

PSC Receives More Than 700 Consumer Contacts In 2025

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) reported that the agency received 712 consumer contacts in 2025. These contacts include informal complaints against regulated entities, public input submitted as part of an open case, referrals to other agencies and/or requests for information.

Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, who oversees the Consumer Affairs portfolio, underscored the vital role of public and consumer engagement in shaping effective policies. “A core priority of the Commission is to genuinely listen to the concerns and questions we receive from the public. The input is essential to developing well-informed decisions,” said Haugen-Hoffart. “Our staff not only respond to inquiries and complaints promptly but also take the time to educate consumers throughout the process, ensuring individuals understand their rights, available options and how Commission processes work. This commitment strengthens our system and supports better outcomes for everyone.”

Informal complaints are received and processed regarding utilities the Commission regulates, including certain aspects of telephone service, natural gas providers, and the three investor-owned electric companies in the state: Xcel, Otter Tail and MDU. Of the 712 contacts, 83 (12 percent) were informal complaints against public utility companies regulated by the Commission. Informal complaint numbers overall were slightly lower for 2025 than the previous year. The most frequent reasons for complaints are billing issues, disconnects and phone outages. The most common billing complaints include customers wanting to investigate if their bill is correct, higher than normal bills, and payment plans to avoid disconnections.

In addition to recording complaints and concerns, the Commission also receives public input for cases being considered by the Commission. Public input is most often received for siting cases where the

Commission is looking at permitting new transmission projects like pipelines, electric transmission lines and wind farms or for rate cases. Siting hearings are held in a community close to where the project is proposed to be built. The comments can be either in support or opposition of the project. In 2025 there were 137 public input contacts recorded or 19 percent of the total contacts. Public input was submitted for a variety of different cases throughout the year with the majority submitted for the Xcel Electric Rate Case.

“This Commission takes public input seriously,” said Commission Chair Randy Christmann. “It provides us with the information we need to make the best possible decisions, so we urge North Dakotans to contact us.”

The Consumer Affairs Portfolio is headed by Commissioner Haugen-Hoffart and provides additional focus on consumer issues and complaints and on improving communication with the public through traditional public information channels, public meetings and social media. An annual public contact report is issued showing data and trends related to complaints and input received by the Commission. The Commission launched a new public comment tracking system in January 2020 that allows more flexibility to record comments from the public and generate statistics and reports.

“Public input is a key part of the Commission’s process,” said Commissioner Jill Kringstad. “It allows us to listen to information provided by our citizens and evaluate and consider how best to support their needs. Our staff is also a valuable resource for the public to assist or answer questions.”

When a complaint is received, a PSC staff member works as a liaison between the consumer and the company to resolve the problem within



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BIG BEND TOWNSHIP MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

General Notice
BIG BEND TOWNSHIP (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Reconstruction of 31st St. NW & 94 Ave. NW
PROJECT NO. 2025-6

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **New Town City Hall** located at **945 Eagle Dr., New Town, ND** until **Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 3:00 pm** local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Grading, culverts, aggregate base, and aggregate surface on 2.0 miles of 31st St. NW & 0.5 miles of 94th Ave NW. The project will include the following approximate quantities: Common Excavation - Type B - 34,000 CY; Borrow-Excavation - 22,000 CY; Aggregate Base Course CL 5 - 15,000 Tons; Gravel Surfacing - 9,000 Tons; Geosynthetic Material Type G - 12,000 SY; Pipe Conduit (multiple sizes) - 1,000 LF.

The project has a date for substantial completion date of **October 24, 2026**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online at www.questcdn.com utilizing Quest project #10057151. QuestCDN can be contacted at (952)233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership, downloading, and working with the digital project information. The cost to download the bidding documents will be \$50.00.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Sauber Engineering Inc.
2401 46th Avenue SE, Suite 110
Mandan, ND

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the website listed in this advertisement.

Instructions to Bidders
Bid will be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials. The owner intends to award a single (1) Contract on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items for the project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor’s license and bid security. The bid security must be a sum equal to five (5) percent of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder’s bond. The bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and a surety, conditioned that if the principal’s bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after the notice of award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of Big Bend Township.

The bidder must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by sections 43-07-07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.

