

Continued from page 1

TOWNSHIPS—

to several protections demanded by skeptics of the project, such as a 1-mile setback, a surety bond and safer methods of decommissioning.

In exchange, Grandfield and New Rockford Townships would sign a JPA that allows Eddy County to be the sole entity in the county responsible for issuing a citing permit to Flickertail Wind.

“We see this as a constructive step toward collaboration between the county and townships and toward bringing meaningful economic development to the community,” read a statement from PRC Wind on the agreements.

Grandfield Township

The latest effort to advance Flickertail Wind was dealt a setback during a special meeting of the Grandfield Township on Thursday, May 21.

The meeting lasted nearly three hours as township supervisors, representatives of PRC Wind and several individuals in attendance engaged in a lengthy, back-and-forth discussion.

Ultimately, supervisors decided to reject the agreements and instead begin the process of adopting a comprehensive plan and affirm control of their own zoning authority as a township.

They also carried a motion to propose zoning amendments that allow wind energy development on agricultural land, which they say would resolve the

problem that derailed PRC Wind's first efforts to acquire local permits in December.

However, the process would require additional meetings and hearings that could further delay the project, and it's not clear that PRC Wind is willing to wait.

Grandfield supervisors expressed their belief that the process of acquiring and updating their zoning could be completed quickly, but Wells McGiffert - Vice President of Development for PRC Wind - expressed skepticism during Thursday's meeting.

McGiffert pointed to the reality that Flickertail Wind has already been delayed for several months over zoning questions, and in a statement after the meeting project representatives said, “We acknowledge the township's vote, but the meeting discussion raises concern that Grandfield may not be able to successfully establish zoning.”

“The JPA path not selected by Grandfield supervisors provided a dependable path forward to ensure Grandfield's stated setback requirements were followed.”

Grandfield Township has scheduled a special meeting for 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 11 at the Grandfield Lutheran Church to enact a “more comprehensive, comprehensive plan” and to consider various zoning amendments.

New Rockford Township

Unlike Grandfield, New Rockford Township voted to accept both the devel-

opment and joint powers agreement proposed by PRC Wind.

During a meeting on Tuesday, May 26, supervisors voted 2-1 to accept both agreements after a 40-minute discussion that included the supervisors, PRC Wind representatives and David Fite, a former township supervisor and vocal critic of the project.

Tuesday's special meeting was the first since the township's elections earlier this year, which saw Fite lose his seat on the Board of Township Supervisors to Nathan Messner.

Fite argued on Tuesday that New Rockford Township should follow the example of Grandfield Township, suggesting the commitments outlined in the development agreement belong in their zoning ordinance rather than a contract.

“All we wanted was a mile setback, and they're giving it to us,” said Township Supervisor Levi Weber.

“No they're not,” responded Fite. “They're pretending they're giving it to us... The only place [the mile setback] is, is in the development agreement which can be broken.”

McGiffert assured the room, which also included several township residents, that the development agreement is a binding contract which would be enforceable.

The agreement also requires a surety bond of up to \$1 million “to secure Developer's compliance” with the county's zoning ordinance and the commitments out-

lined in the development agreement.

A motion was eventually made by Weber and seconded by Messner to enter into the agreements. Both Weber and Messner voted “aye,” while supervisor Todd Haley voted “nay,” arguing the township should have a lawyer read the agreements first.

In a statement after the meeting, project representatives said they appreciate the township's willingness to work with the project.

“In New Rockford, Flickertail appreciates the willingness of New Rockford Township, Eddy County and local stakeholders to continue working collaboratively toward a coordinated permitting and development framework,” reads the statement.

“The Joint Powers Agreement approach provides an opportunity for township participation while ensuring a clear and robust process to evaluate projects.”

The road ahead

Until recently, both Grandfield and New Rockford Township were under the impression that they had authority over their own zoning ordinances.

However, that was called into question when Eddy County State's Attorney Ashley Lies told commissioners on May 5 - after the development and JPA agreements were proposed - that neither township had adopted a comprehensive plan.

Lies said that state law requires townships to have

a comprehensive plan in order to exercise their own zoning authority, referring to North Dakota Century Code 58-03-12.

