

# PUBLIC NOTICE

FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

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## PARK —

factors, kids on the west side tend not to have easy transportation to the City or Courthouse parks.

Results of the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment, conducted by CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center and Foster County Public Health, showed that the West End Park's renovation was one of the steps integral to attracting and retaining young families in the area.

In addition, results compiled by the Carrington Area Chamber of Commerce's five-year strategic plan showed that 46 percent of adults indicated that youth recreation and wellness infrastructure was deemed "extremely important", with another 34 percent saying it was "important" to them.

The project committee does not know the exact date when the current equipment at the park was installed, but individual members recall playing on the swings back when they were kids, 40 years or more ago in some cases.

In community focus group discussions cited in the description, there is a stated desire to bring equipment to the park that provides outdoor exercise and challenges for older children, as the Courthouse and City Park's amenities are geared towards preschool and early elementary children.

### What's new?

Features of the renovated West End Park include a climbing structure and zipline, along with the traditional swings and slides. The basketball court and picnic shelter will remain.

The new design will keep the playground equipment contained in one area, to make maintenance easier, and the construction of the restroom will also be a benefit to park-goers.

"Simply adding a bathroom will further encourage use of the playground," Seil said. "There are no businesses on that end of town that are accessible for bathroom use, which can be a difficult problem for families with small children."

Construction work on the restroom facilities, according to Seil, has a target completion date of summer 2023.

Structural equipment to be installed carries a 100-year warranty, plastic components 15 years, and cables five years, and is made from recyclable materials manufactured by renewable energy sources.

### How to pay for the project

Grant funding Healthy Communities is pursuing includes:

- Burke and Grondahl Recreation grant, \$38,296
- Garrison Diversion, \$60,000
- North Dakota Heritage Fund, \$95,000
- Northern Plains Operation Round-Up, \$2,500
- Carrington Community Endowment Fund, \$10,000
- CBBS Caring for Communities Grant, \$5,000

Current donations received to date are \$520, from a small bake sale fund-raiser held in November.

"Right now, our primary efforts to raise funds are writing grants," Seil said. "We'll start looking for local financial donations as well as doing some fund-raising projects, and eventually, we'll be asking for some volunteers to help remove the old equipment."

If some grants are not received, the Carrington Community Connection grant program can provide the balance of funds up to \$40,000 to ensure the project's completion.

"We had hoped to start in early summer, but some of the grants will not be rewarded - should we receive them - until mid-July," Seil explained. "I hope that we will have the funds so that the project will be installed in the fall."

More information on the West End Park renovation project, along with the

Carrington Area Healthy Communities Coalition, can be found on their Website, [healthy.carrington.org](http://healthy.carrington.org).

"Living a healthy lifestyle is one of the key components of the Healthy Communities Coalition's mission. Outdoor activities and enjoyment of playing in the outdoors are definitely a part of this," concluded Seil.

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## GARRISON —

In 2021, approximately 7,500 acres of cropland were irrigated by the canal.

Cook said a 145-acre irrigation project is slated to be constructed in 2022, and nearly 2,000 more acres are in the early stages of development.

Water from the canal is also used for livestock watering. The Sheridan County Water Resource Board has a water service contract with Garrison Diversion to release water from the canal. Water is released from various points of the canal into different waterways (creeks/streams) to be picked up by ranchers as the water flows downstream. This provided a steady, guaranteed water supply for ranchers during last summer's drought.

Another, perhaps lesser known, function of the canal is providing recreation. The Chain of Lakes Recreation area along the McClusky Canal has four lakes: East Park Lake, West Park Lake, Heckers Lake and New Johns Lake. The McClusky Canal is important to the chain of lakes because water is pumped from the canal, as needed, in order to maintain optimal water levels for recreation.

The Chain of Lakes is located 17 miles north of Wilton, on North Dakota Highway 41. Free camping, fish cleaning table, dump station, six vault toilets, three boat ramps, and 62 designated campsites are among the amenities at the recreation area.

Garrison Diversion provides basic maintenance of those recreation facilities at the directive of Reclamation. In 2021, O&M staff constructed a camp host site at East Park Lake, providing a place for a camp host to live through the summer season to supervise the Chain of Lakes Recreation Area.

