Fall flight forecast similar to last year

BY ND GAME & FISH

Duck brood numbers were up 28% from 2024, but State Game and Fish Department migratory game bird biologists expect a fall flight of ducks similar to last year.

The fall flight forecast is based on data from the May breeding duck survey and the July duck brood survey, both conducted annually by Game and Fish biologists.

According to John Palarski, migratory game bird management biologist, the department's 78th annual breeding

duck survey conducted in May indicated the 2025 duck index was the 33rd highest on record, down 8.7% from 2024, but still 7% above the 1948-2024 average.

"Spring started off dry, with winter bringing below-average snowfall and above-average temperatures in March. Mallards and pintails were seen moving through North Dakota as early as mid-March, but the lack of meltwater in temporary ponds, coupled with frozen semipermanent wetlands meant that many early migrants simply passed through without stopping," Palarski said. "This contributed to a lower May index this year, along with a declining midcontinent duck population. Fortunately, we received enough rain in parts of the state to boost production, resulting in a fall flight forecast similar to last year."

The number of broods observed during the department's July brood survey was up 28% from 2024, but down 2% from the 1965-2024 average. Blue-winged teal and mallards were the most common broods recorded, accounting for 31.7% and 21.4% of all broods tallied, respectively.

Palarski noted that not all species of waterfowl showed declines in the

May index. Most diving duck species showed increases, with redheads up 23% — the highest count on record. The total diver index was the highest since 2020 and the second highest in the

past two decades.

Game and Fish biologists will conduct a separate survey in mid-September to assess wetland conditions heading into the waterfowl hunting

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN DISTRICT COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA Civil No. 39-2025-CV-00176 SUMMONS

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, Plaintiff

Dennis Schudar, deceased; and all persons unknown, claiming any estate o interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint; Defendants.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE HEREBY summoned to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff which is herewith served upon you and which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of District Court of Richland County, North Dakota, and to serve a copy of your answer thereto on the undersigned at her office at 720 Main Avenue, in the City of Fargo, County of Cass, State of North Dakota, within twenty one (21) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer as above directed, judgment will be as above director, judginerit will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint herein.

2. MORTGAGOR IS NOTIFIED FURTHER that this is a communication from a debt collector and this is an attempt the collector and this is an attempt the collector. attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 10th day of July, 2025.
/s/ Sarah A. Aaberg
Sarah A. Aaberg (ND ID #08393)
Special Assistant Attorney General for the Industrial Commission of North Dakota acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency
Attorney for Plaintiff
720 Main Avenue
Fargo, North Dakota 58103 Fargo, North Dakota 58103 701.235.8000

3. This action relates to the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage owned by above-named Plaintiff upon the following described property situated in the County of Richland, State of North Dakota, to-wit

Lot Three (3), in Block Five (5) of South Side Addition to the City of Hankinson. Richland County North Dakota APN #: 48-1905-04210.000 (Street Address: 506 Main Avenue S. Hankinson, ND 58041)

/s/ Sarah A. Aaberd

ISV Saran A. Aaberg Sarah A. Aaberg (ND ID #08393) Special Assistant Attorney General for the Industrial Commission of North Dakota acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Attorney for Plaintiff 720 Main Avenue 720 Main Avenue Fargo, North Dakota 58103 701.235.8000 sarah@okeeffeattorneys.com Date: July 16, 23, 30, 2025 WDN001229

PUBLIC NOTICE

Schmeichel Notice to Creditors Probate No. 39-2021-PR-12 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of

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 months after the date of the first months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Trinda Reiff Personal Representative of the estate, at Krassin Law Office, 120 South First Street, Wahpeton, ND 58075, or filed with the Court

Dated this 10 day of July, 2025. Trinda Reiff. Personal Representative Of Everett A. Schmeichel

Don R. Krassin Attorney for Personal Representative 120 South First Street Wahpeton, ND 58075 701-642-4747

North Dakota License No. 03276 Email: don@donlaw.us Krassin Law Office - July 10, 2025 Date: July 16, 23, 30, 2025 WDN001221

PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Hearing NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The Board of Managers of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District have scheduled a public hearing on the 2026 General Budget, Construction Fund, Lake Budget, Construction Fund, Lake Traverse Water Management District, and the levies for the Drainage Ditch Systems and projects under their jurisdiction for Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM in the Watershed District Office, 704 Highway 75 South in Wheaton, Minnesota. A summary of the proposed budget is as follows:

 Administrative Funds. An amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$250,000) for engineering, legal, clerical, office, and other administrative expenses, per M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3.

