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June 14th, 2016

Senator Gary A. Lee, Chairman
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Dear Senator Gary A. Lee, Chairman, and Members of the Budget Section Committee,

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is requesting approval for two acquisitions. One is located in McLean County (255 acres), and the other in Burke County (36.5 acres). Enclosed are narratives describing both of these areas along with supporting documentation. These properties are adjacent to existing Wildlife Management Areas.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department greatly appreciates your consideration on these acquisitions at the June 27th, 2016 Budget Section Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



Terry Steinwand, Director

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department

Request for Acquisition Approval

255 acres in McLean County



Terry Steinwand
June, 2016

PAINTED WOODS REVITALIZATION/FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

In February of 2015 McLean County (Commission and Waterboard) came to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) to ask the Department to contribute to a project that would help alleviate flooding that occurs in the Painted Woods Creek watershed. The Project includes water control improvements to the Painted Woods Wildlife Management Area (PWWMA) that the Department manages as well as upstream improvements (low head dam replacements with fish passage), high water diversion improvements, and acquisition of some land by the American Foundation for Wildlife to be turned over to the NDGFD to manage as an addition to the PWWMA. The NDGFD has been asked to contribute \$296,000.00 to the acquisition portion of the project. There are many partners in this project and the local landowners have shown their support for it. The Landowner has accepted the appraised value (\$1,113,000.00), of the appraisal completed by the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (NRT). Along with the acquisition some work may be done to the existing WMA as well. The NDGFD feels this project has many benefits as well as the side benefit of helping the NDGFD fulfill its mission to "protect, conserve, and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitat for sustained public consumptive and non-consumptive use". The following is a brief history of the Painted Woods Creek watershed and the PWWMA.

The Painted Woods Creek system consists of a 282 square mile watershed that provides McLean County, the State of North Dakota, and the federal government a number of resources ranging from a livestock and sand and gravel mining water supply, a fishery, wildlife habitat, and is a necessary metering outlet for the Garrison Diversion Project.

In the Missouri River bottoms at the lower end of Painted Woods Creek is the Painted Woods Wildlife Management Area (PWWMA) consisting of a shallow lake surrounded by land owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and managed for wildlife and public hunting by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGF). The North Dakota State Water Commission (NDSWC) has an interest in and control over the Painted Woods Lake (PWL) level under the state sovereign lands doctrine. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) along with the Garrison Conservancy District (GCD) have interests in a functioning creek system and PWWMA to ensure the McClusky Canal has an outflow to stabilize canal lake levels.

The McLean County Water Resource Board (MCWRB) and the McLean County Commission (MCC) have a number of interests in the Painted Woods Creek System and PWWMA. The MCWRB has duties under Title 61 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) to keep water drainages open and operating so they do not adversely impact adjacent property. The MCC is the political body that directly represents the landowners along the creek and proximate to the PWWMA.

Between 1984 and mid-2000, the PWWMA functioned in large part as envisioned by the multiple agencies involved in its development. The NDGF managed the PWWMA and had a fish stocking program for the creek system. The public enjoyed the use of the fishery, especially at the Highway 83 bridge and by northern pike fishing throughout the creek system in the spring.

The PWWMA provided excellent waterfowl hunting opportunities and quality late-season pheasant hunting for the public.

The MCWRB began receiving landowner complaints regarding PWWMA flooding and eroding adjacent private property in 2009 after that year's spring runoff. That same year, significant erosion occurred on the PWWMA where flood waters return to Mary's Creek below the weir structure, and repairs were made to those eroded areas in the fall on 2009.

In the summer of 2011 the Missouri River flooded beyond its traditional post-dam high water levels for the first time. When the flood waters receded, river banks had eroded and water running across bottom land had "cut" new outlets, or increased existing erosion, on its way to the river. In the PWWMA area, a washout from Painted Woods Creek spring runoff crossing the "Falgren" trust property west of PWL got much more pronounced. In addition, some of the surrounding farmland to the north and east of PWL became too wet to farm. Due to continual flooding in 2009, 2010, and the major flooding in 2011, the NDGF has not stocked fish in the Painted Woods system since 2012.

