

Deer Camp's Back!

Reprise opens Oct. 5 on DPRCA stage

BY AMY WOBBERA

Last fall's sold out hit, "Deer Camp," is back in town by popular demand.

This hilarious take on hunting follows four buddies on their annual boys' trip out to the shack. This time it's a little different, though. After 15 years of coming home with nothing but a hangover from their annual "hunting" excursion, their wives have given them an ultimatum: bag a deer or your deer camp days are over.

Only one teeny, tiny hurdle stands in their way – none of them actually know how to hunt! Do they buy one? Steal one? Could they possibly try to ... shoot one?

Watching this wacky troupe, it seems the only ones safe in the woods are the deer. With song and dance, and a bit of chance, however, their prayers are answered just as they run out of beer.

The same crew is back for the reprise of "Deer Camp." Artistic Director Elliott Schwab plays Digger, the town mortician. Local Jon Johnson brings his hilarity to the show as Moose, the buffoon. Grand Forks native and NDSU grad Drew Relling returns to DPRCA as Doogski, the ring leader and owner of the local hardware store. Gavin Brown of Devils Lake plays Diesel, the mechanic and shell-shocked Vietnam war vet.

"Deer Camp" is written by Gene Jurek with mu-



Gavin Brown (left), Jon Johnson (center back), Elliott Schwab (center front) and Drew Relling (right) will be taking the stage once again to perform "Deer Camp" at the Old Church Theatre starting on Friday, Oct. 5. Courtesy photo.

sic by Doug Spartz. With adult themes, crude humor and mild language, this is a show to bring your friends and make a night of it.

The run is short, just like deer season. The show opens Friday, Oct. 5 with only seven performances through Oct. 13. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday,

with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. If you missed your shot last year, or are one of the many who can't wait to see it again, get your tickets now.

With a full bistro menu before the show each day, and wine, beer and concessions available during the show, it's a great opportunity to spend a night out and show your

support for the arts in our area.

Reserve tickets and a table at the bistro by calling or texting (701) 399-9634. Please make your dinner selections when you book your table. The bistro menu, seat availability and ticket booking are all available online at www.dprca.com.

North Dakota Outdoors

By Doug Leler
N.D. Game & Fish

The situation with sage grouse

I keep three North Dakota OUTDOORS calendars on the wall in my office. When I glance up and see a dark shaded day I know it's pretty significant. A season open or application deadline is reason for a second look. While glancing at September I recalled how years ago there would be a three day stretch mid-week indicating the open and close of the sage grouse season.

I think back to 30 years ago when the hunting fellas and I would suggest, "We should head west sage grouse hunting." The mutual understanding was twofold. How fortunate we were in North Dakota to have a season even if it was taking place closer to Denver than it was to Minneapolis for us in southeastern North Dakota (check the numbers, it's pretty close). But even more we knew the future of sage grouse and an open season were like the Vikings Super Bowl aspirations – not too promising.

As a group of biologists and science teachers, football fans and coaches, we knew hunting wasn't the cause of a shrinking population. We didn't blame the fans for a football loss. It was about what was or wasn't on the field. Habitat of players and coaches in the same ilk as the habitat or lack thereof for sage grouse.

"I know some people have said the sage grouse population in North Dakota is on hospice, and I think that's probably an accurate thing to say," said Jesse Kolar, North Dakota Game and Fish Department upland game management supervisor in Dickinson. "I think the only saving grace we have is that Montana and South Dakota still have sage grouse connected to our population, so we could hope that those birds would source into our population. However, in the last couple of years, those populations haven't been doing as well. South Dakota shut down their hunting season like us due to declines, and Montana has seen similar declines right across the border."

North Dakota had its first sage grouse hunting season in 1964 and it was closed just once, in 1979, before being shut down indefinitely in 2008. The season, a three-day hunt the majority of those years, never attracted a wide audience, maybe 100 or so hunters annually. Since 1980, the highest number of grouse harvested in one season was 71 birds in 1983. In 2007, conceivably the last season, only 21 birds were taken.

