

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD
August 5, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson with the following Park Board members also present: Doug Flaagan, Harley Eidsness and Cameron Swenson.

Moved by Park Board member Swenson and seconded by Park Board member Flaagan to approve the minutes for the July 15 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Agenda Additions -- None.

Moved by Park Board member Flaagan and seconded by Park Board member Swenson to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.

Donna Rickford, campground manager, and Bud Pittenger, campground maintenance manager, joined the meeting to discuss campground business.

Café and bar business was discussed.

Moved by Park Board member Swenson and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to pay the bills as presented: Big John Manufacturing -- \$287.00; Boote Septic Solutions -- \$1,100.00; City of Cooperstown -- \$551.25; Lakota Auto -- \$138.80; Menards -- \$114.02; ND Telephone Co. -- \$460.82; Ohnstad Electric -- \$2,479.46; Tri-County Water -- \$2,257.20; Vesperis -- \$260.66; Donna Rickford -- \$3,850.00; Lakota American -- \$243.06; Lakota Hardware -- \$203.82; Nodak Electric -- \$5,352.00. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

There being no further business, moved by Park Board member Swenson and seconded by Park Board member Flaagan to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Meeting adjourned.

Nathan Parks
Secretary

Cody Johnson
Chairman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY COMMISSION
August 5, 2025 - 9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson. Roll call was taken and the following members were also present: Commissioners Doug Flaagan and Cameron Swenson.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the minutes from the July 15 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda -- None.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.

Curt Loe, highway superintendent, joined the meeting to discuss road and bridge business.

Nathan Parks, auditor, presented the Law Enforcement Center budget. Also discussed was the Nelson County budget public hearing, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m.

Michelle Linstad, tax director, joined the meeting to discuss tax director business.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to approve the abatement for parcel 21-0006-46731-000. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

A special event permit for the Till House serving an event at The Pavilion was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Flaagan and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the special event permit as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Flaagan and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the bills as presented. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried. ND Public Employees Retirement \$140,179.39 Internal Revenue Service 56,832.09 Advanced Business Methods 1,126.79 Angela Herda 462.00 Applied Concepts, Inc. 3,425.00 Axon Enterprises, Inc. 4,777.00 Cenex Fleet Fueling 481.98 Chris Basden Music 500.00 Creative Planning 222.58 EverSpring Suites 99.00 Farmers & Merchants Bank 3,229.46 Farmers Union Oil--DL 2,024.90 G & R Controls, Inc. 23,510.00 Gwyneth Wieler 260.66 Jennifer Bachmeier Agency 69,361.00 LR Law Enforcement Center 8,145.00 Lakota American 503.10 Lakota Municipal Utilities 1,586.36 Nathan Parks 100.00 ND Assn. of Counties 301.00 NDSAA 400.00 NDEMA 115.00 NDSU Ext. Service 7,639.97 Nelson Electrical Solutions 17.54 ODP Business Solutions 504.23 Office of Attorney General-1250 651.00 Polar Communications .. 785.45 Revize, LLC 2,500.00 Rod's Autobody 1,192.67 Service Tire, Inc. 959.95 The Duke's 112.00 Tyler Technologies 7,080.00 Verizon Wireless 556.15 Vestis 132.85 Butler Machinery 3,314.43 D & M Service 25.00 Don Dvorak Gravel, Inc. 35,449.98 Farmers Elevator --Honeyford 536.25 Farmers Union Oil --Aneta 11.88 Farmers Union Oil --Tolna 15,395.73 Gowan Construction 17,100.80 Hamster Oil 113.61 Mac's Hardware 133.14 ND Fraternal Police --West Fargo 135.00 ND Fraternal Police --GF 30.00 ND Telephone Co. 212.56 ND One Call 3.00 Otter Tail Power Co. 1,283.93 Sharon Skjervem 300.00 Sign Solutions 3,542.66 Skips Napa Auto Parts .. 247.98 Townper Co. Auditor 1,176.79 Verizon Connect 181.33 Midstates Equipment & Supply 30,590.33 ND DOT 1,249.99 Information Technology Dept. 1,654.70 Lakota Hardware 17.99 Premium Waters, Inc. 405.75 Amber Fahey 106.40 Kurt Schwind 225.00 Nodak Electric Co-op 125.00 City of McVillie 187.82 Forks Freightliner 345.21 Gilbertson's 2,161.52 Menards 179.13

MTE Services 750.00 City of Michigan 94.02 Total \$457,058.05 County General Net Salary \$79,874.22 R & B Net Salary 56,617.01 Human Services Salary & Expenses 131,077.67 Weed Control Salary & Expenses 30,873.57 Total \$298,442.47 Grand Total \$755,500.52 There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Flaagan to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks
Nelson County Auditor

Cody Johnson
Chairman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY PARK BOARD
August 19, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson with the following Park Board members also present: Dennis Fahey, Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Harley Eidsness, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Fahey to approve the minutes for the August 5 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Agenda Additions -- None.