In recent years, spring runoff flowing down Painted Woods Creek has been blocked by cattails and tree debris at the creek mouth delta into PWL. Instead of flowing south, the water flows west across the Falgren trust - ever eroding a new path to the Missouri River. At recent erosion rates, within 5-8 years the creek will cut a new outlet to the Missouri River splitting the Falgren property and depriving the PWWMA of water and jeopardizing the sovereign land. What was considered to be a 25 year flood event in 1983-84 is now an annual occurrence in normal and even low spring runoff events.

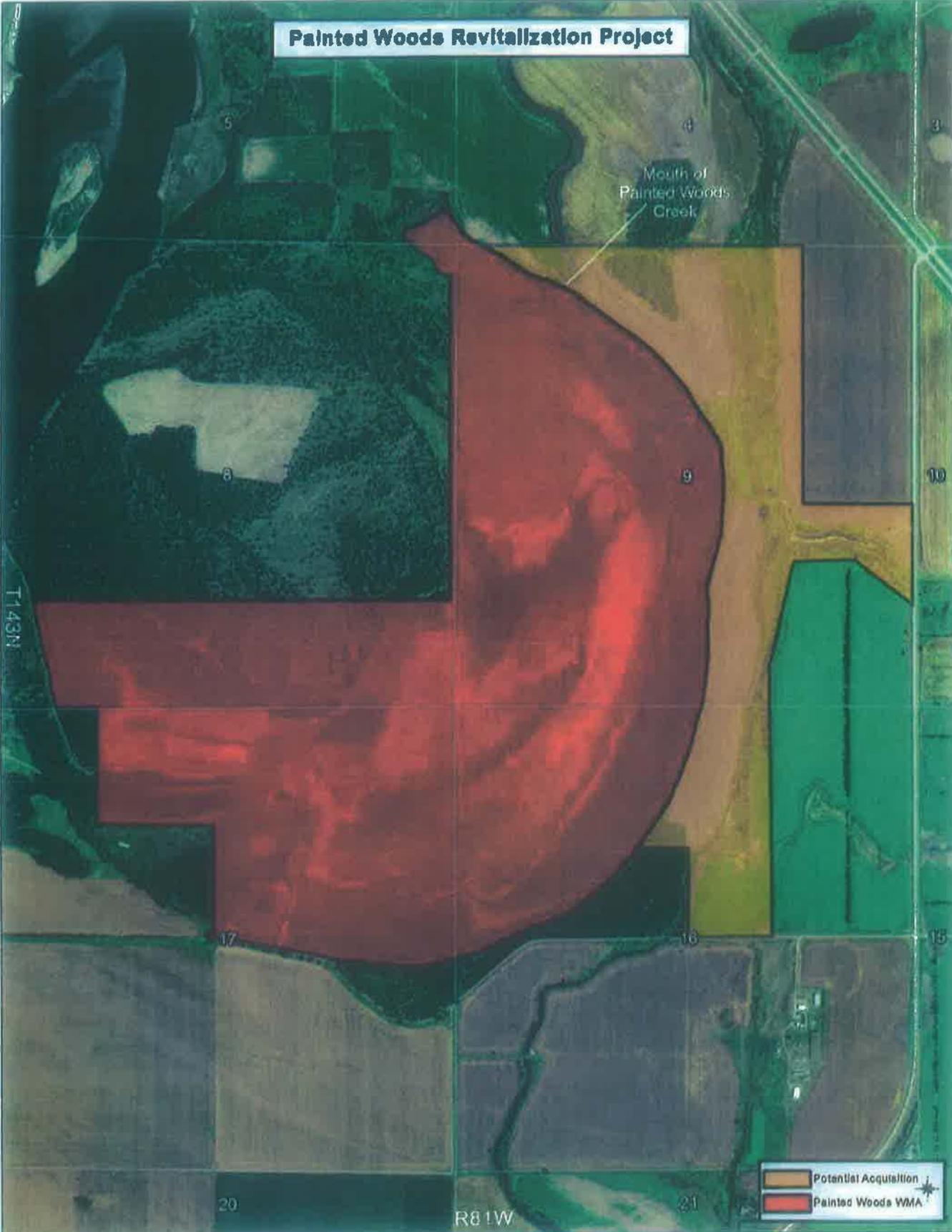
In 2012, the NDGF attempted to aerial spray the cattails at the creek mouth, but the contractor was unable to apply the herbicide until September 7th, and the application failed to perform. In 2013, an inner-agency meeting was held regarding the PWWMA flooding issues.

