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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE— ABSENTEE AND MAIL IN BALLOTS

The Primary Election is June 9, 2026. If you are not able to vote in person on Election Day you can request an absentee ballot. You may clip the application that is printed below and mail it to: Dickey County Auditor, PO Box 215, Ellendale, ND 58436. Applications are also available at the County Auditors Office and online under Absentee Ballot Application at www.dickeynd.gov and also at the Secretary of State website at <https://vote.nd.gov>. Mail ballots must be received by the county auditor by the close of

polls at 7:00 pm on Election Day, June 9, 2026. Mail ballots can be delivered to the county courthouse or placed in the secure drop box located at the Oakes Community Center, 124 5th St S, Oakes, or the Dickey County Courthouse, 309 N 2nd Street, Ellendale. Mail ballots can not be delivered to a polling location.

If you don't get your ballot mailed or delivered within the required time period, you can vote in person on Election Day at either polling location, Oakes Community Center in Oakes or Church of the Nazarene in Ellendale.

Submitted to Times Leader 4/23/2026

Jeremy Radcliffe Named Dakotas Valley's Operations Manager



Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative (DVEC) has announced the promotion of Jeremy Radcliffe to operations manager, working from the cooperative's Milnor office.

As operations manager, Radcliffe is responsible for overseeing the work of DVEC's line crews at its Milnor and Edgeley office and outposts at Oakes, Gackle and Wahpeton, as they perform line construction and day-to-day maintenance of approximately 4,680 miles of underground and overhead electrical lines in DVEC's service area.

"I'm happy to be here at Dakota Valley Electric. It's given me the opportunity to grow in my career and as an individual. The surrounding

communities, members and coworkers have made Dakota Valley a place to call home," he shares..

Radcliffe fills the position, previously held by Brad Lunneborg, until his retirement in February after 33 years of service to the cooperative and its members.

Radcliffe is a 2017 graduate from the electrical power technology and the lineworker training programs at Bismarck State College.

Prior to his employment at DVEC, Radcliffe worked as an apprentice lineworker contracting in western North Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas. After line school he continued his apprenticeship working for Federated Rural Electric Association, Welcome, Minn., and as a seasonal apprentice lineworker for Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Dickinson.

Radcliffe began his employment with Dakota Valley in May 2019 when he was hired as a seasonal apprentice assisting lineworkers at the Hankinson and Wahpeton outposts.

In May 2020, he achieved journeyman lineworker status, working from Hankinson.

In 2024, Radcliffe filled a district staking engineer position at the coopera-

tive's Milnor office, where he worked with members designing new services, service upgrades and staking the large work plan projects to meet their needs.

As a North Dakota native, who was born and raised in the Arthur area, Radcliffe is the youngest – and only boy – in a family of five siblings.

He attended Dakota elementary and Northern Cass high school. After high school graduation, he attended Colorado State University where he studied Civil Engineering and worked as a land surveyor for two years. Life events brought him back to ND where he worked at Fargo Glass & Paint for almost 10 years.

Before moving back to North Dakota, he enjoyed traveling and has lived in several states including Maine, where he worked fabricating and installing stone countertops.

Radcliffe enjoys golfing, traveling, attending his niece's and nephew's sporting activities, catching up with friends and family, and tinkering with his odd Saabs that he likes to drive.

Jeremy and his faithful dog, Buster, a boxer mix he rescued as a puppy in Oklahoma, have recently moved to a home in Milnor.

"Jeremy's experience as a lineworker and his familiarity with the cooperative's electrical system and critical safety and construction work procedures is a great asset to the cooperative," said Mark Kinzler, the cooperative's general manager. "His strong work ethic and experience will play an important part in providing the high-quality, reliable service Dakota Valley members deserve."

Submitted by Pat Schaffer

Guelph News

-By Rose Sell

The time is almost here! Our annual Spring Fling starts FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH from 5-8PM. We open again SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 9AM til 2PM. Vendors will be waiting for you in the gym and when you've chosen the items you love, you can stop in to have some lunch before continuing on to shop at OFF THE SHUELPH AT GUELPH in the rest of the facility. It a really fun way to spend time and the bargains are just unbelievable! If you've not been to Guelph before, treat yourself to the experience. If you've been here previously, you KNOW you want to come again!