"Unfortunately, today we're down to just two remaining leks that we know of," Kolar said in early April in southwestern Bowman County. "Last year there were 23 males on those two leks. This year our preliminary counts have been even lower. The lek where we saw 13 birds last year had about three so far. It's early, so maybe we'll see more later in the season, but it doesn't seem promising."

North Dakota is on the eastern edge of the birds' range, where habitat and climatic factors limit sage grouse success and expansion, so their numbers in the state have never been staggering.

The last time more than 100 males were counted on leks in North Dakota was 2007 with 199. Since then, their numbers have dropped significantly and there were years the totals never reached double digits.

"Around 2006 to 2008, their numbers dropped pretty precipitously, and we think it's because West Nile virus showed up on the landscape," Kolar said. "But in the grand scheme of things, there are a lot of causes to the sage grouse decline. We've lost sagebrush, we've had fragmentation with oil and gas development and other human development in their core habitat. Sage grouse like great big areas of predominantly undisturbed sagebrush and grasslands. And we don't have a lot of that left in their core range."

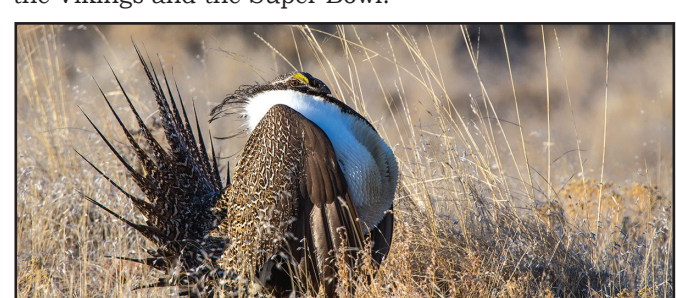
Grouse look to sagebrush for food, cover from the weather and predators, and nesting and brood habitat.

"Sage grouse aren't as productive as sharpshooters, partridge or pheasants. They definitely are on the slow production, longer lifespan scale," Kolar said. "Some of our wildlife produces really rapidly – produces a lot of young and they die frequently. Sage grouse are more adapted to producing fewer young."

Game and Fish Department wildlife managers haven't sat idly by as sage grouse numbers slowly declined over time. In the last 20 years, for example, the agency was involved in habitat improvement and reclamation projects to help bolster the grouse population.

"As far as having a sage grouse hunting season again in North Dakota ... I guess I'm pretty pessimistic," Kolar said. "You never say never because all wildlife populations go through fluctuations and sometimes we do see unexpected spikes. But it doesn't seem promising that we'll open our season anytime soon."

Which, come to think of it, isn't much different than the Vikings and the Super Bowl.



North Dakota is fortunate to have a small sage grouse population. (Courtesy photo)

Fall is best for dandelion control

If you are bothered by dandelions in your lawn, now is the time to act.

As the weather cools, dandelions begin channeling energy to their roots in preparation for winter.

Herbicides applied at this time will also travel to the roots, effectively killing the plants.

The best herbicides for broadleaf weeds like dandelions are Trimec formulations, which contain a blend of 2,4-D, mecoprop, and dicamba.

Rather than treating the entire lawn, it's more efficient to spot-treat weeds or problem areas. This saves money and reduces exposure to harmful chemicals.

Be cautious of spray drift, as it can damage nearby trees, shrubs and

Field and Garden

By
Jeff Gale

NDSU
Extension
Agent, Foster County



flowers. Avoid spraying when wind speeds exceed 5 miles per hour, and always follow label directions for safe and effective use.

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Here are some recent questions that I have received:

Q: We have a lot of rust in our lawn. Is it going to permanently damage our grass?

Rust is a fungal infection that commonly occurs in late summer and early fall.

When rust is widespread, your lawn may take on a yellowish to reddish-orange hue, and you might notice the fungus

collecting on your shoes as you walk across the grass.

The fungus doesn't kill the grass but can weaken it, making it more vulnerable to other issues.

Rust is most often seen in lawns that are stressed, whether drought stress or lack of nitrogen.

The best way to control rust is by encouraging healthy lawn growth through proper fertilization and mowing practices.

Do not irrigate in the evening or at night because extended periods of dampness favor the disease.

