

Prairie Fare: When Is Food Still Safe?

“How sick will I get?” my husband asked me.

“Hopefully, you won’t get sick at all, but I think you are stretching the limit,” I replied.

He insisted on having “old soup” for lunch. It was certainly past the “four day, throw away” rule. It contained potatoes, chicken broth, onions, spinach and Italian sausage. I had cooled it quickly in a stainless steel bowl that was just three inches deep, so that should’ve maximized safety.

I examined the soup looking for signs of spoilage. Was it moldy, smelly or strange colored?

Most of the time, spoilage is caused by molds, yeast or certain bacteria.

The soup looked fine and had no off odors, but disease-causing organisms and their toxins usually have no odor or visual clues.

I think he saw me sniffing the soup, which is not exactly a scientific way to determine safety. However, I only had my eyes and nose as spoilage detectors in the kitchen, not a microbiology lab.

In this case, reheating on a stovetop was safer than cooking in the microwave oven. Microwave ovens can leave cold spots. I boiled the soup for a few minutes.

“It’s still good, but when will I be sick?” my husband asked as he tasted the soup.

If the soup had a toxin, boiling wouldn’t necessarily do the trick. He’d be sick in about two hours.

I had a vested interest in my husband not getting sick. I didn’t want to clear the snow from our driveway by myself.

He didn’t get sick, and I helped him clear the driveway.

After the soup experiment, I continued clearing out the fridge. We had a lot of guests over the holidays. I examined the various refrigerated containers: mayonnaise, salad dressing and soy sauce. It was all fine.

Fortunately, my daughter had helped me clean the fridge a couple of weeks ahead of the holidays.

Most foods do not legally have to include a date, with the exception of infant formula. Infant formula should not be used beyond the date on the package because it may decline in nutritional value or even be unsafe.

Technically, the dates on nearly all foods are quality dates, meaning they will taste best if used within the date listed. “Best if used by” is part of “open dating.”

“Closed dates” are codes on food products that contain letters and numbers which we cannot decipher.

Some products carry a “sell by” date. This date is intended for use by stores to manage their inventory. We as consumers can use the food after that date and the quality will be fine, as long as the food is maintained at a safe temperature, such as 40 degrees Fahrenheit in the refrigerator.

As I sorted through foods, I noted we had some eggs from my holiday baking. Commercial eggs carry a pack date and usually, a three-digit code corresponding to the day of the year it was washed and placed in a carton. If the code says 365, that means the last day of the year.

Eggs actually last a long time in the refrigerator, three to five weeks after purchase. Keep your egg cartons in the coldest part of the refrigerator, not the door.

No one likes to throw away food. Unfortunately, as much as forty percent of our food is tossed, and that adds up to about twenty pounds of food per person every month. That carries a price tag in the U.S. of about \$165 billion, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Consider these tips:

- Check what you have in your refrigerator, freezer or cupboards before shopping.
- Be a planner. Use your leftovers as lunches, incorporate them

into another menu item or freeze the food. For example, leftover roast beef or pork can be used in casseroles, soups or stews.

- Rotate your food, placing the oldest in the front.
- Label the containers so you know what you have available.

Here’s the recipe for the leftover soup my husband did not want to toss. It’s a family favorite. Check out the North Dakota State University Extension Food Storage Guide for a quick reference guide, or use an online app such as “FoodKeeper” from www.foodsafety.gov.

Italian Potato, Sausage and Kale Soup

1 pound lean ground Italian pork sausage, browned and drained (mild or spicy)

1 tablespoon garlic, minced

1 cup onion, chopped

Olive oil or canola oil (if needed)

1 quart reduced-sodium chicken

broth

3 cups water

5 cups potatoes, cubed

3 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

4 cups kale or spinach, chopped and stems removed

1 cup half and half

Salt and pepper (to taste)

1 pinch cayenne or crushed red pepper (optional)

In a large saucepot, brown the sausage and drain well. Add garlic and onions and cook until softened, adding a little oil if needed. Add chicken broth, water and potatoes, and cook until potatoes are tender. Add bacon, if desired, and chopped kale or spinach, spices, and half and half. Simmer about 5 minutes and serve.

Makes 10 servings. Each serving has 260 calories, 15 grams (g) fat, 12 g protein, 13 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber and 620 milligrams sodium.

North Dakota Tourism Unveils New Promotional Materials For 2026

North Dakota Tourism is proud to unveil the new marketing materials promoting thousands of the state’s travel businesses and amenities, inviting visitors and showcasing why North Dakota is a must-see destination.

