

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD

October 7, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson with the following Park Board members also present: Dennis Fahey, Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Harley Eidsness, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Haugland to approve the minutes for the September 16 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Agenda Additions -- None.
Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Swenson to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.
Café, bar and campground lease proposals were discussed. Discussion was tabled for more information to be gathered.

Donna Rickford, campground manager, and Bud Pittenger, campground maintenance manager, joined the meeting to discuss campground business.

Nathan Parks, auditor, presented Stump Lake Campground signs for along Highway 2 that will replace existing signs. Discussion was had and tabled until the next regular meeting for adjustments.

Café and bar business was discussed.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Flaagan to pay the bills as presented: Boote Septic Solutions -- \$250.00; Leading Edge Equipment -- \$144.30; ND Telephone Co. -- \$461.03; Tri-County Water -- \$1,967.30; Farmers & Merchants Bank -- \$91.96; Nodak Electric -- \$8,252.00; Lakota Hardware -- \$55.42. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks
Secretary

Cody Johnson
Chairman
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY COMMISSION

October 7, 2025 - 9 a.m.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson. Roll call was taken and the following members were also present: Commissioners Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.
Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the minutes from the September 16 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda -- None.
Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.
Curt Loe, highway superintendent, joined the meeting to discuss road and bridge business.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to approve signing the preliminary engineering contract for Project BRJ-0032(019). All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

At 10 a.m. the 2025 county foreclosure sale was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to set the minimum sale prices on parcels for the 2025 foreclosure sale to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Kurt Schwind, sheriff, joined the meeting to discuss sheriff business.

Michelle Linstad, tax director, joined the meeting to discuss tax director business.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the abatements on parcels 02-0002-11608-000, 18-0001-35302-000 and 18-0001-35201-000. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Traci Trostad, county agent, joined the meeting to discuss NDSU Extension business.

Discussion was had on the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center.

Amber Fahey, clerk of court, joined the meeting to discuss clerk of court business.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to approve purchasing and posting "No Weapons" signs outside the courthouse and above the courtroom. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the 2026

budget.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the 2026 Nelson County budget. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

The commissioners gave updates on their portfolios.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the bills as presented. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Nathan Parks
Nelson County Auditor

Cody Johnson
Chairman
NELSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD

October 8, 2025 - 8 a.m.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson with the following Park Board members also present: Dennis Fahey, Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Harley Eidsness, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Park Board member Haugland and seconded by Park Board member Fahey to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Café, bar and campground lease proposals were discussed. Josh Frey, state's attorney, and Nathan Parks, auditor, joined the discussion. Lease discussion was tabled for more research and information.

There being no further business, moved by Park Board member Fahey and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Nathan Parks
Secretary

Cody Johnson
Chairman
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD

October 21, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson with the following Park Board members also present: Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Harley Eidsness, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Haugland to approve the minutes for the October 7 and 8 meetings. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Agenda Additions -- None.

Moved by Park Board member Swenson and seconded by Park Board member Flaagan to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.

Donna Rickford, campground manager, and Bud Pittenger, campground maintenance manager, joined the meeting via the phone to discuss campground business.

Café and bar business was discussed.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to offer the 2026 café and bar lease agreement to Donna Rickford. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Park Board member Eidsness and seconded by Park Board member Mork to offer the 2026 park management agreement to Donna Rickford. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Park Board member Eidsness and seconded by Park Board member Mork to offer the 2026 park maintenance agreement to Bud Pittenger. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Discussion on Stump Lake Campground signs for along Highway 2 that will replace existing signs was revisited. Discussion was tabled until the next regular meeting for adjustments.

Discussion was had on 2026 seasonal camper contracts and park rules. Discussion was tabled for changes.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Haugland to pay the bills as presented: Boote Septic Solutions -- \$250.00; Tri-County Water District -- \$1,308.00. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes."

