffrey Johnson, Karl Mogren, Brian Schimelfenig, Ron Widiger; Auditor Paula Tweton, PWC Jeff Roehrich

GUESTS: Joel Bartz, Tammy Roehrich, Dan and Kristie Silhan. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Young

at 7 P.M. Mogren and Schimelfenig moved to approve

agenda; agenda was approved on voice vote, all voting aye Joel Bartz recited the oath of office and was welcomed to the City Council as an alderman. Schimelfenig moved to approve minutes;

seconded by Harshbarger. Motion carried on Harshbarger moved to approve bills; seconded by Widiger. On roll call vote: Schimelfenig aye, Bartz aye, Harshbarger aye, Mogren aye,

Widiger aye, Johnson aye; motion approved. Auditor will verify payment to Herald Press. Time cards were discussed. Alderman Widiger raised some issues with PWC performance. Mayor Young suggested that the Council consider advertising for an individual for PWC Roehrich to train as backup. Brief discussion on advertising and length of time necessary for training. Schimelfenig moved to approve time cards; seconded by Johnson. Motion carried on voice vote: Five aye votes, 1 nay. Auditor will verify payment to Herald Press. Mayor Young requested that gross wages be placed on each

Auditor: Auditor Tweton reported that as the City's CDs were to mature at the end of June and that she had checked on interest rates and length of time for CD maturation at both First International Bank and Trust (FIBT) and the Community Credit Union (CCU). As interest rate was 4% at FIBT and 3% at CCU with similar timeframes for maturity, Tweton renewed the CDs at FIBT at 4%.

employee's timesheet going forward.

Auditor Tweton stated that due to the resignation of alderman Robert Krueger a new signer needed to be added to accounts at First International Bank and Trust (FIBT) and the Community Credit Union. It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Harshbarger to remove Robert Krueger's name as a signer on the City's accounts at FIBT and CCU and to add Ron Widiger as a signer. Signers on accounts at both FIBT and CCU will be Mayor Donna Young, auditor Paula Tweton, and alderman Ron Widiger. Motion carried on voice vote with Johnson abstaining.

Tweton reported that the 2025 ND Legislature had repealed the biennial Legacy Earnings Highway Distribution Fund. The Flexible Transportation Fund was established in its place Fessenden received \$13,477.56 in August 2025. No information was available as to how often cities would receive this. City will continue to receive the Highway Tax Distribution payment monthly as before.

Public Works: PWC Roerich reported that the dumpground had received 11 violations including one for agricultural waste as someone had dumped a quantity of apples there which was considered agricultural waste and not allowed at our dumpground. He also reported that Interstate Power had expressed an interest in providing service for the generator.

Fence at the dumpground needs to be repaired. Bids were received from Opdahl Enterprises for \$2400 for labor only to drill holes, set

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for \$4050 for labor only to install posts and fence. Several questions arose regarding materials length of spacing between poles, and other issues. Both Opdahl and Wolbert will be contacted for further information before decision is made. Issue will be placed on next month's agenda. Jeff discussed water bills and the how to

notify citizens of changes. Lagoon: Discussion on payment to the contractor for the lagoon project. Pay applications

1 and 2 will be taken from our loan. Grant funds are not yet ready but should be ready shortly for pay application 3 which is to pay Scherbenske for work completed so far in the amount of \$316,378.42. It was moved by Schimelfenig and seconded by Widiger to pay this bill from loan proceeds if grant funds are not yet able to be accessed. On roll call vote: Bartz aye, Harshbarger aye, Johnson aye, Mogren aye, Schimelfenig aye, Widiger aye. Motion carried on roll call vote. Preliminary budget was discussed including