The 2026 Travel Guide features the International Peace Garden on its cover, a symbol of peace and unity chosen to honor friendship between countries, and to welcome our Canadian neighbors and visitors from all over the U.S. and the globe. This iconic destination represents the shared beauty and hospitality that define North Dakota and Manitoba, reinforcing the state’s commitment to international goodwill and cross-border travel.

“What sets North Dakota apart is the authenticity and genuine spirit of our people,” said Tourism and Marketing Director Sara Otte Coleman. “Through breathtaking visuals and expanded itineraries, the new materials extend a warm invitation to experience our great state and to stay longer, discovering more of what North Dakota has to offer.”

The state’s official Travel Guide is 116 pages featuring beautiful imagery and easy-to-find information to inspire and motivate visitors to experience North Dakota’s outdoor adventures, history, culture, and welcoming communities. Expanded itineraries encourage travelers to extend their stay and discover more. Traveler information is available for more than 250 North Dakota communities. Approximately 200,000 copies will be distributed through traveler request, inquiry fulfillment, AAA offices, airports, ports of entry, attractions, hotels, rest areas, regional brochure racks, and visitor centers.

Tourism supports more than 3,000 businesses and 45,000 jobs statewide, reinforcing its role in economic diversification and community vitality, making these guides an essential tool for both visitors and local economies.

The 2026 Hunting and Fishing Guide features an overview of North Dakota’s fishing waters, guide and outfitter listings, and hunting season details. Approximately 40,000 copies will be distributed.

To order guides or state maps, visit <https://www.ndtourism.com/visitor-information-order-form>. The guides are developed in partnership with Odney for creative services, and with the North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative, which will distribute 82,000 guides to subscribers with their February issue of North Dakota Living.



Probate No. 31-2025-PR-00182
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Joan C. Peterman, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kent R. Peterman, personal representative of the estate, c/o Johnson & Sundeen, PO Box 1260, Watford City, ND 58854, or filed with the Court.
Dated this 6th day of January, 2026.
/s/ Kent R. Peterman
Kent R. Peterman
Personal Representative
Ross L. Sundeen #05126
JOHNSON & SUNDEEN
109 Fifth Street SW
PO Box 1260
Watford City, ND 58854
rossl@dakotalawdogs.com
(701) 444-2211
Attorney for Personal Representative
First publication on the 14th day of January, 2026.
Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, THAT THE FOLLOWING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BE ENACTED
An Ordinance to Amend portions throughout and add Data Centers and Battery Energy Storage Systems to the Mountrail County Land Development Code regarding the Zoning in Mountrail County, as Allowed by Chapter 11-33 and 11-33.2 of the North Dakota Century Code.
Please take NOTICE that Mountrail County has the Land Development Code, which will supersede the existing Mountrail County Land Development Code upon final approval, on file with the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Administrator at 101 N Main Street, Stanley, North Dakota. If you would like accommodations to view the proposed Land Development Code, please call 701-628-2909, or submit your request by mail to P.O. Box 248, Stanley, North Dakota, 58784, or submit your request by email to melissav@co.mountrail.nd.us. The proposed Land Development Code may also be accessed and viewed by using the following link: www.mountrailcounty.org, then clicking on the Planning & Zoning Directory page.
Penalty
Mountrail County may institute any appropriate action:
1. To prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use.
2. To restrain, correct, or abate such violations.
3. To prevent the occupancy of the building, structure, or land.
4. To prevent any illegal act, conduct, business, or use in or about such premises.
Further, anyone who violates the provisions of this Code or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall be charged an administrative fee(s) as established by the Board of County Commissioners. Mountrail County may institute any appropriate action or proceedings for the collection of said fee.
All fees and penalties established by this Code shall be credited to the General Fund of Mountrail County, North Dakota.
EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Land Development Code shall take effect and be in force from and after final passage with the Mountrail County Commissioners, and due publication according to law.
Dated this 7th day of January, 2026.
Charlie Sorenson, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission
Melissa Vachal
First Reading: January 26, 2026
Second Reading: February 23, 2026
Publication Dates: January 14th and 21st 2026
Jan. 14, 21, 2026

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO NORTH DAKOTA GAMES OF CHANCE, ARTICLE 99-01.3 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Gaming Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 at The North Dakota State Capitol, Brynhild Haugland Room.
A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by emailing agogaming@nd.gov, writing the North Dakota Attorney General’s Office Gaming Division at North Dakota Attorney General’s Office Gaming Division, 600 E. Blvd Ave. Dept. 125, Bismarck, ND 58505-0040 or calling 701-328-4848. Also, written comments may be submitted to the above email or physical address until March 7, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Attorney General’s Office Gaming Division at the above telephone number or address at least 7 days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.
Aaron Hummel
Gaming Division Director,
Office of the Attorney General



