

CITY: Public engagement is stressed

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in,” he said. “Everyone understands the decisions that were made and how we got there.”

Feil and Klabunde also discussed how Moore could potentially address Crosby’s water and sewer infrastructure and the Hendrickson-Holmes project.

“We acknowledge that there has been a lot of divisiveness in the town,” Feil said. “I’ve heard some very different perspectives about the events that have led up to today.”

The council voted to cancel the \$13.8 million project in July last year, largely because of the cost to the city and the potential tax increases it would bring to residents.

Feil gave a few different options of how Moore could go about water main replacements if necessary, including open cutting, boring or pipe bursting.

They also discussed sewer rehabilitation and provided an example of a cured-in-place lining they can do for damaged sewer pipes.

“It’s a very cost-effective way to rehabilitate sanitary sewer mains,” Klabunde said.

Road repair and crack sealing were also among Moore’s possible services.

Feil and Klabunde also stressed the importance of planning ahead for road repairs and how to fund them, as waiting too long to fix certain cracking can further deteriorate the roads and add to future costs.



Jordan Rusche -- The Journal

Josh Feil, left, and Jerod Klabunde present to Crosby City Council members on April 28 on behalf of Moore Engineering. Council members present voted to offer the city’s engineering contract to Moore.

“So understanding how things go in cycles, having a capital improvement plan, applying for funding early so you’re planning for things ... is really critical,” Klabunde said.

Feil also talked about the importance of getting public engagement for any projects the city decides to pursue in the future.

“Getting the community active in the decision-making for the things that are going to impact them,” he said.

He added those discussions can include local “stakeholders” like organizations or businesses, and the approach that Moore uses to field those responses can vary depending on what the council wants, as well, like using public meetings, surveys, focus groups, etc.

“The goal for public engagement is to build transparency,” Feil said. “We want to foster an understanding between you and me, between us and the public, of what the need for the project is.”

Another part of their engagement plan would be meeting with each council member to learn about their concerns about city infrastructure and expectations for the city’s engineering firm.

“That way we can work together, and us as your trusted adviser guiding you toward the right goals that you want to have and how to accomplish those goals for your community,” Feil said.

Council members had the opportunity to ask Feil and

Klabunde questions at the end of their presentation.

Council member Doug Anderson wondered how adding Crosby to Feil’s workload of other city clients may impact his ability to travel to Crosby.

“If I get to work in Crosby, you’d be my sole city that I’d be going to council meetings for,” Feil said.

Anderson also asked how Moore would specifically address Crosby’s aging infrastructure and determining what areas of town should be focused on first.

Klabunde said the firm has a web-based software that can help determine areas in town that are most in need of repairs.

“If it’s street maintenance, it could be breaking the town into quarters; if it’s infrastructure, ranking and prioritizing the need based on age and condition is a part of it,” he said. “You’re going to rely on us to help you rank those things based on need, and hopefully there’s some trust that goes along there.”

Following the presentation, council members scored Moore and the other engineering firms that presented on several different categories, including the qualifications of firm personnel, their understanding of city engineering services for small communities, knowledge of the city’s infrastructure and more.

Moore Engineering received 320 of 400 possible points from the scoring.

NOTICE OF HEARING
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Everett J. Blauvelt
Deceased.
**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL,
DETERMINATION OF TESTACY
AND HEIRS AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
DIANA TONI BLAUVELT, Petitioner, has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of EVERETT J. BLAUVELT, JR. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court.
Hearing upon said Petition will be held in said Court at the Courtroom of the Divide County Courthouse, Crosby, North Dakota, on the 30th day of May, 2025 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.
Dated this 24th day of April, 2025.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
James A. Joraanstad
Deceased.
**NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF A
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Kevin L. Joraanstad has filed herein a petition adjudication of intestacy and appointment of a personal representative requesting appointment of Kevin L. Joraanstad as the personal representative.
Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 20th day of June, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Courtroom of the above named Court, in the City of Crosby, County of Divide, State of North Dakota.
Dated this 30th day of April, 2025.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Jerald W. Binde
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against Jerald W. Binde are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Brenda S. Swartout, personal representative of the estate and her attorney, Andria L. Mueller, at 7 3rd Street SE, Suite 202, Minot, ND 58701 or filed with the Court.
Dated this 30th day of April, 2025.
/s/ Brenda Swartout
Brenda S. Swartout
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ARTMAN: Schedule is more flexible

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Artman said his dad mowed lawns and was a professional landscaper before the family moved to Crosby, with that interest eventually rubbing off on him.