Fungicides are usually not needed or recommended for homeowners.

Q: Why were my onions mushy when I harvested them?

The symptoms you described sound like bacterial soft rot, which often goes unnoticed until harvest.

The pathogen typically spreads from the neck down into the bulb, causing the tissue to become water-soaked and eventually break down into pulp, often accompanied by a

distinctive rotten smell.

It's best to avoid planting onions in this area for a couple of years. Onions already have a naturally weak root system, so ensuring good drainage is essential for their health.

Q: What's wrong with my quaking aspen tree? The leaves are turning black and falling off.

Leaf diseases have been widespread in many tree species this spring and summer, with weather conditions favoring anthracnose in ash trees, apple scab in crab apples, and rust in cottonwoods.

To identify the exact disease affecting your tree, we'd need to send leaf samples to the NDSU Plant Diagnostic Lab. However, the recommendation is typically the same regardless of the disease: it's too late in the season for fungicides to be effective.

Instead, focus on good sanitation – rake up fallen leaves to help prevent re-infection next year.

The good news is, if your tree is otherwise healthy, it should recover well by next season.

EHD a threat to deer populations

Since late August, wildlife biologists have been monitoring scattered reports of white-tailed deer found dead in a portion of southwestern North Dakota. Epizootic hemorrhagic disease was confirmed in a number of these cases.

"EHD is a viral disease transmitted by biting gnats," said Dr. Charlie Bahnson, Game and Fish wildlife veterinarian. "We see a low level of EHD most years. It typically stays fairly localized, but every so often it can intensify into a significant die-off. The combined outbreak in

2020 and 2021 was probably the worst in memory, with extensive mortality across much of western North Dakota. So far, we're nowhere close to that level, but we have received around 20 reports, primarily focused across northern Stark County. We're hopeful that cold temperatures over the weekend will help slow things down, but it typically takes a series of hard frosts to kill the gnats and completely end an outbreak."

Game and Fish is asking for assistance to better track the extent and sever-

ity of this year's outbreak. The public is encouraged to report any sick or dead deer through an online reporting system.

"In some cases, we may need to collect samples off fresh carcasses, so please notify the department as soon as possible," Bahnson said.

Hunters should report any dead deer along with photos, if possible, to the Game and Fish Department through the online wildlife mortality reporting system at gf.nd.gov/mortality-report.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULES
RELATING TO PHARMACY.

WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE Board Room Century Center
1600 East Century Ave
Bismarck ND
Monday, November 4, 2024,
at 9:00 a.m. CT

Copy of the proposed amendments to the medical fee schedule may be obtained by writing to Workforce Safety & Insurance, Attn: Harvey Hanel, PO Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506-5585 or calling 800-777-5033 or TTY (701) 328-3786. Written comments may be submitted to Workforce Safety & Insurance, Harvey Hanel, Medical Services and Pharmacy Director, P.O. Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506-5585, until the close of business, November 8, 2024. If you plan to attend the public hearing and require special accommodation relating to a disability, please contact Workforce Safety & Insurance at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the hearing.

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AMENDED SUMMONS
Civ. No. 16-2024-CV-0035
 IN DISTRICT COURT,
 COUNTY OF FOSTER,
 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
 Foster County Water Resource District, a North Dakota Political Subdivision, Plaintiff,
 -vs-
 Roger Vande Hoven, Ann Vande Hoven, Trevor Vande Hoven, Bremer Bank National Association, and all other persons unknown claiming an estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint, whether as heirs, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, creditors or otherwise, Defendants.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
 1. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you. The Complaint in this action seeks a remedy of eminent domain whereby the Plaintiff, Foster County Water Resource District, a North Dakota Political Subdivision, will immediately acquire a permanent right of way easement in, on, over, across, and through real property located in the County of Foster and the State of North Dakota, described as follows:

