

## Bridge west of Portland suffers broken timber, railroad crosses set to be replaced near Hatton

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Young suggested that county commissioners revisit the courthouse lockdown at their next regularly scheduled meeting in October.

In other business Tuesday, the Traill County Board of Commissioners:

■ Appointed Kevin Grothmann to the city of Hillsboro's planning and zoning committee.

Grothmann will serve as the committee's extraterritorial zoning district member since he lives outside the city limits of Hillsboro.

■ Learned from Hunt that representatives from the North Dakota Division of State Radio

have indicated a willingness to provide overnight dispatching services for the Traill County Sheriff's Department on a short-term basis.

State Radio would cover a normal dispatcher's shift from midnight through 6 or 7 a.m. for a fee while the sheriff's department seeks more full-time dispatchers, Hunt said.

The still-to-be-determined fee would be based on the volume of calls the sheriff's office receives, although the county's overnight shift typically fields fewer calls, Hunt added.

"We need to figure out how it will work in terms of paging our fire departments and (emergency medical services) but law enforcement shouldn't be a prob-

lem," he said.

■ Received word from Corwyn Martin, the county's road and bridge supervisor, that Bridge 381 west of Portland has suffered a broken timber piling.

Martin said contractors from Robert R. Schroeder Construction of Glenwood, Minn., had expressed interest in fixing the piling.

The contracting firm was hired by Traill County earlier this year to replace Bridge 231 in Norway Township and Bridge 316 in Mayville Township this fall.

Matt Lange of KLJ Engineering said the separate bridges will be removed in the next few weeks, which will result in the temporary closing of those

bridges over the winter.

However, Lange said the contracting firm plans to pour the decks of the new bridges in the spring, which could allow area farmers to cross those bridges during spring planting.

■ Heard from Martin that BNSF Railway intends to replace several railroad crossings near Hatton as well as one between Clifford and Galesburg in the next two weeks.

■ Learned from Lange that crews from Swingen Construction in Grand Forks are nearly finished rebuilding Bridge 2 northeast of Buxton. If the project passes a state inspection, the bridge could be accessible to motorists in the next week or two, Lange said.

## Historical society's fall festival activities to include antique tractor pull, afternoon choral performance

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Saturday," Wright said.

The fall festival kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday with a vendor show inside Heritage Park.

About a dozen vendors have been lined up to attend the festival, according to Wright.

Bouncy houses and barrel rides will be available for kids to enjoy from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Judging for the pumpkin-growing contest will follow at

11 a.m. and Wright said he expects winners will be announced to the crowd around noon.

Rob Bell of Hillsboro, who organizes the North Dakota State Antique Tractor Pull every summer during Hillsboro Days, has lined up an antique tractor pull that will start at noon.

Bell also will offer horsepower testing for antique tractors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A kids straw bale coin scramble will be held at 12:30 p.m. and Traill County 4-H awards

will be given out to kids inside the St. Olaf Church building in Heritage Park at 1 p.m.

The historic church will host an old-fashion gospel hour at 2 p.m. featuring singers from the community choir that performs at Our Savior's Lutheran Church during the holiday season.

"We're hoping that people turn out for that performance," Wright said.

Saturday's forecast includes a slight chance of rain, although Wright said he expects the fall

festival will take place as scheduled even if spotty showers pop up.

"We will carry on as planned. If the pumpkins get wet, they get wet," Wright said. "We're encouraging people to come out and enjoy the festival."

"Heritage Park is nice venue and we're happy to showcase that area and have an event that draws people out there every year."

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A copy of the specifications may be examined or obtained upon request in the office of the Highway Department.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in North Dakota, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded, that within ten (10) days after Notice of Award, the principal will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the proposal and a contractor's bond (100% Performance and Payment Bond) as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board.

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No proposal will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and license. Any deficient proposal submitted will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

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### SNOW REMOVAL BIDS WANTED

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The bid must include an hourly rate, the equipment to be used for removal and the response time after a snow event.

Please send bids to Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, 4 2nd Ave SW, Hillsboro, ND, 58045. Bids are due by Nov. 3, 2023. Contact hillsfirerescue@rrv.net with questions.

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### TRAIL COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAVANGER-BELMONT DRAIN NO. 52 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2023-01

WHEREAS, the Traill County Water Resource District (the "District") is a North Dakota water resource district and political subdivision under Title 61 of the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, the District owns, operates, and manages Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52 ("Drain 52"), a legal assessment drain under North Dakota law.

WHEREAS, the District administers an assessment district comprised of properties that benefit from Drain 52 (the "Drain 52 Assessment District"); the District assesses an annual levy against the Drain 52 Assessment District to pay for and finance the costs of operating, maintaining, reconstructing, and improving Drain 52 for the benefit of the properties within the Drain 52 Assessment District.

WHEREAS, the District has concluded certain improvements are necessary to Drain 52, including channel and culvert improvements, to provide enhanced control over the Drain 52 watershed, and to provide more effective and efficient drainage for the benefit of the properties within the Drain 52 Assessment District.