In May 2014, another inner-agency/landowner meeting was held that included a tour of the PWWMA and surrounding private property. The result of that meeting was the identification of initial short-term steps that could be taken to reduce private property flood damage and to develop long-term solutions and management goals for the PWWMA considering the new "normal" conditions. Some of these steps are in progress and will be detailed on the county's list of objectives and planning proposals to follow.

McLean County's Goals

McLean County would like to maximize the fishery and wildlife hunting and trapping opportunities on the PWWMA and broader Painted Woods Creek system with management practices that minimize impacts to private property. Returning the Painted Woods system to only impacting private property during 25 or more year runoff events is an acceptable target to the County.

Painted Woods Revitalization Project



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 30, 2016

To: Jack Dalrymple, Governor

From: Doug Goehring, Chairman
Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee (NAAAC)

Re: NAAAC recommendation on American Foundation for Wildlife proposal to acquire land in McLean County

The Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee (NAAAC) convened pursuant to the authority granted by § 10-6.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) to provide a recommendation on a proposal from American Foundation for Wildlife to acquire land in McLean County.

As required by § 10-6.1-10, the NAAAC held a local hearing on March 10, 2016 at the McLean County Courthouse in Washburn. The approved hearing minutes are attached for your review, I have also attached the public comments that were received regarding the proposed acquisition and the recommendation of the McLean County Commission.

The NAAAC Committee held a conference call on March 18, 2016 to develop a recommendation on the proposal. Steve Lee, McLean County Commission, moved to recommend approval of the proposed acquisition, Mark Zimmerman, ND Parks and Recreation, seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a vote of 6-2 with no abstentions. The voting record follows:

YEA

Doug Goehring, ND Agriculture Commissioner
Mark Zimmerman, ND Parks and Recreation
Scott Peterson, ND Game and Fish
Steve Lee, McLean County Commission
Larry Kotchman, ND State Forester
Mark Watne, ND Farmers Union

NAY

Mark Giedd, ND Stockman's Association
Daryl Lies, ND Farm Bureau



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Jack Dalrymple
Governor

April 28, 2016

Peter Ressler, President
American Foundation for Wildlife
PO Box 236
Bismarck, ND 58502

RE: American Foundation for Wildlife proposal to acquire land in McLean County

Dear Mr. Ressler;

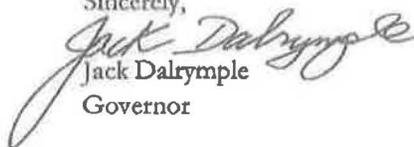
Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 10-06.1-10 and subject to its requirements and the recommendations of the Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee, I approve the acquisition of 255.6 acres, more or less, of land owned by Robert Landgren in McLean County by the American Foundation for Wildlife.

My decision is based on the fact that the Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee provided a 6-2 vote to approve the recommendation, based on the potential the purchase has for resolving water management issues, while also providing for enhanced natural resource management and public recreation.

