

WRT seeks area applications

District 5 Director Nick Vollmuth resigned from the West River Telecommunications Board of Directors, effective September 30, 2025.

Vollmuth served on the WRT Board for 32 years; leaving a vacancy for the district 5 seat. WRT District 5 represents Sioux, Grant, Hettinger and Adams Counties, North Dakota. WRT members residing in District 5, who are interested in filling the unexpired term of former Director Vollmuth, have until November 17, 2025, to apply.

Vollmuth was first appointed to the WRT Board of Directors in February 1993. In addition to representing his district, Vollmuth also served as the WRT Board of Directors Vice-Presi-



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dent from 2000-2025. His years of service and dedication to the cooperative will be greatly missed. Along with being a qualified WRT member, Vollmuth provided insight and involvement in the community and district he served. Vollmuth is a recently retired third generation farmer/rancher and former Selfridge School Board

President. He is also a volunteer and serves on the board for the Selfridge Fire Department. In addition, Vollmuth is a member of the Shields Selfridge Sportsmen Club. Vollmuth and his wife, Debbie, have two grown children and one grandson. The Vollmuths will be moving their primary residency out of the WRT service area but will remain involved in the area.

Vollmuth's term as WRT District 5 Director runs through June 2027. Per Section 4.6 of the WRT Bylaws, in part, "a vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors for the unexpired portion of the term." Additional information pertaining

to directors can also be found on the WRT website – www.westriv.com/about/board/.

Interested WRT members, residing within WRT District 5, can submit a letter of interest and a resume via email to myWRT@wrtc.com or by mail to: Attention: WRT Board President Matt Erhardt, Jr., WRT, PO Box 467, Hazen ND 58545.

WRT is a local cooperative providing fiber optic broadband internet, voice, and surveillance camera services to members in twenty-five communities across central North Dakota and South Dakota. Additional information on the cooperative can be found online at www.westriv.com.

Selfridge News Debbie Vollmuth

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Kelly Froelich. Kelly passed away last Tuesday morning. Services will be Thursday at St. Joseph Church in Mandan. Since the Vikings were Kelly's favorite team, people are invited to wear purple, Kelly's favorite color, to the service.

Saturday evening, I BAND, Independent Beef Association of North Dakota held its 20th annual convention at the Radisson in downtown Bismarck. Lots of information, discussions, great food, wonderful auction and lots of laughs were shared. There was a special time of remembrance for

Kelly Froelich since he was one of the founders of the organization.

The National Government continues to be shut down, leaving the local USDA office closed. Hopefully an agreement can soon be reached so people can get back to work, and others can receive the services they need.

Debbie Mosset, Weston and Tatum were at Willy and Lenore Mosset's on Saturday to help with work on the farm.

Geri Mosset went to McIntosh for the German meal held to raise money for Shannon and Garth Hansen's bar. They are raising money to fix up the building and get their

bar open.

Matthew Volk was in Selfridge for the weekend visiting his parents, Bella and Alvin Volk.

There will be crew at St. Philomena Catholic Church to fix some leaks around the steeple and on the roof.

Mickie Huber and Jayne Laintz-LaBore were both at Nick and Debbie Vollmuth's this week. Gary Jochim also came over. Nick had lunch with the guys at Kist Livestock on Wednesday. On Sunday, Nick and Debbie joined Allen and JoAnn Blotske for a German supper at Ascension Church. Debbie, JoAnn, and Bonnie Volk went to a craft night in Lincoln. Oct. 6-10 is Spirit Week at Selfridge School. Monday: Pajama Day; Tuesday: Anything

But a Backpack Day; Wednesday: Secret Service Day (wear All Black) Thursday: Twin, Dynamic Duo, Group Costume Day; Friday: Color War Day. On Friday, October 10 at 2:30 there will be a Talent Show! Monday, October 13, students in grades K-6 will go to Papa's Pumpkin Patch and students in grades 7-12 will go to Gateway to Science. Wednesday, Oct. 15th is the end of the first quarter. There will be no school on October 16-17 for Teachers' Convention.

Happy Birthday to Ed Mosset, Sylvia Culbertson and Debbie Mossset.

Happy Anniversary to Willy and Lenore Mosset and Stan and Kathy Hepper.

