

Ray City Commission Minutes

Proceedings of City Board of Equalization
City of Ray, North Dakota
The board met at 6:06 p.m. April 14, 2025.
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City Officers present: Eric Barman, Casey Brunner, Andrew Nelson, and Troy Kupper. Richard Liesener.
Other’s present: City Assessor Lea Dunn; Deputy Auditor, Jan Dancer and Auditor, Ronda Rustad.
Ray City residents present: Jeff Knox, Jan Munyon, Tim Blossom, Brenna Hudson, Dayle Aldrich, Al-dean Landro

The Board of Equalization for the City of Ray was called to order by President Kupper at 6:06 p.m. at Ray City Hall, 101 Main St., Ray. City Assessor Lea Dunn presented an overview of assessments.
The board reviewed the property tax assessments for the City of Ray for the year 2025. The increases and decreases in assessments and valuations were explained and reviewed. Exemption applications and Homestead Credit Applications were reviewed. Mobile homes increased on average 3%; Ray Old’s (prior to 1950) increased on average 27%; Rays Mid’s (1950-1990) increased on average 11% and Ray New’s (2000 to present) decreased on average 2%. 150 letters of 10% or more increase

were mailed out.
The following parcel and new valuation amounts were presented for correction:
02-000-00-25-11-040
from \$179,440.00 to \$171,640.00
After the presentation, Assessor Dunn answered Commission questions. Kupper called for public comment. Dayle Aldrich came forward to discuss property increase with Ms. Dunn; Jeff Knox came forward to discuss property increase with Ms. Dunn; Kupper called for public comment two more times, having none, closed the public comment portion of the meeting.
Commissioner Brunner moved that a finding be made that all Homestead Credit Applications have been reviewed by the Ray City Board of Equalization and find them Proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes. Second by Nelson. Roll Call: —Brunner- Aye; Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener Aye Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Commissioner Brunner moved that a finding be made that all Disabled Veterans Credit Applications, have been reviewed by the Ray City Board of Equalization and find them Proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes. Seconded by Barman. Roll Call: —Brunner- Aye; Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Commissioner Brunner moved that a finding be made that all Privileged Exemptions for the City of Ray have been reviewed by the Ray City Board of Equalization and find them Proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes. Second by Nelson. Roll Call: —Brunner- Aye; Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener- Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Formal Concerns: Knox Jeff, L RRI EX ST Parcel #’s 2-4, 3-1 216 East Street, Ray ND.
Nelson moved that the 2025 True and Full Values of Correction items listed above, as noted in the minutes be as recommended evaluation. Seconded by Barman, Roll Call: Nelson

- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener- Aye; Brunner Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Finding #1 Commissioner Nelson moved that a finding be made that all classifications of property have been reviewed and find them proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes. Second by Barman. Roll Call: —Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener- Aye; Brunner Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Finding #2 Commissioner Nelson moved that a finding be made that we have reviewed all Exemption applications and Homestead Credit applications and find them proper as presented or corrected as noted in the minutes. Seconded by Barman. Roll Call: —Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Brunner- Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Finding #3 Commissioner Barman moved that a finding be made that the overall Assessment Roll for City of Ray for 2024 has been reviewed and find it proper as assessed or corrected as noted in the minutes. Seconded by Brunner. Roll Call: Barman- Aye; Brunner- Aye; Nelson- Aye, Liesener Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Brunner moved, based on the preceding findings, we declare the Assessment Roll for 2025 for City of Ray Equalized. Second by Nelson. Roll Call: —Brunner- Aye; Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye; Liesener- Aye; Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Motion to adjourn by Brunner, seconded by Liesener. Brunner- Aye; Liesner Aye; Nelson- Aye; Barman- Aye, Kupper- Aye. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the proceedings of the City Board of Equalization of Ray City, Williams County, N.D.
In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April 2025.
ATTEST: Ronda Rustad – City Auditor

