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ATTENTION EMMONS COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT
NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council's election for your County Representative will take place by mail ballot in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council.

On or about February 17, 2026, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by March 5, 2026, or your mailed-in ballot must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2026. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Emmons County Extension Agent at

701-254-4811 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: "any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated during the next available growing season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season. The term does not include an organic producer that has been exempted from the payment of assessments in accordance with federal law."

(02-12-2026)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given that on March 10, 2026, an election will be held for the purpose of electing two members of the board of directors for the Horsehead Irrigation District. The election will be held by mail ballot. Notice is further given that any elector desiring to have the elector's name appear on the ballot must file a request in writing with the secretary of the district, Larry Umber, Jr. 9300 Hwy 1804, Linton, ND 58552, by February 18, 2026. (02-12-2026)

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emmons County Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. at the Emmons County Courthouse (auditorium), Linton, ND to consider the application for a conditional use permit submitted by Cavendish Farms, Inc. to construct, operate, or maintain the following: The Linton Sea View Farm (SVF) storage project will create a new storage facility three miles South and three miles West of Linton, North Dakota. The new storage facility will consist of constructing four 5 million pound environmentally controlled warehouses, two fan houses, and a permanent truck scale on recently acquired undeveloped land adjacent to Linton SVF farmland. The project will include construction of one mile of roadway from the proposed storage site to 84th Street S.E. Project location primary site: 22 acres in southwest corner of SE4 of Section 26, Township 132, Range 77 (potato storage buildings, septic system). Secondary site: truck scale & scale house in southeast corner of SW4 of Section 26, Township 132, Range 77. Roadway to be constructed from primary site to 84th St. SE. Parcel

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approve the request from the Emmons County Weed Board for increasing the board members pay by \$50.00 per meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held regarding the merger for the Linton City Municipal Airport and how the board is structured. The Board is waiting for a meeting to be planned.

Commissioner Vander Vorst motioned to sell the 2013 Ford Explorer "out on bids". Seconded by Commissioner Magrum. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on amending the county's haul road agreement to include a daily rate fee.

Budget clarity was given that the new salary structure plan that was adopted is still keeping the county in line with the 3% cap requirement.

New Business: Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint the following officers for a one-year term effective

January 1, 2026:
Director of Tax Equalization – Christina Seppanen

VA Officer – Brad Huber
Risk Manager – Marlys Ohlhauser
911 Coordinator – Gary Sanders
Seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Joey Kalberer, Tim Weber and John Deboer to the Emmons County Water Resource Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Gary Griffin to the Emmons County Public Health Board for a five-year term effective August 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Andy Hulm to the Emmons County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES":

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to appoint James Vander Vorst to the South County Human Service Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES":

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Magrum motioned to re-appoint Corbley Ogren to the Emmons County Committee Board for a three-year term effective January 1, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES":

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gartner motioned authorizing the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the County Deeds conveying the county's interest in tax deed property as follows:

City of Linton – The West Fifty Feet (W 50') of Lot Twelve (12), Block Six (6), Seeman's First Addition to Linton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Hazelton – Lot Twelve (12), Block Three (3), Roop's First Addition to Hazelton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

City of Hazelton – East Ten Foot (10') strip of the South One-Half (S 1/2) of Lot Eleven (11) and All of Lot Twelve (12), Block Eight (8), Original Town of Hazelton, Emmons County, North Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

VA Officer, Brad Huber, appeared and gave his quarterly report. Presented was an image of a rotating wall mount for the Veterans pictures in the courthouse auditorium.

Acacia Stuckle and Nancy Deis, Extension Agents, provided a quarterly narrative report.

Commissioner Miller volunteered to be assigned the portfolio for the Emmons County Extension Agents, and will participate in their performance reviews.

Russell Lawler, Road Superintendent, provided a monthly update on activities for the county road department. The Strasburg County Shop project is coming

along. The department is performing general equipment maintenance on the blades and trucks and installing a quick coupler on the excavator. They are also going to be working on a few rip rap projects.

The agenda included an opportunity for an individual in attendance to provide public comment pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2180.

