

Stockmen’s Association Members Re-elect Schmitt, Erbele For Officer Positions

North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) members re-elected 22-year member and Rugby, cow-calf producer Randy Schmitt as their president at the organization’s 96th Annual Convention and Trade Show, “Think Big, Achieve More.” The association tapped Schmitt for a second year in its highest post during the closing business session at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Minot, ND.

Schmitt and his family own a commercial Simmental and Red Angus cow-calf operation, where they background feeders, market replacement heifers and raise their own feed, including alfalfa, cover crops and grain and silage corn.

Schmitt and his wife Stacey have four children, Mattie, Lane, Grace, Swartzentruber (Eddie) and Ty, and one granddaughter, Rowyn.

In his presidential address during the convention’s opening session, Schmitt said serving as the organization’s president “has given me countless opportunities to see our mission in action.”

He cited engaging with participants of the NDSA’s Tomorrow’s Top Hands Beef Leadership Summit as one of the highlights of his year. The Top Hands Summit is a leadership development and career exploration event for students 14 to 20 years old. “The future of ranching depends upon bright, passionate young people stepping into this business,” Schmitt said, “and we have those rising stars right here in North Dakota.”

Another highlight for Schmitt was the NDSA’s and North Dakota Stockmen’s Foundation’s successful Out of the Ashes Wildfire Disaster Relief effort, which delivered nearly \$1 million in direct relief to victims of the October 2024 wildfires. “This effort showcased the very best of who we are, neighbors helping neighbors in the time of loss,” Schmitt said. “The generosity and support poured in from across the state and beyond, providing relief to producers impacted by disaster and helping them rebuild their herds and their lives. It was humbling to witness.”

Schmitt said the membership’s efforts during the 69th North Dakota Legislative Assembly also reaffirmed the strength in unity. “Many of you joined in making our voice heard at the State Capitol,” he said. “Thanks to everyone who stood shoulder to shoulder with the NDSA in advocating for our beef industry. Your involvement matters.”

He reflected on progress made on the NDSA’s farm bill priorities and federal tax policy and the strong cattle market.

He concluded, saying, “As we turn the page to a new year, I am filled with gratitude. None of our

progress would be possible without you, our members. Whether you attended a Roundup, joined in on a policy discussion or simply paid your dues, you have played a vital role in advancing our mission.”

NDSA members also re-elected Tim Erbele of Streeter, as the organization’s vice president. He is the chairman of the NDSA Resolution Committee. The 33-year NDSA member runs a Salers-Angus-cross cow-calf operation, permitted backgrounding feedlot and Purina feed dealership. Erbele and his wife Ronda have two daughters, Miranda (Andy) Hagen and Addyson.

District Directors

Lacey Wirth of Munich was elected to her first four-year term in District 1. District 1 is comprised on Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, Steele, Sheridan, Towner, Traill, Walsh and Wells Counties. Wirth, a three-year NDSA member, has a primarily Angus cow-calf and backgrounding operation with genetics stemming from her family’s herd. Wirth worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service as an agricultural engineer for five years before resigning from the position to farm and ranch full-time with her family. Her husband is Mitchell.

Wade Dally of Montpelier was re-elected to a second four-year term in District 2. District 2 is comprised of Barnes, Cass, Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom, Richland, Sargent and Stutsman Counties. Dally, a 14-year NDSA member, runs an Angus seedstock operation with a spring- and fall-calving herd and a commercial cow-calf operation. He and his family sell bulls, females and ranch horses. Dally also builds, remodels, pours concrete and constructs houses, shops and barns. He is the vice chairman of the NDSA Ag Policy Committee. He and his wife Bailey have two daughters, Bristol and Dawson.

Brooks Zenker of Gackle was elected to his first four-year term in District 3. District 3 is comprised of Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, Logan and McIntosh Counties. Zenker is a 13-year NDSA member and the chairman of the NDSA Feeder Council. He is in partnership with his father, Warren Zenker, in an Angus and Salers-cross cow-calf operation, permitted feedlot and farm. He and his wife Hailey have one daughter, Isla.