NOTICE OF HEARING
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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.
Karell Kimmet Beddow PLLP
/s/ Patrick G.N. Beddow
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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-03-38 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-03-38 relating to the scope of practice, competencies, certification and recertification requirements, qualifications, reciprocity, denials, and discipline of community health workers at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Thursday, June 27, 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 6th day of May, 2025.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION RULES RELATING TO TRAVEL DISCLOSURE
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Ethics Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed travel disclosure rules at 9:30 am on July 14, 2025, at 600 E Boulevard Ave, Sakakawea Room, Bismarck, ND and on Microsoft Teams. These are not emergency rules.
A copy of the proposed rules and a link for the hearing may be found at www.ethicscommission.nd.gov or obtained by calling (701) 328-5325. Written comments may be submitted on the Ethics Commission’s website or to 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 195, Bismarck, ND 58505 until July 28, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Ethics Commission at the above telephone number at least 14 days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 8th day of May, 2025.
Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission

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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 of the
EquiTrust Life Insurance Company
In the state of Arizona
Total Assets 33,576,722,643
Total Liabilities 30,820,349,245
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0
Common Capital Stock 3,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0
Special Surplus Funds 0
Surplus Notes 0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 784,666,772
Unassigned Funds 1,968,706,626
Total Capital and Surplus 2,756,373,398
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus 33,576,722,643
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024
Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written 33,456,849
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid 4,203,635
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums 0
Written 0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Paid 0
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
I, Jon Godfreed, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2025 (SEAL).
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
COMPANY’S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2024 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and
WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,
NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2026.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2025 (SEAL)
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
(5/14, 21, 28)

NOTICE OF HEARING
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DIVIDE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Ardis M. Slotsve
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diane Stethura has filed in this matter a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative. A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 11th day of July 2025, at 10:30 o’clock a.m. at the Courtroom of the Divide County District Court in Crosby, Divide County, North Dakota.
Dated this 7th, day of May, 2025.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Divide County Public School District
Crosby, NORTH DAKOTA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for Guaranteed Energy and Operational Savings Contract Provider
Divide County Public School District, requests proposals to evaluate qualified providers for the development and implementation of energy and operational efficiency projects on a guaranteed energy and operational savings contract basis. This Request for Proposal (RFP) will provide a competitive means in which to select a provider to implement the improvements in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 48-05-09 through 48-05-13.
Proposals shall be electronically received in the office of Ms. Suzanne Lamontagne, Divide County Public School District, 106 1st St NE, Crosby, ND 58730, no later than 4 p.m. CT Monday, June 2, 2025.
To receive the full RFP details, contact Ms. Suzanne Lamontagne, Administrative Assistant; via e-mail at Suzanne.lamontagne@k12.nd.us.

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 of the
The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection And Insurance Company
In the state of Connecticut
Total Assets 15,963,441
Total Liabilities 1,154,717
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0
Common Capital Stock 3,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0
Special Surplus Funds 0
Surplus Notes 0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 5,453,787
Unassigned funds (surplus) 6,354,937
Total Capital and Surplus 14,808,724
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus 15,963,441
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024
Total Direct Premiums Earned 0
Total Direct Losses Incurred 0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned 0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred 0
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
I, Jon Godfreed, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2025 (SEAL).
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
COMPANY’S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2024 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and
WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,
NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2026.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2025 (SEAL)
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
(5/14, 21, 28)

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
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.
PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.
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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
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ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 of the
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In the state of Connecticut
Total Assets 2,321,906,901
Total Liabilities 1,512,422,292
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0
Common Capital Stock 10,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock 0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than 0
Special Surplus Funds 0
Surplus Notes 0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 681,608,776
Unassigned funds (surplus) 171,840,965
Total Capital and Surplus 863,449,741
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus 2,375,872,033
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2024
Total Direct Premiums Earned 809,876
Total Direct Losses Incurred 64,241
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned 0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred 0
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
I, Jon Godfreed, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2025 (SEAL).
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
COMPANY’S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2024 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and
WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,
NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2026.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D., 2025 (SEAL)
JON GODFREAD
Commissioner of Insurance
(5/14, 21, 28)

NOTICE OF HEARING
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DIVIDE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Louise T. Meuwissen
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN INTESTACY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert Meuwissen has filed herein a Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative in Intestacy of the Estate of Louise T. Meuwissen, deceased.
A 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 28th day of April, 2025.
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Lorraine E. Meuwissen
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN INTESTACY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert Meuwissen has filed herein a Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative in Intestacy of the Estate of Lorraine E. Meuwissen, deceased.
A 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 28th, day of April, 2025.
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