

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Ward County Commissioners
June 24, 2021

The special meeting of the Ward County Commission to discuss a gaming site authorization, fireworks, and bridge deck replacement was called to order by Chairman Fjeldahl at 9:00 AM with Commissioners, Anderson, Pietsch, Rostad, and Weppler present. Also present were department heads Dana Larson, Jennifer Weichmann, Kerianne Boetcher, Kristin Kowalczyk, Leona Lochthowe, Marisa Haman, Noreen Barton, and Robert Roed.

Marisa Haman, Auditor/Treasurer appeared.

Moved by Comm. Weppler, seconded by Comm. Anderson to approve the Gaming Site Application for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 753. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

Rex Weltikol, Minot Rural Fire Chief appeared regarding a fireworks ban. Mr. Weltikol informed the Commission a fire rating index of very high, extreme, or red flag warning would indicate no fireworks. Mr. Weltikol feels we can watch the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Rating Index daily and follow the Fire Emergency and Restrictive Burn Ban in place.

Jennifer Weichmann, Director of Emergency Management appeared and stated they were banning as little as possible and feels comfortable with the decision to allow fireworks at this point.

Robert Roed, Sheriff, appeared and agreed with Mr. Weltikol to keep the current burn ban in place right now.

Dana Larson, Highway Department Engineer appeared regarding bridge deck replacement on project road west of Burlington. Mr. Larson recommended this be done immediately as large firetrucks cannot cross the bridge due to load restrictions and early next year the Souris River Joint Water Board is doing a levy project in which this bridge would be the secondary access road. The bridge design requirement for Federal highway in the State of North Dakota and within Ward County states this new bridge must be designed to the HL93 bridge rating system. October would be the tentative finish date if all goes well. Funding is to come from the construction fund.

Moved by Comm. Pietsch, seconded by Comm. Rostad to replace the bridge deck on bridge number 51-137-35.2 with a Pre-engineered Modular Bridge from True North Steel for \$75,827.00. Roll call; all voted yes; motion carried.

At 9:27 AM with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2021

Chairman, Ward County Commission

ATTEST:
