

# Public Notice

FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FOSTER COUNTY JUNE 6, 2023**

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the May 16th, 2023, regular meeting. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor provided the BOCC with a check and invoice for Tom Gilbertson & Sons that was paid May 22, 2023, to show proof of payment for Snow Removal Assistance Program that had a deadline of May 31st, 2023. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills including the check for Tom Gilbertson & Sons, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: 35606, 701 Wash, \$180.00; 35607, Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 65.72; 35608, Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 1,013.03; 35609, Becky Hagel, 45.00.

35610, Bessette Motors, Inc., 82.06; 35611, BLM Technologies, Inc., 76.00; 35612, Boote Septic Solutions, 250.00; 35613, Brager Disposal Service, 349.00; 35614, Brinster Law, P.C., 279.53; 35615, Briss Oil Company, 356.39; 35616, C&J Oil Company, 9,758.99; 35617, C&J Oil Company, 63.96; 35618, Central Business Systems, 42.57; 35619, Central Business Systems, 125.00.

35620, Central City H2O+, 22.50; 35621, Computer Express, 3,145.00; 35622, Craig Wiesz, 49.13; 35623, Dacotah Paper Company, 78.90; 35624, Dacotah Paper Company, 49.28; 35625, Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc., 104.20; 35626, Dianne Hertel, 133.62; 35627, Dr. Jay Bauer, 180.00; 35628, Dr. Michael Page, 22.50; 35629, EAPC Architects Engineers, 276.00.

35630, Farmers Union Insurance, 3,676.00; 35631, Foster County Independent, 837.03; 35632, Foster County Treasurer, 73.45; 35633, Holcim - MWR, Inc., 2,615.80; 35634, Holly N. Ziemann, 292.50; 35635, Indormation Technology Dept., 364.10; 35636, John Deere Financial, 39.47; 35637, Justin Johnson, 55.87; 35638, Killman Enterprises, 266.00; 35639, Maertens Welding and Machine Company, 55.20.

35640, Midstates Equipment & Supply, 10,677.37; 35641, ND County Recorders Association, 200.00; 35642, Normont Equipment Co., 1,315.00; 35643, ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 173.05; 35644, Office of Attorney General - 1250, 310.00; 35645, Quality Inn, 176.40; 35646, Quill Corporation, 214.70; 35647, Rachel Stokes, 738.50; 35648, RDO Equipment Co., 7,310.00; 35649, State Disbursement Unit, 22.50.

35650, Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 3,255.00; 35651, Thomas Motors, 1,130.88; 35652, Todd County Sheriff's Office, 102.65; 35653, USFS, 114.00; 35654, William J. Gale, 1,311.96; 35655, Worldwide Litigation Services, 358.04; 35656, Worldwide Litigation Services, 758.85; 35657 Worldwide Litigation Services, 424.33.

Commissioner Hagel asked to add Emergency Management under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**Old Business**  
No new business reported for the gravel pit.

**New Business**  
Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated warranty work is being done on the Carrington RDO blade, and Carrington CAT blade. Monson also stated a culvert was replaced on an approach on 66th Avenue NE also known as the dump ground highway. Since May 16th, 2023, there has been 1.89 inches of rain. The total amount of rain in the Carrington area for the month of May was 6.25 inches. There are currently a few roads closed due to water over them and a few roads with caution signs. Load road restrictions were taken off Thursday, May 25. The road department has durapatched 5 times hitting 119 spots in the county. The road department has patched gravel in spots on the McHenry Road. Monson stated Border States plan on being here this week to patch overlay on the Club Hall Highway. Monson stated Wold Engineering will be surveying the west side of the gravel road on 80th avenue. Wold Engineering will be doing a survey to see the number of acres it entails. Monson stated he plans to mow at the fair ground early next week. Monson plans to mow twice before the Foster County Fair begins. Monson requested approval of publishing an ad in the Foster County Independent notifying the public that mowing the tops of all County Highway ditches will be

gin Monday, July 10th, and anyone planning on haying highway ditches must have them mowed before Monday, July 10th. A rotary mower will be used. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the ad to be published in the Foster County Independent, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Collin Macmillan with Garney Construction provided the BOCC with an update on the Red River Valley Project. Macmillan stated they plan to start on the Bordulac Highway mid-July and will result in full road closure to ensure no chance of endangerment to the public. The public detour will be down 73rd Avenue. The contractors only have 48 hours to complete the project. Macmillan stated they provided road maps to all the road truckers involved on the project to ensure they follow the proper roads.

