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MAAA elects new president

Wendell, MN - The Minnesota Agricultural Aircraft Association (MAAA) is pleased to announce the election of Boone Carlson as its new President. With 40 years of dedication in the aerial application industry and eight years of service on the MAAA Board, Boone Carlson is uniquely equipped to lead the association in advancing aerial application practices across Minnesota.

As the owner of a successful aerial application business operating in both Wendell and Wheaton, MN, Boone has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the aerial application sector. His extensive experience positions him to effectively advocate for aerial applicators and promote sustainable agricultural practices throughout the state. "I am honored to accept the role of President of the Minnesota Aerial Application Association," said Boone. "I am passionate about this industry and committed to working with our dedicated board members, industry partners, and stakeholders. Together, we will focus on improving safety standards, enhancing education, and advocating for policies that support our community of aerial applicators."

In his new role, Boone



Boone Carlson was recently elected president of the MAAA.

plans to support several key issues, including:

- Promoting best practices and safety protocols to ensure the highest standards within the industry.
- Strengthening relationships with agricultural stakeholders to advocate for the benefits of aerial application.
- Supporting innovation and sustainability in aerial application methods to benefit both farmers and the environment.

The Minnesota Aerial Application Association plays a pivotal role in representing the interests of aerial applicators throughout the state, and Boone Carlson's leadership is anticipated to drive positive changes that will benefit the agricultural community for years to come.

For more information about the Minnesota Aerial Application Association, please visit mnagaviation.com.

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Dickinson State has been using an acting president since Stephen Easton quit in July; and Lake Region's Doug Darling will retire at the end of June.

Inmate population

North Dakota's prison system has been over its capacity for men since July 1, 2023, resorting to using county jails and a waiting list for some prisoners to get into a state

facility.

The state Legislature will be asked to address the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation problem in the 2025 session.

Former Gov. Doug Burgum's budget proposal included \$6.5 million into pay equity for corrections employees, \$127.3 million for a new 600-resident facility for the Missouri River Correctional Center, and \$36.5 million to finish a building project

for the Heart River Women's Correctional Center in Mandan.

Donnell Preskey, a government and public affairs specialist with the North Dakota Association of Counties, said counties are struggling to keep up, too, with several local jail expansions planned.

She said the issue is related to high incarceration costs and property taxes, since property taxes are the primary funding source for jails.

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and the facility's location to a future wellhead protection area, it is advisable to enact a groundwater monitoring plan on the facility as a preventative measure to protect the Wahpeton Buried Valley aquifer as a source water resource," the permit said.

There were concerns about air quality and E. coli.

The report answered those comments in the report with, "According to the U.S. Center of Disease Control, E. coli, Campylobacter, Salmonella, Listeria, Cryptosporidium parva, and Giardia, are not spread through the air, a person must come into contact with the animal or feces. Manure handling according to the response to comment 1(H) Nutrient Management Plan helps ensure that manure stays in the fields."

Another comment on file was concern there would be additional livestock and asked about monitoring the air.

The permit decision says inspection plans are in place.

The report said, "The Department performs an annu-

al inspection of most CAFO permitted facilities. These facilities are inspected to ensure permit compliance is maintained, i.e., the facility is maintaining livestock numbers in accordance with the permit; the facility is spreading manure in accordance with the NMP; the facility is maintaining its manure management system; the facility is handling its mortality properly; and odor readings, along with observation of nuisances (such as flies), are conducted. The facility will also have an inspection plan which includes daily and weekly time frames."

Public comments also focused on the danger of flooding and the contamination getting into local wells and to Wahpeton and Abercrombie. Those concerns were heard and some fields were removed from the plan.

The report said, "All fields were reviewed, field 141, 142, and field 120 of the proposed NMP were found to be partially or fully located in the 100-year flood zone. As a precaution, these fields will be removed from the current NMP. The flood zone was determined by using the De-

partment of Water Resources mapping services. The Department's approval of the NMP will be updated to reflect the removal of these fields."

Public comments asked about monitoring aquifers and report said they would be monitored in local communities as well as Hankinson.

"There are several aquifers identified in Richland County. The aquifers that we monitor in the Agricultural Ambient program include Sheyenne Delta, Milnor Channel and Hankinson. These aquifers are considered high priority through the Geographic Targeting System based on the shallow aquifer characteristics and size, high water use and high agricultural activity on the surface. These aquifers were recently sampled this 2024 field season during our Year 3 rotation. Other aquifers in the county include the Wahpeton Buried Valley, Colfax, Fairmount, and West Fargo. These aquifers are rated as moderate priority, primarily based on smaller aquifer size

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and humbled by the trust the people of North Dakota have placed in me. Representing our great state is the opportunity of a lifetime, and I am committed to bringing North Dakota's values and priorities to Washington," Fedorchak said. "From our leadership in energy and agriculture to our independence and common sense, I will work tirelessly to be a voice for solutions to our nation's greatest problems. This is an incredible moment

for our country. We can and must build on our strengths, get our fiscal house in order, and create stability and opportunity for the future."

Rep. Fedorchak said her priorities include promoting policies that unlock America's energy, agriculture, and natural resources; cutting burdensome rules, regulations, and taxes; and supporting fiscal responsibility to balance the federal budget.

And she has support. North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)

Chairman Randy Christmann didn't mix words.

"I'm telling you, if in Washington, D.C., if the establishment thinks that President (Donald) Trump and Elon Musk are going to be the big disrupters, wait until they learn about Julie Fedorchak," Christmann said.

Christmann served on the PSC with Fedorchak since 2012 and when she was honored for her work, he warned the rest of congress that North Dakota was sending a figurative tornado to the legislative body.

"I'm very excited for this next adventure. There's a lot of work to get done," Fedorchak said while being honored for her past work. "And I feel like this job has kind of prepared me in an important way to be as effective as anyone can be out in D.C."

The swearing-in ceremony marked the beginning of Rep. Fedorchak's first term in Congress, where she said she will bring her dedication and leadership to the nation's capital. She said the Energy and



FILE PHOTO

Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak speaks during an event in December.

Commerce Committee is a key panel at the forefront of all issues and policies powering America's economy, including energy, health care, and technology.

She has also been lauded for her leadership experience and deep ties to North Dakota which positions her as a strong advocate for the state and among those who have spoke on her accomplishments said her career reflects a commitment to public service and an understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing

North Dakotans.

North Dakota Gov. Kelly Armstrong was Rep. Fedorchak's predecessor in the House.

He said Rep. Fedorchak will make an immediate impact.

"She is going to be immediately the person that they call on," Armstrong said.

For more information about Congresswoman Fedorchak and her initiatives in Congress, visit Fedorchak.House.Gov or follow her social media channels. Twitter: @RepFedorchak, Instagram: @RepJulieFedorchak, Facebook: Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak.

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