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In the Matter of the Estate of Constance Bitz

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**Jud City Council Meeting**  
February 9, 2026 @7pm  
Present: Pfaff, Hertel, Rode, Converse, Nitschke  
Also present, Mitch Kalmbach  
Treasurer's Report:  
General Fund: \$21,994.60  
Water Savings: \$11,173.43  
Emergency & Extension Savings: \$21,989.77  
CD: \$24,271.60  
Pledge was recited.  
Mayor Pfaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
Minutes for the meeting held on January 7, 2026 were read by Michelle and approved as read by Hertel, Alexis second, motion carried.  
At this time Mitch Kalmbach approached the board. She has told the board she will be purchasing the Jud Bar and Grill and has asked some questions in regard to late closings and also Sunday openings. The board is discussing these requests and will make a decision at next months meeting and has invited her to come back to that meeting. Mitch also inquired about gravel to be placed at the end of the handicap ramp in the front of the bar.  
Treasurer's Report: Alan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with corrections to the \$14 added back into the report. The check was voided due to changing water sampling com-

panies. Rode second, motion carried.  
INCOME Jan-26  
4-3100 LaMoure County General Fund .....\$ 71.83  
4-3190 LaMoure County Interest & Penalty .....\$ 6.10  
4-3610 Dakota Heritage Bank Bank Interest .....\$ 2.34  
4-3100 LaMoure County General Fund .....\$ 1,240.52  
4-3710 Deposit Hall .....\$ 55.00  
4-3710 Deposit Hall/kitchen .....\$ 70.00  
4-3351 State Treasurer State Aid .....\$ 620.24  
4-3351 State Treasurer State Aid/Flex .....\$ 59.96  
.....\$ 2,125.99  
HIGHWAY TAX  
4-3353 ND State Treasurer Highway Tax .....\$ 800.73  
4-4000 Ottertail Power Franchise Tax-December .....\$ 220.19  
.....\$ 1,020.92  
ENTERPRISE WSG Water Payments .....\$ 3,613.40  
EXPENSES:  
GENERAL  
6-4141 Michelle Fernandes Auditor .....\$ 400.00  
6-4250 Michelle Fernandes Internet Reimbursement \$ 40.00  
6-4250 Michelle Fernandes Web Guardian Virus/Back up \$ 12.85  
6-5110 Darrel Hertel City Hall/Janitor .....\$ 90.00  
6-5250 Ottertail Hall Lights .....\$ 59.24  
6-4330 Ottertail Street Lights .....\$ 440.39  
6-4225 LaMoure County Chronicle Minutes and Bills in paper .....\$ 113.96  
6-4390 Allied Energy Kats engine heater tank .....\$ 80.58  
6-5240 Darrel Hertel Hall supplies papertowels, TP .....\$ 13.89  
6-4240 Jud Postmaster Stamps .....\$ 78.00  
6-6330 Jud Postmaster Certified letter .....\$ 6.08  
6-5255 Kotaco Propane Hall 147 g .....\$ 263.87  
6-4290 Alan Nitschke Loss of wages .....\$ 180.00  
6-4260 Alan Nitschke Mileage to Edgeley 44 miles .....\$ 25.52  
.....\$ 1,804.38  
EXPENSES:  
ENTERPRISE  
6-6110 Alan Nitschke Water Commissioner .....\$ 200.00  
6-6330 Alan Nitschke Postage .....\$ 13.00  
6-6110 Michelle Fernandes Water Secretary .....\$ 200.00  
6-6341 Emergency Savings Transfer to Savings .....\$ 100.00  
6-6342 Water & Sewer Savings Transfer to Savings .....\$ 50.00  
6-6349 ND Dept of Health Water Samples x's 2 .....\$ 54.00  
6-6351 Ottertail Sewer Lift .....\$ 110.03  
6-6352 Ottertail City Well \$ 77.42  
6-5353 Gahner Sanitation Garbage Contract .....\$ 978.20  
6-6354 SouthEast Water Users Water Contract .....\$ 678.75  
6-6330 Jud Postmaster Stamps for water bills .....\$ 61.00  
6-6355 Kotaco Propane water plant 104.20g .....\$ 187.04  
.....\$ 2,709.44  
BILLS: All bills submitted by Michelle were approved by Alexis and Hertel second, motion carried.  
OLD BUSINESS:  
• The bingo event at the bar has been canceled due to weather. No updates as of yet.  
• There will be another final water budget meeting after Michelle gets all the paperwork together. The state has new items to be added to the paperwork.  
NEW BUSINESS:  
• On January 1, 2026 candidates that are running for seats for the city or park board will be able to start circulating petitions. The deadline for filing will be on April 6, 2026 before 4pm to the City Auditor, Michelle Fernandes. There will be more postings in the mall and Michelle will have the paperwork if you are running for any seats. Feel free to contact Michelle  
• There was discussion about the pump house and what needs to be fixed. Alan will be meeting with others and going over all the options for work that needs to be done closer to spring.  
• Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alexis second, motion carried. Meeting adjourned @8:02pm.  
• Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @7PM in the Jud mall.  
Jud City Auditor,  
Michelle Fernandes