wages for employees. Mayor Young stated that auditor Paula Tweton had been working for the City for 5 years and no had paid time off including Christmas and no benefits. Tweton stated that the state of ND now required the City to pay retirement based on her wages or be fined for not doing so. Schimelfenig stated that the auditor's schedule was entirely flexible and that Tweton could arrange her work schedule to accommodate time off. It was moved by Widiger and seconded by Harshbarger to raise the auditor's wages by \$1.00/hr. On roll call vote: Schimelfenig aye, Bartz aye, Harshbarger aye, Mogren aye, Widiger aye, Johnson aye; motion carried on roll call vote. Wages for PWC Roehrich discussed. Alderman Johnson stated that with wages, overtime, holiday overtime. holidays, vacation, sick time, water billing of \$4800 per year, and a benefit package including health insurance of \$938.92 per month and \$748 monthly in retirement that PWC Roehrich was making slightly under \$88,0000 and was well compensated for the work he did and that no raise was indicated at this time. It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Schimelfenig to approve the preliminary budget. On roll call vote: Schimelfenig aye, Bartz aye, Harshbarger aye, Mogren aye, Widiger aye, Johnson aye; motion carried on roll call vote.

Public Comment: Dan and Kristie Silhan were present to express their concerns about issues facing the City. Mayor Young thanked them for their attendance and involvement.

It was moved by Widiger and seconded by Mogren to adjourn the meeting; motion carried on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Fessenden City Council will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

Donna Young, Mayor

at City Hall

JULY 2025 INVOICES *preauthorized payments

GENERAL FUND: *Ottertail, City Hall utilities \$323.94; *NDPERS, PWC health Insurance \$983.92; *NDPERS, Auditor retirement \$416.00; *IRS, Monthly federal tax payment \$4,868.82; *NDTC, phone \$278.78; *Fessenden Park Board, 17% share State Aid \$684.28; Advanced Business Methods, Contract July to October; ink overage \$101.40; Farmers Union Insurance, Property/Commercial \$5,591.00; Gooseneck, Lawnmower \$808.01; Herald Press, Legal notices \$1,422.24; Local Ag Solutions, Chemicals and chemical application \$340.00; Paula Tweton, Mileage to and from Sanborn, ND \$151.20; Nexus, Lagoon \$25,000.00; Nyhus Law Firm,

of city ordinances, Sparano opinion reviewed. \$340.00; QuickBooks, Accounting Team charge \$649.00; Tracy's, batteries \$7.07; Dust-Tex, Cleaning rug \$101.40; Van Diest, Biomist mosquito spray Invoice 247571 \$2,647.50; Visa, IT and banker boxes for lagoon info \$84.79. TOTAL:

\$44,799.35 MUNICIPAL FUND: *Double M Sanitation, Trash plus Cenex \$6,465.00; *Ottertail, Pump house \$380.61; *Ottertail, Lift Station 1 \$183.38; *Ottertail, Lift Station 2 \$49.95; *Ottertail, Lift Station 3 \$40.53; Central Plains, 1,140,378 gallons \$6,875.27; NDDOH, Water testing \$27.00; Ferguson, Water parts \$489.99; Apex Engineering Group, Lagoon improvements \$10,756.20; BND, Water Tower principal, interest, and fees \$32,690.50; *USPS, Postage \$177.51; One Call, 16 calls at \$1.50 \$24.00; Jackson Services, PWC retirement \$780.48; Visa, Pipes, tools, water sample postage, parts \$2,006.97; Cenex. Total:

STREET: *Ottertail, Main shop \$73.95; *Ottertail, Main shop \$56.32; *Ottertail, Streetlights \$1,024.84; Cenex,; Total: \$1,155.11.

Total Bills: \$108,056.96 Publication Date: August 30, 2025



Public Notice

Wild Turkey Proclamation Summary The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2025 fall wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from Oct. 11 through Jan. 4. There are 4.310 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one wild turkey of any sex or age

Deadline to apply is Sept. 3. Only residents are eligible in first lottery. Apply online at www.

