DRAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2025 6:30 AM COMMUNITY ROOM Board Present: Jessica Hermanson. Randy Corrick, Reid Christenson, Michael Emnuelson Present: Jason Keating, Jessica Gunderson, Angela Aasand Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:30 AM. Emanuelson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 1c water fountains, seconded by Hermanson, and approved by all. Corrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda (10/20/25 minutes, bills, and financial reports), seconded by Hermanson, and approved by all. Corrick made the motion to approve the purchase of new water fountains. The motion was seconded by Emanuelson, and approved by all. Hermanson left after the elementary principal's report at 7:00 AM. Emanuelson motioned to approve the second reading of Policy ACE-Violent and Threatening Behavior, seconded by Corrick, and approved by all. Emanuelson motioned to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation of Satisfactory, seconded by Corrick, and approved by all. Emanuelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28AM, seconded by Corrick, and approved by

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Embrace the winter

By Doug Leier, North Dakota Game and Fish, outreach biologist



Early winter in North Dakota is unlike anything else - a time of transition, not just in the weather, but in mindset. The landscape quiets. The urgency of fall - hunting seasons, harvest, migration - fades and the brown turns white. Christmas and the holidays add to the stress. After the holidays and we turn the calendars to 2026, we're hit with the reality of winter.

For those who know and love this state, it's a season of peace, solitude and subtle beauty. And for the wildlife that call this place home year-round, it's also a season of survival. There's a calmness now that doesn't exist during the vibrant chaos of spring or the long workdays of summer. Walk out into a prairie coulee or along the edge of a frozen slough, and you'll find it - the hush. The snow, when it isn't blowing, settles in slowly, coating the stubble fields and shelterbelts, muffling the noise of the world. The wind still bites and most days around here it howls, but there's peace in the silence between gusts.

For humans, this season demands preparation: block heaters, boots, jumper cables and layering clothes like Grandma's quilt on the couch. But we've got furnaces, vehicles and grocery stores. For wildlife, survival looks a little different.

Take the sharp-tailed grouse. These prairie birds don't pack up and leave for warmer climates. Instead, they tuck into snowbanks for warmth and huddle in cattail sloughs for protection from the wind. They rely on their instincts, their biology, and the landscape itself to survive January and February when the thermometer dips to levels that can make even a seasoned North Dakotan pause.

Red fox and coyote are also permanent residents of the prairie that survive and sometimes thrive. You might catch a glimpse of one at dawn, trotting along a fence line or weaving through drifted snow in search of voles or a winter-weakened rabbit. Their coats thicken, their senses sharpen, and they become models of winter adaptation.

What's remarkable is that none of these animals complain or question the cold that we know of. They prepare. They endure. And in that, there's a lesson for all of us.

Winter can feel long here. But just as the snow settles in slowly, so do the days begin to lengthen, subtly at first, then more noticeably. By late December, when the solstice marks the



As we move into the cold season, take a moment to step outside. Listen. Watch. Feel the quiet strength of this land and its wild inhabitants. Photo by NDGF

longest night, something shifts. It's barely noticed at first, but the light slowly begins to return. That sliver of optimism - a just a minute or two of daylight gained each day - carries a quiet hope that spring will return.

So, as we move into the cold season, take a moment to step outside. Listen. Watch. Feel the quiet strength of this land and its wild inhabitants. We may not migrate like snow geese or hang up our routines for winter, but like the sharp-tail, the fox, and the coyote, we adapt. We prepare. We endure. And we appreciate the rhythm of the seasons.



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