

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Minutes of Regular Meeting December 11th, 2024 OFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Joey Kessel at 5:02 p.m. MT, Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at the DeMores School in Medora. Board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter were present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien via Teams, Business Manager Robert Gates, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka. Meeting attendees: Chris Cunningham – JE Dunn, Steve Fore – JE Dunn, Dylan Stradling – JE Dunn, and Jenna Redmond.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the November 13th minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Chris Cunningham – JE Dunn, updated the board on the DeMores expansion project. Discussion involved status of roof, temporary heat, and shin-

gles late next week. Mechanical installation should start soon.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Hushka has received one additional bid from America's Best Contractors, Inc. for a metal roof at Prairie

Two fuel oil bids were received and opened by Kessel. Farmers Union Oil of Beach submitted a bid of \$2.57 per gallon of #2 fuel oil to be delivered with no increase throughout the time period of December 15, 2023, and November 30, 2024. Farstad Oil submitted a bid for #2 dyed diesel at current rack price at the Glendive, MT terminal on the day the fuel is delivered plus \$0.40 cents plus applicable school taxes. Slauter moved, Johnson seconded, to award the fuel oil bid to Farmers Union Oil of Beach at \$2.57/gallon for the time period bid. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski informed the Board the reviews of the Christmas program held at both schools has been good. There is a food service review scheduled for Dec. 18th, and the five-year Federal Title Review scheduled for February of 2025.

O'Brien has received a request for facilities use at the Prairie school. The local 4H group would like to use the Fairfield school to host a sewing activity between 1pm-3pm on either Saturday or Sunday,

January 25 or 26. School policy will be followed.

Committee Reports:

W.E.R.C report – Peplinski stated the group is working on AI training and Peer training/coaching sessions. Transportation committee: There has been some concern on the number of passengers on the Route 2 bus from Medora to MVP. The bus used for Route 2 has a capacity of 30.

Policy committee: the following policies need to be re-affirmed:

- AAA – Philosophy of Public School
- AAB – District Goals & Objective
- ACBD – School Medication Program
- BA – School Board Ethics
- BBA – School Board Elections
- DEAB – Staff Attendance
- FCAC – Head Lice
- FDB – Education of the Homeless Student
- FDH – Student in Foster Care
- FDH-BR1 Foster Care Student Transportation Procedure
- FDH-BR2 Foster Care Student Transportation Dispute Resolution Procedure
- GAAC – Review and Complaints of Instructional and Resource Material
- GAAC-BR1 – Procedure for Reviewing Complaints about Instructional/Resource Material
- GABC – Sex Education

Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded to re-affirm the policies listed. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The following list of policies need to be rescinded:
ABDA-BR2 – Website Accessibility Concerns, Complaints and Grievances
BDAA – Contracts Supersede Policy and Regulations

Slauter moved, Johnson seconded to rescind the listed policies. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Sports Co-op committee – There has been discussion and approval to raise coaching salaries starting for the 2025-26 school year. The Co-op is also looking at using a robot to paint field lines.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5p.m.

With no further business, Johnson moved, Bock seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

JE Dunn Construction Co.....	331.65
KEMPS LLC.....	509.25
NORTHERN PLAINS ENGIN.....	9,390.00
ADMIN PARTNERS LLC.....	225.00
ABM.....	841.36
AMAZON.....	485.79
AMERITUS LIFE INSURANCE.....	63.68
ANDERSON, K.....	318.92
AVI SYSTEMS INC.....	166.25
BELFIELD AUTOMOTIVE.....	57.00
BC/BS OFNORTH DAKOTA.....	3,630.63

