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## Advertisement Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Burke County Water Resource Board will receive sealed Bids for the construction of the North Star Dam Removal Project, via the online bid service through QuestCDN vBid online bidding until 1:00 PM CST June 4, 2026, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via Microsoft Teams. The public is encouraged to view the Microsoft Teams bid opening on their computer, tablet, or smartphone, using the following link:

## Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/254396043302935?p=qMfWdTKcpmUW2i0gQK>

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Passcode: eb3iz9hk

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(833) 450-1894, 775003070# United States (Toll-free)

Phone conference ID: 775 003 070#

All Bids must be submitted, and all work shall be done, in full and strict compliance with the Plans and Specifications for this Project. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for \$42 by inputting **Quest project 10181042** on the website's Project Search page.

Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in a free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Questions or clarifications during bidding shall be directed to the Engineer in writing: Mandar Nangare, [MNangare@barr.com](mailto:MNangare@barr.com) or Joel Toso, [JToso@barr.com](mailto:JToso@barr.com). Questions and answers from all bidders will be posted on the QuestCDN site. Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN, which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid (which is required for this project). Hardcopy bids will not be required nor accepted for this project.

The project is located 2.1 miles west of 71st Avenue NW on 106 Street NW, North Star Township, North Dakota. In general, the Work included in the Project includes the labor, materials, tools, and equipment required to remove an existing dam, grade and restore natural channel for approximately 1.4 miles south of structure, and restoration of disturbed areas.

A virtual pre-Bid meeting for interested bidders will be held via Microsoft Teams on May 12th at 9:00 AM CST. This meeting is not mandatory. The Engineer will have a short presentation highlighting key components of the Drawings and Specifications, followed by a question and answer session. Some questions may not be answered on the spot, but all questions and answers will be posted to the QuestCDN site following the pre-Bid meeting. Microsoft Teams meeting information for the virtual pre-Bid meeting is provided below:

## Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/237013261899719?p=4AuZP82Gw6dD8i9hUw>

Meeting ID: 237 013 261 899 719

Passcode: Mg9sG3hP

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Phone conference ID: 444 098 97#

Questions will be accepted until 2 pm on May 21, 2026. Partial set of documents will not be issued.

No Bid may be read or considered if it does not fully comply with the requirements of Section 48-01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. Any deficient Bid received will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. The Owner reserves the right to hold all bids for 45 days, to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Bid and to accept the Bid deemed in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to rebid the project until a satisfactory Bid is received.

The Work shall be substantially complete by April 1, 2027. All Work shall be complete and ready for final payment in accordance with the General Conditions by June 1, 2027. By order of the Burke County Water Resource Board.

## Contact Information

**Burke County Water Resource Board**

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Dated May 1, 2026

John Moen, Chairman

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May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2026

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## Notice of Hearing

N.D. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM CDT Thursday, May 28, 2026 at N.D. Oil & Gas Division 1000 East Calgary Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Thursday, May 14, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. 32914: Application of Phoenix Operating LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Black Slough-Bakken Pool to establish a standup 2560-acre spacing unit comprising Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T.162N., R.92W., Burke County, ND, and authorize up to four horizontal wells to be drilled in such unit, and/or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Signed by,

Kelly Armstrong, Governor

Chairman, NDIC

May 6, 2026

## Notice

To James Emmel, Kenmare, North Dakota

To James Emmel, owner of grain stored in grain bins owned by Larry Olney, all of which Larry Olney had previously requested Mr. Emmel remove.

You are hereby notified that Larry Olney claims a special lien upon the above-described grain by virtue of North Dakota Century Code section 35-20-11, and hereby further advises you of the undersigned's intention to foreclose such special lien and acquire ownership of such article, unless the sum of \$2,400.00, plus one hundred dollars per month from the date of this notice is paid within sixty days from the date hereof; or unless you shall notify the undersigned within such period of your election to challenge the amount claimed due for services rendered thereon.

Dated: April 21, 2026

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May 6, 13 & 20, 2026

City of Powers Lake  
Council Proceedings

## Special Meeting

## Unapproved Proceedings

The Powers Lake City Council met in special session on May 1, 2026 at 7:00 am. Council members present were: Griesbach, Parslow, Moen (via phone) and Holmen. Also present were Chief Leighton and his family, Chuck Krenz, Carey Kilpatrick, City Attorney Fiesel, Lisa Thomas (via phone) and the auditor.

Mayor Enget called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:00 am.

No comments were made during the public comment session.

Mayor Enget turned the meeting over to Law Enforcement councilman Holmen. The meeting has been called due to the relationship between Chief Leighton and the public and the conflicts starting back in October/November. Council has given the chance to try and repair those relationships.

Motion by Holmen, seconded by Griesbach to approve one of two options: resignation by Chief Leighton or council vote to dismiss Chief Leighton. Leighton will be allowed to remain in the city house until May 31st; the 2018 Chevy Tahoe Leighton purchased the title will be signed over to Leighton (once city equipment is removed); and the city will refund the proceeds of the two Hegstad Subdivision lots Leighton recently purchased once lots are deeded back to the city. Chief Leighton will not resign and feels he has complied with all duties/requests and worked with people as much as he can. Leighton stated there are a couple people upset, but there will be upset people when he does his job. Discussion was held on the police department limited access policy

adopted April 7, 2025. Mayor Enget called for a roll call vote to approve the dismissal of Chief Leighton effective May 1, 2026: Griesbach-aye, Holmen-aye, Parslow-aye, Moen-aye. Motion carried. Leighton will turn in his badge at the end of the meeting.

Next meeting is Monday, May 11 at 6 pm.

Motion by Griesbach, seconded by Parslow to adjourn at 7:10 am. Motion carried.