 Construction Funds. An amount not to exceed 0.04836 percent of the taxable market value of all property within the district. The proceeds of one-half of this levy shall be credited to the District's Construction Fund and shall be used for the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the District. The programs of belieff to the District. The proceeds of the remaining one-half of this levy shall be credited to the General Fund of the Red River Watershed Management Board, in accordance with M.S.A. 471.59, and Laws of Minnesota 1998, Chapter 389- H.F. No. 3840.

Lake Traverse Water Management District Funds. An amount not to exceed \$75,000 annually recommended amount \$20,000. Date: July 30, August 6, 2025 WDN001243

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wahpeton City Council Minutes July 7, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. Present: Lambrecht, Schillinger, Perdue, Woods, Goltz, Bohn, and Unruh; Absent: McNary and Fobb Also Present: Huwe, Budke Miranowski, Broadland, DeVries, Anderson, Appell, Rogahn, Amos, and O'Meara

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lambrecht CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (presented

by the Mayor) – Approval of minutes regular meeting held June 16, 2025; Games of Chance Licenses, Site Authorizations & Special Permits: None Presentation/Approval of Reports: Open Meetings & Open Records Memo from City Attorney, LAWA Funding Update, Legacy Lakes Proj. ST21-263 Facility Plan. M/S and M/C to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

M/S and MC to approve confirming the appointments to the various committees

as presented.

M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the proposal from the ND State Auditor's Office to provide Federal Single Audit

Office to provide Federal Single Audit
Services for fiscal year 2022 in an
amount not to exceed \$9,100.
The following resolution was offered
and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION
NO. 3921 - RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF WAHPETON RELATING
TO AUTHORIZATION TO FILE AN
APPLICATION WITH THE NOPTH APPLICATION WITH THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A LOAN UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND/OR SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (Legacy Lakes Project No. ST21-263). The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded Motion carried with a roll call vote 6-0.

The following resolution was offered and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION NO. 3922 - RESOLUTION RECEIVING AND APPROVING ENGINEER'S

REPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN STREET AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Legacy Lakes Project No. ST21-263). The Lakes Project No. S121-263). The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded. Motion carried with a roll call vote 6-0. M/S and MC (6-0) to approve \$23,000 from the 1% Restaurant Tax to partner with the Red Door Art Gallery and Museum for betterments to the Building on the Southwest Corner of Dakota Avenue and 5th Street South, the former Bank of the West building, as recommend by the Community Enhancement

M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the Final Pay Application and Balancing Change Order for the Bois de Sioux Golf Course Intake Structure Relocation Project SS23-276 with a final contract price of \$383,246, a decrease of \$9,830

M/S and MC to approve the Basis of Design Report for the Well/Booster Station Project W19-251.
M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Interstate Engineering for the Hughes Drive Improvements Project the Hugnes Drive Improvements Project ST25-292 in the amount of \$110,730. M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the replacement of 504-1 2004 Sterling Plow Truck & Wing in the amount of \$277,463 with funding from the Special Street Maintenance Fund.

Maintenance Fund.
M/S and MC (6-0) to approve allowing
staff to proceed to negotiate the Design
Service Agreement with JLG Architects
for a Wellness/Recreation Center.
M/S and MC (6-0) to approve accepting the Tree Equity Grant in the amount of \$36.496

M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the 2026 Communications Contract with Richland County in the amount of \$33,915.80. The following resolution was offered and moved its adoption RESOLUTION NO. 3920 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2025 WAHPETON POLICE DEPT. TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS & INFRACTIONS FINES. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded. Motion carried with a

was duly seconded. Motion carried with roll call vote 6-0.

M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the Colliers Securities LLC Underwriter Disclosure Agreement for the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2025. M/S and MC (6-0) to approve the M & T Fire and Safety estimate 14002 in the amount of \$42,249 for the required equipment inventory for the 2025 Spartan Pumper Truck.
M/S and MC to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Ima. Date: July 30, 2025 WDN001245

PUBLIC NOTICE

Booster Pump Station Procurement Wahpeton, ND Apex Project #21.388.0196 Client Project # W22-268

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic bids for the procurement of the Booster Pump Station, will be received by the City of Wahpeton until 11 a.m. CDT on Wednesday, August 6th, at which time the Bids received will be publicly read aloud in City Hall. The project consists of a new packaged booster pump station.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Document is: Apex Engineering Group, Inc. – 4733 Amber Valley Parkway South, Fargo, ND 58104. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the location. the Issuing Office by appointment.