Be sure to keep your schedule open for the next weekend 'cuz Guelph is sponsoring their Spring Community Rummage Sale starting FRIDAY, MAY 1ST from 5-8PM. As in the previous week, we open on SATURDAY, MAY 2ND at 9AM until 2PM. Don't forget, any profit realized from these events are used for the maintenance and enhancement of our facility. At this point in time we are having to replace the east doors of the gym which is a substantial investment.

Jerry German celebrated his 90th birthday in style. His family arranged for a 'surprise' Birthday Party on Saturday evening, the 11th, at the Ludden Tavern. The place was full of family, friends & lots of relief. Sunday morning Claire hosted a brunch for all the family and out-of-owners before they headed home. A large of contingent of family were able to stay at The Depot and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Our predecessors overcame many troubles and much suffering, but each time got back up stronger than before." - Shinzo Abe

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM SURFACE WATER

TAKE NOTICE that DICKEY-SARGENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT, OAKES, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7458 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the James River.

The application requests an annual appropriation of 3,000.0 acre-feet of water for Irrigation use at a pumping rate of 18,000 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the SE1/4 of Sec. 31, T. 131 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County, for the purpose of irrigating 640.0 acres in Sec. 03, 640.0 acres in Sec. 04, 320.0 acres in the E1/2 of Sec. 05, 320.0 acres in the E1/2 of Sec. 08, 640.0 acres in Sec. 09, 640.0 acres in Sec. 10, 640.0 acres in Sec. 15, 640.0 acres in Sec. 16, 320.0 acres in the E1/2 of Sec. 17, 320.0 acres in the E1/2 of Sec. 20, 640.0 acres in Sec. 21, 640.0 acres in Sec. 22, 640.0 acres in Sec. 27, 640.0 acres in Sec. 28, 640.0 acres in Sec. 29, all of T. 130 N., R. 059 W., Dickey County.

Of the total 8,320.0 acres requested, 5,000.0 acres are requested to be rotated on an annual basis.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 26 day of May 2026. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 7, 2026.

/s/ John Paczkowski, P.E.
State Engineer
Department of Water Resources
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262

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MOWING BIDS - DICKEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Dickey County Fair Board is seeking mowing bids for the fairgrounds. Bids will be accepted until April 24th. Interested parties should submit their bid in writing to Dickey County Fair Board PO Box 445 Ellendale, ND 58436.

DICKEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, MARCH 17, 2026

Commissioner Meeting March 17, 2026

Chair Kacey Holm called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Commissioners Jerry Walsh and Brandon Carlson were also present. Commissioner Marke Roberts and States Attorney Kim Radermacher were in attendance via electronic means. Auditor Sheppard was also present. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda
County Road 12 funding
Policy on pulling vehicles out of ditches
Human Resources
Zoning ordinances
County Equalization meeting date
Fair Board

County Recorder Kelly Schmidt joined the meeting at 9:11.

Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Walsh seconded. Motion carried.

Walsh made a motion to approve the vouchers to include travel reimbursement of \$455.30 and utility moving costs of \$675,000. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard requested a change in the budget for 2026 because of the road project on 95th Street and 87th Avenue west of Ellendale. Sheppard is requesting a new fund number for this project because of the size and complexity of the project. Walsh made a motion to approve the new fund number for the project. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Roberts made a motion to approve the February 2026 financials. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Schmidt informed the Commission that the Recorder's Office will be closed June 17th for training. The Recorder's Office will start their summer hours starting March 30th. Schmidt also informed the Commission of a grant received to help cover her cost for math counts this year.

Sheppard presented a revised township General fund report requested by the state of North Dakota. Carlson made a motion to have the Chair sign the revised report. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented an agreement for further funding of the Opioid settlement that needs to be signed. Carlson made a motion to sign the agreement. Walsh

seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed the contract received from Ulmer Auction for the sale of the county land at Pheasant Lake. Chair signed the contract which was approved at the March 3rd meeting.