Township 146 North, Range 65 West, Foster County, North Dakota:
Section 9: SW¼ (the "Property").
 2. The authority of the Foster County Water Resource District for taking of said right of way is set forth in North Dakota Century Code § 61-16.1-09(2) and Article I, § 16 of the North Dakota Constitution, which allows the Foster County Water Resource District to utilize eminent domain, if necessary, to acquire the right of way to create, construct, locate, operate, and maintain assessment drain projects. Further, Section 61-16.1-09(2) of the North Dakota Century Code grants the Foster County Water Resource District authority to take immediate possession of the property at any time after the commencement of this action, deposit of the amount of the written offer to purchase the right of way and the filing of an affidavit of the Chair of the Foster County Water Resource District.
 3. The Plaintiff deposited the sum of \$1,986.10 with the Clerk of District Court
 4. A Notice of Deposit has been issued by the Foster County Clerk of Court identifying the sums deposited. The Plaintiff has filed the affidavit of the Chairman of the Foster County Water Resource District. Plaintiff seeks immediate possession of the above-described property. If you disagree with the amount of dam-

ages deposited with the District Court for the taking of the easement described in the Complaint, you may appeal the amount of damages to the District Court by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response. In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(4), you have thirty (30) days after the service of the Notice of Deposit upon you, exclusive of the day of service, to serve an Answer to the Complaint. Your Answer will be considered an appeal for purposes of N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(4). If you fail to

do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 Dated: September 11, 2024
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 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
 (Publish September 16, 23 & 30 2024)

Foster County Soil Conservation District

It's time for Conservation Tree Planning

Technical assistance on tree plans is free. Planning & preparation should begin in the summer & fall. Some programs require application a year before planting, so please contact us as soon as possible.

Foster County Soil Conservation District provides services for tree planting and weed barrier application, between-row grass seeding, tree site irrigation supplies and tree tube installation.

Other Services Available:

- No-till planting with 14' drill, SCD provides tractor and driver
- Between-tree-row and small site grass planting with 6' seeder
- Between-tree-row mowing with 6-foot rotary mower

Equipment for Rent:

- 14' no-till drill with legume box and native grass attachment
- 6' seeder with three-point attachment
- Fabric puller attachment for SkidSteer - helps remove old weed barrier

Products for the Yard:

- Rain barrels or parts and rainwater diverter system for mosquito-proof rainwater storage
- Tree shelter tubes and stakes: A mini-greenhouse for your young trees
- Plantskydd repellent: organic, non-toxic, long-lasting deer & rabbit repellent.

Accepting 2025 hand-plant tree orders now! Order forms will be available at the office or printable from the Services page of fosterscd.com. For best selection, order early!

For more information, see our website or contact Foster County SCD at 701-652-2551 ext. 3.

ROADSIDE WEED AND GRASS MOWING NOTICE

Pursuant to NDCC 63-05-01. "It is the duty of landowners or operators with land adjoining regularly traveled county and township highways, as designated by the township board of supervisors in organized townships, the board of county commissioners in unorganized townships, and the board of county commissioners in the case of county highways, to cut all weeds and grasses along the regularly traveled highways adjoining their lands, including weeds and grasses growing within the public right of way bordering the highways and their lands. **The cutting shall be completed not later than October 15th**, as prescribed by the board of county commissioners."

The maximum stubble height shall be 4 inches and the width of cut shall be a minimum of a 14-foot swath where possible. The roadsides on all county and township roads shall be mowed. **Haying of the grasses within rights of way is permitted, but all stored hay shall be removed by November 1st of each year.**

"FAILURE TO CUT WEEDS AND GRASSES-EXPENSES LEVIED AS TAXES AGAINST LAND." If the landowner or operator fails to cut the weeds and grasses along the designated highways or roads as provided in this chapter, the board of township supervisors or the board of county commissioners, as the case may be, may cause the weeds and grasses to be cut and actual expense of cutting shall be certified to the county auditor, all the excess shall be charged against the land of the landowners and shall become part of the taxes to be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected, and placed to the credit of the respective subdivisions entitled thereto NDCC 63-05-03.

Pursuant to authority vested in the above notice, the Board of County Commissioners and Township Supervisors of Foster County, North Dakota hereby designate October fifteenth as the deadline for completion of weed cutting.