Reclamation is now seeking a volunteer campground host for the 2022 recreation season at Chain of Lakes. Hosts are responsible for meeting and greeting campers, stocking brochures and rest rooms, and general site appearance. Hosts are provided with a full hookup campsite and a small stipend to help cover incidental expenses.

The host will live on-site from mid-May through the first part of September. For more information, please contact Andrea Gue at 701-221-1223 or via email at [ague@usbr.gov](mailto:ague@usbr.gov).

Across the country, there are 289 Reclamation project areas that have developed recreation facilities and opportunities available for public use. Over 100 are managed by a federal recreation partner. Reclamation has approximately 6.5 million acres of land and water, most of which is available for public outdoor recreation. The 187 developed recreation areas managed by Reclamation, or a non-Federal recreation partner, draw over 24 million visits annually.

Last year, approximately 40,500 acre-feet of water was delivered through the McClusky Canal. Therefore, it is important to perform routine maintenance of GDU facilities to ensure they operate properly. Routine tasks include weed control, water operations and road maintenance.

In addition to regular canal maintenance, employees continued a major reconstruction project that started in 2016 to repair a one-mile stretch of the canal side slope, from mile marker (MM) 22 to MM 23.

The failing side slopes have reduced the water flow in the canal downstream of MM 22, approximately seven miles south of Turtle Lake. While the McClusky Canal was designed for 2,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) flows, the 100 cfs is flowing through at the slide area, reducing the amount of available water to irrigators downstream and presenting challenges in maintaining the Chain of Lakes at the desired locations. The work is being completed in cooperation with Reclamation.

O&M workers are flattening the currently failing 2-to-1 side slope to a more stable 4-to-1 slope. Overall, a total of 2.4 million cubic yards is estimated to be moved over the course of five to six years. In 2021, approximately 675,000 cubic yards of spoil material were removed from the area to stabilize the slope. To date, close to 90% of the spoil has been removed.

Once the spoil is removed and slope laid back, silt fence is installed and the area seeded to help with erosion control and establish vegetation.

Though the functions of the GDU features vary, the importance of maintaining them remains the same.

*Editor's Note: Some of the information for this piece is reprinted from an article published in the March 2022 edition of the ND Water Magazine, entitled "Garrison Diversion O&M Team Excels" written by Kimberly Cook.*

### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RELATED TO GAMES OF CHANCE

### North Dakota State Gaming Commission

will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to article 99-01.3 of the N.D. Administrative Code.

**Brynhild Haugland Room  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND  
Wed., April 27, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Attorney General, 600 E Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505, calling 701-328-4848, or visiting our web page at [attorneygeneral.nd.gov](http://attorneygeneral.nd.gov). Also, written comments may be submitted to 600 E Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505 until May 7, 2022. If you plan to attend a public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Attorney General at the above telephone number or address at least three (3) days before the hearing.  
Dated this 28th day of March 2022.  
Ian McLean, Chairman

### Foster County Planning & Zoning Board

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CENTRAL POWER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. KENSAL 43.8kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. has determined the need to construct a 16-mile (approximately) transmission line to serve a new distribution substation near Kensal, ND. The hearing is to determine whether a conditional use permit should be granted to Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the project. The project includes the construction of approximately 16 miles of 43.8 kV transmission line. The new transmission line will tap an existing Central Power 43.8 kV transmission line at a location approximately 9 miles southeast of Carrington, ND on US Highway 52 and roughly 1 mile east of US Highway 52 along ND Highway 9. The new line will generally run west to east mostly parallel to ND Highway 9 to the location of a new distribution substation located approximately ½ mile north of Kensal, ND. The project would begin approximately in the SW¼ of 31-145-65 in Foster County then proceed easterly for approximately 13 miles then southerly for approximately 1 mile thereby ending at a proposed new substation site approximately in the NE¼ of 1-144-64 in Stutsman County.

Documents are available for inspection during office hours (8:30 A.M. to noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.) in the Auditor's Office in the Foster County Courthouse.  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
7:00 A.M.

Foster County Courthouse  
Commissioners' Room  
1000 5th St N Carrington,  
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To join the meeting by conference call, call 701-652-2663 and, when prompted, enter code 24411. (Publish April 4, 2022)

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