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NOTICE CITY OF KATHRYN UPDATE TO CITY ORDINANCE #23 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The City of Kathryn will be reviewing and approving updates to City Ordinance #23 Floodplain Management on February 2nd at 7:10 PM. A copy of the updates can be requested by writing to Kathryn City Auditor, PO Box 138, Kathryn ND. 58049 or by contacting any City Council Member.

(January 15 & 27, 2026)

VALLEY CITY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday January 06, 2026 President Carlsrud called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Members present: President Carlsrud, Commissioner Gulmon, Commissioner Bishop, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Magnuson, City Administrator Crawford, City Attorney Martineck, Finance Director Klein

OATH OF OFFICE FOR POLICE OFFICER GEORGIA MAGEO APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Remove New Business 4 and move to January 20, 2026 Commission Meeting. Add New Business 5, Appoint City Commission Representative to Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation Board. Add approval to consent agenda for Special Event permit for VCSU Foundation. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Erickson Roll Call: Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed.

Add Resolution 2512 A Resolution to Amend the Master Fee Schedule Motion to approve by Commissioner Erickson, Roll Call: Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve by Commissioner Gulmon, seconded by Commissioner Magnuson Roll Call: Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion passed

ORDINANCESecond and Final Reading of Ordinance 1185, An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Sections 7.1-01-05, 8-06-08, and 12-05-03 of the Valley City Municipal Code Related to Administrative Fees for Noncompliance with City Orders.Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Magnuson Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

RESOLUTION

Approve Resolution 2510 A Resolution Approving Engineers Report and Di-

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recting Preparation of Detailed Plans, Specifications and Estimates of Probable Cost for Paving Improvement District No. 133.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon Roll Call: Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Approve Resolution 2511 A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Paving Improvement District No. 133.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Gulmon, seconded by Commissioner Bishop Roll Call: Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed.

Approve Resolution 2512 A Resolution to Amend the Master Fee Schedule.- Motion to approve by Commissioner Magnuson, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed.

Approve Task Order for Preliminary & Design Engineering for Permanent Flood Protection Phases 5 & 6.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Magnuson Roll Call: Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion passed.

Appoint Planning and Zoning Commissioner to Fill Unexpired Five-Year City Resident Term Ending December 31, 2029. Motion to approve by Commissioner Gulmon, seconded by Commissioner Erickson Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed

Approve Agreement with the Bank of North Dakota for \$1,500,000 Loan Funds for the 2026 Mill and Overlay Project. Motion to approve by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Gulmon Roll Call: Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Magnuson-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed.

Appoint City Commission Representative to Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation Board Motion to approve by Commissioner Gulmon, seconded by Commissioner Bishop Roll Call: Magnuson-Yes; Erickson-Yes; Gulmon-Yes; Bishop-Yes; Carlsrud-Yes Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm

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City of Kathryn Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025

Ron Kruger called to order the regular meeting of the Kathryn City Council at 7:00 PM, Kathryn Community Center. Present: Ron Kruger, DelRay Trzruc, Billy Foster, Sabrina Foster, Robert Collier & Jamie Smith. Also present: Fire Chief Eric Nelson, Shanon Summers, Laurie (Sheyenne Saloon).

Motion to approve November regular meeting minutes by Sabrina Foster; second by DelRay Trzruc. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Parcel #52-0100340 was sold at the Sheriff's Sale for back taxes. Thank you to the volunteers who hung the City Christmas Lights.

New Business:

Discussion regarding updating Ordinance #23 related to Flood Plain management.

Motion by Sabrina Foster and seconded by DelRay Trzruc to approve the issuance of a Liquor License to Sheyenne Saloon. Roll call vote: Ron Kruger- yes, DelRay Trzruc-yes, Robert Collier-no, William Foster-yes, Sabrina Foster-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Bills presented for payment: Barnes Rural Water: \$59.20, Otter Tail Power Company: \$412.48, Fatman Trash: \$603.94, Jamie Smith: \$1,601.93, BC Highway Dept. \$555.00, Farmers Union Insurance: \$891.00, VC Times Record: \$36.70. Motion to approve bills by William Foster. Second by Del-Ray Trzruc. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sabrina Foster moved to adjourn; second by DelRay Trzruc. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next regular meeting: January 7th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

Jamie L. Smith, Auditor City of Kathryn
Ron Kruger, Mayor City of Kathryn

(January 15, 2025)

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OUR OUTDOORS Hold Fast for Habitat

By Nick Simonson

Thinking back over the past autumn's upland season and looking through the scrawls of handwriting in the stained and worn journal I removed from the compartment in the driver's side door of my truck this weekend, I was optimistic as I recounted each day's efforts. This was due to the fact that on every single parcel of property – public, private and PLOTS or WIA - that I walked with my lab, Ole, we put up at least a handful of pheasants. At this point in time on my hunting journey, part of that is owed to knowing what places provide roosters with refuge, and the other part of that is simply having the habitat on the landscape to do so.

It's that latter element, beyond knowledge and experience, that sets the table for other hunters, new sportsmen and women fresh out of firearms education or those reactivating after some time on the sidelines, to have the places to go and explore in the next season and the seasons that come after. Those areas, which via a mix of grass, cattails, brush and other cover, provide the ideal areas for pheasants. And while available options to make more places for wildlife, such as the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), are in a trough, and demand for every farmable acre seems at a peak, and we await some sort of seismic shift in that duality that comes every couple of decades or so; there are green shoots and good programs in place to help preserve, protect and make more habitat, and perhaps as important, get



Nick Simonson

hunters access to it.

Whether it's through what acres remain in the highly competitive CRP enrollments each year, or via those lesser known state and local efforts available with Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), county extension offices, state wildlife management agencies, or non-governmental organizations like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited or other sportsmen's groups big and small, a foothold for habitat is forming. Through these avenues, conservation-minded landowners, operators, and those aligned with them, can explore options to convert marginal lands and acres of limited productivity - which take far more in inputs such as seed, spray and fertilizer, than they ever give back on a regular basis in terms of successful crops – and find a way to not only improve wildlife habitat and all the good things that go with it, but also increase their farm's bottom line.

And those other good things beyond a rising rooster, or a fawn whitetail brought into the population of deer, should not be forgotten. While winter has pulled a bit of its punch after a bitter start across the region, we're only a

couple years removed from a season where nine feet of snow made for headlines of wildlife mortality followed by spring flooding. The more grass, sloughs, swamps, and tree claims that are in the ground, the more cover we give wildlife and the easier it is to manage soil erosion, air and water pollution, and slow drainage to prevent or even eliminate flooding in our region's major rivers each spring.

Now, in the heart of winter, is the time not only to take stock of the habitat we still have on the ground, but also the idea that we have nowhere to go but up, when it comes to making conservation, hunting, and ultimately, when thinking downstream, even our fishing on waters that absorb annual runoff, better through the habitat programs that are available. If you own, rent, ranch, or farm land; or know someone who does, now is the time to talk about habitat. On every piece and parcel there's likely a space for grass, cattails, trees, brush or some other sort of protective cover that benefits wildlife and people. Reach out to contacts in your area, your wildlife management agency, state and local water districts, and your local conservation groups to find the habitat options fit for those acres and the wildlife on it along with your budget. There's always room for improvement and future seasons of full journal stories; especially now as we hold fast and await the next upswing of habitat plantings...in our outdoors.

Simonson is the lead writer and editor of Dakota Edge Outdoors.



Simonson Photo

An Excellent Entry. The author's pheasant hunting was helped by knowing about huntable spaces with great habitat in 2025 and sets the stage for efforts to improve those options in the coming year.