Meeting adjourned.
Nathan Parks
Secretary

Cody Johnson
Chairman
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY COMMISSION

October 21, 2025 - 9 a.m.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson. Roll call was taken and the following members were also present: Commissioners Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the minutes from the October 7 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda -- Financial statements.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.
Paul Bjornson, KLJ Engineering, joined the meeting to give an engineering update.

Angela Herda, emergency manager, joined the meeting to discuss emergency management business.

Michelle Linstad, tax director, joined the meeting to discuss tax director business.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the abatements on parcels 25-0000-07235-600, 02-0001-11204-000 and 02-0001-11204-000. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Beer and liquor license applications for Donna Rickford at Stump Lake Café and Bar were reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Flaagan and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the beer and liquor applications for Donna Rickford. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks, auditor, presented a memorandum of understanding with the North Dakota Secretary of State's Office in regard to North Dakota elections.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve signing the memorandum of understanding. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Ford pickup at the county shop in Lakota.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to put the Ford pickup up for auction with bids to be turned in to the auditor's office by November 17. Bids will be opened at the November 18 regular meeting with the option to raise bid in person. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

The commissioners gave updates on their portfolios.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the bills as presented. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

ND Public Employees Retirement \$137,764.04

Internal Revenue Service 54,017.34

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner 1,508.00

Job Service of ND 2,223.24

Advanced Business Methods 236.27

Amber Fahey 92.40

Angela Herda 332.23

Axon Enterprise, Inc. 5,600.28

Balco Uniforms 43.28

Cenex Fleet Fueling 794.59

Dakota Mailing 201.67

Environmental Syst. Research Institute 460.00

ESP 75.00

Everspring Suites 110.00

Farmers & Merchants Bank 2,461.01

Farmers Union Oil-DL - 17,094.70

G & R Controls 20,650.00

Gwyneth Wieler 43.61

Information Technology Dept. 1,284.40

LR Law Enforcement Center 10,884.76

Lakota American 749.74

Lakota Municipal

Utilities 1,004.97
National Assn. of Counties 450.00
ND Fraternal Police-- West Fargo 135.00
ND Fraternal Police-- GF 30.00
ND Lamb & Wool Program 50.00
NDSU Extension 5,748.60
Office of Attorney General-1250 1,488.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc. 114.75
Pitney Bowes Reserve .. 5,000.00
Polar Communications .. 708.32
Townner Co. Auditor 1,176.79
Traci Trostad 588.06
Tyler Technologies 28,731.47
Verizon Wireless 556.62
Vestis 351.08
Butler Machinery 8.45
City of McVillie 153.59
City of Michigan 75.82
Gowan Construction 21,648.00
Hamster Oil, LLC 104.10
Lakeside Construction & Services 55,776.45
Mac's Hardware 37.99
Mike's Custom Truck 2,441.64
ND Telephone Co. 213.84
ODP Business Solutions 297.12
Otter Tail Power Co. 1,156.91
Petersburg Oil Corp. 69.50
Pomp's Tire Service 1,053.76
Premium Waters, Inc. ... 162.92
Sign Solutions USA 60.75
Skip's NAPA Auto Parts 33.00
Stone's Mobile 2,200.00
The Duke's 128.00
Verizon Connect 181.33
D & M Service 180.06
Kristi Matejcek 36.00
Lakota Hardware 14.99
ND State Radio Communications 120.00
Leyton Brown 76.00
Cass Co. Sheriff's Dept. 45.50
Nathan Parks 208.60
Nodak Electric Co-op 139.00
Rysavy Plumbing 279.90
Working K-9 125.00
Gilbertsons 818.98
Interstate Battery System 124.95
KLJ Engineering, LLC ... 7,446.78
ND One Call 16.50
Northland Printing 649.17
Paulson Gravel Service 7,122.50
Quill 102.33
RDO Truck Center 177.70
US Records Midwest, LLC 227.70
Total \$ 406,475.05
County General Net Salary 76,172.72
R & B Net Salary 52,850.06
Human Services Net & Expense 116,609.68
Weed Control Net Salary & Expense 9,493.17
Total \$255,125.63
Grand Total \$661,600.68
There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.
Nathan Parks
Nelson County Auditor

Cody Johnson
Chairman
Nelson County Commissioners

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2025
Petersburg City Council met Nov. 3, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the community center. Members present were Amber Vickaryous, Susan Dahl, Kevin Sundre and Brian Johnson; and Tricia Johnson. James Schmidt was not present.