David Utke, Chairman
 Foster County Commission

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CARRINGTON AUGUST 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carrington was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Thomas Erdmann presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The following members of Council and City Departments were present: Troy Roundy, Neil Fandrich, Jesse Nelson, Tyler Hoggarth, Trygg Olson, Doug Smith, Abby Geroux, Jason Wolosky, and Jennifer Gast.

Absent: Chief of Police Bitmann and Attorney Ryan.

Also present: Ken Wangen and Leasa Lura.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Hoggarth, to approve minutes of the regular council meeting held July 8, 2024 and special council meetings on July 8, 25, and 31, 2024 and August 5, 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fandrich, seconded by Smith, to approve consent agenda items:

a. To ratify the following game of chance permits issued by the City Auditor: #1033 to the Lion's Club for a sports pool.

b. To approve Foster County Soil Conservation District's request to utilize the armory as a backup location for Eco Ed Day on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Nelson, to appoint Melissa Magnuson as

Assistant City Attorney and Assistant City Prosecutor. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Fandrich, to contribute \$300,000 from Sales Tax Fund 218 toward lowering District 14-1 Special Assessments for taxable year 2024. The following voted in favor: Smith, Olson, Hoggarth, Fandrich, Roundy, and Nelson. Against: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FIRE DEPT:

Chief Wangen reported 2 calls within the city, 3 rural calls, the NTSB finished their inspection of the cars at the derailment and hazmat has left, and the derailment is now in the reclamation phase.

FINANCE & LEGAL:

Mayor Erdmann reported Auditor Gast has given her resignation with a last day of August 28th, continue to work on the wage and compensation study with Tanya Wieler, and went over sales tax collection.

CCEDC:

Mayor Erdmann reported a grant/loan request from Greg Carmona to purchase the Carrington Pizza Ranch has been tabled pending additional information. Callie Krause of Open Prairie Health, located in the Retzlaff Seed & Supply Building, will receive reimbursement of \$4,066.66 of CCEDC funds for her office remodel.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Nelson, to approve the Carrington Stay Home or Return Home to Work Grant program for CCEDC. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fandrich, to approve a preliminary application from RK2 Companies LLP (Rusty and Randy Kollman) for a commercial building construction or expansion grant dependent upon the true and full value of the building with funds being paid out December 2025. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to approve Kelly Hagel, owner of the Small Steps Daycare building, for a commercial building improvement grant at 25% cost share up to \$30,000 as per grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Roundy, to approve Tammy Sorenson of Carrington Gymnastics grant application for a commercial building improvement grant at 25% cost share up to \$30,000 as per grant guidelines. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Fandrich, to approve Shane Wendel, owner of Central Pharmacy, for reimbursement of the expenses related to the building improvement grant previously approved at 40% up to \$50,000. Reimbursement will be issued for \$34,666.80. The following voted in favor: Fandrich, Roundy, Hoggarth, Olson, Nelson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roundy, seconded by Nelson, to approve Gabby Hewitt of UpNorth Therapies for reimbursement of the expenses related to the building improvement grant previously approved at 25% up to \$30,000. Reimbursement will be issued for \$13,697.84. The following voted in favor: Hoggarth, Olson, Nelson, Roundy, Smith, and Fandrich. Against: None. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

Councilman Fandrich reported they met August 8th, Jennifer went through 2025 Budget, Jason and crew have been working on water meter and hydrant, old septic tank has been removed by Pat Biel, Lot Pros will be crack sealing the runway with the airport being shut down for two days, Jason and Jennifer attended the CIP meeting in Jamestown, and discussion on the airfield electrical improvement design phase in 2025.

POLICE:

Councilman Hoggarth report-

ed they had met tonight, two properties have been elevated to the next level of the junk ordinance and 58 additional properties were given notice according to the junk ordinance with a deadline of today and looking at the next step on those.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Roundy reported there was a water break on McKenzie Ave, a valve break, Tri-State paving is here starting in the alley locations and will move onto water break spots and a patch out by lumberyard, cross walk/street painting has started this week, lift station #1 pump #3 is down with Dakota Pump & Control to fix, new water meter installed at courthouse and apartment building on McKenzie, landfill clean up week is scheduled for September 12 & 13 from 10 am - 6 pm and September 14 from 10 am - 3 pm, they will have discussion on armory hours once school starts, storm sewer project with a preliminary report was discussed, discussed water meter replacement, and Casey's sanitary line.