**KULM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

January 19, 2026 at 7:00pm  
Forsman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Tjernlund, Krueger, Nitschke, Schnabel, and Forsman present. Also, present Kramlich, Johnson & G. Kinzler. Guests included T. Strobel and H. Bertsch. Review of agenda and Tjernlund motioned to approve with 2nd by Krueger. All in favor, motion carried. Tjernlund motioned to approve the consent agenda of December minutes, financials & bills, Business Manager report, Elementary report and High School report/Superintendent report with 2nd by Krueger. All in favor, motion carried.  
BeLegendary: Kramlich presented on student data and how it's measured within ND.  
Old Business: Nitschke asked about the school board setting up a table at our next basketball game to share the board's goals and mission statement to the community.  
New Business: Business Manager provided a quarterly review of the revenue and expenditures as compared to last year. Reviewed the Pledge of Assets and the new property tax coming in.  
Resignation letter received from S. Lynch. Nitschke motioned to approve the resignation with a 2nd from Krueger. All in favor, motion carried.  
Resignation letter received from T. Kramlich. Nitschke appreciative of the 26 years at KPS in multiple areas of the school. 2nd by Tjernlund. Forsman also grateful & wishing both well. All in favor, motion carried. Nitschke noted to open the positions and review with administration for next year & its budget.  
Next meeting to be February 11th at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Motion made by Tjernlund with 2nd by Krueger. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.  
ADOBE SYSTEMS, INC .....58.83  
ALLIED ENERGY, INC 1,197.08  
AMAZON.COM .....712.94  
ANDERSON BROS INC 655.74  
BAYMONT INN & SUITES .....330.00  
BENCHMARK EDUCATION COMPANY LLC .....126.50  
CENEX FLEET FUELING .....1,330.27  
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. ....506.05  
CHAT GPT SUBSCRIPTION ....40.00  
CITY OF KULM .....370.94  
COLE PAPERS INCORPORATED .....554.93  
DACOTAH PAPER CO. 346.40  
DAKOTA WHOLESALE TIRE ....990.00  
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS ..3,465.40  
EASY TIME CLOCK .....21.00  
EFUNDS FOR SCHOOLS .....174.53  
FREDONIA COOPERATIVE OIL CO .....744.98  
HEARTLAND STATE BANK .....30.00  
INSIGHT INVESTMENTS, CORP-2ND .....676.21  
GEAR, RED8  
JAYMAR BUSINESS FORMS, INC. ....115.09  
JOHNSON MFG INC ..8,919.27  
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD .....2,002.10  
KINZLER, RODNEY .....150.00  
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES ..93.88  
KULM GROCERY STORE 22.54  
KULM HARDWARE AND HOME CENTER .....175.64  
KULM PUBLIC SCHOOL 150.05  
LAMOURE CHRONICLE 315.16  
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. ....6,809.67  
NEUBURG ROOTS ARTS COUNCIL .....372.00  
NW TIRE-BISMARCK ..1,295.75  
PAYPAL .....429.00  
RESTAURANTS..... 8.00  
SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE .....199.00  
SOLINGER LUMBER INC ..6.50  
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS ..195.92  
TRAINING ROOM INC. ..265.67  
TRI STATE WATER .....184.50  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE .....8.94  
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER, THE 1,500.00  
YUBICO 29.00  
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 1,711.90  
CULINEX 36.94  
DEPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 1,222.47  
KEMPS LLC 946.52  
KULM GROCERY STORE 125.44  
KULM PUBLIC SCHOOL 4,093.31  
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA 1,753.54  
WEBSTRAURANT STORE 184.93