Director of Tax Equalization, Christina Seppanen, presented the 2026 agricultural land valuations provided by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University. NDSU calculated the statewide average values per acre with the following results:

Cropland \$868.78
Non-cropland \$149.37
All agricultural land \$644.22
Emmons County's average value per acre for the year 2026 is as follows:

Cropland \$883.33
Non-cropland \$151.69
All agricultural land \$643.71

North Dakota Century Code ruling requires County's to be within a tolerance level of 90% - 100% on their agricultural land values determined by the North Dakota State University Agricultural Economics Department.

Christina Seppanen recommended a 97% tolerance level as previous increases are moving the county closer to the state average. After discussion, Commissioner Magrum motion to maintain a 96% tolerance level, decreasing the average value per acre by .62%. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES": Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

Clark Roth appeared and stated that he's circulating a petition to annex property out of the City of Braddock into the county which included a couple of homes on Lots 2-4, Block 3, Betzers Addition Braddock and Lots 7-8, Block 3, Betzers V. Add Lots 5-6, Block 4 & All Blocks 5-7 Betzer's vacated addition, Braddock, Section 27, Township 136, Range 75, and asked the Commissioners if they would consider signing the petition.

After discussion the Commission concluded that they would not sign the petition.

Commissioner Gartner motioned to amend the 2025 appropriations in the county road and bridge fund by \$4,273.52, Flex funding by \$307,425.77, State Revenue by \$40,441.02, County Vehicle by \$3,512.72 and the auditorium fund by \$49,640.20, seconded by Commissioner Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

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resolution include surveying, that all projects are required to be surveyed according to state law. Commissioner Miller suggested that surveying be done prior to applying for a permit.

Kevin Bernhardt questioned if the \$750.00 application fee applies to building permits and approaches, where the Commission made clear that this fee would only apply to projects needing a conditional use permit.

Holly Will suggested that the fee structure should read non-refundable.

Following the public hearing, Commissioner Magrum motioned to approve the amended Resolution 25-12-01 and the amended application for the Conditional Use Permit with the amendment that the county requires 10% cost of construction bond requirement in place of the \$500,000, and the amendments that all fees made to the county are non-refundable under the fee structure. Seconded by Commissioner Gartner. Roll Call "YES":

Gartner, Magrum, Materi, Miller and Vander Vorst. Motion carried.

The following payroll and expense for reimbursement vouchers were examined, approved and ordered paid:

General and 911 – \$108,529.61

Highway Tax - \$65,456.32

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved for payment:

50726 MDU Utilities.....	141.19
50760 Acme Tools, Inc. Tools	324.79
50761 Advanced Business Methods Extension Copier Contract.....	367.37
50762 Appert Land Enterprise Tools and Supplies.....	3,130.00
50763 Baker Township Road Maintenance	203.93
50764 Balco Uniform, Inc. Uniforms and Accessories	145.01
50765 Beastrom Oil Co. Propane	5,611.49
50766 Braaten Law Firm Legal Services	320.00
50767 Burleigh Morton Detention Center Prisoner Billing.....	4,300.00
50768 Butler Machinery Co. Parts/Labor	4,706.29
50769 Central Dakota Frontier Coop Batteries/Gas.....	332.49
50770 CHS, Inc. Propane.....	828.30
50771 Circle H. Lumber Material	1,750.69
50772 Cole Papers, Inc. Supplies	205.33
50773 Custom Truck Accessories Tool Box/Wheel Harness.....	1,212.85
50774 Dakota Dust Tex, Inc. Service	223.20
50775 Dakota Dynamics HR Contract	400.00
50776 Dockter's Blacksmith Service	289.11
50777 Emmons County Record Publishing and Envelopes	1,039.92
50778 Emmons County Treasurer Supplies.....	49.09
50779 Emmons County Treasurer Specials on Strasburg County Shop	756.12
50780 Fed Ex Service	39.89
50781 Fireside Office Products Supplies	93.05
50782 Harry Petrie Library Contribution	2,500.00
50783 Jack's Electric & Trenching Service.....	201.18
50784 Jerome Distributing, Inc. Water Refills.....	99.50
50785 Jochim Construction Labor	8,627.77
50786 Johnson, Steven & Francine Easement	1,000.00
50787 Keller's Hardware Supplies	98