BUILDING OFFICIAL:

Public Works Director Wolsky reported 10 building permits were issued and 1 moving permit.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Olson, to approve the committee reports as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Smith, to approve the bills as previously submitted and listed on agenda. The following voted in favor: Roundy, Nelson, Fandrich, Hoggarth, Olson, and Smith. Against: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Hoggarth, seconded by Olson, to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Bills: United States Treasury, \$6,775.82; NDPERS, 212.50; NDPERS, 10,187.02; Bank of North Dakota, 81,125.00; Bank of North Dakota, 11,730.00; Bank of North Dakota, 179,650.00; United States Treasury, 7,543.13; NDPERS, 212.50; Leaf, 210.00; Montana Dakota Utilities, 400.17; Ottetail Power Co., 5,830.54; Unum Life Insurance Company, 71.98; Postmaster, 355.40; Vestis, 303.88; Aflac, 668.69.

ODIN, 1,292.00; Leaf, 55.00; Grainger, 354.27; Hagel, Kelly, 5,123.25; Advanced Business Methods, 213.42; Amazon Capital Services, 14.58; Auto Value Carrington, 105.92; Avid Hawk LLC, 105.00; Balco Uniform Co., 41.02; Bank of North Dakota, 9,730.37; Bessette Motors, Inc., 87.56; Boote Septic Solutions, 200.00; Buck's Paving, Inc., 2,500.00; CapFirst Equipment Finance,

30,194.07; Carrington Park District, 21,538.93; Carrington City Library Petty Cash, 149.90; City of Carrington, 969.27; City of Carrington Meter Depot, 300.00; C&J Oil Co., 2,169.74; Core & Main, 1,242.18.

Carrington Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2,635.02; Dakota Pump & Control, Inc., 520.00; Dakota Central Telecom I, 1,377.11; Diamond Vogel 810, 1,699.99; Frey Municipal Software, 6,080.97; Ecolab Pest Elim. Div., 78.70; Ethanol Products, LLC, 1,160.60; Foster County Independent, 875.85; Foster's Cleaning Service, 300.00; Garden Gate, The, 96.30; Graymont Western US, Inc., 7,982.82; Hawkins, Inc., 809.98; High Plains Equipment, 58.80.

Information Technology Dept., 105.10; Interstate Engineering, Inc., 2,434.36; Carrington Economic Development, 70,135.51; J&R Dirtworks LLC, 4,488.70; Larsen Plumbing & Heating A/C, 2,837.00; Leever's Foods, 429.15; Martin's Flag Co., Inc., 673.06; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender, 28.58; Midstates Wireless, 21,774.37; Napa Auto Parts, 1.38; ND Dept. of Health, 50.00; NDD-EQ, 387.43; One Call Concepts, 42.00.

Neumiller Small Engine Repair, 93.71; Northern Plains Electric Co-op, 780.71; Patriot Fuels, 1,199.62; Running's Supply, Inc., 842.84; Running's Supply, Inc., 3.42; Schulz Plumbing & Heating, 31.60; Sorenson, Tamara, 6,733.67; Team Laboratory Chemical LLC, 787.50; J.P. Cooke Co., The, 119.50; Tri-State Paving, Inc., 82,235.00; UND, 250.00; Van Diest Supply Co., 5,200.00; Waste Management of ND, 32,527.77.

Payroll: August 23, 2024, \$25,641.35; September 6, 2024, \$26,216.10.

Jennifer Gast, Auditor Tom Erdmann, Mayor Carrington City Council City of Carrington (Publish September 30, 2024)

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

Applications for absentee/mail ballots were mailed from the office of the County Auditor on September 16, 2024. Persons not receiving an application may obtain one from the office of the County Auditor or at the following website: vote.nd.gov

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of Foster County at Carrington City, North Dakota, this 16th day of September, 2024.