Wayne Hepper of Fort Yates was re-elected to his second four-year term in District 4. District 4 is comprised of Adams, Grant, Hettinger, Mercer, Morton, Oliver and Sioux Counties. Hepper is a 10-year NDSA

member and the vice chairman of the NDSA Feeding and Marketing Committee. He runs an Angus cowherd with Limousin bulls for a terminal cross. He backgrounds calves, finishes most of them and raises corn, annual forages, peas, beans and other crops. Hepper has two daughters, Emma and Meg.

Max Robison of Amidon was elected to his first four-year term in District 5. District 5 is comprised of Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Slope and Stark Counties. He is a two-year NDSA member. He runs a Red Angus seedstock and cow-calf operation and has a custom leathercraft business. He and his wife Haley have two children, Max and Hayes.

Joe Matehs of Upham was elected to his first four-year term in District 6. District 6 is comprised of Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Renville, Ward and Williams Counties. Matehs is a 31-year NDSA member and the former chairman of the NDSA Feeder Council. He runs a farm, ranch and feedyard with his son, brother and nephew. He does custom corn chopping and buys and custom feeds cattle. Matehs and his wife Jennifer have two children, Ethan and Hallie.



Plaza City Council Minutes

PLAZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Reese; City Council Members, Phil Westgard, Bob Blunck, Ethan Stein, Darrell Salter
OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Woods; City Engineer Jason Strand
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Darrell moved, seconded by Phil, to approve the agenda. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Bob moved, seconded by Ethan, to approve the minutes of the 2026 Budget Hearing on September 15, 2025. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

Phil moved, seconded by Ethan, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025 monthly meeting. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
Bob moved, seconded by Ethan, to approve the September bills. Voting in favor were Phil, Bob, Ethan and Darrell, with none abstaining or opposing, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
It was decided to run the bid again for the lots at Robyn’s Addition and to change the deadline date to Nov. 7, 2025. Also, Ethan Stein will be nominated by the City Council to the JDV Planning Board.

ATTORNEY REPORT
Bill said he had attended the ND League of Cities conference and shared that they’d discussed oil and gas information, funding for Health & Human Services, Daycare funding, and a Career Development Plan. He and the City Council also discussed the County Auditor’s letter on back taxes and the process that takes place. They also discussed the state’s property tax exemption and the Special Assessments for 2025.

ENGINEER REPORT
Jason presented a Pay Application Request from Keller Paving for \$14,906.40. He also said a bill will be coming from Premier Landscaping in the amount of \$6,216.00 for 12 trees that were planted for the City’s sidewalk project.

Jason also had a change order for the Sewer Lining Project, which is now reduced by \$278,440.00 as unneeded service connections were eliminated and the new total is \$873,892.00. Jason also stated they’d need to extend the project completion date to May 15, 2026, to finish it with boot connectors. Jason said he would type up the change order and get it to the Council.

Ethan moved, seconded by Bob, to approve the change order as presented by Jason. Voting in favor were Phil, Bob, Ethan and Darrell, with none opposing or abstaining, the motion carried.

Jason also presented Plaza Task Order #11 for patching areas on East Plaza Street and 3rd Avenue, with an addendum to patch other areas as identified by the Council. Voting in favor were Phil, Bob, Ethan and Darrell, with none opposing or abstaining, the motion carried.

Jason and the Council also discussed funding ideas for the planned Fire Hydrant Project, and Jason said he’ll be looking for funding opportunities over the winter.

Jason and the Council discussed Phase 3 of the Sidewalk Project, with options for sidewalk from Robyn’s Playground to the bank and using existing sidewalks. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Ethan moved, seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Pemina Yellow Bird, City Auditor

Terry Reese, Mayor

Dakota Medical Welcomes New Patients For Specialty Care

Dakota Medical, a leading provider of specialty medical and surgical services in Minot, is now accepting new patients. The clinic is changing the landscape of specialty care by offering direct access to a wide range of expert services with streamlined scheduling and minimal wait times.