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Fahey to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None. Dan Gaustad, Pearson Christensen, PLLP, joined the meeting and discussed the process of executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.1 (2) for attorney consultation. Josh Frey, state's attorney, also joined the meeting for the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Park Board member Mork and seconded by Park Board member Swenson to move into executive session at 8:38 a.m. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Moved by Park Board member Fahey and seconded by Park Board member Eidsness to adjourn executive session at 8:50 a.m. with no action taken. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Donna Rickford, campground manager, and Bud Pittenger, campground maintenance manager, joined the meeting to discuss campground business.

Café and bar business was discussed.

There being no further business, moved by Park Board member Fahey and seconded by Park Board member Flaagan to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Meeting adjourned.

Nathan Parks
Secretary

Cody Johnson
Chairman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NELSON COUNTY COMMISSION
August 19, 2025 - 9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cody Johnson. Roll call was taken and the following members

were also present: Commissioners Doug Flaagan, Mike Haugland, Cameron Swenson and Aaron Mork.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the minutes from the August 5 meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda -- Abatement.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Public Comments -- None.

Amie Vasichek, Anna Halvorson and Dawn Mandt joined the meeting to discuss the budgets for the Red River Regional Council and Job Development Authority.

Curt Loe, highway superintendent, joined the meeting to discuss road and bridge business.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve a county share of \$5,000 for pipe in the County Road 10 project. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Paul Bjornson, KLJ, joined the meeting to provide an engineering update.

At 10 a.m. the commission meeting moved to the community room of the courthouse for a public hearing of channel maintenance of the Lamb's Lake 2025 snag and clear, and at 11 a.m. a public hearing of channel maintenance of the pipeline snag and clear.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Mork to add the resolutions of support for the snag and clears to the agenda. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to approve signing the resolution of support for the channel maintenance of the Lamb's Lake 2025 snag and clear. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Flaagan and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve signing the resolution of support for the channel maintenance of the pipeline snag and clear. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks, auditor, presented abatements for approval.

Moved by Commissioner Haugland and seconded by Commissioner Swenson to approve the abatement for parcels 15-0001-23549-000 and 15-0001-23550-000. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks, auditor, presented the financial statements for July.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson and seconded by Commissioner Mork to approve financial statements for July. On a roll call vote all members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Kurt Schwind, sheriff, joined the meeting to discuss sheriff's department business and K-9 business.

There being no further business, moved by Commissioner Mork and seconded by Commissioner Haugland to adjourn the meeting. All members voted "yes." Motion carried.

Nathan Parks
Nelson County Auditor

Cody Johnson
Chairman

Nelson County Commissioners

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD
August 13, 2025

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board members Travis Schmidt and Kris Rainsberry were present. Derrick Marquart attended via phone and Trent Matejcek was absent.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the July 9 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience -- Sam Preble, Beau Snyder.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Peters, superintendent, reported on completed summer maintenance. Community Development Block Grant, Title funding, policy updates, Text-a-Tip, summer conferences and training, athletic director report on fall sports underway with parent and coaches meetings.

Policy Committee -- Discussed policies BCBA--Public Participation Time Limits, Policy DKBB of liquidated damages of 7.5% of base salary for release of contract, and HBCC--Fundraising.

Old and Unfinished Business -- None.

New Business --

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to accept the bid from I-State Trucks of Bismarck for a 2027 47-passenger Thomas bus in the amount of \$146,200. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the coal bid from Haugland Trucking in the amount of \$232 per ton, delivered. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to set the 2025-26 school hot lunch prices as follows. Breakfast: K-6 \$1.85, 7-12 \$1.90, adult \$2.60; lunches: K-6 \$2.95, 7-12 \$3.10, adult \$4. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the 2025-26 school bus routes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to appoint Dr. Kelly Peters as the 2025-26 school year home school director and foster care liaison. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the certificate of compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the tuition waivers that were presented for students exiting and/or entering the district. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the first reading of Policy FFI-

-Cell Phone Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the first reading of Policy BCBA--Public Participation as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the amendment of Policy DKBB--Staff Resignation and Release of Contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting date will be held on Sept. 10, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the August bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Advanced Business

Methods \$1,899.50 Altru Health System 285.00 Amazon Capital Services 1,577.51 Amazon Capital Services 1,042.03 City of Lakota 200.00 Cole Papers 1,741.72 Connecting Point 194.00 Crisis Prevention

Institution, Inc. 1,395.63 Dakota Potters Supply Co. 322.14 Docu Shred, Inc. 55.74 Dollar General--Regions 410526 3.55 Double Z Broadcasting . 100.00 DRN ReadTeach 3,042.50 Easy Time Clock, LLC .. 270.00 EcoLab Pest Elimination Division 108.09 EduTech Education Technology Service ... 60.00 EverSpring Inn & Suites 330.00 Farmers Union Oil Co. ... 1,981.13 High Plains Water-- AquaPure 176.05 Lakeshore Learning 87.83 Lakota American 394.80 Lakota Hardware Store . 686.51 Lakota Municipal Utilities 3,792.90 Learning A-Z 125.00 Miller Repair 1,504.45 NAPA Auto Parts 149.05 ND Assn. of School Business Managers ... 50.00 Nelson Electrical Solutions 866.71 ND Council of Educ. Leaders 2,004.00