Ellen Roundy Foster County Auditor/Treasurer (Publish September 23 & 30, 2024)

AMENDED SUMMONS Civ. No. 16-2024-CV-0034 IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF FOSTER, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA Foster County Water Resource District, a North Dakota Political Subdivision, Plaintiff,

-vs- Paul Straley and all other persons unknown claiming an estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the Complaint, whether as heirs, legatees, devisees, personal representatives, creditors or otherwise, Defendants.

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1. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you. The Complaint in this action seeks a remedy of eminent domain whereby the Plaintiff, Foster County Water Resource District, a North Dakota Political Subdivision, will immediately acquire a permanent right of way easement in, on, over, across, and through real property located in the County of Foster and the State of North Dakota, described as follows:

The East Half (E1/2) of Section Eleven (11), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Sixty-Six (66) West, excepting Auditor's Lot One (1) located in the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said Section Eleven (11), Foster County, North Dakota; (the "Property").

2. The authority of the Foster County Water Resource District for taking of said right of way is set forth in North Dakota Century Code § 61-16.1-09(2) and Article I, § 16 of the North Dakota Constitution, which allows the Foster County Water Resource District to utilize eminent domain, if necessary, to acquire the right of way to create, construct, locate, operate, and maintain assessment drain projects. Further, Section 61-16.1-09(2) of the North Dakota Century Code grants the Foster County Water Resource District authority to take immediate possession of the property at any time after the commencement of this action, deposit of the amount of the written offer to purchase the right of way and the filing of an affidavit of the Chair of the Foster County Water Resource District.

3. The Plaintiff deposited the sum of \$7,334.65 with the Clerk of District Court.

4. A Notice of Deposit has been issued by the Foster County Clerk of Court identifying the sums deposited. The Plaintiff has filed the affidavit of the Chair-

man of the Foster County Water Resource District. Plaintiff seeks immediate possession of the above-described property. If you disagree with the amount of damages deposited with the District Court for the taking of the easement described in the Complaint, you may appeal the amount of damages to the District Court by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response. In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(4), you have thirty (30) days after the service of the Notice of Deposit upon you, exclusive of the day of service, to serve an Answer to the Complaint. Your Answer will be considered an appeal for purposes of N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-09(2)(b)(4). If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: September 11, 2024 Rinke Noonan, LTD. By /s/ Nicholas R. Delaney (#06198) Suite 300 US Bank Plaza Building 1015 W. St. Germain St. PO Box 1497 St. Cloud, MN 56302-1497 (320) 251-6700 (320) 656-3500 fax mail: Ndelaney@RinkeNoonan.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF (Publish September 16, 23 & 30 2024)

SECTION 00 11 16 INVITATION TO BID Date: September 23, 2024

Sealed Bids will be received by Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Owner) at its Headquarters, 401 Hwy 281 NE, mailing address PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on October 23, 2024, for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, Red River Valley Transmission Pipeline, James River to McKinnon Twp, Foster County, ND, Task Order 5560, Contract 6A.

At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed Work is generally described as follows:

Construction of approximately 4.8 to 7.1 miles of 72-inch diameter steel water pipeline including one 96-inch diameter trenchless road crossing and one 72-inch main line butterfly valve. Strict segregation and stockpiling of topsoil and subsoil for pipe installation will be required. The work also includes an impressed current pipeline corrosion protection system, pipeline appurtenances, and all other work specified or shown on the Drawings.

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on

file with Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, 401 Hwy 281 NE, mailing address PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421.

The contact person for administrative questions with Garrison Diversion is Ms. Stacey Gussias at 701-652-3194 or email at staceyg@gdcd.org. For technical bidding document interpretations and clarifications, the contact person is Mr. Kip Kovar, District Engineer, at 701-652-3194 or kipk@gdcd.org.

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at Owner's office or the office of Black & Veatch Corporation, 8400 Ward Parkway, mailing address PO Box 8405, Kansas City, MO 64114, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available for download at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital documents for \$50 by inputting Quest Project No. 8550078 on the website's project search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Digital documents may also be obtained directly from the Owner at a cost of \$75.