Commission reviewed a Human Resource handbook that Walsh had found on the ND Insurance Reserve Fund website. A decision was made that this will be used along with employee handbook to review the Human Resource needs of the county, which will be worked on following the zoning ordinance project completion.

The zoning ordinances were discussed. Sheppard will add the ordinances to the agenda for April 7th and April 21st.

The County Equalization meeting was set for June 4th starting at 1:00 pm in the Commissioner Room.

Sheppard requested a motion to set the polling locations for the 2026 election cycle. Carlson made a motion to use the Oakes Community Center and the Ellendale Church of the Nazarene as the election day vote centers for the 2026 election cycle, with the Dickey County Courthouse as the location for the absentee precinct location. Roberts seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard requested the approval of Sonia Meehl and Tasha Fuher as Inspectors for the Primary Election held in June. Walsh made a motion to approve Meehl and Fuher as inspectors. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented a letter received from an individual interested in purchasing parcels that the county took ownership of from prior year tax sales. The list was reviewed to see if the county was interested in selling the parcels. Walsh made a motion to reach out to the landowners of the adjoining parcels to see if there is interest in taking over the ownership of these small parcels. Carlson seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Sheppard will send the list to Radermacher, who will send out letters to the landowners. Sheppard will send a letter to the individual stating that the county is not interested in putting the parcels up for sale at this time.

The meeting went into recess at 10:10 and returned at 10:18.

A decision was made to have Deputy Auditor Stormy Bertsch and Administrative Assistant Amy Mittleider apply to become notaries. Sheppard's current status as a notary expires in August 2026.

Zoning ordinances were discussed. Holm would like to have the Zoning Board revisit the setbacks on pipelines and wind towers. Radermacher will look at possible wording changes for the setbacks for pipelines. Discussion also included clarifying the definition of when a permit is required to be filed. The ordinances do include a penalty for not applying for a permit.

DES/911 Coordinator Charlie Russell and Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen joined the meeting at 10:28. Dickey County Fair Board Chairman Val Wagner joined the meeting at 10:35.

Wagner discussed the barn project that the Fair Board has been working on. Wagner presented a drawing of the building and one estimate that has been received so far. Wagner stated that the Fair Board would like feedback from the Commission as to what should be done. The current building needs improvements to the existing structure. The Fair Board stated there is value in the current building with additions made or does the Fair Board start over with a whole new building. The Fair Board has received a \$100,000 grant from the State of North Dakota, with the project starting by the end of 2025. The Fair Board has spoken with local businesses that are willing to assist in the cost of the building but have not received anything for numbers. The Fair Board would like the structure completed this year, and to complete the show ring shad structure later.

The Fair Board has approximately \$550,000 left to raise. The Fair Board's goal is to have \$300,000 by May 1st. Carlson made a motion to guarantee the payment of a loan for the Fair Board, while still maintaining the current expense budget, with the understanding that the Fair Board raises \$300,000 to help cover the construction costs. Holm seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Estes joined the meeting at 11:00. KJL engineer Bryan Tykwinski joined the meeting at 11:05 via electronic means.

Carlson made a motion to open propane bid hearing. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

There were two bids received and are on file at the Auditor's office. Carlson made a motion to accept the bid from Farmers Union. Walsh seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to close the bid hearing. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Hagen informed the Commission that the boiler inspector had been in Ellendale. Repairs need to be made on the boiler at the Fullerton Shop. The west shop boiler met inspection.

Tykwinski discussed with the Commission the change in funding for County Road 12. The project will still be completed but will be done in 2027. The reason for the delay is the lack of federal funds that was going to be used.

Commission discussed with Hagen about pulling cars out of ditches when stuck. Carlson stated that an individual had advised them not to do that for liability purposes. The resident's advice was to call for help instead.

Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 11:35.

