

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
WATER PERMIT NO. 5210

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Water Resources has initiated the cancellation process for a portion of Conditional Water Permit No. 5210 for three or more years of successive non-use. The permit is held by SITZMANN, MICHAEL L., for the annual use of 369.2 acre-feet of water from the Central Dakota aquifer for Irrigation purposes. The authorized pumping rate is 1,725 gallons per minute. The priority date is January 9, 1998. The points of diversion are the SW1/4 of Sec. 13, and the NW1/4 of Sec. 27, both of T. 140 N., R. 071 W. Kidder County. The land irrigated under this permit is 124.2 acres in the SW1/4 of Sec. 13, and 121.8 acres in the NW1/4 of Sec. 27, all of T. 140 N., R. 071 W., Kidder County.

The portions under consideration for cancellation are 186.36 acre-feet, 124.24 acres in the SW1/4 of Sec. 13, T. 140 N., R. 071 W., Kidder County, a point of diversion in the SW1/4 of Sec. 13, T. 140 N., R 071 W., Kidder County, and 925 gallons per minute.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed cancellation must be filed in the North Dakota Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 31 day of March 2025. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and issue a final decision which will be provided to the permit holder and any person who filed written comments.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 16, 2025.

/S/ John Paczkowski, P.E.
North Dakota State Engineer
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
KIDDER COUNTY, STEELE,
NORTH DAKOTA
December 13, 2024
10:00am

The Board of County Commissioners met on Friday, December 13, 2024 in the Commissioners room at the Kidder County Courthouse in Steele, ND. Commissioners Dan P. Mittleider, Darrell Guthmiller, Tim C. Dronen, Nicholas Friez and Auditor Jean Schoenhard present. Also Present: Richard Paolinelli Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press, Mike Rivinius & Jon Martin Wold Engineering.

Chairman Mittleider called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of November 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Guthmiller moved to accept the minutes with additions. Dronen seconded. Motion passed with 3-0 vote.

The agenda was reviewed. Guthmiller moved to adopt the agenda with additions seconded by Dronen. Vote 3-0 motion passed.

Mike Rivinius & Jon Martin Wold Engineering joined the Board. Discussion was held on the SRF (Special Road Fund) grant. Prairie Dog Funding possible in February for the Tappen 5 mile South project. Discussion was held on the approach by the railroad tracks for the Tappen South Road project. Rivinius & Martin left the meeting.

Daniel Schwartz and Jerry Bergquist Stutsman County Commissioner came to the meeting regarding the Crystal Springs Water Shed project and hazard mitigation. Discussion was held on where the water will go and the cost of the feasibility study. Bergquist

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spoke on the cost of the study and funding, no property tax dollars are spent on the project. Water quality in Crystal Springs was discussed. Bergquist said Stutsman County hired Huston Engineering to do the study. Bergquist is asking for Kidder County support. Commissioner Mittleider said we have no problem supporting the project as long as it doesn't cause problems for the residents of Kidder County. Schwartz said adding this project to the Kidder County hazard mitigation plan like Stutsman County is doing and there will be a possibility to get federal funds because it is in both Stutsman County and Kidder County hazard mitigation plans. Schwartz is updating the Stutsman County Hazard Mitigation plan. Discussion was held on updating the Stutsman County and Kidder County hazard mitigation plans and the cost of updating the hazard mitigation plan, there will be no cost to Kidder County.

Discussion was held on the water mapping done by the State.

Dronen made a motion to amend the Kidder County Hazard Mitigation Plan with no cost to Kidder County to include the Flood Water Removal Feasibility Study for the Crystal Springs Watershed project, seconded by Guthmiller, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Bergquist and Schwartz left the meeting.

The board appointed Dan P Mittleider and Tim Dronen to the steering committee for the Crystal Springs Watershed Project meetings.

Blade payment was discussed. David Schultz Township Officers Association joined the meeting to discuss certified miles and blading. The TOA (Township Officer Association) wants 3 blading's or more, some townships feel they were shorted in blading's in 2024. Schultz said he was at the State Township Officers meeting and other counties charge by the hour. Discussion held on the 3 blading's. Guthmiller discussed the November TOA meeting regarding blading and not representing townships. An option that was discussed was to call when townships want to be bladed at \$175.00 per hour. Schultz said he was here to represent the Kidder County Township Officers Association. Discussion was held on lower traffic roads may not need to be bladed as much as high traffic roads in townships. Schultz left the meeting.