AMAZON.COM 80.04  
BERGAN, THOMAS 217.22  
COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY 179.00  
EDGELEY PUBLIC SCHOOL 370.00  
ENTZI, DON 320.00  
GIRARD, DAN 160.00  
HANSON, TYLER 30.00  
JUSTICE, STEVE 217.42  
KASOWSKI, ROGER 351.67  
KRIEGER, MARCHEL 434.84  
KULM GROCERY STORE 95.31  
LARSON, TAD 774.50  
LUKES, LANCE 320.00  
MYRICK, ERIC 160.00  
NEUMILLER, RUSSELL 708.60  
NITSCHKE, JARED 100.00  
PIEHL, DEVIN 325.47  
PIEHL, LONDON 168.71  
PURINTUN, JUSTIN 462.79  
QUICHOCHO, BOYA 160.00  
SAMSCLUB 256.08  
SCHIELE, JEREMY 160.00  
SCHIELE, JON 30.00  
SCHNEIDER, RYAN 160.00  
THIELGES, BRETT 320.00  
UKESTAD, MARK 217.42  
UMBER, ERICA 254.11  
WALMART 35.15  
WEBER, BRADY 254.11  
ZAHN, WADE 160.00  
ZENKER, CHRIS 160.00  
ZERR, TREV 326.49

**CITY OF VERONA**  
**Monthly City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 18, 2025 @ 6PM**

Mayor Darin called the meeting to order and Kristy did roll call. Present: (via phone) Mayor Darin Wetzel, Auditor Kristy Maley & Council member Dave Maley and In Person: Council Members - Barb Nannenga, Ron Maley, Tanner Baker  
Mayor Darin called on the auditors reports. Kristy presented the minutes and the financials and after some discussion, a motion was made by Ron to approve minutes and financial report, second by Barb, roll call approved.  
Bills to Pay: Ottertail 726.12; Waste Mgmt 1,003.86; Kristy Maley 412.50; Darin Wetzel 300.00; Barnes Rural Water 624.68  
Old Business:  
Kristy informed the council on the Community Voice App, is still a work in progress and the facelift on the front of the Center/Lodge has not started yet. Other items still under old business are the Main Street Shutoff, repair of the far south Christmas light & the South Highway light repair.  
New Business:  
Will need to order some new water meters as there will be a need for a replacement at a vacant resident, but not until spring. The Generator Maintenance Contract Renewals were received & they almost tripled in cost, so the council will be checking some other options this spring. In April we will be meeting with Ottertail to go over the City's agreement on street lights in town.  
There being no other business to discuss, Ron made a motion to adjourn, second by Tanner, meeting adjourned.  
Next meeting date will be Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6pm  
Minutes Subject to Approval.  
Auditor Kristy Maley  
Mayor Darin Wetzel

**Monthly City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6PM**

Auditor Kristy Maley called the meeting to order and did roll call.  
Present: (via phone) Auditor Kristy Maley & Council member Dave Maley and In Person: Council Members - Barb Nannenga, Ron Maley, Tanner Baker. Absent: Mayor Darin Wetzel  
Auditor Kristy presented the auditors reports. Minutes from previous meeting were gone over along with the financials and after some discussion, a motion was made by Ron to approve minutes and financial report, second by Barb, roll call approved.  
Bills to Pay: Ottertail 1046.68; Waste Mgmt 993.86; Kristy Maley 330.50; Darin Wetzel 300.00;

**KULM CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MARCH 9TH, 2026**  
**Meeting Time/Place: Monday March 9, 2026 / Kulm Community Center 6:30 P.M.**  
Submitted By City Auditor: Tuesday February 10th, 2026  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Public Comment  
Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 9th, 2026  
Regular Meeting  
Claims Approval  
Adjournment  
Next meeting will be held on Monday April 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Kulm Community Center

Barnes Rural Water 1056.08; Good Oil 60.00; WorkForceSafety 250.00; LaMoure Chronicle 44.40; LaMoure County Road Dpt. 450.00  
Old Business:  
Items still under old business are the Main Street Shutoff, repair of the far south Christmas light & the South Highway light repair and Generator Maintenance Contracts  
New Business:  
Kristy presented the 2025 Income and Expense report and a motion was made by Dave to approve report with a second by Tanner, roll call vote approved. Kristy informed the council that 2026 is election year and the positions that are up on the City Council are council persons Dave Maley & Ron Maley and Mayor position currently held by Darin Wetzel. Forms need to be filled out and handed in by April 6th to the City Auditor, Kristy Maley to get your name printed on the ballot.  
There being no other business to discuss, Barb made a motion to adjourn, second by Ron, meeting adjourned.  
Next meeting date will be Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 6pm  
Minutes Subject to Approval.  
Auditor Kristy Maley  
Mayor Darin Wetzel