BRAUN DISTRIBUTING.....	72.60
CAPITAL ONE.....	157.44
CENTER STAGE, LLC.....	176.00
CENTRAL REGIONAL ED. ASSOC.....	2,887.00
CERBERUS SECURITY.....	336.00
CITY OF MEDORA.....	506.20
CLEAN SWEEP.....	759.93
CONSOLIDATED.....	236.96
DACOTAH PAPER CO.....	909.67
DAN'S INTERSTATE CONOCO.....	380.05
DICKINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	5,704.64
ESGI.....	259.00
GATES, R.....	67.11
GEORGE'S TIRE LTD.....	1,252.00
GRAINGER.....	558.22
HEARTSMART.COM.....	128.00
HIDDEN SPRINGS JAVA.....	45.00
HIGH POINT NETWORKS, LLC.....	230.00
HUSHKA, R.....	45.00
IXL Learning.....	625.00
J AND J OPERATING, LLC.....	190.00
JOHNSON, FRANCES.....	331.65
KEMPS LLC.....	509.25
KILLDEER SCHOOL DIST.....	13,843.96
KURLE, M.....	28.14
Madison National Life Ins.....	1,367.16
MALKOWSKI, K.....	9,093.70
MEDORA CONVENIENCE.....	268.92
MEDUNA, G.....	9,002.88
MENARDS.....	414.01
MGM RURAL SANITATION LLC.....	251.81
ND SAFETY COUNCIL.....	45.00

PARKLAND USA CORP.....	1,146.25
PEARCE DURICK PLLC.....	530.00
PREBLE MEDICAL SERV.....	50.00
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC.....	4,067.00
RTC NETWORKS.....	337.00
RUDY'S LOCK & KEY... ..	145.00
SCHWADERER ENTER.....	223.62
SMART COMPUTERS.....	3,883.64
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED.....	50.00
STEIN'S INC.....	99.26
SW WATER AUTHORITY.....	109.31
SYMINOW, R.....	28,988.06
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	5,256.34
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS.....	16.95
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.....	160.40
TOTAL SAFETY.....	48.98
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	2.19
WEST DAKOTA OIL INC.....	107.21
WEST RIVER STUDENT SERV.....	4,587.66
BRAUN DISTRIBUTING.....	75.37
CAPITAL ONE.....	111.48
CLOSE UP FOUNDATION.....	0.00
FOUR CORNERS CAFÉ.....	55.20
ND CEL.....	110.00
SAMZ TEEZ.....	375.00
SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA.....	77.67

/s/ Joey Kessel
Joye Kessel, President
/s/ Robert Gates
Robert Gates, Business Manager
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CITY OF MEDORA Council Proceedings

City of Medora Minutes of Regular Meeting January 7, 2025 (Subject to Council review and approval)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Derwin Zuroff. Present were Council Members Tracy

Sexton, Jodi Johnson, Clarence Sitter, Administrator Ivy Maus, City Engineer Shannon Hewson, and City Attorney Sandra Kuntz.

Minutes from December 3, 2024 and December 30, 2024 were reviewed Tracy made a motion to approve with the corrections, Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports
Ambulance Report – A written report was provided.

Police Report – A written report was provided.

Public Works Report – A written report was provided.

MCC Report – A written report was provided.

City Auditor's Report – Discussion was held on renting the city trailer out to someone who wasn't a city employee, and it was decided to save it for future employees who might need to rent it. Also, an inspection of the trailer was requested

and to make a list of anything that needs to be repaired.

A letter was received for Brosz engineering project the concrete path that runs parallel to East River Road the project would start on 36th street and parallel East River Road to the south end of Medora near Billings County Rural Fire Protection Station at Packer Drive. Making sure there are no questions regarding the project and to let them know by January 9th.

City Attorney Report- Sitter made a motion to approve the second reading of the amended City Ordinance 6.0702 Trailers and Recreational in that ordinance the fines of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 dollars for the second offense, you may obtain a permit for 2 weeks and renew that permit one time, Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

City Engineer Shannon Hewson- Shannon put together a draft of projects that are upcoming for the next 10 to 20 years and to begin to meet on these projects, and discuss what needs to be done going forward.

Sexton made a motion to approve the amendment for the task order, Sitter seconded. Mo-

tion passed unanimously.