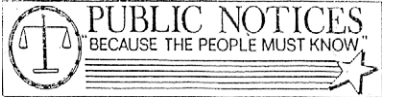
No bid will be read or considered that does not fully comply with requirements pertaining to bid security and contractor’s license.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of the contract.

Big Bend Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in any bid, rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received, and accept the bid most favorable to the Township.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **Big Bend Township**
By: **Jaye Sandstrom**
Title: **Chairman, Board of Township Supervisors**
Date: **February 2, 2026**
Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2026



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MOUNTRAIL COUNTY STANLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

General Notice
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2026 HMA Overlay
PROJECT NO. 3(74)26, 11(67)26 & 2026-02

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Mountrail County South Complex** located at **8103 61st Street NW, Stanley, ND** until **Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 2:00 pm** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

HMA overlay on 12 miles of County Route 3, from County Route 10 (53rd Street NW) to US Highway 2 at Palermo; 1 mile of County Route 11, from US Highway 2 to BNSF railroad crossing in the Village of Blaisdell; and 0.1 miles of 87th Ave NW from the ND Hwy 23 Bypass at New Town, north. The project will include the following approximate quantities: Aggregate Base Course CL 5 - 2,000 Tons; Superpave FAA 45 - 60,000 Tons; PG58V-34 Asphalt Cement - 4,000 Tons; Pavement MK Painted 6IN Line - 180,000 LF.

The project has a date for substantial completion of **October 3, 2026**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
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This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **Mountrail County**
By: **Trudy Ruland**
Title: **Chairman, Board of County Commissioners**
Date: **February 3, 2026**
Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2026

the jurisdiction of the Commission. Often, the complaint is outside of the Commission’s jurisdiction and needs to be referred to another agency or the caller simply needs information. These calls are recorded as “referrals.” The Commission recorded 264 referrals in 2025. Staff members report that when a call is not jurisdictional to the Commission, they do their best to refer the person to the correct agency and give them contact information when possible.

This report does not include any docketed information that is part of formal cases before the Commission. During the 2023-25 biennium, there were 718 formal cases filed with the Commission.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL IN THE DISTRICT COURT NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMONS

Civil No. 31-2026-CV-00027

ProCollect Services, LLC,
Plaintiff

vs.
Samuel Campos,
Defendant.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is filed with the Clerk of District Court, Mountrail County, North Dakota, by serving on the undersigned an Answer or other proper response within twenty-one days after the last publication of this Summons, 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.

Dated February 06, 2026.

/s/ Reed A. Soderstrom
Reed A. Soderstrom (ID #04759)

PO Box 1985
Minot, ND 58702-1985

(701) 833-0997
reed@soderstromlaw.org

Attorney for Plaintiff
Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2026

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 12:00pm on Friday, March 13, 2026 at: <https://zoom.us/j/97332114101?pwd=zReZOG1Ua5rjljhXL6oRUXoQHdQpt8.1>

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at PO Box 1338 Bismarck, ND 58502 or calling 701-775-7165. Also, written comments may be submitted to North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at PO Box 1338 Bismarck, ND 58502 until March 23, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at the above telephone number or address at least 24 hours prior to the public hearing. Dated this Friday of January 30, 2026 Brian Barrett

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 75-09.1-11

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
TREATMENT VOUCHER SYSTEM**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-09.1-11 relating to definitions, requests for reimbursement of medical expenses, voucher applications, and training at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

Crop Protection Product Harmonization Grants Available

Applications are now being accepted for two grant programs administered by the North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board. The board administers grant programs to agriculture groups interested in addressing issues related to the registration of crop protection products.

“The board prioritizes crop protection product labeling needs and looks for opportunities to make more crop protection product options available to agriculture producers in the state,” Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. “We encourage interested agriculture groups to apply.”

There are two grant programs available:

- The Minor Use Pesticide Fund Grant Program may be used for conducting or commissioning evalu-

ations, studies or investigations to obtain or maintain pesticide registration for minor crop use or other use in North Dakota. Pesticide manufacturers, dealers or distributors are not eligible. Qualified universities, the USDA or private researchers or laboratories are eligible for funding.