Motion by Susan, second by Brian, to approve Oct. 6, 2025 amended minutes and the current financial report, and bills to be paid. Motion carried.

Otter Tail Power \$643.31
Tri-County 59.90
David Galloway 354.62
Tricia Johnson 507.92
First United Bank 30.00
Lakota Sanitation Service 6,600.00
Polar Communications .. 48.28
Nelson Co. Sheriff's Dept. 810.00
Otter Tail Power 61.05

The second reading was held on Ordinance No. 12.0507, relating to automobile ordinances covering parking rules, seasonal restrictions for snow removal, and the regulation of junk and abandoned vehicles. These local rules operate in addition to the state's motor vehicle laws. Motion from Brian Johnson, second from Kevin Sundre, to approve Ordinance No. 12.0507. Approved Nov. 3, 2025.

CITY OF PETERSBURG
Petersburg, North Dakota
Ordinance No. 12.0507

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Petersburg, North Dakota, its automobile ordinances cover parking rules, seasonal restrictions for snow removal, and the regulation of junk and abandoned vehicles. These local rules operate in addition to the state's motor vehicle laws.

Parking and Seasonal Restrictions

General parking regulations:
• Time limits: Parking may be restricted on designated streets.
• At a residence, only one vehicle is allowed per licensed driver to be parked on the adjoining public street except for special events.
• Specific prohibitions: Vehicles cannot park in areas that obstruct pedestrian ways (sidewalks or crosswalks), block public or private driveways, or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or 15 feet of a stop sign.
• Residents vehicles must be moved off public streets during street maintenance.
• No commercial vehicles, trucks or equipment may be parked in residential zoned areas except for normal construction projects during business hours.

Winter Seasonal Restrictions

From November 1 through April 15, Petersburg implements special parking restrictions to allow for snow removal and street maintenance. These include:
• After any snowfall.
• Specific snow routes: Additional restrictions may apply to certain heavily trafficked areas to allow city crews to clear snow effectively.

Junk and Abandoned Vehicle Ordinances

Definitions

• Abandoned vehicle: A vehicle left on public property for more than 48 continuous hours is presumed abandoned. A vehicle on private property is considered abandoned if left without the owner's consent for more than 48 hours.

• Junk automobile: A vehicle that lacks current license plates or insurance for over 30 days or is inoperable for more than 15 days is classified as a junk automobile.

Storage and Removal

• Nuisance violation: The accumulation of junk automobiles is considered a public nuisance that can result in blighted neighborhoods and an increase in criminal activity.
• Storage requirements: Junk or abandoned vehicles may only be stored within a fully enclosed building or on the premises of a licensed junk dealer.

• Unlawful dismantling: Dismantling or disassembling a vehicle is illegal unless it is done within an enclosed building or on the property of a licensed auto parts dealer.

• City removal: The city can remove junk or abandoned vehicles, at the owner's expense, from public or private property after providing written notice to the property owner.

Abatement Required, Penalty for Failure

If said owners allow said nuisance to exist or fail to abate said nuisance they (each of them) may be fined a minimum of five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such nuisance is permitted to exist.

How to Report a Violation

To report a possible violation of a Petersburg ordinance, contact the appropriate city department:

• Parking issues: Report illegal parking to the Nelson County Sheriff's Office at 701-247-2474.

• Junk/abandoned vehicles: Report nuisance vehicles to the Nelson County Sheriff's Office at 701-247-2474.

