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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
RENVILLE COUNTY WATER
RESOURCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL INFOR-
MATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Renville County Water Resource District Board (“Board”) will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fire Hall, Tolley Fire Department, 102 Bertelson Street, Tolley, ND 58787. The meeting is open to the public.

The special meeting is for informational purposes only. No action will be taken by the Board at the meeting. The purpose of the informational meeting is for the Board to provide general information to Renville County landowners regarding assessment drain projects. At the informational meeting, the Board’s engineer, Jennifer Malloy, P.E. of Apex Engineering and the Board’s attorney, Kale R. Van Bruggen of Rinke Noonan Law Firm, will provide an overview about the legal and engineering process for designing, establishing, constructing, and financing an assessment drain project under N.D. Century Code Title 61. The presentation will include information about the engineering and design process as well as statutory procedures such as the public hearing on the preliminary engineer’s report, the landowner vote, the assessment hearing, permitting, construction, and financing processes. The presentation will also include information about environmental permitting, wetland conservation compliance, and compliance with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service easements in relation to such assessment drain projects.

All interested landowners of property in or near Renville County and all persons with an interest in the above matters are invited to attend. Following Ms. Malloy and Mr. Van Bruggen’s presentations, Ms. Malloy and Mr. Van Bruggen will take questions from any member of the public in attendance on behalf of the Renville County Water Resource District Board.

If you have any questions prior to the informational meeting, you may contact Board Chair Peter Gates at 701-240-8493 or via email at petergates72@gmail.com.

/s/Peter Gates, Board Chair Dated: April 24, 2025 36,37c

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO COMBATIVE SPORTS PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MIXED FIGHTING STYLES

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10 am on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Secretary of State’s Main Conference Room at the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at SOS.ND.gov or by writing the Office of the Secretary of State at 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck ND 58505.

Also, written comments may be submitted to 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck ND 58505, until 12 noon on Friday, July 25, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please call the Secretary of State at (701) 328-2900 at least four days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 27 of May, 2025.
Michael Howe
Secretary of State

City of Mohall Storm Shelter Designation

The Mohall Community Center, located at 807 Hwy 5 East, has been designated as the Mohall City Storm Shelter. Use the South door to enter.

The Shelter will only be open if the siren is activated due to potential threat.

Residents will be asked to return home when the local authorities deem there is no longer a threat.

Any questions please contact Kristy Titus, EMS Coordinator or Cheryl Overby, Mohall City Auditor.

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A PRINTING OF CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2, OF THE MOHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO DOGS & CATS.

ARTICLE 2 – Dogs and Cats

9.0201- Number Of Dogs And Cats Allowed, License Required

A household may have no more than two (2) dogs and no more than two (2) cats except as hereinafter provided and no dog or cat shall be permitted to be or remain in the city without being licensed as hereinafter provided if over five (5) months of age. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of any dog or cat kept within the city to have the dog or cat inoculated against rabies and to license such dog or cat. No license or renewal license shall be issued unless the dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies and proof thereof is shown to the person issuing the license.

9.0202- Licensing Procedure and Terms

All dogs and cats shall be registered as to sex, breed, name and address of owner and name of dog or cat. Licenses shall be issued by the City Auditor on a biannual basis as hereinafter more fully provided. The person paying the license fee shall receive a receipt therefore and a metal tag or badge with which to mark the animal. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper to cause such license tag or badge to be securely attached around the animal’s neck and kept there at all times during the license period. A license may be issued for each dog or cat over two (2) per household, subject to approval by the City Council, and payment of the license fee provided for in Section 9.0203.

9.0203- License Fee

The license fee shall be \$8.00 biannually for each neutered male dog or cat and each spayed female dog or cat, \$16.00 for each female dog or cat not spayed and each male dog or cat not neutered. The owner of any spayed female dog or cat shall present to the City Auditor a letter or certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian to the effect that such dog has been spayed; or such other evidence as the City Auditor shall require. The biannual license fee for each dog or cat over two (2) in each household over five (5) months of age shall be \$100.00 per animal, whether the dog or cat is neutered or not. The fee for any license renewal shall be the same as set forth above.

9.0204- Trained Dogs

The license fee set forth herein shall not be required for an animal trained to assist a handicapped individual.

9.0205- Dog or Cat Running at Large Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit the same to run at large in the City at any time. A dog or cat shall not be considered running at large if attended and on a leash or when in the confines of the owner’s or keeper’s premises.

9.0206- Disposition of Unlawful Dogs or Cats

Any unlicensed dog or cat or any dog or cat running at large may be taken up by any police officer and impounded at such place as may be designated by the governing body. The dog or cat shall not be released to any person until such dog or cat is licensed (if unlicensed); a payment is made by the owner in a sum equal to the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the city for the care and maintenance of the animal including any costs payable to the animal shelter or veterinary fees and an impoundment fee is paid pursuant to the following schedule:

a. In any case where an animal is impounded, the owner or keeper claiming the animal shall pay to the city the license fee for the animal, if any, plus an impounding fee and a fee for the care and maintenance of the animal while in custody as established by the city council.

b. The impounding fee for an animal not impounded within the prior twenty-four (24) months shall be seven dollars (\$7.00).

c. In the event an animal is impounded a second time within twenty-four (24) months, the impounding fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

d. In the event an animal is impounded a third time within twenty-four (24) months, the impounding fee shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00).

e. In the event an animal is impounded four (4) or more times within twenty-four (24) months, the impounding fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

9.0210- Nuisance – When

Any unlicensed dog or cat, any dog or cat running at large, any dog or cat disturbing the peace, or any dog or cat disturbing the peace by howling, barking, whining, meowing, or making other disagreeable noises, any dog or cat molesting or frightening passers-by, any dog chasing vehicles or any cat or dog trespassing upon private

property or which is offensive or dangerous to the public health, welfare or society, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. 36c

A PRINTING OF CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 5, OF THE MOHALL CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NOXIOUS WEEDS, GRASS CLIPPINGS, AND GRASS OVER 8 INCHES HIGH.

ARTICLE 5 – Noxious Weeds 10.0501- Nuisance

In addition to such other items or conditions which may be declared to be a nuisance under other chapters of this Code of Ordinances, grass or weeds in excess of eight (8) inches high are hereby declared to be a nuisance. No owner of any lot, place or area within the City or the agent of such owner, shall permit on such lot, place or area and the one-half of any road or street lying next to the lands or boulevards abutting thereon such a nuisance as provided for herein.

10.0502- Notice to Abate Nuisance

The City shall cause annually a notice to be published in the Renville County Farmer, stating that grass and noxious weeds are growing on lands within the corporate limits of said City. Such notice shall not be required to describe the lands or to specify the name of the owner of such property. However, such notice shall constitute notice to all owner(s), lessee(s), agents(s) or tenant(s) having charge of any land or property upon which grass or noxious weeds are growing that the same must be placed into a state of compliance with this Ordinance within five days after such publication and maintained at a height of not more than eight (8) inches.

10.0503-Authority of City to Abate Nuisance

1. In the event of a claimed nuisance relating to weeds or grasses in excess of eight (8)

inches high existing five days after such publication, the City is authorized without further notice to enter upon the premises and to take whatever steps as might reasonably be required to abate the nuisance. No prior, individualized notice whatsoever of a claimed nuisance under 10.0502 (relating to weeds or grasses in excess of eight (8) inches high) need be provided at any time before the City enters upon the land and proceeds to abate the nuisance, however, nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the City from informally requesting or directing the landowner or person in charge of the land to take the measures necessary to abate the claimed nuisance.

2. Actions taken by the City under and in accordance with this Article, if reasonable in nature and undertaken in good faith, shall not constitute a trespass or conversion.

10.0504- Action Upon Non-Compliance

Upon the failure, neglect, or refusal of any owner or agent so notified to cut, destroy and/or remove noxious weeds growing, lying or located upon the owner’s property or upon the one-half of any road or street lying next to the lands or boulevards abutting thereon, after receipt of the written notice provided for in 10.0503 or within five days after the date of such notice in the event the same is returned to the City because of inability to make delivery thereof, the health officer or person designated by the City is hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the cutting, destroying, and/or removal of such noxious weeds or to order their removal by the City.

10.0505- Costs Assessed

The cost of said mowing shall be calculated by the City and shall be billed to the owner of record for the property in question. When the City has affected the removal of such noxious weeds or has paid for their removal, the cost set by the City Council thereof, if not paid by said owner prior thereto, shall be charged and assessed against the property upon which the noxious weeds were cut or destroyed. An assessment list showing the lots or tracts to be assessed with the cost against each lot or tract shall be prepared as are other special assessment lists, and shall be approved by the governing body and shall bear interest at seven percent. Such assessments shall be subject to the same procedure for certification to the county auditor, payment and collections as are other special assessments under state law.

10.0506- Grass Clippings

Any person that, by any means, including mowing, causes grass clippings or noxious weeds to be placed in the public streets or other public areas of the City of Mohall shall be guilty of a noncriminal offense punishable by a fine in a sum not exceeding \$500.00.

10.0507- Definitions

1. Grass - For the purposes of this Ordinance “grass” shall be interpreted to mean any of a large family (Gramineae) of the monocotyledonous, mostly herbaceous plants with jointed stems, slender sheathing leaves, and flowers borne in spikelets of bracts.

2. Noxious Weeds - For the purposes of this Ordinance “noxious weeds” shall mean and include all weeds of the kind known as Canada Thistle, sow thistle, quack grass, leafy spurge

(Euphorbia esula or Ruphrobia virgata), field bindweed, Russian knapweed, (Centaura picris), hoary cress (Lapidium draba, Lepidium reobes, and Humenophysa pubescens), dodder, or any similar unwanted vegetation over eight inches in height.

City of Tolley Regular Meeting June 2, 2025

Mayor Tohm called meeting to order with both council members present. The minutes and treasures report was read and approved.

Discussion on the sewer was held. Advanced Microbial Solution has started the debris processes on the lagoon. Jessica from Wold has not assessed the manhole top rings and flow lines at bottoms that need to be replaced.

Triplett moved to pay bills as presented seconded by Iverson motion carried.

Iverson moved to adjourn seconded by Triplett motion carried.

Circle Sanitation	\$736.75
Austin Varty	\$415.58
Dakota Fire Extinguisher	\$75.98
Advanced Microbial Solutions LLC	\$11,376.00
Visa	\$28.65
MDU	\$550.08
RCF	\$105.30
USWU	\$45.00

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RENVILLE COUNTY AUDITOR AND RECORDER/CLERK OF COURT:

Introduced by Commission Member Hansen,

Who moved for its adoption on the 3rd day of June, 2025:

Be it resolved by the Renville County Commission, to-wit:

WHEREAS The Renville County Commission wants to redesignate the elective county offices of Auditor and Recorder/Clerk of Court as appointive and

WHEREAS NDCC 11-10.2-02(1) provides the board of county commissioners may by resolution adopt a preliminary resolution incorporating a proposed plan for redesignating an elective county office as appointive, subject to the right of referendum and

WHEREAS It is in the best interest of the citizens of Renville County that each office is held by a qualified individual and THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the plan is for the offices of Auditor and Recorder/Clerk of Court to become appointive on January 1, 2026, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That the duties, functions, qualifications and training, and method of determining compensation of each office shall not change from what is now in place, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That each office shall be subject to all other employment laws and Renville County policies as other appointive offices, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That appointment of each office, shall be made by the Renville County Commission, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That the number of support staff for each office shall not change as a result of this resolution.

Commission Member Haman seconded the motion for adoption.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3;

Nayes: 0; and Absent: 0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LeAnn M. Pollman Andy

Gates Renville County Auditor

Chairman, Renville County

Commission

Plan to appoint the Renville County Auditor and Renville County Recorder/Clerk of Court

Analysis: There are a number of concerns the Renville County Commission has regarding the positions that are elected. First and foremost, anyone who is eighteen years old and has been living in Renville County for 30 days can run for either the Auditor’s position or the Recorder/Clerk of Court’s position. This is very concerning to the Renville County Commission as the Auditor handles millions of dollars each year and has a number of other duties as required by the North Dakota Century Code. Additionally, there have been a number of instances where an unqualified individual is elected and puts the county in very difficult financial situations including but not limited to requiring the county to hire additional staff like a certified public accountant if the auditor is not capable of managing the finances of a county or advising the commissioners that there are more funds available than truly are available. The clerk of court’s position is also essential to justice in the county and based upon recent decisions from the North Dakota Supreme Court certain cases demand certain individuals to be seen before a judge in a short amount of time. Lastly, another issue with elected people is that short of having them removed by office either through a petition of the

citizens or from the North Dakota Governor’s Office, a county is essentially stuck with the elected official till their term is up. This is concerning for two (2) main reasons. First, any elected official can burden the county financially and there is virtually nothing the county can do about this. This has been addressed by the North Dakota Supreme Court a number of times in different situations throughout the years in counties in North Dakota. Second, the Commissioners have very little control over the elected officials and their staff should issues arise regarding their conduct. This is important as well as the conduct of an elected official and/or their staff can create legal liability for the county that the county could be responsible for financially, through creating a hostile work environment or many other scenarios. With appointed officials being county employees, these issues would not arise as the county could reprimand them and/or terminate their employment to ensure the tax payers dollars are used most efficiently and limit the legal risk to the counties.

The Plan: Under NDCC §11-10.2-02, Renville County desires to take advantage of the law allowing the appointment of both the Auditor position and the Recorder/Clerk of Court’s position. This plan will ensure both offices are good stewards of each respective office, the duties to the public and that the most qualified person is in that position, versus the most popular. Renville County certainly respects every American’s right to vote and to give their input as to who should hold these essential roles. The citizens of Renville County would still be able to do so as they would still have the right to speak to their commissioners and/or contact Renville County with their issues and concerns with individuals that work for Renville County. Renville County receives many comments from the citizens for both appointed and hired employees currently and each concern is taken seriously and addressed. All of the benefits each position currently has will not change including but not limited to salary, retirement and health insurance.

As required by the North Dakota Century Code, Renville County will hold a public meeting to receive input from the citizens of Renville County as everyone that works for Renville County works for the public. If you do not wish to attend the public meeting and/or do not wish to attend the public meeting, but would still like to give input, please email or mail your concerns and/or comments to the Renville County Auditor.

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It is important to understand that simply because Renville County has passed the preliminary resolution to appoint these two (2) positions, it does not mean that this will happen, merely that this could happen. Renville County is still required to pass a final resolution within two (2) years of passing the preliminary hearing in order for this to actually happen and even if Renville County does pass the final resolution, the citizens can still override Renville County through a petition.

Renville County has given this a lot of thought and is simply exploring its options. Renville County values the input from their citizens and welcomes any questions, comments or concerns you might have.

City of Glenburn Regular meeting June 2nd, 2025

Mayor Folstad called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The siren was tested and worked.

Those present: Mayor Eric Folstad, Dianne Hensen, David Hoff, absent Chris Schilken and Dustin Dewbre. Staff: Donna Zeltinger, Rose Miltenberger, Daryl Dotson. Guests: James Dillow, Cori Quick, Darlene Miller, Barb Quimby, Mary Schave, Tanya Browne and Tom Miltenberger.

Dianne Hensen made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held May 6th, 2025. Second by Dave Hoff, all aye, motion approved. One addition to the agenda: Ferrell gas bid.

Motion by D. Hoff to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by D. Hensen. All aye, motion approved.

Guests:

a. James Dillow with Otter Tail Power Co. was here to give the council the new updated Franchise Fee agreement. This will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

b. Cori Quick, with the Glenburn Lions Club, was here to ask permission to use the water from the fire hall for an inflatable water slide during the Summerfest. She was also asking to utilize the power from city hall for the escape room. The council was in favor of both requests.

c. Danielle McClanahan did not show up for the meeting as requested. Reports from the council members were given.

Dianne Hensen (Water & Pets) informed the council that there were

43 late water statements and 10 shut offs sent out on 5/23/25.

Dog Ordinance:

Motion by Dianne Hensen to approve the second reading to changes to Ordinance Chapter Eleven Animals and Fowls. Second by Dave Hoff. RC Vote: Hoff yes, Hensen yes, Folstad yes. Motion approved. This is the second and final reading of changes to Ordinance Chapter Eleven.

Dave Hoff (Sewer): There was another backup at 205 Crestview on Sunday May 11th. Al Evans was called out and came out on Monday. There was a blockage of toilet paper and excess paper by 300 South St. Kemper has been called to camera the lines.

Streets: Daryl is working on a map for areas to patch. Chip sealing the new streets will take place when the county work is done.

Buildings:

a. Motion by D. Hoff to approve the permit from Mike Grotte for a carport. This was pre-approved by Dustin Dewbre. Second by D. Hensen, all aye, motion carried.

b. Motion by D. Hoff to approve the fence permit from Hahns Bodenbender at 201 Crestview Lane. Second by D. Hensen. Permit was pre-approved by Dustin Dewbre. All aye, motion approved.

c. Motion by D. Hensen to approve the demolition request from Tom Miller for a house at 204 1st Ave N. Second by Hoff, all aye, motion approved.

MAYOR communications: nothing currently.

Dianne mentioned that the playground equipment at the school grounds will be taken down on the 14th. New equipment will be installed in August. The Carlsons are setting up troughs to be used for planting flowers or vegetables. Contact the school if interested or volunteer.

Dianne reminded everyone that the school election will be tomorrow, the 3rd, from 7am to 7pm.

Employee communications:
a. The John Deere mower was delivered to Glenburn on May 20th. It is running great.

b. The electrical work at the shop was completed by Nett’s Electric this past week.

OLD Business:

a. Trees were planted on Tues. May 27th. Need volunteers to water. The council agreed to purchase some tree diapers for the pond area as it is harder to reach. Joel with ND Forest Service will be up June 12th to inspect the trees.

b. The flag pins and business cards were in and on display for the council members.

NEW business:

a. Employee evaluations: Table until all council members are present.

b. RV Park rules: Add no burning during burn bans. Check with the State parks to see what other rules should be added to our list.

c. Motion by D. Hensen to approve the application from Del Jr’s to hold a beer garden on June 21st. Second, by D. Hoff, all aye, motion approved.

d. The Ferrell Gas propane bid was looked at. The council would like to remain local with Enerbase as our propane supplier.

PAYING OF THE BILLS:
D. Hensen made the motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills out of the proper accounts. Hoff seconded. Hoff yes, Hensen yes, Folstad yes, motion approved.

Paid To	Amount
Daryl Dotson-payroll	2,725.82
Donna Zeltinger – payroll	2,281.01
Rose Miltenberger-payroll	598.77
EFTPS	1,684.06
NDPERS	1,136.65
A1 Septic	350.00
Aflac	105.44
Avesis (2 months)	48.28
BCBS of ND (Daryl)	700.56
Beall Law Firm	375.00
Capital One	72.72
Cash for cash drawer	125.78
Circle Sanitation	3,247.50
Companion Life	110.32
Cussip Global Services	91.00
Enerbase	255.02
Fairview Cemetery (taxes)	198.53
First District Health	30.00
Goose Neck Implement	11,500.00
ND Child Support	404.40
Nett’s Electric	4,979.45
Renville County	1,800.00
Renville County Farmer	232.19
Share Corporation	2,752.04
Souris River Telephone	364.90
Unum	53.61
UpperSourisWaterDistrict	5,220.00
USPS	219.00
Verizon	42.54
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	41,704.59

Next scheduled meeting will Monday July 7th, 2025, at 6:30pm

The council waited ten minutes to see if guest Danielle McClanahan would attend the meeting.

Donna informed Eric that Lee Rice was ok with cutting down the dead trees at 314 Main St. if it didn’t cost a lot of money.

Hoff made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, Hoff seconded, all aye, meeting adjourned.

Minutes are subject to approval.

Submitted by Donna Zeltinger, City Auditor