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of New Town
Sand Hill Water Tower Improvements
General Notice
Sealed bids for construction of the New Town Sand Hill Water Tower Improvements projects for the City of New Town, North Dakota will be received until 11:00 A.M. local time on February 6, 2026 at New Town City Hall, located at 945 Eagle Drive (P.O. Box 309), New Town, ND 58763 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:
Bids can be mailed to:
City of New Town
c/o City Auditor
945 Eagle Drive
Suite 106
P.O. Box 309
New Town, ND 58763
The Project includes the following Work:
Construct a new 500,000-gallon composite elevated storage tank and appurtenances, electrical systems and control systems connection to existing distribution system and demolition of the existing at grade storage reservoir.
Offsite work includes upgrades to pump, appurtenances and electrical at the existing water treatment plant (WTP) and booster station (BS).
The Work is comprised of either Contract No. 1 and No. 2 OR Contract No. 3: **Contract No. 1 - General Construction; Contract No. 2 Electrical Construction and Contract No. 3 - Combined General and Electrical Construction.** Individual Bids will be received for each Contract. The Owner will not accept a combined Bid unless that Bid is lower than the combined total of the lowest and best Bids for the Separate Contracts. The Work for each Contract is generally described as follows:
Contract No. 1 - Water Tower and Pumps (General) Construction: Work generally consists of furnishing and installing a new 500,000-gallon composite water tower, including the design and installation of the foundation system; water tower appurtenances, hydrodynamic mixer, water tower logo, control room; all site work including site piping, special connections sump and sump pump, concrete floor, landscape grading, site restoration, seeding, and gravel access pad and demolition of existing at grade storage reservoir. Off-site work also includes, 1 - improvements at the existing WTP including removal of three (3) existing high service pumps, replacement and upgrades to the pumps, reinstallation of pumps and replacement of water check valves and flow meter and 2 - Improvements at the BS including replacement of four (4) vertical inline pumps and check valves.
Contract No. 2 - Electrical Construction: Work at the new tower generally consists of installation of utility service, grounding electrode systems, general power and lighting systems, panelboards and SCADA equipment. Offsite work generally consists of 1 - WTP, disconnecting the three (3) existing high service pumps and reconnection once the pump upgrades are complete and wiring and integration of the new Flowmeter and 2 - BS, disconnecting the existing four (4) booster pumps and reconnecting when pump upgrades are complete.
Contract No. 3 - Combined General and Electrical Construction: Work includes construction consisting of the Work described under Contract No. 1 Water Tower and Pumps (General) Construction and Contract No. 2 Electrical Construction.
All Bids shall be prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders contained with the Project Manual. Attached to the outside of the bid envelope must be a separate envelope containing a list of all addenda to the plans and specifications and an acknowledgement by the bidder of receipt of such addenda. The separate envelope shall also contain a bidder’s bond in the amount of 5% of the full amount of bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal’s bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after notice of award shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and a contractor’s bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. Countersignature of a bid bond is not required under this section.
All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 47-07-05. A copy of the Contractor’s License or Certificate of Renewal thereof, issued by the Secretary of State, **must** be enclosed in the bid bond envelope as required under Section 47-07-12.
The Project has an expected substantial completion date of October 1, 2027. The estimated cost of this project is approximately **\$5.0 million**.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.questcdn.com
Quest#: 10013035
Bidding Documents may be downloaded in PDF from QuestCDN. There is no fee to download the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are required to register with QuestCDN as a plan holder. QuestCDN will be updated with any addenda that are issued during bidding period.
All official addenda and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the sources identified above. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than those identified above.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
AE25 Minot
601 18th Ave SE
Suite 102
Minot, ND 58701
Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 29th 2026 at 945 Eagle Drive, Suite 106, New Town, ND 58763. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. The meeting may also be attended virtually via Microsoft Teams using the following meeting ID:
Pre-bid Teams meeting ID: 218 166 174 965 9
Tentative Schedule of Events
Date, Event
February 6, 2026: Bid Opening.
February 13, 2026: Successful bidder submits proposed subcontractors to Owner for approval.
February 20, 2026: Notice of Award Issued.
March 2, 2026: Successful bidder returns signed Agreement and attached documents to Owner.
March 13, 2026 Owner delivers fully

signed Agreement with all attachments to Contractors.
April 7, 2026: Contract Times commence to run.
Note that this schedule of events may be accelerated pending the responsiveness of Owner and Successful Bidder/Contractor. See Instructions to Bidders for details of deadlines for specific events.
Funding
This Project anticipates funding from the Drinking Water and/or Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. Bidder’s attention is called to the SRF requirements in the bid package.
Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation are explained in the specifications.
Bidders are required to comply with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.
Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: **City of New Town**
By: **Eileen Zau**
Title: **City of New Town City Auditor**
Date: **January 12, 2026**
Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2026