Charges for digital Bidding Documents are not refundable.

Direct all questions regarding distribution of Bidding Documents or the Project's design to the Owner. Only responses issued via Addenda are binding.

Neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any bid documents obtained from any source other than the sources indicated in these documents. Obtaining these documents from any other source(s) may result in obtaining incomplete and inaccurate information. Obtaining these documents from any source other than directly from the sources listed herein may also result in failure to receive any addenda, corrections, or other revisions to these documents that may be issued.

The bidder shall be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by section

43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC). Bids that do not fully comply with requirements of NDCC 48-01.2-05 are considered deficient and will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

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ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION

SECRETARY OF STATE SFN 51468 (10-2023)

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For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-07.

Application must be for at least one of the following elections: (check all that apply)
June (Primary) election
November (General) election
City or city special election
School or school special election
State or county special election

Applicant Information: (ALL FIELDS REQUIRED)

Form with fields for Voter's name, Date of birth, Daytime telephone number, North Dakota ID type used, ID number, Residential address, City, State, ZIP code, Ballot delivery address, and Signature (required) with Date.

Applicant Unable to Sign:

If the applicant is unable to sign the applicant's name, the applicant shall mark [X] or use the applicant's signature stamp on the application in the presence of a disinterested individual. The disinterested individual shall print the name of the individual marking the "X" or using the signature stamp below the "X" or signature and shall sign the disinterested individual's own name following the printed name together with the notation, "witness to the mark."

Form with fields for Printed name of person making mark or voter's signature stamp and Signature of "witness to the mark"

*Applicant Without ID:

If the applicant does not possess or cannot secure an approved form of identification due to a disability with which the individual lives and which prevents the individual from traveling to obtain, another qualified elector of the state may attest that the applicant is a qualified elector of that precinct by signing below and providing his or her approved North Dakota identification number. NOTE: A qualified elector may not attest the qualifications of more than four applications in an election.

Form with fields for Printed name of attester, Driver's / non-driver's / tribal ID number, Signature of attester, Date, and Daytime telephone number

**Active Military and Overseas Voter:

Form with fields for Check ONE (if applicable): Citizen living outside of the United States, Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet within the United States, Uniformed service or family member living away from the voter's residence, yet outside the United States, and If one of the check boxes above applies to you, please indicate your preferred ballot delivery method: Mail, Email (provide email address), Fax (provide fax number)

Mail or submit to the auditor of your county of residence or appropriate election officer (The signature on this affidavit will be compared to the signature on the affidavit on the envelope in which the absentee ballot must be placed.)

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Public Notices

Bids will be received on a unit price basis; bid security must accompany Bid. All Bids will be made based on cash payment for such work and materials. All Bidders are in-

vited to be present at the public opening of the Bids. The Owner reserves the right to hold the three lowest Bids for a period of 45 days after the date of the Bid opening to complete financial arrangements. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract. If the Contract is to be award-

ed, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form for acceptance of the Bid.

Garrison Diversion
Conservancy District
Duane DeKrey,
General Manager
(Publish September 23, 30
& October 7 2024)

CALL FOR BIDS

The Foster County Weed Board will accept bids for the following chemical until 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024.

- 2-4D Amine (liquid) - 720 gallons in 2.5 gallon container jugs
- 2-4D Amine (liquid) - 540 gallons (approx.) in 270 gallon totes
- Plateau (liquid) - 50 gallons in 1.0 gallon containers
- Milestone (liquid) - 80 QUARTS in 1.0 QUART containers (20 gallons)
- Milestone (liquid) - 60 gallons in 2.5 gallon containers

Chemical is to be stored by vendor with winning bid and delivered in May of 2025 to a site in Foster County as determined appropriate by the Weed Officer and/or Weed Board.

Bidders may submit quotations for the above items or comparable or equal quality. All bidders shall submit a **bidder's bond** or, in lieu thereof, a **certified or cashier's check** equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid payable to the Foster County Weed Board. The Weed Board shall have the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularities.

Submit bids to the secretary of the Foster County Weed Board, Joel Lemer, 461 66th Ave. NE, Carrington, ND 58421.

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