PAYMENTS

Salaries	179,260.10
Human Services	4,723.27
Allard Trophy Company	153.50
Carlson Brandon	610.45
Dickey County Hwy Dept	1,016.54
Flaherty Don	28.00
Growing small towns	600.00
Hokana John	165.30
Kinzler Kasie	28.00
Mid-States Organized Crime	100.00
Overpayment Refund	3,283.93
Q&N Corporation	159.99
Btler Machinery Co	276.88
Dakota Fluid Power Inc	196.81
John Deere Financial	204.30
Maple River Colony	1,410.85
Valley Officeworks	431.48
Vestis	202.02
Vistos Carquest	169.38
Waste Management	101.75
Office of Attorney General	665.00
Stutsman Correctional Center	943.88
Hansen Stephen	391.50
At&t Mobility	831.00
Dickey County Leader	883.80
Ellendale City Auditor	554.86
Tyler Technologies	8,009.28
Overpayment Refund	594.48
Bituminous Paving INC	10,972.19
JP Morgan Chase Bank	30.29
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	52,829.22

ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	485.54
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	9,474.20
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	458.72
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	56.76
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	138.04
Haakenson Jean	175.60
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	1,900.18
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	746.00
Wex Health INC	1,180.77
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	712.18
Accounts Management	398.27
Wex Health INC	72.80
Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	2,028.69
Kulm Ambulance Corps INC	3,890.42
Edgeley Ambulance Service	2,949.45
Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	31,581.95
Ashley Ambulance District	712.70
Ellendale City Auditor	50,295.84
Oakes City	9,796.44
Garrison Diversion	23,331.48
James River Soil Conservation	57,408.45
Ellendale Fire	45,669.80
Oakes Fire	29,879.48
Dickey Sargent Joint Water Resource District	23,440.96
Dickey County Senior Citizens	64,196.78
Dickey County Historical	5,795.28
Kedish House	1,347.20
Dickey Sargent Irrigation District	26,963.33
Sargent County Drain 1	3,205.63
LaMoure Fire	2,194.42
ND State Treasurer	22,878.06
Dickey County Treasurer	1,505.00
281 Repair LLC	196.45
Advanced Business Methods	246.51
Bertsch Stormy	58.39
Dickey County Hwy Dept	769.22
Farmers Union Oil Co	119.96
Holm Kasi	455.30
I3G Media	495.00
IDEMIA	2,450.00
Information Technology Dept	1,791.30
Mertz Const & Supply	19.99
Montana Dakota Utilities	90.90
Napa Central	2.27
ND Clerk Association	100.00
Otis Elevator Company	1,137.96
Overpayment Refund	5,247.07
Q&N Corporation	2,145.00
Q&N Corporation	630.99
Q&N Corporation	673.20
Starion Insurance Agency	3,003.00
Vestis	161.27
Overpayment Refund	16.31
Agtegra Cooperative	815.19

Coteau Grain and Seed LLC	5,650.00
Dakota Fluid Power INC	477.81
Department of Transportation	1,193.78
Dickey County	13,117.52
Ellendale True Value	59.93
Farmers Union Oil Co	2,094.48
John Deere Financial	3,914.33
Kustom Machine Inc	849.16
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	400.00
Montana Dakota Utilities	523.61
Napa Central	47.70
Nelson Auto Center	49,945.00
Ottertail Power Company	79.82
Praska's Hardware Hank	24.47
Sign Solutions	28.59
Southeast Water User	65.84
Vestis	404.05
Vistos Carquest	283.07
Office of Attorney General	475.00
Pharmchem INC	63.90
Haakenson Jean	417.60
NDACO and Tribal Veteran Service Officers	120.00
NDACO and Tribal Veteran Service Officers	50.00
Minn-Kota Communications INC	2,750.40
US Records Midwest LLC	1,383.39
Starion Bond Services	103,330.00
Overpayment Refund	3,860.54
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	138.00
Dickey County Hwy Dept	612.03
Dickey Rural Networks	1,446.54
KJL	50,681.33
Human Services	25,532.20
Montana Dakota Utilities	675,000.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank	2,771.36
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	25,399.14
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	3,452.53
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	1,900.18
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	746.00
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	157.38
Wex Health INC	1,280.82
ND Pub. Empl. Retirement	712.18
Aflac	2,550.21
Delta Dental Plan of MN	2,299.24
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	345.32
ND Child Support Division	450.00
Accounts Management	398.27
James Valley Regional Lodge	66.34
ND State Tax Commissioner	1,295.25

Respectfully Submitted
Kacey Holm, Chairman
Wanda Sheppard, Auditor

(April 23, 2026)