Brosz Engineering, met to discuss road projects. Buchmann moved to approve the Directional Boring Permit Application #1196 from Slope Electric Cooperative. Abrahamson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried. Janikowski moved to approve Change Order #2 from Jensen Rock & Sand for the 2024 County Wide Chip Seal Project for a decrease of \$25,255.89. Buchmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Janikowski moved to nominate Nicole Njos as the Bowman County ND State Fair Delegate. Buchmann seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Abrahamson moved to appoint Jason Anderson to the Bowman County Planning and Zoning Board. Buchmann seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

At 11:51AM Janikowski moved to adjourn the meeting, with Abrahamson seconding the motion, and upon a vote, the motion was carried unanimously. Rick Braaten, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: Mindy Schumacher, Bowman County Auditor

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#### **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE** RHAME CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, November 11th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM Location: City Hall

I. Rocky called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm

II. Roll Call: Henry Waller, Doyle Kruger, Rocky Wallman, Dave Erickson, Jay Erickson & Staff

III. Guests: Moore Engineering Via Phone. Sarah Nagel

IV. Minutes: Jay made a motion to accept October 14th Meeting Minutes, Dave 2nd. Motion Carried.

V. Financial Report:

a) Bank Rec & Cash Report: Motion to approve made by Doyle 2nd by Henry, motion carried

b) A/R Aging Report #31, #34, #60 Reviewed. Motion To Approve by Henry 1st. Dovle 2nd. Motion Carried.

c) A/P Report: Motion to approve payables by Doyle. 2nd by Henry. Motion Carried.

VI.:

a) Streets: No Report b) Water:

- 24 Day Average 19,891.3 477,391 tower total gallons
- 3. 0,000 gallons tower to town
- c) Sewer: No Report

VII. Old Business:

a) Moore Engineering - Doyle made a motion to approve Pay Application 3 for JR Civil in the amount of \$952,294,77. Jav 2nd, Motion Carried.

**New Business:** 

b) Bowman County Development Corporation - Discussion was held, No Action Needed c) Gov Card - Tabled to revisit in a year

come budget time

VIII. Comments:

IX. Next Official meeting date Monday, December 9th, 2024. 6:30pm. At City

X. Adjournment: Henry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Dovle 2nd, Motion carried,

Note: The City of Rhame per ND Century Code 40-01-09.1 is publishing these unofficial minutes subject to the governing body's review and revision at the official December 9th, 2024 Meet-

Respectfully submitted. Jamie Binstock, Auditor Rocky Wallman, Mayor Accounts Payable: October

Southwest Water 3460.38 Montana Dakota Utilities 1308.75 **Propoint** 470.86 6084.54 Marc Aflac 380.64 City Of Bowman 2198.00 Ace Hardware 77.96 172.20 One Call 11318.50 Payroll ND PERS 1068.44 **EFTPS** 2690.70 **BCBS** 1603.36

The Badlands Patriot 102.48 Moore Engineering 75829.03 Consolidated 143.77 Southwest District Health Unit 100.00

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#### Official Minutes of the Marmarth **Public School Board** October 10, 2024@ 4:00 PM held at Marmarth School Art Room

Members Present: Kelly Turbiville, Dennis Rice, Lori Eagon and Shannon Minerich

Member Absent: Sam Fisher

Others Present: Norida Mann, Jim Martin, Tracy Teigen, Autumn Criswell, Molly Lyson, Anni Carlson

Agenda: Dennis Rice approved, seconded by Lori Eagon, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: September 12, 2024, meeting minutes were read. Dennis Rice approved the minutes with corrections. Shannon Minerich seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Bills and Balances: all October 2024 district accounts were presented to the board. Dennis Rice made the motion to pay the presented bills, Lori Eagon seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Administrator's Report: Anni Carlson updated the board on scheduled programs and activities

New Business: Discussion held on business manager hours and shared responsibilities. Arlene agreed to continue her limited Bus. Manager services while working from home.

Discussion was held on reorganization and public informational meetings.

Public Comment: five community members signed in. Discussions covered types of committees; reorganization, advisory, and building and the school staff house.

Old Business: Reorganization planning committee meetings continue with Bowman. Next meeting has not been scheduled.

The board discussed postponing decisions on staff house until after reorganization conversations

Prior to payment, Dennis will contact Nardini to review concerns reflected on their invoice.

Due to board conflicts: Next meeting moved to November 7, 2024, at

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October 2, 2024 Regular Meeting **Slope County Commission** 

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M. by Chairman Ouradnik with Commissioners Sonsalla and Teske pres-

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting with an update on the reorganization board members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske with all in favor.

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, presented the monthly investment report. Commissioner Teske presented the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor: "RESOLUTION"

WHEREAS, a check dated July 10. 2024, in the amount of \$255.00, was issued to Marguerite Schatz, and a check dated October 20, 2023, in the amount of \$120.73, was issued to Keith Kempenich, and

WHEREAS, such payments were ei-

ther never received or lost,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that a replacement checks be issued in the amount of \$255 to Marguerite Schatz and \$120.73 to Keith Kempenich.