Sitter made a motion to approve the cost-share agreement with the ND Department of Water Resources and the task order with Brosz engineering, Sexton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
Dot Pacific Ave Project Update- Mike Njos Project Engineer for Civil Science was representing the DOT on the Pacific Avenue Project giving a monthly update. Mike explained what projects are being started and what is going to be worked on in the coming weeks. Sitter asked if there was any plan when traffic starts to increase with Chateau Road and the bridge. If there would be any flaggers with some of the bigger traffic that comes through during the busier season. Mike stated its not ideal and they are doing things to make it better, but the space is needed to get the roundabout built, and when it gets nicer they should be able to have better striping and more signage.

New Business:
Chris Kman Chasing Horses – Chris started off by thanking the City Council for the last 3 years of cooperation for the horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Chris stated she wanted the city to remain Stake holders for Chasing Horses. Sexton received an email from Acting Superintendent Rachel Daniels of Theodore Roosevelt

National Park who was stuck in Omaha due to weather, she stated in the email that on decisions on any final resolutions that might affect the park be postponed until the park can have the proper leadership representation and participate as appropriate. Council decided to table this until the next meeting until the City Attorney could review and so the park could be present as well to participate in discussion, the Council asked the city be removed as a Stake Holder until it can be reviewed further.

Sexton made a motion to go in to executive session to discuss the negotiants regarding TRMF Western Heritage Development Requests, Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Sitter recused himself due to Development request involving TRMF. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm to move into execution session. Sexton made a motion to exit executive session, Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular council meeting was called back to order at 7:35 pm. Johnson made a motion to approve the TRMF Western Heritage Development document, Sexton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Sitter abstained from voting due to Development document involving TRMF.

Miscellaneous
Sitter asked where we were at with the City Website.

Sexton made a motion to reverse their motion of working with GovCard for the city website and go back to looking at other companies, Sitter seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Sexton said they would be meeting on January 15, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Medora Community Center to look at potential logos, flag ideas, and talking about colors and ideas for the website. Anybody from the community, that wants to join are more than welcome to and give some input.

On January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Medora Community Center there will a public meeting for the block grant.

Financial Statements -	
SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY.....	59.20
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP, INC.....	2973.66
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP, INC.....	2595.40
ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC	

COOP, INC.....	37.00
RTC Networks.....	804.21
ONE CALL CONCEPTS.....	7.50
ITD.....	83.90
Western Dakota Energy Association.....	2000.00
Superior Water Treatment.....	77.00

Payroll, Claim Vouchers, Financials – review and approval. Sexton made a motion for approval of the financials, Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Deadline for Zone Applications is Friday, January 10, 2025 @ 12:00pm, Zoning Meeting on Tuesday January 21, 2025 @ 6:00pm. Deadline for Council Agenda January 31, 2025 @ 12:00pm, Council Meeting Tuesday February 4, 2025 @ 6:00pm.

Sexton made a motion to adjourn at 7:43pm.

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor
/s/ Ivy Maus
Ivy Maus, Auditor
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ATTENTION

DRY PEA & LENTIL GROWERS

The North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council election for Billings County will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM (MT) at the Choice Bank, 201 Main St. N., Belfield, ND. Elections will be held with the Planning for 2025: Soil Management meeting.

ELECTION

Anyone who has not applied for a refund for at least three years, plant or causes to be planted a Dry Pea or Lentil crop in which the person has ownership interest with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested is entitled to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107

ATTENTION

CORN GROWERS

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council election for Billings County will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM (MT) at the Choice Bank, 201 Main St. N., Belfield, ND. Elections will be held with the Planning for 2025: Soil Management meeting.

ELECTION

A Voting Producer is a person who plants, or causes to be planted a Corn crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvest in the next available or immediately preceding growing season. Producers have to reside in Billings County and have not request a Corn refund durin ghte preceding year.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107

ATTENTION

SUNFLOWER GROWERS

The North Dakota Oilseed Council - Sunflower election for Billings County will take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM (MT) at the Choice Bank, 201 Main St. N., in Belfield, ND. Elections will be held with the Planning for 2025: Soil Management meeting.

ELECTION

Anyone who has planted Sunflowers in 2024 or intends to plant in 2025 and is a participating producer who resides in Billings County is eligible and encouraged to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at 701-328-5107