First reading: Oct. 6, 2025
Second reading: Nov. 3, 2025
Approved: Nov. 3, 2025
Motion from: Brian Johnson
Second from: Kevin Sundre

/s/ Amber Vickaryous
Mayor

/s/ Tricia Johnson
Auditor

Ordinance No. 12.0507 will be mailed to residents.

City council discussed city maintenance, plow truck repairs, street sweep and lagoon status.

City residents can renew their annual pet license at the city council meetings.

Next regular city council meeting is Dec. 1, 2025, 7 p.m., at the community center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tricia Johnson
City Auditor

Blood drive scheduled

A Vitalant blood drive will take place Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Lakota Community Center from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Learn more and make an appointment to give by visiting vitalant.org, downloading the Vitalant app, or calling 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825).

Don't Forget About the 40% Tax Credit!

When you give \$5,000 or more to a qualified ND endowment fund, you receive a 40% CREDIT on your state income tax! Contact NDCF for more info.

www.NDCF.net | 701-222-8349



NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FORFEITED TO THE COUNTY FOR TAXES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the following described real property has been forfeited to the County of Nelson in the State of North Dakota, under the provision of Chapter 57-28-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, for delinquent taxes. That the said County has taken tax title to such property and will offer it for sale for cash at public auction to be held at the Courthouse in the City of Lakota, Nelson County, on ***Tuesday, the 18th day of November, 2025, beginning at the hour of 10 a.m.*** and continuing from day to day until completed. The property herein listed will be sold to the highest bidder "as is" with no warranties or representations of any kind, but in no case for less than the minimum sale price fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, and the purchaser will receive a deed executed in the name of the county by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, conveying all rights, title, and interest in and to such property acquired by the County through tax deed proceedings, to wit:

Year	Acq.	Parcel	Description	Sec. or Lot	Twp. or Blk	Range	Minimum Price
ANETA CITY ORIGINAL TOWNSITE							
2025	02-0001-11332-600	N49' of Lots N 49' of E 18' & W 7 of Lot 3	1 & 2	12			\$738.68
2025	02-0001-11335-000	Lots	12	4 & 5	12		\$1,598.89
UNPLATTED							
2025	02-0006-11736-000	Part of SE1/4 NE1/4 Exc Part R/W M.S.Lee	31	149	57		\$276.53
ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP ORIGINAL TOWNSITE							
2016	13-0000-02797-000	Lots 1 - 5 (151.10 A)	36	152	61		\$100.00
LAKOTA CITY ORIGINAL TOWNSITE							
2024	15-0001-23569-000	107 W. 3rd St. Lakota, ND	9 & 10	30			\$6,327.96
2023	15-0001-23821-000	211 5th St W., Lakota, ND	6 & 7	42			\$10,552.96
		Exc N 2' of E 50' of	8	42			
SOUTH ADDITION							
2025	15-0004-24174-000	W 1/2 of Lots	13-16	5			\$2,050.19
RUBIN TOWNSHIP							
2025	29-0000-08443-000	Lots	1-6	6			\$605.01

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of Said County This 7th Day of October, 2025, by ORDER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NELSON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.

Nathan Parks
Nelson County Auditor/Treasurer

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT
TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES RELATING TO
N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
CHAPTER 75-03-21
LICENSING OF FOSTER HOMES
FOR ADULTS

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 75-03-21 relating to definitions, application, facility requirements, insurance, general practices, substitute caregiver and respite care provider qualifications, and temporary assistants regarding licensing of foster homes for adults at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, 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 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 31st day of October, 2025.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT
TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN.
CODE CHAPTER 75-02-01.2
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-01.2 relating to definitions; diversion; transition assistance; decision and notice; monthly review; good cause; eligibility; asset limits and exempt assets; income, unearned income and deductions; reinstatement; benefit computation; essential services; payment; disqualification and sanctions; and the job opportunities and basic skills program for the temporary assistance for needy families program at 9:00 a.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