Licenses issued by weighted lottery. A complete 2025 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at www.gf.nd.gov

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Fessenden-Bowdon School Board Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD **Annual Meeting** Tuesday, July 15, 2025 7:00 PM Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Larson, Erin Hagemeister, Miranda Kittelson, Mychal Neumiller (by zoom). Hans Widicker

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Darren Shegrud, Principal in Training Lindsay Widicker, Business Manager Michelle Johnson Teacher Alicia Lagerquist, Jayme Loff (by zoom)

President Monica Larson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was amended. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Kittelson, to approve the minutes for the May 16th, May 27th and June 13th Special meetings and June 27th regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by H Widicker, second by Kittelson, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by H Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to approve financial reports as presented Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Motion by Hagemeister, second by H Widicker, to approve the district bills as presented. Roll call

vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

No Committee reports. The superintendent report was given. The principal's report was given. The activities director's report was given. Motion by Kittelson, second by Neumiller, to approve the pledge of assets by the First International Bank & Trust for the district accounts. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned. Supt. Sheggerud presided during board reorganization. Monica Larson, Mychal Neumiller and Hans Widicker were officially seated for the elected three year terms on the school board. All board members recited the Oath of Office.

Supt. Sheggerud called for nominations for Board President, Neumiller nominated Monica Larson. Motion by Hagemeister, second by H Widicker, to cast a unanimous ballot for Moncia Larson for President. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Monica Larson was elected President. President Larson presided over the remainder of the meeting. President Larson called for nominations for Vice President. Larson nominated Hagemeister. Motion by Larson, second by Kittelson, to cast a unanimous ballot for Hagemeister for Vice President. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Erin Hagemeister was elected Vice President.

Motion by Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to keep the meeting fees the same \$75 per meeting plus mileage for the 2025-26 school year. The following Board Committees for school year 2025-26 were named according to FB Policy BBBB: Personnel - M Kittelson and M Larson Transportation - M Neumiller and H Widicker: Facilities, Equipment, & Food Service - H Widicker and M Neumiller; Curriculum & Special Education - M Kittelson and E Hagemeister: Finance & Insurance - M Larson and E Hagemeister; HWC Cooperative - M Neumiller and H Widicker; Policies & Handbook - E Hagemeister.

Motion by H Widicker, second by Kittelson, to name The Herald-Press as the official newspaper of the district: designated the First International Bank & Trust of Fessenden as the depository; Michelle Johnson as Business Manager of the district for 2025-26 and set the regular board meeting date as the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 AM. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussed the Authorization of the Districts credit cards and bank accounts. Motion by

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Children's Vision

Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to approve President Monica Larson, Superintendent Darren Sheggerud, Business Manager Michelle Johnson and Administrative Assistant Shantel Muscha authorized access to the district checking accounts, Superintendent Darren Sheggerud, Business Manager Michelle Johnson authorized access to the money market account and the district credit cards removing Stacy Benz from all credit cards and district accounts. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussed policy FFI - Personal Electronic Communication Prohibition During Instructional

Motion by H Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to approve the school breakfast/lunch prices for 2025-26 as follows. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Student Breakfast - \$2.60; Student Lunch - \$3.40; Adult Breakfast - \$3.10; Adult Lunch - \$4.50.

Discussed student activity fees for 2025-26 school year. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Neumiller, to have the student activity fees set at \$95 per student and \$250 for family for the 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kittelson, second by H Widicker, to renew the NDSBA policy services for 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Discuss the Activity Directors position. Motion by Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to approve the Activity Director duties to be split between Supt Darren Sheggerud and Steven Felchle for the 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Darren Sheggerud - \$2,850; Steven Felchle - \$2,850.

Discussed substitute teacher pay. Motion by Kittelson, second by Hagemeister, to approve the substitute pay of \$170 per day for the 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. Discussed the Business Manager com-

pensation and benefits. Motion by H Widicker, second by Hagemeister, to compensate the Business Manager a salary of \$81,840 for the 2025-26 school year starting in August. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Update on the 2022-23 Audit was given. The preliminary budget for the 2025-26 school year was reviewed.