When it comes to specialty care, patients often face frustrating delays and complicated referral processes that can prolong pain and recovery. Dakota Medical directly addresses these challenges with a patient-centered approach that prioritizes fast, direct access to skilled physicians and healthcare professionals. New patients can schedule appointments directly with specialists, no referral needed. This revolutionary approach eliminates unnecessary administrative hurdles and ensures patients receive timely care.

Patients at Dakota Medical benefit from a comprehensive range of services under one roof, all scheduled efficiently to get you the care you need, sooner:

- General Surgery: Minimally invasive procedures, breast surgery, colonoscopies, and more.
- Hand Surgery: Treatment for injuries, deformities, and complex conditions.
- Orthopedics: Fracture repair, sports medicine, and arthroscopy.
- Plastic Surgery: Treatment for skin cancer, facial reconstruction, and cosmetic surgery.
- Podiatry: Care for bunions, plantar fasciitis, and ankle injuries.
- Pain Management: Specialized treatment plans for chronic and acute pain conditions.

Dakota Medical is committed to providing expert treatment while emphasizing a truly patient-focused

experience. Our quick scheduling philosophy means that wait times for appointments are significantly shorter than the regional average, helping to accelerate diagnosis and treatment.

Our team takes the time to explain treatment options, answer questions, and guide patients through every step of their care. With direct access to specialists and swift appointment availability, the

North Dakota Department Of Commerce Opens Applications For Innovate ND Grant Program

The North Dakota Department of Commerce announced that applications are now open for the Innovate ND grant program. Entrepreneurs across the state are encouraged to apply by November 26, 2025, to be considered for this round of funding and support.

Innovate ND offers North Dakota entrepreneurs hands-on education in the lean business model canvas, value proposition development and customer identification. The program is delivered through four regional entrepreneur centers staffed with certified business coaches who provide one-on-one guidance to help participants refine their business concepts and validate their markets.

In addition to personalized coaching, Innovate ND operates as a voucher-based reimbursement program, offering up to \$50,000 in reimbursable expenses. The program is divided into two phases, each providing up to \$25,000 in grant dollars, with participants given six

clinic ensures patients receive high-quality treatment without unnecessary delays, making your health the top priority.

New patients in Minot and the surrounding area, seeking streamlined, expert specialty care, are strongly encouraged to contact Dakota Medical. Experience the difference that no referral needed and very short wait times can make in your health journey.

months to complete each phase, for a maximum of twelve months total.

“The one-on-one business coaching, paired with grant dollars, is designed to address the customer identification and market validation phase for high-growth startups in North Dakota,” said Carla Valentine, program manager for Innovate ND. “We’re focused on supporting the development of innovative businesses with strong potential for Primary Sector Certification.”

Over the past two biennia, Innovate ND has supported more than seventy startups statewide, fostering innovation and entrepreneurial growth. The program anticipates accepting an additional twenty participants during the 2025-27 biennium.

For more information, application guidelines and program details, visit <https://belegendary.link/InnovateND>.

For more North Dakota news and information, go to www.NDCommerce.com.

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, October 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Emergency/Community Room, Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley ND with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Jason Rice, John DeGroot, Wayne Olson and Joan Hollekim present. State’s Attorney, Wade Engert was present.