• The Pesticide Harmonization Grant Program may be used to address issues related to the registration of crop protection products. Special emphasis will be given to applications that address harmonization or pesticide labeling and availability of applications that address harmonization or pesticide labeling and availability of Canadian pesticides that are identical or substantially similar to more expensive US-registered pesticides.

Goehring said proposal request documents for both programs, along

Proceedings Of The Board Of County Commissioners

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. OPENING & ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Wayne Olson, Joan Hollekim, John DeGroot and Jason Rice present. State’s Attorney, Wade Engst was present.

Chairman Ruland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. BUSINESS

A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to review and approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

B. MINUTES

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the special minutes of January 13, 2026 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the December fees for the Sheriff, Corrections and Clerk of Court. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the appointed officials paid leave for December. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full-time employee classification for Jodie Lager as a Correctional Officer 1 with Corrections in the amount of \$30.36 per hour/\$63,142 per year. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Hollekim, Rice, Olson and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

E. TRANSFERS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for 4th quarter overweight load pass permits from R&B Fund totaling \$2,686.91 to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West totaling \$995.05; 154 North, Range 94 West \$606.91; 153 North, Range 93 West totaling \$907.15; 152 North, Range 93 West totaling \$175.84 & 150 North, Range 92 totaling \$1.96. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Hollekim, Ruland and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer for Overweight Fines from Oct to Dec 2025 from General Fund to R&B Fund totaling \$487,321.90. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfer for Overweight Fines from Oct to Dec 2025 from General Fund to R&B Fund totaling \$495. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

F. APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the appointments of Tess Jarmin to the Planning & Zoning Board for a 4-year term and Nick Gustafson to the Job Development Authority Board for a 3-year term. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$662,302.60 & December 21 through January 3 payroll, checks #20176-20180 and direct deposits #1-138/#1-32 totaling \$565,480.40. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried. (A complete list of bills is posted on a regular basis on the Mountrail County website @ www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the County Commissioner heading and/or are available for review in the Auditor’s Office during normal business hours.)

3. APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED

9:10 A.M.
Angela Olson, Reynolds Realty presented two offers for the County-owned land and house located at 2 Valley Dr. Stanley ND described as Lot 1, Block 3, Replat of Lot 1, Block 3, Country Meadows 2nd Subdivision, Stanley City, 42 acres. Tammy Leupp, Building Supervisor was also present.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the sale of the County-owned land and house located at 2 Valley Dr. Stanley ND described as Lot 1, Block 3, Replat of Lot 1, Block 3, Country Meadows 2nd Subdivision, Stanley City, 42 acres to Tomas & Kylea Ortega in the amount of \$390,000 contingent on financing, appraisal and inspection with a closing date of on or before February 24, 2026 with earnest money of \$2,000. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:15 A.M.

Chairman Ruland opened the 9:15 A.M. public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on request filed by Tahnee King, Aemilia Lindquist and Mountrail County to close the alley ways located in Block 3, Original Townsite, Coulee Village located in the NW¼ of Section 2 in Township 158 North, Range 88 (Lowland Township).

The section line closure was published on January 7th & 14th.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded

by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the resolution for the closing of the alley ways located in Block 3, Original Townsite, Coulee Village located in the NW¼ of Section 2 in Township 158 North, Range 88 (Lowland Township). Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, DeGroot, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING VACATION OF ALL ALLEY WAYS IN BLOCK 3, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, COULEE VILLAGE, LOCATED IN THE NW¼ OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 158 NORTH, RANGE 88 WEST, MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA WHEREAS, the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners, (the “Board”), was, on December 16, 2025, presented with a Plat signed by Tahnee King, Aemilia Lindquist and Mountrail County, as the owners of the fee title to all real property in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, for the purpose of vacating of all alley ways located in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota, and WHEREAS, Petitioners have all signed the Plat based upon the assertion that since there is sufficient access to the newly created two (2) lots in the Plat that the need for any alley ways is not a necessary for the access for the public or the property owners in Block 3, and readily accessible alternate routes of travel are otherwise available for all property owners to have access to their property; and, WHEREAS, after review of the Plat, the Board, at their December 16, 2025, regular meeting, determined the Plat, which noted there were no alley ways therein, was to be heard at a public hearing set for January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the Board’s meeting room at the Mountrail County Courthouse; and, WHEREAS, pursuant to N.D.C.C. §40-50.1-16, the Mountrail County Auditor gave Notice of Public Hearing by Publication at least one each week for two (2) weeks, in the Mountrail County Promoter, the official newspaper of Mountrail County, that the request for vacation of the alley ways in Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota was to be heard on January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., with the actual dates of publication in the Mountrail County Promoter being on January 7th and January 14th of 2026, and; WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on January 20, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. at Mountrail County Commissioner’s Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley, North Dakota, and no further testimony that was orally presented or received in writing in opposition to the vacation of said alley ways, with the Commissioners noting that the Plat has been filed for record on December 22, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. as Document #469506 in the Mountrail County Recorder’s Office; WHEREFORE, the Board does hereby make the following findings pursuant to N.D.C.C. §40-50.1- 16: 1) All alley ways in the Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, shall be vacated in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, shall be vacated in the existing Block 3 of the Village of Coulee, now an unincorporated municipality, located in the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 158 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail County, North Dakota, as shown on the Plat filed for record on December 22, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. as Document #469506 in the Mountrail County Recorder’s Office. Voting Record: AYE: DeGroot, Ruland, Hollekim, Olson, Rice NAY: None ABSENT: None

9:25 A.M.

Jessica Niemitalo, Treasurer presented the depositories of public funds.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the depositories of public funds in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 21-04-13 for Bremer Bank/Old National Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Liberty State Bank and Bravera Bank and to deny request from Bell Bank & First International Bank & Trust to be included as a depository of public funds for Mountrail County. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson, DeGroot and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.

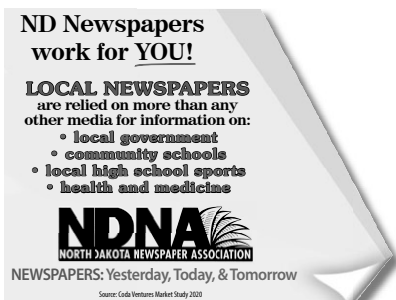
Kim Savage, Tax Director met to discuss an abatement.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve an abatement on parcel #56-0052900 for tax year 2025 for qualifying for 100% Homestead Credit

with procedures and more information can be found on NDDA’s website: <https://www.ndda.nd.gov/cropharmonization>.

Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 19, 2026, for consideration at the April 2026 meeting of the board. Full instructions to submit applications is available at the above web address.

Goehring said persons needing more information should contact Lilliann Johnston at 701-328-2980 or lfjohnston@nd.gov.



as per the recommendation of Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Rice, Ruland and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Savage met with the board to discuss the 2026 agriculture land valuations. Tax Director Savage stated the average agricultural value per acre for Mountrail County decreased from \$497.69 in 2025 to \$473.38 for the 2026 year. Tax Director Savage recommended a decrease for the agricultural land values at a 95% threshold which is between the 90% to 100% tolerance level allowed by the State.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve a small decrease for the 2026 agricultural land valuation at 95% threshold which is between the 90% to 100% tolerance level allowed by the State. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice, Olson and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Savage discussed both the City of New Town and Plaza losing their assessor which would mean they may need help with assessing until the position is filled. Comm. Hollekim stated it might be good to look into possibly hiring a person within the Tax Director office to solely help with the cities with the city reimbursing. More discussion will be held at the next commissioner meeting.

9:50 A.M.

Jana Hennessy, Road & Bridge (R&B) Engineer met to discuss Road & Bridge.

1. MWEC CR11 POWER POLE RELOCATION PROJECT

Engineer Hennessy presented information pertaining to the location of the section corner in the NE corner of Section 26, Township 155, Range 89. The concern is whether this section corner was considered “lost” or “obliterated” during HDR’s road design survey. Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) contends the corner was obliterated because the 2010 KLL-set monument was documented on a well plat and recoverable in 2023. Engineer Hennessy stated HDR determined the section corner was lost as the 2010 monument was not found, no corner record was filed in the courthouse and HDR did not have access to the 2010 and used it to set the power poles in 2023. Erik Halv