Motion by Kittelson, second by H Widicker to replace Stacy Benz with Darren Sheggerud on the LEA and School Directory for the 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kittelson, second by H Widicker, to set the date and time for the Financial Planning Meeting for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 AM. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting was set for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 AM. The meeting

was adjourned at 6:48 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM. Monica Larson, President

Michelle Johnson, Business Manager District Expenditures presented on July 15, 2025: Automatic Payments: NORTH DAKOTA

TELEPHONE COMPANY \$201.18; OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY \$3,073.64; TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY \$339.98; FIRST INTER-NATIONAL BANK (CASH) \$67.90; MAGIC-WRIGHTER INC \$8.73. TOTAL: \$3,691.43.

CHECKS: ABM TECHNOLOGY GROUP \$3,642.00; ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS \$1,118.43; CENTRAL DAKOTA FAMILY PHYSI-CIANS \$130.63; CHI FOSTER COUNTY MEDI-CAL CENTER \$125.00; CITY OF FESSENDEN

\$76.021.02: DAKOTA DUST-TEX \$72.05 EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEP-TIONAL \$106,931.05; FARMERS UNION OIL CO \$1,815.22; HAGA KOMMER CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS \$4,000.00; HERALD-PRESS \$326.70; HIGH POINT NETWORKS \$863.85 LEMER'S ACE \$510.89 MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC \$4,252.79; MENARDS - BISMARCK \$43.94; MENARDS JAMESTOWN \$255.97; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMI-CAL CORP. \$280.54; NAPA AUTO PARTS OF HARVEY \$283.69; ND ASSN. OF SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGE \$50.00 ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS \$9,034.00; ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSN. \$4,175.58; NDSBA \$97.50; PERFORMANCE OFFICE PAPERS \$1,256.00; STAR CITY MOTOR \$370.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS \$196.04; TOTAL: \$216.811.03. GRAND TOTAL: \$220.502.46.

Payroll for July 2025: PAYROLL ITEMS \$701.60; PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOS-IT \$38.347.63: AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS \$16,611.94; PLUS FEDERAL WITHHOLDING \$9,423.38. TOTAL: \$65,084.55.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FESSENDEN-BOWDON SCHOOL BOARD Special Meeting

Thursday, July 31, 2025 7:00 AM Board Room and Zoom MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Larson, Erin Hagemeister, Miranda Kittelson, Mychal Neumiller (Zoom), Hans Widicker

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Darren Sheggerud, Principal Lindsay Widicker (Zoom), Business Manager Michelle Johnson

President Monica Larson called the meeting to order Policy BDA authorizes the board to adopt policies with one reading when the board deems this action necessary. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Kittlelson, to adopt the following policy with one reading: ABEA - Wellness Policy; ACG Child Safety & Mandatory Training; BCAA - Board Meeting Agenda & Pre-meeting Preparation; BCBA - Public Participation at Board Meetings; FF - Student Conduct and Discipline; FFF - Field and Other School Sponsored Trips: FF.I - Student Vehicles on School Property; GACB - Patriotic Exercises; ACCB - Protection for Student Victims of Sexual Offenses: FFI - Personal Electronic Communication Devices. Roll call vote. All voting

yes. Motion carried. The Student Handbook for 2025-26 was reviewed. Motion by Hagemeister, second by Neumiller, to approve the Student Handbook for 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The preliminary budget for the 2025-26 school year was reviewed. Motion by H Widicker, second by Kittelson, to approve the preliminary budget for 2025-26 school year. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The bus garage was discussed. Motion by

Widicker, second by Kittelson, to approve the quote for the environment analysis to be done for the bus garage. Roll call vote. All voting yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 AM. Monica Larson, President Michelle Johnson, Business Manager

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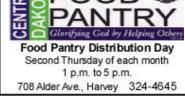
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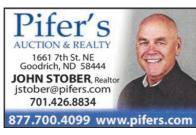
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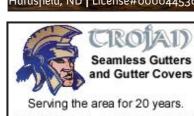
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