NOTICE BEFORE FORECLOSURE
To the Title Owners, Borrowers and Occupants of the Property:
Byron Edwards
310 7th Ave SE
Stanley, ND 58784
Rebekah K. Hoover
310 7th Ave SE
Stanley, ND 58784
Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that unless you dispute the validity of the foregoing debt or any portion thereof within thirty days after receipt of this letter, we will assume the debt to be valid. If the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt and will mail you a copy of such verification. You are advised that upon your request within the thirty-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of your original creditor, if different from the creditor referred to in this Notice. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account. However, if you fail to contact our office, our client may consider additional remedies to recover the balance due.
The real property that this notice pertains to is located at 310 7th Ave SE, Stanley, ND 58784, and more particularly described as:
Lot 6, Block 2, Elefson’s 4th Addition to the City of Stanley, Mountrail County, North Dakota.
Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage, recorded against the above described property by Byron Edwards and Rebekah Hoover, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, LLC dba Benchmark Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated October 9, 2020, (“Mortgage”); and given to secure the payment of \$112,917.00, and interest and other fees and costs according to the terms and obligations of a certain promissory note, is in default. The current Mortgagee of the Mortgage is PennyMac Loan Services LLC.
The following is a statement of the sum due for principal, interest, taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. as of November 10, 2025:
Principal: \$102,153.55
Interest to 11/24/25 at 3.125%: \$2,063.30
Pro Rata MP: \$71.04
Escrow Advance Balance: \$1,866.07
Foreclosure Costs: \$250.00
Property Inspection Fee: \$120.00
Late Charges: \$77.40
Grand Total: \$106,601.36
That as of November 10, 2025, the amount due to cure any default, or to be due under the terms of the mortgage, exists in the following respects:
Monthly Mortgage Payments: \$5,512.92
Required Escrow: \$128.14
Late Charges: \$77.40
Property Inspection: \$120.00
Incurred Foreclosure: \$250.00
Grand Total: \$6,088.46
In the event that you either payoff or re-instate the loan, payment must be paid by certified funds, and made payable to PennyMac Loan Services LLC, and mailed to Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C., at 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. Additionally, you must pay any additional accrued interest, subsequent payments or late charges which become due and any further expenses for preservation of the property which may be advanced. Please contact Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. for the exact amount due through a certain date.
You have the right, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, to cure the default specified above. You also have the right in the foreclosure action to assert that no default exists or any other defense you may have to said action.
Notice is further provided that if the total sums in default, together with interest accrued thereon at the time of such payment, accrued payments then due and expenses advanced, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of this Notice, the Mortgagee will deem the whole sum secured by the Mortgage to be due and payable in full without further notice. Furthermore, proceedings will be commenced to foreclosure such Mortgage, and in the event of Sheriff’s sale as provided by the laws of the State of North Dakota, the time for redemption shall be as provided by law, but not less than sixty (60) days after the Sheriff’s Sale.
Date: November 10, 2025
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
/s/ Tyler S. Wirrick
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Attorney for Creditor
376 East 400 South, Suite 300
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Jan. 14, 21, 28, 2026

