

Federal government appealing \$28M award to North Dakota for pipeline protest costs

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BISMARCK — The U.S. Department of Justice is appealing a federal judge's decision to award North Dakota \$28 million in damages for the executive branch's response to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests.

The case now heads to the 8th Circuit Court of

Appeals for review. Thousands traveled to south-central North Dakota to protest the construction of the oil pipeline underneath the Missouri River's Lake Oahe reservoir alongside the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in 2016 and 2017. The tribe says the pipeline poses serious threats to the environment, intrudes upon Native

territory and has desecrated sacred cultural sites.

The main demonstration camp was located on land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The state filed suit in 2019 against the federal government, arguing that the Corps unlawfully allowed, and at times encouraged, protesters to use its land at the state's

expense. The case went to trial in February 2024. The trial lasted four weeks and included witness testimony from former North Dakota governors Doug Burgum and Jack Dalrymple, Indigenous activists, law enforcement officials and others. In an April ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Dan Traynor sided with North

Dakota's claims, finding the Army Corps at fault for negligence, public nuisance and civil trespass claims. The executive branch has disputed North Dakota's accusations and maintains it did the best it could to manage an unpredictable situation. The U.S. government must file its initial arguments for appeal by Aug.

15, the docket states. The state can't get any of the money until the appeals process wraps up, according to the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget. The award would also have to survive review by other judges. This story was originally published on NorthDakotaMonitor.com

FINES

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this session that increased the state traffic fines also increased the speed limit on interstate highways to 80 mph. The changes go into effect on Aug. 1. Fines on interstate highways in areas allowing 80 mph travel will be \$20 or \$5 for each mile over the speed limit, whichever is greater, beginning Aug. 1. On other roads and streets, any area with a speed limit less than 80 mph is \$20 or \$3 for each

mile over the speed limit, whichever is greater, beginning Aug. 1. Blinsky said the changes to the city ordinance match the state fines for roads and streets with speed limits less than 80 mph. For example, the current fine for someone going 10 mph over the speed limit on a Jamestown city street is \$10. Under the new ordinance, this increases to a \$30 fine. The fine increases as the number of miles above the speed limit increases. Someone speeding 15 mph faster

than the posted limit would now be subject to a \$45 fine rather than the current \$15 fine. For motorists exceeding the speed limit by 16 mph or more, an extra \$20 is added to the fine, bringing the fine for traveling 41 mph in a 25 mph zone, for example, to \$68. The new fine structure also applies to school zones and the lower speed limits posted in those areas. Fines for speeding in construction zones also increase from the current \$80 to \$150. The law still requires the construction zone be properly signed

and workers be present at the time of the infraction. Other changes for moving violations include passing a school bus when its lights are flashing. The fine for this violation increases from \$100 to \$250. Careless driving fines are being increased from \$30 to \$100. The city is also changing its fees for parking tickets, Blinsky said. Although the city of Jamestown has allowed parking ticket fees of up to \$20, most parking tickets issued have been for \$10 in the past, he said.

The city is changing its policy and the majority of all parking tickets issued will be for \$20 in the future. In addition, 48- or 72-hour parking violations in residential areas, especially during snow removal or street cleaning, will increase to \$40. The city of Jamestown budgeted revenue of \$160,000 from Jamestown Municipal Court for 2025. So far in 2025, the Jamestown Municipal Court has collected \$70,363 with the majority of that from fines and fees, according to Sarah Hellekson, city administrator.

Parking ticket revenues are categorized in the budget as street fines and have amounted to \$1,805 so far this year. The Jamestown Municipal Court has an expense budget of \$151,000 this year. The Jamestown City Council will hold the second reading of the ordinances changing the traffic fines and fees at its Aug. 4 meeting. The changes then go into effect after the official publication of the new ordinance. Reach Keith Norman at news@jamestownsun.com

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Total Liabilities 282,112,808
Aggregate
write-ins 0
for special
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Common Capital 4,501,500
Stock
Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate
Write-ins for
Other Than
Special Surplus
Funds 0
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Gross Paid in
and 42,250,750
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Total Liabilities 119,536,854
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write-ins 0
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Common Capital 3,500,000
Stock
Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate
Write-ins for
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Special Surplus
Funds 0
Surplus Notes 0
Gross Paid in
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Surplus
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Premiums 17,867
Earned
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Losses -2,330
Incurred
Total Accident
and 0
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Total Direct
Premiums 92,143,558
Earned
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Losses 53,262,546
Incurred
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and 0
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