

Legal Notices

Public Notice

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2025 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from Apr.12 through May 18. There are 8,547 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey. Unit 21 (Hettinger and Adams counties), which has been closed for several years, has been extended into units 44 and 06 to allow for mor opportunities.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 12. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at www.gf.nd.gov. Licenses issued by weighted lottery.

A complete 2025 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at www.gf.nd.gov.

February 1, 2025

City of Council

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:16 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Scott, Bjornstad and Halverson were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilors Olson, Klingenberg and Miller were absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the agenda. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Brad Muscha from Moore Engineering appeared before council via teams to discuss the Sewer Project. He gave a brief update on what will be happening next once and talked about the Request for Reimbursement #8 that will be sent to the USACE once it is approved. When Brad was done, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the Request for Reimbursement #8. All voted aye and the motion passed. Muscha then went on to talk about the upcoming 4th Ave Water Main Replacement project. He told the council that they hope to have documents for the council to sign at the next meeting. He also said that as this project is part of the SRF Program, the city is required to have a meeting for the public to attend and learn more about this plan. It was decided to have the meeting before the next council meeting which will be on Tuesday, February 18 at the Court House in the Council Chambers from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. In relation to the beginning phase of this project, there will need to be some soil boring done. After reviewing the bid from Material Testing Services, a motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Halverson to accept the bid. All voted aye and the motion passed. To end complete his presentation, Brad also said that there will be employees from Moore Engineering in town the week of February 3rd to assist in the water service line inventory. They will be performing visual inspections of water service lines as they enter homes, businesses, and other structures throughout town. He did say that if residents prefer to complete the inspection themselves, they are still able to complete the online survey at www.ndwaterpipes.com. Muscha added that resident's successful completion of the online survey will eliminate the need for someone to enter the building for documentation purposes.

New Business: NDIRF send the city a Members Services Survey Report that they conducted back in December. The council decided to table this report until the next meeting. The contract on the printer in the

city office is coming to an end, and Advanced Business Methods submitted a proposal to upgrade the printer along with the new service agreement. After viewing the proposal, a motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Scott to upgrade the office printer and accept the new service agreement from ABM. All voted aye and the motion passed. The council received two bids for mowing the grass at the cemetery for this upcoming season. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Halverson and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to accept the bid from Lane Pederson. All voted aye and the motion passed. A motion was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Halverson to approve the gaming permit that was submitted by the Cando Hockey Boosters. All voted aye and the motion passed. The financials for December were discussed and a motion was made by Councilor Scott and seconded by Councilor Bjornstad to approve the budget amendments for 2024. All voted aye and the motion passed. With the resignation of the Auditor, the council asked that an ad be placed in the paper and other areas for job seekers.

Open Committee: It was brought to the attention of council that there is a frozen pipe at the Audi. This seems to be a yearly occurrence. The council decided to ask Glenn Johnson if he could take a look at the pipe. Mayor Bjornstad mentioned that the bid for a new bobcat came in for next year. He also mentioned that a snow bucket was purchased for the bobcat for \$2,300. It was decided that this was an excellent purchase and will be a big help when the Public Works employees are out moving snow. \

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Halverson. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

Bills for Approval for December 31, 2024	
Brandt Contracting	\$500.00
BEK Consulting	277,305.30
Time clock plus	5.50
Audi Theatre	10,000.00
Circle Sanitation	16,351.55
Cando Hockey Booster	3,319.28
Visa	316.13
Can-do Senior Citizens	10,000.00
Advanced Business Methods	95.02
North Star School	200.00
Northeast Regional Water	12,398.88
FICA/MED/FED	4,358.85
Butler Machinery	12,030.84
First State Bank	7.00
Share Corporation	2,255.02
ND Tax Commissioner	7.39
Standard Insurance	39.20
Salaries	10,077.74
Northern Plains	5,650.00
ND Child Support	843.25
Moore Engineering	62,801.58
Total	428,562.53
Bills for Approval for January 8, 2025	
Salaries	\$6,112.85
TC Record Herald	61.20
Runnings	144.76
AE2S	450.00
Legacy Cooperative	3,891.50
Cando Park Board	6,258.97
Houtcooper Implement	74.98
ND Chemistry Lab	128.18
D&R Tire and Repair	197.44
HE Everson	159.40
281 Spirit Shop	137.58
ND Child Support	854.78
TCP	33.00
Cando Home and Hardware	104.42
Grand Forks Utility Billing	52.00
A&W Standard	282.90
Total	18,943.96
Bills for Approval for January 21, 2025	
PP#2	7,676.72
Circle Sanitation	16,351.55
BCBS of ND	4,804.24
FICA	3,975.48
First State Bank	7.00
Towner County Auditor/Treasurer	20,128.08
Banyon Data Systems	865.00
Ferguson Waterworks	4,518.76
ND Telephone	382.98
Northern Plains	4,590.93
Verizon	375.30
Digital Office Center	42.80
Visa	2,188.47
ND Child Support	854.78
Total	66,762.09