Cindy Ornsbey, Slope County Recorder, met with the commissioners to give an update on the property fraud alert that the recorders are implementing. Also discussed were parking fees at conventions. Any parking fees will be covered as per diem.

Anne Carlson, Slope County Superintendent of Schools gave an update on Marmarth School.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to approve the following vouchers subject to any withholding taxes: 1155.94 Bowman Sales & Service, Inc; 13745.00 Brosz Engineering Inc; 242150.00 Dickinson Steel Builders; 672.34 Double EE Service, Inc; 19.95 easyDNS Technologies Inc; 108777.05 Edward H Schwartz Construction Inc; 2279.25 Election Systems & Software; 411.00 Farmers Union Service Association; 648.20 Information Technology Department; 68.98 Intab LLC; 684.84 Melling & Roseland Law, PC; 200.00 NACVSO; 340.00 ND PHIT; 3000.00 Neal Wahl; 70.53 Newbys Ace Hardware: 15470.00 Rocking 7W LLC; 1145.24 Slope Electric Coop. Inc.; 1130.40 Southwest Ag, Inc.; 5128.57 Southwest Grain; 112.56

The Badlands Patriot LLC; 149.97 Boss Office Products; 4840.00 Butler Machinery Company; 34544.20 Core & Main; 707.00 Motorola Solutions Inc; 62.47 Newman Signs Inc; 60.50 Northwest Tire Inc; 2091.93 ProPoint Cooperative; 120.00 Randy's Welding Inc; 6258.84 RDO Equipment Co; 17.10 Warne Chemical & Equipment; 257257.04 Payroll.

Kris Jacobson, Slope County JDA, met with the commissioners to give an update on Brandi's hours and the plan to have a meeting concerning the proposed Highway 85 4 lane expansion on November 13 at 7 P.M. at the Community Center.

At 10 A.M. the Budget Hearing was called to order. Present were Cliff and Linda Stecher. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor. Billy Doerr, Brosz Engineering, met with the commissioners to discuss ditch slopes and changes to the Stuber road plans. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to approve the change order on gravel amounts for the Stuber Road. Commissioner Teske seconded the motion which passed with all in favor. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve the Gussey Road pay application #3 for \$108,777.05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ouradnik and passed with all in favor. Also discussed was the Runge right of way and the FLAP program. Nathan Miller, Slope County Road Foreman, presented gravel requests from townships and gravel mining contracts. Also discussed was the progress being made on the shop addition. Clay and Bill Martian, Deep Creek Township, met with the commissioners to request financial help with placing a liner in a rusted culvert. The estimated cost is \$54,730. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to provide \$42,730 from the Deep Creek Township funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M. Scott Ouradnik, Chairman Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor

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consistent daily schedule can provide a sense of normalcy and stability. Set regular times for waking up, eating, exercising, and sleeping to help regulate your body's internal clock.

Engage in Hobbies: Pursuing hobbies and activities that bring joy and fulfillment can distract from feelings of sadness and provide a sense of accomplishment and purpose. Whether it's reading, crafting, or playing an instrument, engaging in enjoyable activities is beneficial.

Plan Winter Vacations: If possible, plan a winter vacation to a sunnier location. A change of scenery and increased exposure to sunlight can help alleviate symptoms of SAD and provide a much-needed break from the winter gloom.

Seek Professional Help: If symptoms persist despite selfcare measures, it is essential to seek help from a healthcare provider. Therapy, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), and medication can be effective in managing SAD.

understanding symptoms and taking proactive steps to manage them, individuals can reduce the impact of SAD and maintain their well-being throughout the winter months. If you or someone you know is struggling with SAD, don't hesitate to seek support from healthcare professionals

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# Dakota Datebook

### Bicycle, North Dakota

By Jack Dura

November 22, 2024 - A number of communities have come and gone in McKenzie County, where Watford City sits at pretty much the heart of everything. A century ago, however, many towns dotted the prairie in that largest county in the state.

One example is Bicycle, North Dakota. The name was Anglicized from nearby Beicegel Creek. Bicycle was located about six miles northwest of Grassy Butte, and on this date in 1916, the post office was established. Anne Fane was Bicycle's postmaster before the site moved west six miles to the home of Reuben Lyon, who took over from Mrs. Fane. Louis Elstrand and Frances Cook were later postmasters. The original Bicycle sat at the entrance to Scairt Woman Road along County Road 50.

The place didn't last long. The little post office closed on Halloween in 1935 with mail service switching to Grassy Butte. Other McKenzie County towns met similar fates. Char-

bonneau, North Dakota, declined in the 1950s and '60s after its school and post office closed. Schafer began to die when the railroad went around the one-time county seat. Rawson dissolved its government in the early 2000s. And Juniper, at the mouth of Cherry Creek on the Little Missouri River, was platted, but nothing ever built. Even the county seat saw changes as it was hosted by Alexander and Schafer before winding up in Watford City, which was located on the Great Northern Railroad line.

At the time of Bicycle's beginnings, Watford City was barely three years old. A hundred years later, the boomtown could barely keep up with its population, which grew to over 7,500 people. "Dakota Datebook" is a ra-

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