The Contract Documents are available for download from the QuestCDN.com web site for \$50.00 (QuestCDN Project # 9780007). Please contact QuestCDN. com Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions. Bidders may also obtain hard copies of the Contract Documents from the Issuing Office above for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00.

Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN, which will add your company to the Planholders List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid (which is required for this project). Bidders will be charged an additional, non-refundable fee of \$42.00 to submit a bid electronically.

For this project, bids will ONLY be roi this project, bias will o'NLT be received and accepted electronically through QuestCDN vBid Online Bidding. A bid will not be allowed to be submitted without properly acknowledging all addenda. No paper bids will be accepted

Bids shall be based upon cash payment

for the following general items: Booster Pump Station Bids shall be based on the furnishing of

the specified equipment according to the following schedule:

- Issue Ad for Bids: July 14, 2025 - Bids Due: August 6, 2025

- Substantial Completion: July 1, 2026 - Final Completion: August 31, 2026

Payment will be based on the following schedule

- 10% upon issuance of Purchase Order

- 30% upon approval of Shop Drawings - 50% upon Substantial Completion

- 10% upon Final Completion

least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The successful Bidder shall be required to enter into a future Contract with an installing Contractor, to be determined at a later date, for installation assistance, startup services, Owner training, warranty services, and operation and maintenance

The Work under this Contract shall be substantially completed by July 1, 2026. Final Completion of all Work shall be achieved by August 31, 2026.

ALL OLIESTIONS REGARDING THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF: Apex Engineering Group, Inc., Michael Quamme, PE at 320-640-9725 or by email at Michael.Quamme@ ApexEngGroup.com. All questions must be received in writing or by email on or before ten (10) days prior to the bid opening. Responses to technical questions will be issued by addendum within five (5) days prior to the bid

Dated this 14 day of July, 2025

Darcie Huwe, Finance Director/City Auditor City of Wahpeton, ND Date: July 16, 23, 30, 2025 WDN001228

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice to Creditors

Janel B. Fredericksen (#05372) SMITH & STREGE LTD. 321 Dakota Avenue, P.O. Box 38 Wahpeton, North Dakota 58074 Telephone: (701) 642-2668 email: janelfredericksen@smithstrege Attorney for Personal Representative

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DUANE I. KURTZ AKKA DUANE KURTZ, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Court File No. 39-2025-PR-00047

 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within three months after the mailing of this Notice to the creditor to whom a copy of this "Notice to Creditors" is mailed and if a claim is not so presented. mailed and if a claim is not so presented, then said claim will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Loren Lang, Personal Representative of the estate, at Hehenberg 9, 27711 Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany, or filed with the Richland County District Court, at 418 - 2nd Avenue North, Wahpeton, North Dakota 58075. 2. Dated this 17th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Loren Lang Loren Lang, Personal Representative Janel B. Fredericksen Sanith & Strege Ltd.
321 Dakota Avenue, P.O. Box 38
Wahpeton, North Dakota 58074
701-642-2668
Attorney for Estate of
Duane I. Kurtz, Deceased

First publication on the 23 day of July, Date: July 23, 30, August 6, 2025 WDN001240

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION WATER PERMIT NO. 2706A

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Water Resources has initiated the cancellation process for Perfected Water Permit No. 2706A for three or more years of successive non-use. The permit is held by HELEY, DARWIN AND ELAINE, for the permal large of 60 agest each of the permanent large of 60 agest each of 60 agest for the annual use of 60.0 acre-feet of water from the Hankinson aguifer for water from the Hankinson adulier for Irrigation purposes. The authorized pumping rate is 450 gallons per minute. The priority date is January 26, 1977. The point of diversion is SE1/4 of Section 24, Township 131 N., Range 051 W., Richland County. The land irrigated under this permit is 40.0 acres in the of Section 24, T. 131 N., R. 051 W. Richland County.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed cancellation must be filed in the North Dakota Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 15 day of September 2025. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and issue a final decision which will be provided to e permitholder and any person who filed written comments

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on

John Paczkowski, P.E. h Dakota State Engineer 1200 Memorial Highway Bismarck, ND 58504-5262 Date: July 30, August 6, 2025 WDN001242

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