At 8:48 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Ranace, Recorder

February 1, 2025

Librarians fear impacts of latest bill on explicit materials

By Michael Standaert

North Dakota News Cooperative

A bill mandating that libraries make any sexually explicit material inaccessible to minors has librarians across the state nervous about potential ramifications to their institutions.

Unless such materials are partitioned away from minors' access, Senate Bill 2307 would put libraries at risk of losing state funding and subject librarians to a class B misdemeanor charge for noncompliance.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Keith Boehm, R-Mandan and supported by several other Republican senators, including Senate Majority Leader David Hogue, R-Minot, went through a first reading Jan. 20. It has not yet been subject to public hearings.

The bill is similar to SB 2360, which passed the 2023 Legislature before being vetoed by then-Gov. Doug Burgum, who argued it would have been an enormous burden on public libraries.

A separate bill that did pass last session, HB 1205, required screening for explicit materials in sections of libraries designated for children, something libraries were doing already.

Divide County librarian Traci Lund, who was named 2024 Librarian of the Year by the North Dakota Library Association in October, doesn't know if she could make her library compliant and said the rule would impact using students 17 and under to help stack books.

Since the elementary school library is attached to the county library, fully separating material that may be explicit to some, but not others, could be problematic, Lund said.

"If this went through and we had to create our own rooms or whatever, I don't think that's feasible for our library," Lund said. "I'm worried. I'm worried this can't withstand in our community, and that's terrifying and scary."

Boehm said he introduced the bill to prevent the sexualization of minors, and argued the 2023 bill was not effective.

"The material was merely moved out of the children's section and is now being shopped in the adult section," he said.

Asked for specific examples, Boehm declined to offer them and said they'd be presented during testimony.

Boehm suggested most libraries would have less than 50 books potentially deemed explicitly sexual. It's not clear who would decide what constitutes sexually explicit material.

"A simple cabinet that would hold 200 books would suffice in most circumstances," he said.

For her part, Lund said, she'd never had a complaint about potentially explicit sexual material in her collections being accessible to minors.

"I've been in the library for 16 years and have never had one complaint," she said.

Lund's remarks echo other librarians across the state, regarding both a lack of complaints and the inability to comply with the potential rules.

Specifically, smaller rural libraries, where collections are often in one main room, could face a problem.

Andrea Placher, president of NDLA and director of Williston Community Library, said the association believes the bill is unnecessary and library staff across the state are already trained on what needs to go where in their libraries.

Since the 7,500 square feet of public space in her circular, open library is accessible to all, the rules would impact any worker under 18 as well as guardians from taking minors around the library if sexually explicit material is theoretically available.

"There's a lot of gray area here, because 'sexually explicit' could mean a lot," she said.

Placher is also concerned about the ability of small libraries to comply.

"Then, what would happen is, do we have to disallow children into the library? I know that sounds very dramatic, and obviously that's not what we want, but for some of these libraries, that honestly might be the

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case," Placher said.

Hogue declined to comment on the bill, saying he'd not fully studied it yet.

Sen. Kent Weston, R-Sarles, said he supports the bill because he wants to protect young children from pornography.

"What some deem as education and some deem as pornography is a different thing from one person's perspective to another, but I do not think it's unreasonable to ask that things be put away, and that young children, in my opinion, should not be exposed to," Weston said.

Randi Monley, a librarian in Minot and co-chair of Right to Read ND, said the bill is misdirected.

"I mean, your kid's not coming into the library for that, and honestly, if you're looking for something that explicit, you're not going to find it in the library," Monley said.

Complaints about books were previously few and far between, she said. One recent complaint that led to a review came from a book about presidents which mentioned some of them had mistresses.

"A parent thought that was too explicit for her children, so it went to the director to decide if it should be in the children's or the teen section. It had really high reviews and was a well-researched book," she said.