WHEREAS, the District refers to the proposed improvements to Drain 52 as Stavanger-Belmont Drain No. 52 Improvement Project No. 2023-01 (the "Project").

WHEREAS, the following is a more detailed description of the Project:

The Project will consist of reconstruction of approximately two miles of Drain 52 in the North Half of Sections 10 and 11 of Stavanger Township. The Project will include channel improvements, sideslope improvements, culvert replacements, and road crossing improvements to meet North Dakota Stream Crossing Standards. The Project will begin at the northwest corner of Section 10 of Stavanger Township and will continue east for two miles. The Project will include topographic surveys, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses, culvert crossing and channel design; installation of intercept drainage culverts with flap gates for adjacent field drainage; installation of riprap erosion control; roadway crossing improvements to township and county highways; purchasing of permanent and temporary right of way; utility relocations; and other miscellaneous items as necessary.

WHEREAS, the Project will not require the addition of any new properties to the existing Drain 52 Assessment District.

WHEREAS, the District has concluded the Project will provide more effective and efficient drainage through Drain 52; increased drainage capacity through Drain 52; enhanced control over the Drain 52 watershed area; enhanced breakout protection for adjacent properties; improved drainage for the benefit of the Drain 52 watershed; and more effective and efficient operation and maintenance of Drain 52.

WHEREAS, additional assessments will not be necessary to construct the Project; rather, in accordance with Section 61-16.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, the District will utilize funds generated via annual levies of the Drain 52 Assessment District to finance and fund the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District finds, determines, and declares the necessity to develop plans and specifications regarding the design for the Project; to acquire right of way as necessary to accommodate the Project; and to ultimately construct, operate, manage, and maintain the Project and Drain 52.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District finds, determines, and declares the Project will benefit the properties and property owners within the Drain 52 Assessment District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District finds, determines, and declares the Project will provide more effective and efficient drainage through Drain 52; increased capacity through Drain 52; enhanced control over the Drain 52 watershed area; enhanced breakout protection for adjacent properties; improved drainage for the benefit of the Drain 52 assessment district; and more effective and efficient operation and maintenance of Drain 52.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District designates and authorizes Moore Engineering, Inc., and Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., respectively, to perform the following tasks on behalf of the District regarding the construction, financing, operation, management, ownership, and maintenance of the Project:

- conduct surveys as necessary for purposes of designing the Project and identifying the right of way necessary to accommodate the Project;
- prepare profiles, plans, and specifications for purposes of constructing the Project;
- prepare a report regarding any road crossing improvements necessary to accommodate the Project;
- identify the temporary and permanent right of way the District must acquire to accommodate the Project;
- procure appraisers to conduct real estate appraisals to identify just compensation for the temporary and permanent right of way the District must acquire to accommodate the Project;
- negotiate with landowners and otherwise administer right of way acquisition;
- acquire the requisite temporary and permanent right of way to accommodate the Project, in the District's name and at the values set by the District;
- coordinate utility relocations as necessary to accommodate the Project;
- advertise for bids regarding construction of the Project, as required under North Dakota law;
- administer bidding and construction contract administration;
- cooperate with road authorities and otherwise administer road crossing improvements necessary to accommodate the Project;
- prepare a bond issue and otherwise secure financing regarding the Project;
- apply for and secure all necessary permits and approvals from all applicable federal and state entities, including the North Dakota State Engineer's Office;
- apply for cost-share from any applicable federal, state, or local government entities, including the North Dakota State Water Commission; and
- otherwise perform all other tasks necessary to finance, fund, develop, design, construct, operate, manage, own, and maintain the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will utilize funds generated in accordance with Section 61-16.1-45 to finance and fund the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Project will not constitute construction of a "lateral drain" under North Dakota law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will not obligate the Drain 52 Assessment District beyond the four-dollar maximum annual levy threshold over a six-year period and, therefore, the Project does not require an excess levy vote, an additional assessment district vote, a landowner vote, or any other additional legal proceedings under North Dakota law.

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Jessica Spaeth  
Secretary-Treasurer

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Traill County is accepting bids for 12,000 Yards of ND DOT class 13 road gravel, to be stock piled at a county owned gravel pit (Sletmoen Pit, 147N; R51W; Sec 4 of Wold Township). Traill County will provide equipment and personnel to push up material Monday through Thursday between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm unless notified by the road supervisor. Gravel must be delivered by July 1, 2024. No payment for gravel delivered will be made before January 1, 2024.

The Board of Traill County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any formalities or irregularities and shall incur no legal liability for the payment of any money until the contract is awarded and approved by the proper authorities. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid. The bidder's bond shall be submitted in a separate envelope and shall be attached to the bid envelope.

Bids will be received by Traill County at the office of the Traill County Auditor until 4:00 PM, October 2, 2023, bids will be opened and publicly read at 8:05AM October 03, 2023.

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