Karen Evans, Tax Director approached the BOCC with Homestead Credit Abatement for Dana Unruh for 2022 Taxes. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the Homestead Credit Abatement for Dana Unruh, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Evans also provided the BOCC with information about the Expansion of the Homestead Tax Credit for 2023. On April 27, 2023, Governor Doug Burgum signed HB 1158 into law. This legislation broadens the eligibility requirements and maximum reduction amounts for those applying for the North Dakota Homestead Property Tax Credit program. The program is aimed at homeowners 65 years of age and older or those who are permanently and totally disabled. Evans stated the Tax Equalization office sent out applications for individuals that qualify.

Craig Wiesz, Custodian approached the BOCC with a question about the Historical Museum mowing. A consensus was made to honor the contract that was signed this year and the BOCC plans to meet with the Foster County Historical Society at a later date to discuss next year's mowing contract.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor approached the BOCC with a Snow Assistance Removal Program update. All the information has been collected for 2022-2023 snow removal expenses and sent to Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief. Two townships didn't submit any information to be sent to the State. Bachmeier stated there had been questions if Foster County would be open or closed Monday, June 3rd, 2023. The BOCC came to a consensus that Foster County will remain open on Monday, June 3rd and if employees want the day off, they will have to use vacation time. Bachmeier also approached the BOCC with information provided by Kara Brinster, Foster County's States Attorney, requesting the BOCC to motion to approve joining the McKinsey and Company suit for the Opioid Litigation Settlement. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve joining the McKinsey and Company suit, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Bachmeier also provided the BOCC information with new health insurance rates.

Commissioner Utke provided information to the BOCC about the North Dakota RV Park/Campground inspection located at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke stated he received a phone call from the inspector wanting to verify if he was in the right location and what is all provided at the park. Commissioner Utke stated out of all the 32 check list items from the inspector there was only one the park didn't comply with. The park doesn't show designated areas for tents. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson plan to go out to the campsite and see how they can fix the problem. Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC to give permission for Commissioner Scanson and himself to order signs for designated areas for tents for \$100 dollars. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to allow Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson to order signage for designated tent areas for \$100 dollars, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. Roll call vote included:

• Commissioner Beumer – Aye  
• Commissioner Hagel – Aye  
• Commissioner Scanson – Aye

• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye  
• Commissioner Utke – Aye  
• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Bachmeier approached the BOCC with a quote from the Foster County Independent for two printed copies of the multi-hazard mitigation plan. The cost for 2 copies, in binders with numbered tabs would cost \$175 for full color and \$75 for black and white. The BOCC agreed to have Foster County Independent proceed with 2 copies of the full color MHMP. Commissioner Utke approached the BOCC with a scope of work for the Public Health roof provided by EAPC. EAPC will have more information with cost estimations at a later date. Commissioner Hagel informed the BOCC that Darlene Thomas, Foster County Emergency Manager/E-911 Coordinator has taken on another position that starts next week. Thomas is requesting to change her hours to Monday through Thursdays,

3pm to 9pm, and some Saturdays if needed. The BOCC was concerned that if there was a meeting or disaster would Thomas be available in short notice. Commissioner Hagel stated she was going to contact Joe Lies, Emergency Response Coordinator – Homeland Security Division. The BOCC came to a consensus to allow Thomas's hour changes. Commissioner stated Foster County had received a grant for CPR training last year, and the deadline has been extended until the end of August. Bachmeier stated she will reach out to county employees and see if anyone is interested in the CPR training and will update the Commissioners at the next meeting. Commissioner Hagel stated there are currently some issues with the elevator in the courthouse and that is resulting in Craig Wiesz, Custodian having to lock the elevator entrance door at 4:30pm. The Human Services drop box is located inside the elevator entrance door and if individuals need to drop off items in the drop box after hours, they won't be able to. Julie A St Germaine, Director of Central Prairie Human Service Zone is verifying if Human Services still needs a drop box or if individuals should be mailing items. Commissioner Hagel stated if Human Services needs to have a drop box, Human Services can order the drop box and Wiesz will install it outside on a post by another drop box.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:43 pm.

**SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 7, 2023**

At 5:00 pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver via phone. Also present was Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Board of Health member Dr. Jay Bauer, Board of Health member Holly Ziemann, Board of Health member Jacqui Nelson, Foster County Public Health employee Lisa Hilbert, Foster County Public Health employee Colleen Sweet, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The Foster County Public Board of Health requested a special BOCC meeting to discuss items needed for the Foster County Public Health transition to a single health district. Commissioner Beumer made a motion for Foster County Public Health to fully transition to a health district effective July 1, 2023, and Foster County Public Health will assume all NDPERS, payroll, insurance, utilities, and financial responsibilities, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and motion passed. Foster County Public Health requested to add an addendum to the February 1, 2023, resolution to show effective date of July 1st, 2023. Kara Brinster, Foster County States Attorney stated an addendum to the February 1, 2023, resolution will not be necessary because the motion that passed to allow Foster County Public Health to fully transition to a health district states it will be effective July 1st, 2023. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to move \$50,000 from Fund 2300 County Health District to Foster County Public Health bank account at Bremer Bank in Carrington, ND by June 9, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote included:

• Commissioner Beumer – Aye  
• Commissioner Hagel – Aye  
• Commissioner Scanson – Aye

• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye  
• Commissioner Utke – Aye  
• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Commissioner Hagel made a motion to have Foster County Public Health grant funds finances reconciled, and remaining grant fund balances turned over to Foster County Public Health no later than July 31, 2023, and fund 2300 County Health District monies will be allowed to be used for use of purchase of building and repairs. Remaining funds deposited in the 2300 fund through December 31, 2023, will remain held until final audit is done through December 31, 2023, any new mill dollar funds received January 1, 2024, or after will be transferred to Foster County Public Health per ND Century Code, Chapter 23-35, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

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At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Kara Brinster Foster County State's Attorney, Nate Monson Road Superintendent, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier, and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for the June 6th, 2023, regular meeting and June 7th, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.  
Bills: 35688, Althea S. Brandt, \$150.76; 35689, Ashley Brandt-Duda, 25.00; 35690, Avid Hawk, LLC, 35.00; 35691, Central Business Systems, 176.41; 35692, Computer Express, 1,339.00; 35693, David Utke, 180.78; 35694, Dr. Jay Bauer, 45.00; 35695, EAPC Architects Engineers, 756.00; 35696, Foster County Treasurer, 1,388.00; 35697, Holly N. Ziemann, 45.00; 35698, Information Technology Dept., 1,052.85; 35699, John Brandt, 25.00.

35700, Justin Johnson, 205.83; 35701, LEAF, 91.72; 35702, Maertens Welding and Machine Company, 3,082.55; 35703, NDACC Resources Group, 70.00; 35704, OK Tire Store, 124.50; 35705, Otis Elevator Company, 1,840.00; 35706, Pat Biel Trucking, Inc., 1,372.00; 35707, Quadient Finance, 1,000.00; 35708, Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., 417.00; 35709, Rachel Stokes, 175.50.

35710, Rebecca Flanders, 83.84; 35711, Running's Supply, Inc., 481.54; 35712, Sidwell Company, 840.00.  
Commissioner Utke asked to add Tablets under commissioner discussion and Commissioner Scanson asked to add Question for State's Attorney under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**Old Business**  
The BOCC came to a consensus to sell the gravel pit. It will be a sealed bid with the two highest bids going forward. Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney said she will get the sealed bid notice for the paper written up by August 1, 2023 for the sale to be at the end of August 2023. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to list the gravel pit as a sealed bid with the two highest bids going forward, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**New Business**  
Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, provided the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated no maintenance was being done at this time. Since June 6th, 2023, there has been .27 inches of rain. The Clark/Hart Bridge has been open since June 15th, and it will need a couple more loads of gravel on it. Estabrook still has 2 roads closed with 4 caution signs on the roads. Since June 8th, 2023, the road department has durapatched 82 times. Monson stated on Monday, June 12, and Monday, June 19, the road department had patched gravel spots with the skid steer on McHenry highway. Monson stated Wold Engineering marked spots on McHenry Highway, and a pre-meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28 at 10:00am. Border States hot mixed patched the Club Hall Highway on Friday, June 9th. Monson approached the BOCC for approval to add gravel on 11th St N, the FAS gravel road north of Grace City. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to allow the Road Department to add gravel on 11th St N, the FAS gravel road north of Grace City, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote:

