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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 paper towels, 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.

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:

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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.

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Mayor Darin Wetzel

Monthly City Council Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2026 @ 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.

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