Proceedings Of The Mountrail County Park Commission

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Eric Jaeger, Arden Eide, John DeGroot, Wayne Olson and Jason Rice present. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney was present.
Also in attendance were Justin & Dawn Ritts, Terry Fleck, Steve Nelson, Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia, Jay Harstad and Steven Littlefield.
Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2025 special meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor reviewed the 2025 financials with the board & supplied the 2026 preliminary budget.
CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:
Steve Nelson gave an update on the park. The shop is completed for storage with electrical being completed.
WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:
Jared & Kristin Iverson, White Earth Bay Managers gave park updates.
The board approved to have the lease number match the concessionaire agreement with the end date of September 30, 2026.
The annual inspection by the Corp was reviewed.
Loretta Hansen with the Corps of Engineers gave an update on the inspection.
PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:
Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia, Parshall Bay Manager gave park updates.
Wayne and Verla Walter will no longer be the camp hosts for the 2026 season. Parshall Bay Managers both gave appraisal for the job that has been provided by them both. John & Kelly Larson are the replacements for the hosts for the 2026 year. Verla Walter will stay on as temporary to help train Ms. Larson. Discussion was held on the possibility of a double ramp on the West end due to low water level.
The annual inspection by the Corp was reviewed.
Loretta Hansen, with the Corps of Engineers appreciated the work done by all park managers.
VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:
Discussion was held on Lot 8, Block 12 encroachment on the Corps of Engineers property. Taryn Kjelstrup with the Corp discussed the garage and retaining wall would be a 10-year easement to keep them in place. The shed would need to be moved.
Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, a letter will be drafted requesting an easement for all the buildings to the Corps of Engineers. Upon roll call, Eide, Rice, Olson, DeGroot and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.
The building permits supplied by the Planning & Zoning were reviewed.
Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfers of Lot 2, Block 15 from Gloria Johnson to Janet Kuehne, Lot 6, Block 8 from Daniel & Ellen Reid to Michael & Paige Reid and Lot 4, Block 13 from Leif Carlson to Mike & Toni Zinke. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update.
Discussion was held on the walking path by the west boat ramps that were installed and approved on July 7th with the Corps of Engineers. Manager Ritts gave a big shout out to Wayne Johnson for the time and effort put into this project.
The annual inspection by the Corp was reviewed.
Loretta Hansen with the Corps of Engineers expressed the great involvement with the Managers.
Discussion was held on the 2026 camping rates. Mallory Morgan gave an

update on the statistics from prior years along with numbers. The cost for electricity has gone up by 35% from 2019 and 26% increase for garbage.
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the 2026 camping sites cost to increase by \$4 for electrical, electrical w/water & sewer and \$2 for non-electrical & tent, storage fee for Parshall Bay increase by \$1; seasonal camping to \$1,750. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Jaeger and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.
Discussion was held on the 2026 lot rents for Van Hook. Comm. Jaeger discussed the lot sizes and supplied a chart of the largest to smallest lots within the park.
Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the lot rents as follows Lot Size 1 (3,933 SF to 5,600 SF) \$825 for 2026 year/2027 year; Lot Size 2 (6,000 SF to 7,776 SF) \$862.50 for 2026 year/\$900 2027 year; Lot Size 3 (8,320 SF to 9,336 SF) \$975 for 2026 year/\$1,125 2027 year; Lot Size 4 (10,500 SF) \$1,087.50 for 2026 year/\$1,350 2027 year; Lot Size 5 (12,000 SF to 13,500 SF) \$1,200 for 2026 year/\$1,575 2027 year; Lot Size 6 (15,418 SF) \$1,500 for 2026 year/\$1,800 2027 year with a courtesy letter being sent to all lot holders. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Jaeger, DeGroot and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.
The meeting dates for the 2026 park board meetings are as follows: January 15th, March 19th, June 18th, & September 17th.
ADJOURN:
The Board adjourned at 11:47 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.
Accepted and approved this 15th day of January, 2026.
Eric Jaeger
Mountrail County Park Commission
ATTEST:
Stephanie A Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2025
The Board met in special session on Tuesday at 8:30 A.M. with Commissioners Wayne Olson, Jason Rice, Arden Eide present, Eric Jaeger via GoToMeeting and John DeGroot absent. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney was present. Also present were Jared & Kristin Iverson.
Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order.
WHITE EARTH DISCUSSION:
Discussion was held on extending the U.S Army Corp Lease with White Earth Bay from 10 years to 25 years.
Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to approve the White Earth Bay lease with the US Corps of Engineers from 10 years to 25 years ending on December 31st, 2050. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.
Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the Concessionaire agreement with Jared & Kristin Iverson for 10 years ending on December 31, 2035. Upon roll call, Jaeger, Rice, Olson and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.
WHITE EARTH BAY, VAN HOOK & PARSHALL BAY:
Chairman Jaeger reviewed the bid results for the bathhouses at White Earth Bay, Van Hook & Parshall Bay. Discussion was held on the fund balance within the County Park Building Fund. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor stated that the transfer from the General Fund to the County Park Building Fund in the 2026 year should be enough to move forward with the project.
Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the bathhouse bids for White Earth Bay, Van Hook & Parshall Bay from Tooz Construction, Inc for the single prime bid totaling \$1,244,421. Upon roll call, Eide, Rice, Olson and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.
The Board adjourned at 8:55 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.
Accepted and approved this 15th day of January, 2026.
Eric Jaeger
Mountrail County Park Commission
ATTEST:
Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor