# Legals: Your Right to Know

#### 4916-8661-5865, v. 1 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA **RENVILLE COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS** NOTICE OF SPECIAL INFOR-MATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 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 informaional 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 relaion 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 36,370

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO **AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO COMBATIVE SPORTS PROFESSIONAL BOXING**

lowing bills. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nayes - None noted. Motion carried. A cme Tools 517.00

Acme Tools	517.00
Batteries Plus	89.80
Circle Sanitation	2,790.50
EFTPS	1,416.44
First District Health	30.00
Jacob Gates	5,182.61
Janet Krause	751.20
Menards	69.88
Michele Remynse (E)	556.92
NDSU - Ext Pest Pro	143.00
O'Keeffe Oil	69.26
Ottertail Power Company	
	2,595.58
QBooks Online	65.00
Randy Remynse (E)	11,901.09
SRT	119.85
Upper Souris Water Users	3,306.00
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Upper Souris Water Users	3,306.00	
ÛSPS	78.60	
Verizon	104.43	
TOTAL \$28,753.16		

Front door discussed. It was decided to leave as is for now.

As no other street sweeping company was found a motion was made by S. Stephan to hire the street sweeping company for \$6,500.00 seconded by C. Ledford. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

F. Hogan with C. Ledford seconding made a tion to rent a soil conditioner at \$280 a day. Mayor Grothen will run it. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

It was discussed getting a roll off for grass clipping. Due to the fact people always put in other items it was decided not to get one.

S. Stephan made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-01 Auditor Bond coverage by the State Bonding Fund in the amount of One hundred seventy six thousand seventv dollars (\$176,077.00) . F. Hogan seconded. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the City not having a siren anymore for emergencies such as tornadoes. It doesn't work anymore. R. Remynse will check on what to do to fix it. The fire dept used to turn it on. The city auditor will check on if any grant funds available. F. Hogan made a motion with S. Stephan seconding. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

Bell yard cleanup was discussed. Mayor Grothen offered to help - he got him to agree.

Lansford Community Betterment Enterprises requested a Raffle Permit Personal Representative of the abovefor 6/18/25, 7/18/25, and 8/16/25. A named estate, in care of Maxson Law motion was made by K. Gates and sec- Office, P.C., at 320 - 16th Street NW, onded by F. Hogan to approve the raffle permit. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried. Duke's Tavern requested a liquor license extension to the Community Center for June 26th for the park, June 27 & 28 for the street dances. The bar at the park will be fenced in, Dance on main street or in front of fire hall if inclement weather. M. Dean stated that porta potties will be around and that everyone over 21 will get a wrist band. S. Stephan made a motion, seconded by C. Ledford. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

A.M. members present were Riley Smith, Danielle Petersen, Heather Gibson, and Melissa Hagen. Others were Michelle Rudland. Meeting minutes were approved by

Heather and seconded by Melissa. Treasures report was also approved

by Riley and seconded by Heather. \$960.00 was deposited for ladies night.

\$2000.00 to the speaker.

Bill for ladies night was \$940.80. for supper

Riley motion for a tip seconded by Heather.

City wide garage sale disucssion. Email to the paid chamber members to see if they want to run a free special on Friday or Saturday. Melissa makes a motion to have the businesses involved that want to be. Heather seconded.

Discussion held on Mohall yellow jacket sign.

Easter egg hunt discussion. Riley makes a motion to take over the easter egg hunt and call it Mohall easter event and add an account at Dakota west. Heather seconded.

Mohall mayhem 10-2pm Riley makes a motion to have mayhem on the 14th. Hawiann theme.

Craft show November 22nd Danielle will call the school. Harvest moon discussion.

Family feud has October 24th available dani hoping to have it as a team building. \$150 registration per team. Danielle city sales tax application.

Light up Mohall day after thanksgiving November 28th. Heather is doing parade. Riley and Danielle business social. Melissa is in charge of trees.

Facebook giveaway discussion. Family pool pass, \$110. Ill motion Melissa seconded. Danielle will take care of it. Leave open till may 26th. Trick or treat trail October 31st.  $2 \cdot 30 - 4 \cdot 30$ 

Jacob Craig Maxson (ID #06747) MAXSON LAW OFFICE, P.C. 320 – 16th Street NW Probate No. 38/2025-PR-00006 Minot, ND 58703 Telephone No.: (701) 839-6704 jmax@minot.com Attorneys for:Personal Representative

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RENVILLE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of LaVonne L. Erickson, 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 the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Calli L. Brackenbury, Minot, ND 58703, or filed with the

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 FUR-THER

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 sec-

onded the motion for adoption. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 3; Nayes: 0; and Absent: 0

ATTEST: APPROVED:

LeAnn M. Pollman Gates Renville County Auditor Renville Chairman, County

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

Andy

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

input, please email or mail your concerns and/or comments to the Renville County Auditor. PO Box 68

Mohall, ND 58761 701-756-6301 lpollman@nd.gov

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 Sherwood **Noxious Weeds and Tree Branch** Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sherwood, North Dakota. Definitions

## a. 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.

b. 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, dandelions, 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 six inches in height.

#### 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 six (6) inches.

Authority of City to Abate Nuisance

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.

#### **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 Sherwood shall be guilty of a noncriminal offense punishable by a fine in a sum not exceeding \$500.00.

#### Low Hanging Tree Branches-**Nuisance- Penalty**

1. Any tree branches extending over a public street or sidewalk within the limits of the City of Sherwood at a height of less than seven (7) feet from the surface of said street or sidewalk are hereby declared a nuisance.

2. The City Auditor, upon notification of the existence of such nuisance shall give written notice of such existence of such nuisance to the owner of the property concerned and to the occupants thereof, if not occupied by the owner, and the said owner shall have a period of ten (10) days to trim or remove said branches in order to abate the said nuisance.

3. If the owner or other person responsible shall fail, within the said ten-day period to abate the said described nuisance, the City Council is hereby empowered and authorized to pay for the cutting and removal of any such branches or to order their removal by the City.

4. When the City has affected the cutting and removal of such branches or has paid for their cutting and removal, the cost thereof, if not paid by said owner prior thereto, shall be charged against the property upon which the branches were cut and removed. 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 assessment shall be subject to the same procedure for certification to the county auditor, payment and collection as are other special assessments under state law. 37c

#### The Renville County Highway Department

will begin mowing the top cut along shoulders of the county highways July 7, 2025. Adjacent landowners who plan to mow ditches for hay shall cut the top before the county mows these areas

Sean Mattern Road Supervisor

VA Fargo to Hold

### 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 Wednes-day, 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

#### The Lansford Regular **City Council Meeting** was held on June 3rd, 2025 at the City Hall Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor T. Grothen, Councilmembers, F. Hogan, K. Gates, C. Ledford, and S. Stephan.

Also present were R. Remynse, S. C. Simmons, M. Dean, and Sheriff C. Bailey.

The minutes and financial reports were read and approved S. Stephan made a motion to approve with the correction to the Chicken ordinance -T. Grothen was the tie breaker as 2 ayes and 2 nays.F. Hogan seconded. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan K. Gates, and C. Ledford. Nayes none noted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Gates and seconded by C. Ledford to pay the fol-

Circle sanitation will be bringing a 4 yd receptacle and 10 regular receptacles donated by them for the Lansford Community Days.

S. Stephan brought up the firework ordinance. The Sheriff said ideally the ordinance should only allow certain days and times. The City auditor will post the ordinances around town.

F. Hogan made a motion to reimburse R. Remynse any expenses associated with getting his pesticide application license. K. Gates seconded. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates and C. Ledford. Nays none noted. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on J. Kelly property about the weeds.

It was stated the billboard doesn't work on the edge of town. The MLS School owns it. They want us to take it over.

Use of a cardtrol system on the water shed was discussed. R Remynse will check on the cost.

F. Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with K. Gates seconding at 8:05 p.m. Ayes were F. Hogan, S. Stephan, K. Gates, and C. Ledford. Nayes none noted. Motion carried.

The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 in the Lansford City Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Anyone that wants to be on the City Agenda please call or text the city at 701-263-5534 by the Thursday before the meeting.

> Mayor Terrence Grothen City Auditor Janet Krause

#### **Mohall Chamber of Commerce May Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 11:30

Court.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2025. /s/ Calli L. Brackenbury\_ Calli L. Brackenbury, Personal Representative Ĵacob C. Maxson (ID #06747) MAXSON LAW OFFICE, P.C. 320 – 16th Street NW Minot, ND 58703 Attorneys Personal for Representative

First publication on the 23rd day of April, 2025. 36,37,38c

#### **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. 36,37c

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

Commission Introduced by 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 The job duties are

quite extensive for each office and WHEREAS It is in the best inter-

est of the citizens of Renville 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

a. In the event of a claimed nuisance relating to weeds or grasses in excess of six (6) 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 this ordinance (relating to weeds or grasses in excess of six (6) 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.

b. 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.

#### 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 onehalf of any road or street lying next to the lands or boulevards abutting thereon, after receipt of the written notice provided in this ordinance 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 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.

#### **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 actual cost 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

## Annual Summer **VetFest Event on June** 25th at Their Main Hospital

VA Fargo will once again host its annual Summer VetFest outreach event on June 25th, 2025, from 4:00 PM until 7:30 PM in the Healing Garden at VA Hospital on 2101 Elm Street N.

"We are dedicated to empowering every Veteran by providing essential services such as healthcare enrollment, toxic exposure screenings, disability claim assistance, and guidance on virtual platform navigation. Our team will share valuable information on prosthetics, battlefield acupuncture, hypnosis, surgery services, and suicide prevention strategies. We wholeheartedly encourage Veterans and their family members to join us and discover the wealth of programs and support available at VA Fargo," said Dr. Andrew Stasko, Interim Director of the Fargo VA Health Care System.

This event is a vital opportunity to ensure that every Veteran-and their survivors-access the healthcare and benefits they rightfully deserve. Whether you are new to the VA or seeking answers about your healthcare options and benefits, we invite you to connect with us.

For further details, please call the Fargo VA Public Affairs Office at (701) 239-3724. Don't miss out on this chance to enhance your understanding of the resources available to you!