**Kulm City Council**

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF KULM, NORTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY 9TH 2026  
The Kulm City Council met for their regular meeting on February 9th 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Kulm Community Center. Those present were: Mayor- Dale Gackle  
President-Layton Johnson  
Vice President-Ben Pesek  
Council Members: Zeb Mahin, (Josh Gackle-Absent)  
City Auditor: Angie Holmgren  
Public Works-Victor Gackle  
City Attorney-Kim Radermacher  
Messenger-Rick Schlecht, Kathy Schlecht  
Community-Andrew McDermid, Krista Lundgren, Lemar Eslinger  
Ambulance-Jenn McDermid  
Mayor Dale Gackle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.  
No Public Comment.  
Minutes: Councilmen Zeb Mahin made a motion to approve the January minutes from the regular meeting, President Layton Johnson second that motion, all in favor said aye. Motion carries.  
Ambulance: Jenn McDermid was present to discuss the Ambulance budget due to the Kulm Ambulance being an entity of the City of Kulm. Council reviewed the budget and had no questions. Jenn shared who the ambulance members are for the 2026 year.  
Mayor: Discussion was had on dilapidated properties within the city of Kulm. After discussion council made the decision to have a certified inspector come into the city to inspect the houses.  
City Auditor: Auditor Holmgren presented the council with a chicken permit from Adam Schlepp. A building permit for new windows from Judy Smith, and a moving permit from Ben Pesek for two storage containers. After review of all permits Councilmen Zeb Mahin made a motion to approve all three permits, seconded by President Layton Johnson all in favor said aye motion carries. Auditor Holmgren then presents council with Heartland State

Bank securities. After review Councilmen Zeb Mahin made a motion to approve the HSB securities, seconded by Vice President Ben Pesek all in favor said aye motion carries. Auditor Holmgren presents council with city budget which was reviewed and discussed pertaining to water prices. Auditor Holmgren reported the raffle approval for the Kulm Lions and the Kulm Booster Club. There is a WSI grant available for up to \$5000.00 for supplies that make jobs safer. Council discussed some of the ideas that would be useful.  
Public Works: Butler sent a quote to extend the warranty on the city pay loader. After review and discussion on coverage Vice President Ben Pesek made a motion to accept the warranty quote, which consists of 1250 hours for 48 months in the amount of \$3410. Seconded by Councilmen Zeb Mahin all in favor said aye motion carries. There will be street patching done when the heat machine is returned from the County. City will be contacting Recycling ND for more large garbage canisters.  
Kim Radermacher: Discussion was had on city regulations regarding moving houses out of town. Attorney Radermacher will be looking into the rules. Attorney Radermacher discussed with council about annexations and property lines and she will be checking with Norden Township on extra territorial zoning.  
Claims: Claims for the month were reviewed and signed. President Layton Johnson made a motion to approve all claims, seconded by Vice President Ben Pesek, all in favor said aye. Motion carried.  
Claims Paid in February 2026  
Amount .....Check  
Allied Energy .....2,068.76  
13746  
Bank of ND .....255.00  
Electronic  
Blue Cross Blue Shield..3,114.59  
Electronic  
Butler Machinery .....389.76  
13737  
Dickey Rural Networks 195.25  
13745  
Heartland State Bank 429.27  
13738/13749/13732  
Kulm Grocery .....108.84  
13743  
Kulm Hardware And Home Center 317.36/13739  
Kulm Service .....69.75  
13750  
Lamoure County Auditor .....10,927.27/13726  
Lamoure County Chronicle .....28.84/13744  
MDU .....1,732.18  
13730  
ND Department of Health .....243.00/13747  
Post Office.....264.05  
13748/13731  
Radermacher Law Firm....250.00  
13725  
Rath & Mehrer .....8,000.00  
13740  
Recycle ND .....8,165.40  
Southeast Water Users .....3,906.25  
13742  
Stock Growers Bank .....895.02  
13751  
Payroll .....15,818.38  
TOTAL .....\$57,178.97  
With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm  
Next meeting will be held March 9th 2026 at 6:30 pm.  
Dale Gackle  
Angie Holmgren

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