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL School Board Proceedings

**Minutes of regular meeting
Selfridge Public School
District #8
March 6, 2025**

Present- Board Members: Nick Vollmuth (via phone), Ed Mosset, Monte Becker, Christy Deason, Haylee Kraft. Administration: Kristi Miller-Superintendent, Michael Every- Principal, Joyce Miller- Business Manager Vice President Ed Mosset called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM CT. Motion by Christy Deason, second by Monte Becker, to approve the agenda with the addition of Cognia Student Engagement Surveys. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no visitors. Motion by Nick Vollmuth, second by Monte Becker, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 02/12/2025 and special board meeting of 02/28/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

B u s i n e s s : Motion by Haylee Kraft, second by Christy Deason, to add wording to determine who is eligible for valedictorian, salutatorian and honors in the student handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haylee Kraft, second by Monte Becker, to advertise for bids: propane tanks, platforms, wood pallets, lockers, chair racks, wood doors, and window air conditioner. Motion carried unanimously. Supt. Miller discussed

whether to sell the portable classrooms-will contact area schools to see if there is an interest in them. Principal Every's report included student attendance, leadership, data collection, and student surveys.

Motion by Monte Becker, second by Christy Deason, to approve the Business Manager's financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda is teacher negotiations strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the board. The legal authority of closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). The topic or purpose of this executive session is teacher negotiations strategy.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Is there such a motion? Monte Becker made a motion to go into executive session. Haylee Kraft seconded the motion. No discussion on the motion. Roll call vote: ayes- Nick, Ed, Haylee, Monte, Christy. Motion carried unanimously.

The executive session will be recorded and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not

apply to providing guidance or instructions to our negotiator.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 6:20 PM.

The minutes will show that the executive session began at 6:00 PM and was attended by Christy Deason, Ed Mosset, Monte Becker, Nick Vollmuth, Haylee Kraft, Kristi Miller and Joyce Miller.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 6:34 PM. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

Motion by Christy Deason, second by Haylee Kraft, to approve the payment of the bills as presented and any other regular bills that are due before the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular board meeting will be April 9, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Motion by Haylee Kraft, seconded by Nick Vollmuth, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

AVANTIS EDUCATION INC..... 1,299.00

BACHMEIER, JEAN 1,625.00
BECKER, MONTE 400.00
CHILDREN'S SPEECH LANGUAGE..... 3,960.00
CITY OF SELFRIDGE 342.00
CITY OF SELFRIDGE 228.00
CITY OF SELFRIDGE 342.00
D & E SUPPLY CO..... 625.78
DAKOTA ASSEMBLIES... 500.00
DAKOTA DUST-TEX 357.00

DEASON, CHRISTY 400.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INST..... 163.46
DIAMOND V BEEF..... 748.50
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES ... 2,756.59
FARMERS UNION OIL CO. 2,377.70
GS PUBLISHING..... 829.60
GS PUBLISHING..... 45.00
GUARDIAN LOCK & SAFE, INC. 3,755.14
HARLOWS BUS SALES INC 1,674.04
HORACE MANN.....(4,197.60)
IMAGINE LEARNING LLC 13,725.00
INNOVATIVE LEARNING CONCEPTS.....(136.41)
LACHER, TARA 165.00
MDU 4,869.24
MOSSET, EDWARD 400.00
ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC. 225.00
PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. 100.00
PROGRESS LEARNING..... 5,400.00
PROGRESS LEARNING..... 250.00
RAMELLA, MICHAEL 300.00
RAMSEY EDUCATION SOLUTIONS..... 1,274.59
RIVER CITY HEATING & AIR, ... 1,365.00
SPARTAN STORES, LLC 190.94
STENMOEN, JAN 1,300.00
TRI STATE WATER, INC.... 37.00
TWO TREES TECHNOLOGIES.. 212.00
US FOODSERVICE 6,639.52
VOLLMUTH, NICK 150.00
VOLLMUTH, NICK 400.00
/s/ Ed Mosset
Ed Mosset, Vice President
/s/ Joyce M. Miller
Joyce M. Miller, Business Manager
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BULLDOG BARK