ND Small Organized Schools 60.00 Planbook, Inc. 54.00 Polar Communications .. 524.69 Popplers Music Store 101.45 Samuel Preble 89.00 Premium Waters, Inc. ... 149.67 Purchase Power-- Pitney Bowes Bank 500.00 Rock Creek Golf Course 430.00 Rachel Ruliffson 337.25 Sanford Health Occup. Medicine 115.00 SDI Innovations 483.41 Beau Snyder 458.49 Solberg Motor Co. 1,649.39 William Solberg 30.00 Supreme School Supply 40.12 Themes & Variations, Inc. 200.00 Tessa Varnson 200.00 Jill Wall 149.99 Total \$30,018.30

A motion by Travis Schmidt, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sorlien adjourned the meeting.

Tessa Varnson
Business Manager

Jason Sorlien
Board President

Did You Know?

Broadening one's horizons through crafting can be a worthwhile pursuit. Crafting can serve as a relaxing pastime and provide an opportunity to learn rewarding skills. Learning to crochet is one way for men and women to combine creativity and practicality. Crochet is a form of handwork using yarn and a crochet hook. According to the Crochet Guild of America, there's no way to know just how old the art of crochet is. However, crochet expert Annie Potter has said the modern form of the art originated in the 16th century, primarily in France and England. Others surmise crocheting traces its origins to Arabia before it spread westward through various Mediterranean trade routes.

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Eastern Plains Human Service Zone Lakota or Cooperstown, ND - Eligibility Worker

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Summary of Work

Eastern Plains Human Service Zone partners with the Department of Health and Human Services to deliver exceptional Economic Assistance programs to our community. The Eligibility Worker determines eligibility of clients for Economic Assistance Programs by interpreting state and federal policies. Economic Assistance programs include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Health Care Coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Low-Income Energy Assistance, Child Care Assistance, HealthySteps and General Assistance. Assistance Programs. Program training is provided for this position. **Salary Range: \$3500 - \$3800 Monthly**

Duties and Tasks

- Conduct interviews of applicants and recipients
- Process client applications
- Establish electronic record
- Attend training and workshops
- Perform defined case changes, workflow functions, and/or determinations
- Interpret state, federal, and county policies
- Monitor program and policy updates
- Maintain working knowledge of laws, rules, policies, procedures, and other regulations
- To succeed in this position, you should have strong verbal and written communication skills, computer literacy, collaboration, and decision-making skills.

Minimum Qualifications

To be considered for this position, you must have a high school diploma or GED, plus one (1) of the following:

- Three years of work experience in the clerical, accounting, financial, legal, or teaching fields
- Three years of a bachelor's degree program (90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours)
- Three years combined education and experience as listed above
- Completion of the Eligibility Worker Certificate Program offered at Bismarck State College or formerly offered at Lake Region State College

Position Classification Levels & Requirements:

Eligibility Worker I – Job Grade 104:

- One (1) year of work experience determining eligibility for economic assistance programs in a social service/human service office is required for the Eligibility Worker I classification.
- Qualified programs include: TANF, SNAP, Foster Care, Medicaid, or LIHEAP. The Eligibility Worker associate degree offered at Bismarck State College can substitute for this one (1) year work requirement.

Eligibility Worker – Underfill (Eligibility Worker Tech) - Job Grade 103:

- No work experience determining eligibility for economic assistance programs in a social service/human service agency.

Benefits:

- Working for Eastern Plains Human Service Zone: Eastern Plains Human Service Zone partners with the Department of Health and Human Services to deliver state-driven Economic Assistance Programs and provides employees with the excellent benefits and employment packages offered by Nelson or Griggs County as a Nelson or Griggs County employee.
- Eastern Plains Human Service Zone team members are offered robust **medical, dental and life insurance coverage**, as well as an **excellent retirement package (ND PERS)**. Employees enjoy **10 paid holidays**, as well as earning both **annual leave AND sick leave days**.

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- Your resume should include information to demonstrate how you meet the minimum qualifications as posted.
- If the Human Resource Division is unable to determine that you meet the minimum qualifications, credit will not be given.
- Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States. The Department of Health & Human Services does not offer or provide sponsorships.
- All application material must be received on or before **Sept. 29, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.**
- A copy of your qualifying degrees transcript and any applicable certifications or licensures must be provided at the time of an interview.
- For more information or if you need an accommodation, please contact Madison Crisman at: 701-247-2945 or mcrisman@nd.gov.

Employing Unit: Eastern Plains Human Service Zone

- TTY Number: ND Relay Service 1-800-366-6888 (text); 1-800-366-6889 (voice)
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties with the Application Process or uploading attachments, please contact recruiter@nd.gov or 701-328-3290.
- Equal Employment Opportunity: The State of North Dakota and this hiring agency do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), genetics, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services and complies with the provisions of the North Dakota Human Rights Act.
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