• Commissioner Beumer – Aye  
• Commissioner Hagel – Aye  
• Commissioner Scanson – Aye

• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye  
• Commissioner Utke – Aye  
• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor approached the BOCC with a participation count of Foster County employees that would be interested in the CPR training that would be offered through a grant that Foster County received. Bachmeier stated she will let Darlene Thomas; Foster County Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator know that Foster County has enough participants to move forward with the CPR training. Bachmeier stated Foster County has received their first payment for Early Season Snow Removal. Foster County received \$110,388.84, and all other townships who submitted for the Snow Removal Assistance received anywhere from \$1,000-\$2,000 dollars.

Holly Ziemann, Board of Health member approached the BOCC requesting that Public Health remain on CEG under Foster County. Ziemann provided an email from Mike Wolf, CEG Underwriting & Loss Control manager that stated if PH were to separate from the CEG under Foster County, they would lose all their safety training, lose all availability for being available to answer questions as they arrive on injuries or safety related issues, lose all availability for organic services, lose the loss of claims management services which results in no-one to manage claims when injuries occur causing an extreme spike in premium cost. The main concern for the BOCC is if Public Health stays with CEG under Foster County how will it affect Foster County's rates. Commissioner Hagel stated if a Public Health employee were to get injured on the job it would affect Foster County's Rates. The main concern is liability. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to keep Foster County Public Health District under Foster County's CEG for the end of calendar year 2024, allowing Foster County Public Health District to figure out how to have their own claim manager and how to be properly trained, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Colleen Sweet, Foster County Public Health District employee approached the BOCC with a request for transfer of funds. Sweet stated the new building fund had funds put into wrong fund 2300 for \$10,700 and requested the transfer for funds to be put in correct fund 2955. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve transfer of funds of \$10,700 from 2300 to 2955, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote:

• Commissioner Beumer – Aye  
• Commissioner Hagel – Aye  
• Commissioner Scanson – Aye

• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye  
• Commissioner Utke – Aye  
• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Sweet, stated Tobacco grant monies received from 2009-2023 had funds put into the wrong fund-accounts of 2946-3450 in the amount \$36,352.89, 2955-3450 in the amount of \$9282.68, 2955-3441 in the amount of \$1775.63, and 2956-3351 in the amount of \$5103.43 and is requesting to transfer the total amount of \$52,514.43 to be put into the correct grant fund 2956-3450. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to transfer \$52,514.63 breakdown from the different grant funds they were put into to be transferred to the correct grant fund 2956-3450, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call vote:

• Commissioner Beumer – Aye  
• Commissioner Hagel – Aye  
• Commissioner Scanson – Aye

• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye  
• Commissioner Utke – Aye  
• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to have Foster County Public Health grant funds finances reconciled, and remaining grant fund balances turned over to Foster County Public Health no later than July 31, 2023, and fund 2300 County Health District monies will be allowed to be used for use of purchase of building and repairs. Remaining funds deposited in the 2300 fund through December 31, 2023, will remain held until final audit is done through December 31, 2023, any new mill dollar funds received January 1, 2024, or after will be transferred to Foster County Public Health per ND Century Code, Chapter 23-35, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

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manager that stated if PH were to separate from the CEG under Foster County, they would lose all their safety training, lose all availability for being available to answer questions as they arrive on injuries or safety related issues, lose all availability for organic services, lose the loss of claims management services which results in no-one to manage claims when injuries occur causing an extreme spike in premium cost. The main concern for the BOCC is if Public Health stays with CEG under Foster County how will it affect Foster County's rates. Commissioner Hagel stated if a Public Health employee were to get injured on the job it would affect Foster County's Rates. The main concern is liability. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to keep Foster County Public Health District under Foster County's CEG for the end of calendar year 2024, allowing Foster County Public Health District to figure out how to have their own claim manager and how to be properly trained, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Colleen Sweet, Foster County Public Health District employee approached the BOCC with a request for transfer of funds. Sweet stated the new building fund had funds put into wrong fund 2300 for \$10,700 and requested the transfer for funds to be put in correct fund 2955. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve transfer of funds of \$10,700 from 2300 to 2955, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote:

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• Commissioner Copenhaver – Aye

Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC if they were still interested in getting tablets. Commissioner Beumer said it would be nice to eliminate paper. Bachmeier stated she will reach out to Jamie Nelson with Computer Express to see if he can demonstrate some different tablets to the BOCC. Commissioner Scanson had a question for Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney regarding a penalty difference for a yield sign and a stop sign. Brinster stated the fine would be more for a stop sign than a yield sign. There was a concern at an intersection at the end of the four miles of gravel north of Grace City. Currently there is a yield sign before the intersection and Commissioners had discussion if they should change it to a stop sign or add a blind intersection sign. Commissioner Beumer stated if the intersection connects to a highway, it should be a stop sign. Commissioner Scanson stated he was going to check the other signage at the intersection and provide information at the next meeting. Commissioner Utke stated Commissioner Scanson and himself are working on signage wording for the signage needed out at Juanita Lake. Commissioner Utke stated they will be ordering signs from Neuman Signs in Jamestown, ND. On June 13, 2023, Commissioner Scanson, Commissioner Utke, Commissioner Hagel, and Deputy Auditor Bachmeier attended the Central Dakota Six County Organization Meeting in Ashley, ND. Commissioner Hagel informed the BOCC the Caucus meetings will be prior to the conferences because regions don't match the six county meetings. Commissioner Hagel stated the NDACC Annual Conference will no longer be contracting with a hotel, and there will be no buses. The theme for the conference this year will be County All-Stars. The NDACC Annual Conference will be October 8-10, 2023. Commissioner Utke approached the BOCC with an assessment provided by EAPC for the old shop building. Commissioner Utke suggested the BOCC take a close look at the assessment provided and if there are any questions or concerns the BOCC can contact Timothy Gustafson, Professional Engineer at EAPC. Discussion was had on items for the BOCC to look at in July.

Hailey Bachmeier, Deputy Auditor approached the BOCC with a participation count of Foster County employees that would be interested in the CPR training that would be offered through a grant that Foster County received. Bachmeier stated she will let Darlene Thomas; Foster County Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator know that Foster County has enough participants to move forward with the CPR training. Bachmeier stated Foster County has received their first payment for Early Season Snow Removal. Foster County received \$110,388.84, and all other townships who submitted for the Snow Removal Assistance received anywhere from \$1,000-\$2,000 dollars.

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With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

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**NOTICE OF BIDS BOULEVARD TREE REMOVAL**

The Tree Board Committee for the City of Carrington is letting bids for removal of trees on city boulevards.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:30 P.M., Friday, July 21, 2023, at City Hall, 103 10th Avenue North, Carrington, North Dakota 58421-0501.

A copy of the spec sheet indicating the location, size, and number of trees may be obtained from the Office of the Carrington City Auditor anytime between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday or by calling 701-652-2911.

Bid opening will be held at the Tree Board Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:30 am at City Hall.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities.

(Publish July 10 and 17, 2023)

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND, REPEAL AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE N.D. STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD. North Dakota State Electrical Board**

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the North Dakota Administrative Code. **1929 N Washington St #A-1 N.D. State Electrical Board Bismarck, N.D. Rescheduled to Wed., July 26, 2023 9:00 a.m. CT**

A copy of the proposed rules and amendments may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Electrical Board, PO Box 7335, Bismarck, ND 58507 or by calling 701-328-9522. Written comments may be submitted to this address until August 9, 2023. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special assistance, please contact NDSEB at the above telephone number or address at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2023 /s/ James Schmidt Executive Dir. of NDSEB

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO EDUCATION LICENSURE Education Standards and Practices Board**

will hold a public hearing to address proposed new and amendments to N.D. Admin. Code Chapter 67.1-02-01, 67.1-02-02, 67.1-02-02-13, 67.1-02-03, 67.1-02-03-06, 67.1-02-04, 67.1-02-05, 67.1-02-05-04.1, 67.1-02-06-01, and 67.1-04-03-01.

**2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 204 Bismarck, North Dakota Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:00 a.m. CT**

A copy of the proposed rules and regulatory analysis may be obtained by calling the Education Standards and Practices Board (701) 328-9641.

Also, written comments may be submitted to 2718 Gateway Ave, Bismarck ND until September 21, 2023.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Education Standards and Practices Board at the above telephone number or address at least 3 days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 5th day of July 2023 Rebecca S. Pitkin, PhD Executive Director Education Standards and Practices Board

The Foster County Independent  
Your Local Source for Printer Ink and Toner  
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