The Commission decided no set number of blading's for certified miles and discussion was held on certified miles, quality of gravel used by townships and snow removal.

Discussion was held on the Gene Guthmiller bill for 34th Ave SE.

Truck Regulatory was discussed at the 6 County Regional Commissioners Meeting. Discussion was held about all six counties going together for a truck regulatory employee. Board discussed having the employee based out of Kidder County because we would be the center of the six counties. Commission hiring the person, split cost between counties and getting funds from excessive road use fees for the counties were discussed. Friez would like to talk to Josh Rode Highway Patrol's truck regulatory person for more information.

Tuck Pointing email was discussed. Commissioner Mittleider turned the meeting over to Auditor Jean Schoenhard for election of offices.

Mittleider left the meeting.

Schoenhard called for nominations for Chairman: Dronen nominated Darrell Guthmiller for Chairman, seconded by Friez, Schoenhard called for other nominations, none presented, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, Darrell Guthmiller will be Chairman. Schoenhard turned the meeting over to Guthmiller.

Call for nominations for Vice Chairman: Friez nominated Tim Dronen for Vice Chairman, seconded by Guthmiller, Guthmiller had Schoenhard call for other nominations, none presented, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none. Timothy C Dronen will be Vice Chairman.

Recess for lunch 12:15pm
Resume from lunch 1:00pm all Guthmiller, Dronen, Friez, Schoenhard, Paolinelli, and Paul Erdelt present.

States Attorney Eric Hetland joined the meeting regarding the G. Guthmiller billing. Discussion was held. Hetland left the meeting.

Paul Erdelt joined the table to discuss the 65 mph speed limit signs north of I-94 on Hwy 3. Erdelt said with the growth on the north side of town the 65 mph speed limit sign should be placed farther north for public safety and due to people slowing down to turn into the businesses on the north side of the interstate. Erdelt said the County Commissioners need to give their approval to move the 65 mph speed limit signs farther north on Hwy 3 and have reduced speeds coming off of the overpass. Discussion held. Commissioners agreed with

Erdelt that the speed limit signs should be reduced off of the overpass and the 65 mph should be moved farther north on Hwy 3 for public safety. Erdelt will work on this. Erdelt left the meeting.

Discussion was held on snow removal areas and opening emergency routes.

David Buck joined the meeting regarding 17th St SE around Lake Josephine. Discussion was held on issues with the fence line and questions he had. Buck left the meeting.

Blade operators Jay Dukart, Robert Oster, Derrick Hanson, Josh Jansen, Kenny Pfaff joined the meeting Garrett Pfaff absent. Discussion was held on getting more input from the operators, working together to open emergency snow routes, working together as a team and having a plan to get all the roads in good shape. Pfaff said his blade is having trouble, discussion was held on service from Butler and emergency routes. Commission wants the road crew to come up with a plan to get the emergency routes open after a snow storm. Commission told road crew that the Township Officers Association wants a certain number of blading's per year in the County Commissioners minutes and the Board doesn't want a set number of blading's because the roads in townships get bladed more than three times per year. The road crew said some townships get more traffic than others and that is why some townships get more blading's than others. Discussion was held on log books, calibrating blades, training and grade pros on the blades. Road crew left the meeting and are invited to the January meeting with their ideas.

Road Districts were decided. Guthmiller will have the Robinson area, Dronen will have the Steele Area and Friez will have the Tappen area.

Board portfolios were decided: Tim Dronen Library Board, Darrell Guthmiller Health District Board, Nick Friez South Country Human Services Board.

Sheriff Vannatta joined the meeting Discussion was held on the oldest blade stationed in Robinson. Warranty is up and it has over 7500 hours on the machine.

Sheriff Vannatta handed in his reports and discussed using left over Sheriff budget funds to build a garage for the sheriff vehicles and to use for impound vehicles. Discussion held. Friez made a motion to transfer \$60,000.00 into the building fund from the general fund for a garage for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Dronen, discussion, none, roll call vote: Guthmiller, aye, Dronen, aye, Friez, aye motion carries. Vannatta left the meeting.