Kari Enget, Mayor  
Jennifer Titus, City Auditor

May 6, 2026

## Vacancy

Burke County Planning  
and Zoning Commission

The Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission is a seven-member board formed for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, public convenience, general prosperity, and public welfare of the County. Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. on the Third Tuesday of each month with occasional hearings and work sessions scheduled during weekdays and evenings.

A vacancy exists on the Commission and expressions of interest are invited. Please send your resume to Stephanie Black, Burke County Planning and Zoning, PO Box 310 Bowbells, ND. 58721 or by email to [sblack@nd.gov](mailto:sblack@nd.gov) by Thursday May 28th.

If you have any questions regarding the position, please call (701) 377 - 6242 Monday - Thursday during normal business hours.

May 6 & 13, 2026

ANALYSES OF  
THE STATEWIDE MEASURES  
APPEARING ON  
THE ELECTION BALLOT  
JUNE 9, 2026

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov) or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov), by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at [soselect@nd.gov](mailto:soselect@nd.gov), or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional  
Measure No. 1  
(Senate Concurrent Resolution  
No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws,  
Ch. 615)

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

May 6 & 13, 2025

Fertilizer, Diesel Woes  
Make for Difficult Spring  
Planting Decisions  
Skyrocketing prices, supply uncertainties  
lead to unprecedented situationBy MICHAEL STANDAERT  
North Dakota  
News Cooperative

North Dakota farmers face unprecedented price increases heading into the planting season due to supply chain constraints stemming from the Iran war.

A hit to North Dakota's agriculture economy could put more pressure on farms trying to stay afloat as well as impact jobs in communities where farming is the primary economic driver.

Valerie Wagner, president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau said the longer farmers spend time in this "unprecedented area" adds more uncertainty for decisions about planting going into the spring.

"Most of the people I've talked to didn't contract everything they thought they'd need, because they were hoping that with some of the things that were going on and some of the promises that were being made, that maybe prices would actually come down," Wagner said.

Instead, they've gone much higher.

Average diesel prices are closing in on \$5 per gallon in North Dakota and are nearly \$1.50 higher per gallon than they were at this time last year.

On April 7, the U.S. Energy Information Administration forecasted that elevated fuel prices are expected to extend through the year.

"That impacts absolutely everything," said Evan Montgomery, ND Soybean Council Vice Chairman and a third-generation grain farmer from Grand Forks. "Every day we get out of bed we have to pay a fuel bill."

High fertilizer costs are a major concern with urea prices spiking 47% since February and nitrogen fertilizer prices up 30%, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

An AFBF poll of over 5,000 farmers nationwide in early April found that 70% are unable to afford all the fertilizer they needed, with the rate in the Midwestern region at 48%.

One positive is the Midwestern region had the highest rate of pre-booked fertilizer in the country, with 67% reporting they'd purchased before the price increases.

Matt Perdue, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, said the skyrocketing costs of fuel and fertilizer are a major concern.

"It's important to recognize that in the case of fertilizer, costs were already at elevated levels," Perdue said. "It's a

major challenge for producers in terms of what it means right now going into this growing season."

One of the biggest concerns is for farmers who did not secure contracts.

Even with supply constraints and potential shortages, pre-booked fertilizer doesn't necessarily mean it will get to the farm in a timely manner.

"Another issue we have to consider, just because you contracted that fuel and that fertilizer, unless you took possession of it at the time, unless you actually took delivery, you're not guaranteed the product," Wagner said.

## A needed shift

Higher prices and potential shortages could mean less fertilizer use and lower crop yields.

Perdue said options for producers include shifting to other commodities, including pulse crops, soybeans, lentils, and peas that may need less fertilizer.

"I think some producers are going to be making those decisions anyway, given the price pressure," Perdue said. "If there are significant shortages at the local level, you're going to see producers have to make some game time decisions on what they're planting and what their application rates are."

The Persian Gulf accounts for 36% of global supply of urea, 29% of anhydrous ammonia, 26% of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and 13% of monoammonium phosphate (MAP).

"If we have fertilizer shortages, it's going to be impossible to make up for that shortfall," Perdue said. "There's no great plan B for covering that shortfall."

Looking further out, Perdue and others hope this can spur the U.S. industry to increase its domestic supply and production of fertilizers as well as more competition in the marketplace.

While a shift to more domestic production would be welcome, it wouldn't happen overnight.

"Any time you can source domestically and not get caught up in any type of geopolitical or international disputes, that's better, but that's a long-term process," said Josh Gackle, chairman of the American Soybean Association. "You don't start up a fertilizer plant in six months."

The addition of soybean crushing facilities in North Dakota and elsewhere has helped increase the domestic market for soybean producers and a



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push for more domestic production of renewable ethanol, diesel and other biofuels could also help.

"We're hoping that the industry, the crushing plants in North Dakota and others, can continue to keep their operations going and grow and expand and continue to build that domestic market for what we're growing here as farmers," said Gackle.

State support already  
at record levels

In mid-March, the North Dakota Industrial Commission allocated another \$100 million for the Bank of North Dakota's 2026 Farm Stability Loan Program on top of the nearly \$400 million already set aside for the program.

The total is more than double the record of \$190 million previously set aside for the program and fast approaching triple if more allocations are made.

The program helps producers restructure debts incurred in the past two years at lower interest rates.

John Bitzan, Menard Family Director of the Sheila and Robert Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth at North Dakota State University, said the program was boosted both because of continued high input prices and also fallout from U.S. tariffs and trade retaliation from China.

"This means U.S. farmers are

able to sell less of their products. That has put financial pressure on them. And now, with the current war, this is causing more distress to farmers and uncertainty as well for the future," Bitzan said.

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