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

2. BUSINESS
A. AGENDA

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, 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. Rice, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

C. FEES
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the September Fees for Corrections and Sheriff. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, DeGroot, and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

D. PAYROLL
Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the regular full time employee classification for Veronica Viteri with the R&B as an Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$26.68 per hour/\$55,500 per year. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Rice, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

E. BCBS AGREEMENT
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Dental & Vision for the 2026 year. Upon roll call, Hollekim, Olson, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

F. SECTION LINE CLOSURE
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the advertising for the section line closure in Myrtle Township & Unorganized Township 155 North, Range 94 West with public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

G. NDACO SURVEY ON IMPACTS OF HB 1176
Discussion was held on the NDACO survey on the impacts of HB 1176.

One of the concerns identified with HB 1176 is the absence of an option for a gradual increase in a new levy. Taxpayers may be faced with a significant burden because a taxing district must either adopt the maximum levy or remain constrained by a 3% increase if a lower dollar amount is levied. Further, the lack of enforcement is an issue. If a levy is calculated incorrectly at the local level, there is currently no mechanism in place to address this error as it is not the County Auditor’s duty to make sure levies are figured correctly. In addition, there is no way to recoup losses in federal funding should they occur and often inflation rates exceed the 3% increase. There are many taxing districts that have limited reserves, and they will be forced to use them to cover budgetary costs.

Auditor Stephanie A. Pappa will submit the comments of the survey.

H. JDA BOARD
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve appointing Ethan Stein to the Job Development Authority Board (JDA) as recommended by Plaza City. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

I. TRANSFERS
Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Uniform Permits from July 1st to September 30th from General Fund to the R&B Fund totaling \$1,004,113.43. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Overweight Travel (Lodpass) Permits from R&B Fund to Unorganized Townships: 155 North, Range 94 West totaling \$2,745.72; 154 North, Range 94 West totaling \$999.30; 153 North, Range 93 West totaling \$836.29; 152 North, Range 93 West totaling \$412.74; 150 North, Range 92 totaling \$2.11 with a grand total of \$4,996.16. Upon roll call, Ruland, Olson,

DeGroot, Hollekim and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

J. BILLS

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the bills totaling \$2,895,314.06 & September 28 through October 11 payroll, checks #20143-20147 and direct deposits #1-168 totaling \$592,813.61. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Ruland, Rice, and Hollekim 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.

John Sauber, Sauber Engineering met with the board to discuss the replat of Block 3 of Coulee Village. Tawny King was present and stated she would like the road to stay and she is willing to continue to maintain the roads. Engineer Sauber will do a private access easement on the replat.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve allowing Sauber Engineering to replat Block 3 of Coulee Village to divide the lots between the two owners with the road platted with the outlet containing Tawny King’s property as she will continue to maintain road. Upon roll call, Ruland, Hollekim, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9:20 A.M.
Kim Savage, Tax Director met to discuss an abatement on parcel #46-0004600.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the abatement on parcel #46-0004600 for the 2023 tax year due to qualifying for 50% homestead credit and as recommended by Tax Director Savage. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M.
Chairman Ruland opened the 9:30 A.M. appraisal hearing for tax deed for all cities and townships in accordance to NDCC 57-28-11.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to open the hearing of appraisals. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Amanda Dennis, Assessor for City of Stanley stated that there is a new special assessment on the minimum sale prices for parcel #61-0006100 totaling \$370.48.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Hollekim, to approve adding the special assessment to the 2025 tax year in the amount of \$370.48 on parcel #61-0006100. Upon roll call, Ruland, Rice, Olson, Hollekim and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to close the hearing of appraisals. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M.
Randi Schumaier, Human Resource Generalist met with the board for the Human Resource Advisory Committee (HRAC) recommendations.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the new job title/banding/grading of the old job title Director of Security and Training to Assistant Correctional Administrator from banding/grading of a C43 to a D71 exempt as recommended by HRAC and HR Generalist Schumaier. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Ruland, Rice and Hollekim voted yes. Motion carried.

HR Generalist Schumaier also requested an extension on all evaluations from December 1st to December 12th due to the Department Head training being held the 4th of November.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the extension of evaluations from December 1st to December 12th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M.

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

1. CR4 RECONSTRUCTION & POWER POLE RELOCATION

Alex Vourmas with Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC) wants to work towards an amicable solution to for the CR4 project, 74th Ave NW from CR7 (91st Ave NW) west approximately 11 miles to Williams County Line. Alex Vourmas would like a work group put together to try and come to a solution. The work group will consist of: Alex Vourmas, Garret Lâlim MWEC Director of Central District 2A, Comm. Rice, Engineer from HDR, Engineer Hennessy, and State’s Attorney Enget.

2. BASIN ELECTRIC EASEMENT

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing of the electric transmission line easement with Basin Electric Easement with the following description within the NE1/4NE1/4 within the road right of way of Section 18, Township 156 North, Range 94 West. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

3. CR3 PALERMO NORTH PHASE II
State’s Attorney Enget provided the settlement agreement with Kartch family on CR3 Palermo North Phase II. The Board discussed the possibility of paying the rest of the landowners with the added adjustments. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor who was on the board for the eminent domain/condemnation doesn’t agree with the settlement agreement and thinks that the eminent domain/condemnation should continue. Comm. Hollekim was also not in favor of paying the extra due to setting a precedent with future road projects.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the signing of settlement agreement for right of way easement on CR3 Palermo North Phase II with Francis X Kartch Jr. and Kristin E. Kartch totaling \$34,933. Upon roll call, Rice, Ruland, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Comm. Hollekim voted no. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to rescind the eminent domain/condemnation process for CR3 Palermo North Phase II for the Francis X Kartch Jr. and Kristin E. Kartch. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Ruland and Rice voted yes. Comm. Hollekim voted no. Motion carried.

4. CR3 PALERMO NORTH PHASE I AND PALERMO SPUR

Engineer Hennessy discussed the change order #2 for paint on CR3 Palermo North Phase I and Palermo Spur.

Moved by Comm. Hollekim, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the change order #2 for a decrease of \$47,725.75 for CR3 Palermo North Phase I and Palermo Spur. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Hollekim and Ruland voted yes. Motion carried.

5. 40TH ST NW

Engineer Hennessy discussed the possible times for public meeting dates to discuss the project for 40th St NW located west of New Town between Broken Arrow Road and the ND 1804 Truck Route, approximately 1.43 miles.

The Board agreed to hold the discussion on 40th St NW on December 15th at 5 p.m. at the Firehall in New Town.

6. KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION

Engineer Hennessy discussed the possibility of Knife River Corporation to lease parcel #46-0011201. The board would consider an agreement once a lease amount is given, taxes would be paid by lessee with a no build. Engineer Hennessy will bring this back to the board for more discussion.

7. 2025 TRAFFIC COUNTS

Engineer Hennessy discussed the 2025 Traffic Counts.

8. STEEL REEF COMPRESSOR MOVE

The Steel Reef would like permission to waive the \$1 million cash bond and use a road bond instead.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the permission to waive for Steel Reef the \$1 million cash bond and require a road bond for the travel on CR3 beginning at the intersection of US 2 and 74th Ave NW and ending at intersection of CR2 and 74th Ave and CR2 beginning at the intersection of 64th St NW and 74th Ave NW and ending at the intersection of 64th St NW and 75th Ave. Upon roll call, Olson, Hollekim, Ruland, Rice and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had any comments.

5. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 11:18 A.M. to meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. Accepted and approved this 4th day of November, 2025.

Trudy Ruland, Chairman
Mountrail County Commissioner
Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor



CITY OF WHITE EARTH CALL FOR BIDS - TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

The City of White Earth is accepting bids for tree removal services within the city limits. The project includes the removal of multiple large trees in various locations throughout the City of White Earth.

Interested contractors are invited to contact the City Auditor to arrange a time to review and assess the project scope on-site.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Phone: 701-755-3398
Location: White Earth City Hall, White Earth, North Dakota

All bids must be submitted to the City Auditor no later than 5:00 PM on November 30, 2025.

The City of White Earth Reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities deemed in the best interest of the City.

Tami LaBar, Deputy Auditor
City of White Earth
Nov. 12, 19, 2025

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-07-03.2 NURSING FACILITIES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-07-03.2 relating to the nursing facility’s activity training program at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV 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 the 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, December 22, 2025.

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 30th day of October, 2025.