“I bought my first lawn mower for like \$4,000 from Gjovigs when they still owned the hardware store,” he said, “and then I would just go mow around town with that.”

Artman started his business in a more official capacity about two years ago.

“Didn’t do much last year; I worked on a ranch,” he said. “This year we’re trying to get as much work as possible around town and even in sur-

rounding areas.”

Along with mowing, some of his other services include aerating and dethatching lawns, hedge trimming, replacing or removing rock or mulch beds, tilling gardens and more.

“It can be a lot more than just mowing your yard down with a mower,” Artman said.

He also gets help from his younger brother Cole and Adam Knudson, another former Divide County student, as well as a few other friends of his in town.

“I usually never mow alone,” he said. “I always find someone.”

Artman also mentioned

how finishing his high school education online allowed him to dedicate more time to his business, saying his schedule is now more flexible.

“At the start of the season when you’re really busy, like right now, I would be in school for seven hours a day, and on top of that have homework,” he said. “It’s kind of weird because I’m a lot more busy being outside of school, but it’s a lot less stressful.”

For the short term, Artman plans to see how well the lawn care business does this summer and whether it could become something he does more permanently, possibly even expanding his services.

“This season is a big teller if I can sustain it or if I want to move into winter services,” he said.

Otherwise, one of his other ideas is trying to start a business in another state.

“There’s Alaska, which I know a guy moving to possibly,” he said. “I’ll start a business up there; if he does that, I’ll go with him. There’s also North Carolina where my brother and his wife and their soon-to-be kid live.”

In either case, he added he would like to settle down in Divide County eventually.

“I call Crosby my hometown,” he said. “I love Crosby to death.”

4-H News

Flickertails 4-H

The meeting was called to order by Hannah Williams April 27, at 2 p.m. at the courthouse. Bianca Brudwick and Gabby Velasquez led the pledges.

Secretary report was 11 members, three leaders and two guests present. Bianca Brudwick gave the Treasurers report.

Old business: We will help with bingo at the Assisted living May 17, at 2 p.m.

New business: We received

a \$500 Hess grant so we will be making benches for the fair. Cloverbud Fun Day is May 7, at 2 p.m. for ages 5-7. The County Fair is June 20, 21, and 22.

Next meeting will be May 18. We played a game outside for our Healthy Club Project. We worked on a project for the fair.

Bianca Brudwick adjourned the meeting, Jordyn Gunderson seconded it.

Flickertails 4-H
Kennedy Ator
Reporter

Almanac

2024				2025			
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29	24	67	.00	25	67	.01	
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02	31	52	.09	29	68	.00	
03	36	50	.00	37	81	.00	
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05	36	71	.00	33	62	.00	
Normal high.....				63°			
Normal low				36°			
Record high				89°, (1992)			
Record low				18°, (1929)			
Prec. May 2025 to date				0.06			
Prec. May 2024 to date				0.09			
Total Prec. 2025 to date				2.13			
Total Prec. 2024 to date				1.65			
Norm. prec. to date				3.02			
Sunrise				6:22 a.m.			
Sunset				9:18 p.m.			

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-03-10.1 HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-03-10.1 relating to the licensing and requirements of Home Health Agencies at **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.**

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at human service centers. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2025.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-04-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-04-01, related to Medical Marijuana, at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.**

Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025.

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Dated this 2nd day of May, 2025.

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Journeyman Lineworker

Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative is accepting applications for a Journeyman Lineworker.

This position performs overhead and underground electric line construction and maintenance, maintains substation facilities, as well as the operation and maintenance of equipment under the direction of a Line Foreman.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, driving trucks, operating equipment, loading and unloading material, climbing poles, working from aerial man-lift devices. May be required to work on call, after hours, weekends and holidays, respond timely to urgent or emergency situations and work in inclement weather during outages. This position works out of the Kenmare, ND Outpost.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Qualified candidates will have: High School diploma or equivalent, Lineman Apprenticeship Program Diploma, completion of a qualified four-year Journeyman Lineworker training program, Valid ND Driver's License, hold a Class A CDL and live within 20 minutes of the Kenmare office.

To apply, please submit an application, resume and cover letter to hannah@bdec.coop or mail to Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, PO Box 6, Columbus, ND 58727.

Full job description and the BDEC employment application can be found at: www.bdec.coop/employment or by contacting Human Resources at 701-939-6671 or email hannah@bdec.coop.

The deadline for applications is **Monday, May 19, 2025.**

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Dust Control

The Divide County shop is offering dust control for **2025 season.**

If you are interested please contact the county shop at **965-6522**

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