That statute states, in part, “The regulations and restrictions established in any township zoning district must be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan with reasonable consideration as to the character of such district...”

If Grandfield does not have its own zoning authority, then PRC Wind would not have to submit a permit to the township - and Grandfield would not be able to grant such a permit.

However, some township supervisors and residents have disagreed with Lies'

opinion, saying a separate comprehensive plan isn't necessary.

In a response to the Transcript following the Grandfield meeting, PRC Wind said they're “currently evaluating the best path forward for the project in Grandfield Township.”

On Wednesday, PRC added that they plan to gather more input from the community this summer.

“Flickertail believes collaborative solutions like that in New Rockford help ensure the local community remains meaningfully involved in shaping projects that can bring long-term economic benefits to the region,” said Paul White, CEO of PRC Wind.

New hours at
Buck-It's Bar
starting Monday, June 1

Bar Hours:	Kitchen Hours:
Monday-Friday 4pm-close	Monday-Tuesday Special/Fryer food only
Saturday 2pm-close	Wednesday-Saturday 5pm-9pm
Sunday 11am-close	Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm

Order online!
Scan the QR code to view our menu and place your order



Buck-It's Bar
828 Central Ave, New Rockford

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the Primary Election will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at one (1) polling location - Brown Memorial, 3 7th Street South, New Rockford, ND. The polling place will open at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M. Those who have cast their ballot through the mail may not vote in person. Dated at New Rockford, Eddy County, ND this 20th day of May, 2026. Bobbie Indergaard, Eddy County Auditor. The arrangement of candidate names on ballots in your precinct may vary from the published sample ballot, depending on the precinct and legislative district in which you reside.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	EDDY COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026	
ATTENTION! READ BEFORE VOTING POLITICAL PARTY BALLOT	
<small>In a Political Party Primary Election, you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains two political parties; one in each section. If you vote in more than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected; however, all votes on the No Party and Measures Ballots will still be counted.</small>	
<small>To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.</small>	
<p style="text-align: center;">REPUBLICAN</p> <p>Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julie Fedorchak</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alex Balazs</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>State Senator District 09 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>State Representative District 09 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Secretary of State Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Howe</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Drew Wrigley</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Agriculture Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Doug Goehring</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Deven Styczynski</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sheri Haugen-Hoffart</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Olson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Kringstad</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brian Kroshus</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEMOCRATIC-NPL</p> <p>Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Trygve Hammer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>State Senator District 09 Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jayme Davis</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard Marcellais</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>State Representative District 09 Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Collette Brown</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Duane Poitra</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Secretary of State Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Braunberger</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Lamb</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Agriculture Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vern Thompson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John M Pederson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scot Kelsh</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark Nelson</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continue voting other side →</p>
NOTICE: You may only vote in one political party's section.	
Official Ballot EDDY COUNTY June 9, 2026	All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.
Election Official Initials	
Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01	

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA	EDDY COUNTY
NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT	
<small>To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate.</small>	
<small>To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.</small>	
<p>Superintendent of Public Instruction Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Levi Bachmeier</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tracy Layne Foss</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charles Tuttle</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ariston E Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jerod Tufte</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Justice of the Supreme Court Unexpired 8-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Douglas A Bahr</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Judge of the District Court No. 1 Unexpired 4-Year Term Southeast Judicial District Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James T Shockman</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Commissioner By District Districts At-Large Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Todd Haley</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jamie Allmaras</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dave Gehrtz</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Preston Meier</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County State's Attorney Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ashley L. Lies</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Recorder/Clerk of District Court Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tiffany Harr</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Treasurer Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Becki Schumacher</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Sheriff Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Paul Lies</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>County Official Newspaper Vote for no more than ONE name</p> <p><input type="radio"/> New Rockford Transcript</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner New Rockford Vote for no more than TWO names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Belquist</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Park Board Commissioner New Rockford Park Vote for no more than THREE names</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jaclyn Engels</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Reed Weisenburger</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEASURES BALLOT</p> <p><small>Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.</small></p> <p>Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)</p> <p><small>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 is summarized as follows: constitutional amendments would 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.</small></p> <p><small>The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.</p>
VOTE BOTH SIDES	
Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01	