Treasurer Vickie Murray joined the meeting. Discussion was held about the Robinson blade's warranty. Murray handed out the 2024 taxes charts, discussion held. Blade loan was discussed. Blade options were discussed. Murray left the meeting.

2025 Commission meeting dates were discussed. Meeting dates will be the 2nd Friday of each month except for June meeting will be the 1st Friday due to County Equalization.

Liquor Licenses for 2025 applications from Cottonwood Golf Course and Ivory House LLC were reviewed. Friez made a motion to approve the Cottonwood Liquor license and the Ivory House LLC liquor license for 2025, seconded by Dronen, discussion was held on temporary licenses. Call for a vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

A recap of the 6 County Regional meeting was discussed.

Discussion was held on selling Tract 3-2 in Robinson the county owns.

Mark Sand Choice Financial and Treasurer Vickie Murray came to the meeting. Discussion was held on the blade loan. Options were discussed.

Sand & Murray left the meeting.

Discussion continued on Tract 3-2 in Robinson. Friez made a motion to sell Tract 3-2 in Robinson, seconded by Dronen, discussion held the tract is not needed, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried. Schoenhard will put an ad in the newspaper.

Monthly State Aid was discussed. Guthmiller made the motion to leave 100% State Aid in the General Fund, seconded by Friez, discussion, none, motion carried.

Tractor lease was discussed. Friez made the motion to lease a tractor from Valley Plains Equipment for 2025, seconded by Dronen, discussion on hourly rates and 1 year lease, call for vote, all in favor, aye, opposed, none, motion carried.

Co road 71/39th Ave SE has hay bales within the 150-foot setback from a county road. Discussion held. Letter will be sent.

December bills were reviewed.

Courthouse Payroll: Commissioners, Courthouse, Weed Board, Back the Blue Grant. \$32,086.50
Less WH 3,171.81, SS 2,429.92, ND St. Tax WH 206.76, Insurance 1,272.88, Deferred Compensation 1,675.00, FSA 100.00 \$23,230.13
Commissioner Approved Payroll:

General Fund, Hwy Tax Fund, Co. Agent, VSO, Co. Library, Zoning:	\$39,789.25
Less WH 2,470.27, SS 3,030.03, ND St. Tax 110.58,	
Insurance 1,619.51, Deferred Compensation 1,030.00	\$31,528.86
WEX Bank	423.01
KEM Electric	377.27
Cardmember Services	457.94
Verizon	425.80
Choice Financial	14,694.83
Bismarck Hotel & Conference	99.00
US Postal Service	1,236.00
MDU	1,175.38
South Central Water	51.40
Advanced Business Methods	196.70
BEK Communications	731.09
Brian Jangula	400.00
Cenex	434.97
Clare Heinze	371.99
Cole Paper	548.71
ITD	867.55
Logan County	100.00
Marlins Quick Stop	403.55
Menards	337.85
National Assoc. of Counties	450.00
NRG	1,482.86
Quill	372.57
River City Heating & Air	419.80
Sanford Health OccMed	54.00
Softchoice Corp.	319.96
Software Innovations	700.00
Steele Auto Body	163.48
Steele Ozone & KC Press	29.00
Steins Inc	68.79
Sunset Law Enforcement	1,797.80
Taylor Print & Visual Impres.	867.75
Tyler Tech	4,619.86
Tuttle Farmers Elevator	505.20
WEX Health	70.00
Carol Dobbert	67.65
Brett Stroh	45.37
Pat Zimmerman	330.13
Deb Abbott	296.10
Cindy Hasse	315.00
Connie Kuhn	274.50
Dianne Kinnischtzke	295.50
Linda Tolley	260.40
Cindy Trautman	236.40
Robin Rewald	263.40
Shirley Brusven	150.00
Donna Morrison	260.70
City of Steele	303.52
Farmers & Merchants	3,437.13
Advanced Business Methods	366.82
Lorrie Craven	100.22
Monica Fitterer	497.83
Steele Ozone & KC Press	40.00
US Postal Service	266.00
Advanced Business Methods	96.21
Annie Craven	999.22
BEK Communications	160.59
City of Steele	90.02
Countryside Designs & Signs	37.63
DEMCO	938.60
Ingram	1,964.24
MDU	107.57
Paula Moch	800.15
Pharmchem	31.95
Creative Product Source	226.97
Underground Vaults & Storage	200.00
Steele Groc	42.91
Hoffer Sand & Gravel	3,987.94
All Pest Control	12,944.70
Farmers & Merchants	33.21
Quill	63.98
Kevin Price	224.12
Christ Gerr	30.15
Mike Keily	16.08
Ron Martin	60.30
Kenny Fischer	9.38
Pete Glatt	191.98
Randy Eichele	621.44
Kevin Glatt	3,178.80
Jennifer Livingston	4,260.00
Josh Scmaltz	1,700.00
Rod Kleppe	1,196.80
Gail Filler	1,932.80
Keith Leier	2,292.99
Brian Bieber	556.80
Gene Zimmerman	451.92
Vic Reidinger	3,546.00
Arena Welding	55.00
Bruce Livingston	1,800.00
Central Dak Frontier	294.00
Dan Poland Machine Inc	977.90
Farmers Union Oil Pettibone	4,192.82
General Equip & Supplies	2,857.86
Hoffer Sand & Gravel	20,102.06
RDO Equip.	636.08
Saylor Excavating & Gravel	678.00
Tappen Farm Supply	567.22
Tappen Oil Company	2,382.67
Tappen Oil & Tire Company	31.50
Wold Engineering	8,202.31
Dronen made the motion to approve the December bills. Seconded by Friez. Vote 3-0. Motion carried.	
Monthly reports were reviewed and signed: County Recorder \$1,722.00 November 2024. County Sheriff: \$94.04 November 2024.	
Discussion was held on the tires purchased for the rotary mower.	
Traffic count letter was discussed and different types of cutting edges.	
With no further business before the board Dronen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm, seconded by Friez, motion carried.	
Read and approved this 10th day of January 2025.	
/s/ Darrell Guthmiller, Chairman Board of County Commissioners /s/ Jean Schoenhard, County Auditor	