Monley said these bills make librarians nervous because opposition "can be anything that they don't like in a book." She said some librarians have gotten hate mail, been stalked, left the profession or moved to other institutions.

Janet Anderson, a librarian in Minot and library director there until March 2023, said one of the reasons she left was because of pressures placed on librarians during the past legislative session and harassment from some members of the community.

This included people calling librarians "groomers." In one instance, a man aggressively asked at a board meeting where she "kept the Penthouse" magazines.

For the most part, the bill is pushing something libraries already abide by, Anderson said. They all have policies to guide what is included and what is withdrawn, and follow tests of obscenity set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"My biggest concern is that this would unfairly impact small libraries which already struggle," she said. "Small, rural libraries are often only one room, so it would be impossible for them to keep books in a place where minors can't be present."

She and other librarians also mentioned how this legislation could further impact the profession, by making it impossible for those 17 and under to work in a library and in attracting others to the state.

"It is already extremely difficult to get qualified librarians to come work in North Dakota, and this makes it even more difficult," Anderson said.

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Bowling Results

Gopher League 1-20-25

Corrigidor Bar	70
Ace Hardware	67
Devils Lake Cenex	65
D&R Tire & Repair	58
Langdood	58
Cando Bar	57.5
First State Bank	52.5
Northern Plains Electric	52

HIGH SERIES:

Joann Rinas	498
Lance Teubner	548

Oriole League 1-23-25

Legacy	41.5
Cando Grocery	36
Dairy Queen	27.5
First State Ins	15

HIGH GAME:

Lance Teubner	279
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HIGH GAME:

Paola Trottier	174
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HIGH SERIES:

Lance Teubner	747
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HIGH SERIES:

Darla Howard	495
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Koffee Kup League 1-28-25

Petunias	54
Strike O' Holics	44
Morning Glories	41.5
Pins & Needles	39
Queen Pins	39
Dreamers	37
Alley Cats	33.5
Tea Bags	31

Whale League 1-26-25

Webster Bar - 3rd Qtr	
Winner	69
Goeser Seed	65
Northern Plains Electric	60
Legacy Cooperative	46

HIGH GAME:

Sam Goeser	158
Steve Hanson	201

HIGH SERIES:

Sam Goeser	424
Steve Hanson	452

Poetry by Thomas Price

By Thomas Price

MUSIC IN THE AIR

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While Riding ... Walking ... Flying Or Just Waiting And Being Still... There Is A Heartfelt Sound... A Down-flowing River ... With A Uplifting Melody Flow ... Where Our Inner Hearts Can Be Healed And

Refilled

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As We Go Through The Growing Up Seasons in Life And Learn To Find Our True Strength IS In The Fully Extended Arms Of Jesus Along With More Joy and More Reasons For Our Thankful Hearts To Begin To Sing... Then We Can Celebrate The Breathtaking Moments That We Can Walk and Even Dance With Him ... As We Experience Real Life Vision With Him As The KING Of Kings That Helps Our Own Heart Continue To Sing

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to be remembered after I am gone. For if there is another thing I've learned serving patients on hospice, it is that my death is also inevitable; but, I think, life's finality is what gives it beauty and meaning.

Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD, is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices

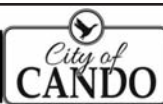
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~ Towner County Medical Center Auxiliary ~

Attention City of Cando Residents

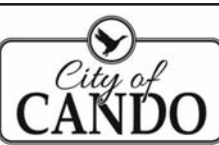


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If you prefer to complete this documentation yourself, you are still able to complete the online survey at www.ndwaterpipes.com. Successful completion of the online survey will eliminate the need for someone to enter the building for documentation purposes. It will take approximately 5 minutes and walk you through how to find your property's water service pipe. You will need a coin, magnet, and smartphone. Please follow the directions in the survey for specifics.

This inventory is part of a nationwide initiative and the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality requests that residents and property owners in the City of Cando submit information on their water service pipe material. This initiative will allow the City of Cando and other water systems to document the presence of lead service pipes in their systems.

We appreciate your cooperation!



Public Notice

There will be a Public Informational Meeting for the residents of Cando from 5:30 – 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Towner County Courthouse (315 2nd Street) to discuss the proposed 4th Avenue Water Main Replacement project.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the need for the project, proposed work, estimated costs, project funding and schedule. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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