Bulldog Bark
Thur., Oct. 9: ABC Volleyball at Home vs. Central McLean, 5:00 p.m.; JH Volleyball at Standing Rock, 4:00 p.m., North Gym.
Fri., Oct. 10: Football at Elgin vs. Richardson/Taylor, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11: JH Volleyball Tournament at Center; Flasher C Team Volleyball Tournament
Mon. Oct. 13: JH/JV Football at Home vs. Kidder Co., 5:30 p.m.; JH Volleyball at Home vs. Standing Rock, 5:00 p.m.; Picture re-takes
Tue., Oct. 14: AB Volleyball at Home vs. White Shield, 5:00 p.m.; JH Volleyball at Home vs. Center, 4:00 p.m., South Gym
Wed., Oct. 15: End of Quarter 1
Thur., Oct. 16: No School, Administration/Teacher Convention

Breakfast
Thur., Oct. 9: Sweet rolls, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.
Fri., Oct. 10: Cook's choice, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.
Mon., Oct. 13: Breakfast bowls, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.
Tue., Oct. 14: Oatmeal, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.
Wed., Oct. 15: Eggs & toast, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

Thur., Oct. 16: Muffins, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, milk.

Lunch
Thur., Oct. 9: Chinese chicken, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.
Fri., Oct. 10: Pizza, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.
Mon., Oct. 13: KFC bowls, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.
Tue., Oct. 14: French dips, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.
Wed., Oct. 15: Storm bowls, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.
Thur., Oct. 16: Bee stroganoff, salad bar, fruit, veggies, milk.

Bulldog Bark
On Friday, October 3rd, Mrs. Gross's fourth graders had the pleasure of having Mr. Hank LaBore in their classroom for the day. Students learned about many things related to North Dakota including habitats, landforms, and Native Americans. They were able to participate in different activities and even got to play on some fun, free websites to further their learning. The fourth graders had a great time and learned many things. Thank you, Mr. LaBore!

Mrs. Katie Gross
4th Grade Teacher
Flasher Public School

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL School Board Proceedings

**Minutes of special meeting
Selfridge Public School
District #8
February 26, 2025**

Present- Board Members: Nick Vollmuth(via phone)- President, Ed Mosset- Vice President, Monte Becker, Christy Deason, Haylee Kraft. Administration: Kristi Miller-Superintendent, Michael Every- Principal, Joyce Miller- Business Manager Vice President Ed Mosset called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM CT. Visitor was Jordan Shell Track.

B u s i n e s s
Discussion was held on the purchase of the house for \$28,000.00 and to buy the propane in the tank (60%). The warranty deed will be sent once the check has been received by Renei Jochim. A bill for half of the closing costs will also be sent later. Consensus to maintain the security system already in place at the residence.

Motion by Monte Becker, second by Haylee Kraft, to accept the resignation of Michael Every as the K-12 principal effective June 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL School Board Proceedings

**Minutes of special meeting
Selfridge Public School
District #8
December 19, 2024**

Present- Board Members: Nick Vollmuth- President, Ed Mosset- Vice President, Monte Becker, Christy Deason, Haylee Kraft. Administration: Kristi Miller- Superintendent, Joyce Miller- Business Manager President Nick Vollmuth called the zoom meeting to order at 5:35 PM CT. Discussion on a purchase agreement for a home that is for sale in Selfridge. Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Monte

A prospect for a business teacher is in the works dependent upon housing for the next school year. Using long term social studies substitutes to finish this school year.

Discussion on the business manager position. Motion by Christy Deason, second by Monte Becker, to offer the position to Haylee Kraft at \$25.00/hr.; health, dental, & vision insurance; paid time off based upon schedule in place; and to pay for the business manager training program through NDSBA. Motion carried with all voting aye except Haylee Kraft who abstained declaring conflict of interest.

March's board meeting needs to be changed due to a conflict. Consensus to hold the March board meeting on March 6 @ 5:00 PM.

Motion by Monte Becker, second by Haylee Kraft to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Ed Mosset
Ed Mosset, Vice President
/s/ Joyce M. Miller
Joyce M. Miller, Business Manager
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Becker, to purchase the Jochim house for \$28,000.00 including 2 lots, to pay for the remaining propane in the tank and to split the closing costs with the seller. Seller to pay the 2024 taxes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ed Mosset, second by Christy Deason, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Ed Mosset
Ed Mosset, Vice President
/s/ Joyce M. Miller
Joyce M. Miller, Business Manager
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