Area Church Schedules

STEELE CHURCHES:
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe, 701-475-2333. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church–Pastor Jacob DeBoer. 475-2490. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church – Don Dinger, Pastor. Sunday worship, 9:00

DAWSON CHURCHES:
Dawson Lutheran Church – Pastor Jacob DeBoer. Worship service, 9:00 a.m. at Dawson City Hall

TAPPEN CHURCHES:
St. Paul's Catholic Church – Father Peter Sharpe. 1st, 4th, 5th Saturday: 4:00pm; 2nd Sunday: 9:00 am; 3rd Sunday: 11:00 am
St. John's Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod) – Rev. Karl DeMarce. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:00 a.m.; KSJB Radio Broadcast, 7:00 a.m.; Service on Ch.72 BEK TV, 6:00 p.m. Sundays
Tappen Cornerstone Church – Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCHES:
Faith Evangelical Church - Rev. Mike Kraemer, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

MEDINA CHURCHES:
St. Mary's Catholic – Father Peter Sharpe. 2nd and 3rd Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; 4th Sunday, 9:00 a.m.; 1st and 5th Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Grace Emmanuel United Church. Pastor Brenda Goodman. Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

DRISCOLL CHURCHES:
Grace Lutheran Church - Pastors; Mark Narum and Martha HarriSon Worship service - 9:30 a.m.; Church Council - Meets quarterly; Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays .

TUTTLE CHURCHES:
English Lutheran Church – Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship service, 11:00 a.m.; Communion, 3rd Sunday and Festival Days;
Tuttle Community Church – Sunday School 10:00 a m, Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

ROBINSON CHURCHES:
Bethany Lutheran Church – Vice Pastor Trish DeBoer - Worship Service, Sunday service every third Sunday 9:30 a.m.

PETTIBONE CHURCHES:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
104 Main St. N Pettibone. Pastor Robert Hill- Second and Fourth Sundays 8:30 a.m
Redeemer Lutheran Church 123 2nd Ave. NE Woodworth. - Pastor Robert Hill Worship Service, First & Third Sundays, 8:30 am

STREETER CHURCHES:
Hope Ebenezer Church - Pastor Juwle Nagbe. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship, 9:00, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

STERLING CHURCHES:
United Methodist - Pastor Marlin Sapp. 701-387-4792, 701-955-0005. Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:00, Sunday School @ 9:45