The land will be deeded to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department), who will manage and maintain it. The Department has agreed to accept transfer of the property and will pay taxes, as required by state law. The property will be open for public purposes such as hunting, nature study, and general public enjoyment. The Department will allow easements on the property that benefit the State of North Dakota. Pursuant to these terms, I approve this acquisition.

Thank you for your continued work in cooperative agreements with landowners and local officials regarding stewardship and management of natural resources in the State of North Dakota.

Sincerely,


Jack Dalrymple
Governor

C: Natural Areas Acquisition Advisory Committee
McLean County Board of Commissioners
Natural Resources Trust

McLean County Commission Proceedings
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

The first regular January meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairperson Steve Lee. Present were Commissioners Lee, Barry Suydam and Doug Krebsbach. Also present were Auditor Les Korgel, Deputy Auditor Kayla Oberlander, Highway Superintendent Jim Grey, Disaster Emergency Services (DES) Manager Noelle Kroll, Ron Wagner and Mike Rivinius of Wold Engineering, and Alyssa Meier of BHG News Services.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korgel informed the board of two additions to the agenda: DES Manager Noelle Kroll with updates on upcoming meetings and Tax Director Todd Schreiner with assessing fees.

Grey addressed the board with an update on departmental operations. He reported that equipment repairs are ongoing in preparation for next season. He also informed the board that he has received 10 applications for the Equipment Operator II position. He plans to hold interviews next week after the township meetings.

Grey also discussed increasing the billing for township motor grading. He suggested going from the current \$85.00 per hour to \$100.00 per hour then going from \$100.00 per hour to \$125.00 per hour. He would like this increase to be done over a two year period. Grey would also like to increase the snow removal rates. The rate is currently \$100.00 per hour and he would like to increase to \$125.00 per hour and eventually have it at \$140.00 per hour. Lee suggested taking these numbers to the townships at their upcoming meetings and make the changes after that.

Grey discussed the option of increasing the county's gravel prices. He stated that Roger Kvamme was selling for \$8.00 per ton, Russell Makeeff was selling for \$6.75 per ton and others he spoke with ranged from \$7.00-\$9.00 per ton. The commission would like to try and keep the gravel we have and support the private individuals as well. This could be done if the county increased their price.

Grey asked the board for permission to attend a conference held by the North Dakota Association of County Engineers on January 21-22, 2016 in Bismarck. The board granted Grey permission to attend.

Tax Director Todd Schreiner and Chief Deputy Auditor Lori Foss joined the meeting.

Wagner and Rivinius from Wold Engineering addressed the board about House Bill 1176. They discussed the possibility of an additional 30 extra miles of road work. This could be added to existing projects and have the bidding being done at one time.

Rivinius requested approval to advertise for Construction Engineering Services for Federal Aid project BRO-0028(021). This would have to be advertised for three consecutive weeks in the McLean County Independent. The Department of Transportation will also be advertising this on their website. If more than one application is received an interview process will have to take place. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 29, 2016. The Commission chair will set up the interview date if necessary.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Krebsbach, to approve the advertising for Construction Engineering Services for Federal Aid project BRO-0028(021). Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Sheriff/E-911 Coordinator Richard Johnson joined the meeting.

Schreiner presented the commission with a land use report for 2015 and the prior four years. This report included the number of building permits and conditional use permits granted in McLean County.

Schreiner also discussed the option of increasing the assessing fee to those townships and cities who do not have an assessor. He recommends a fee of \$150.00. Korgel mentioned the minimum charge for a contracted assessor is \$150.00. Commissioner Lee informed Schreiner to take a look at the rates in the area to see if we are in the same range. Lee also wondered if there was a formula to calculate the fee. His concern was charging a township that was strictly agriculture land the same amount as a township that was both residential and agricultural. Schreiner was asked to do some research on how to charge this fee.

Clerk of Court Cathy Bailey, County Recorder Beth Knutson, States Attorney Ladd Erickson, Assistant Jail Administrator Wade Krohmer, and Sheriff JR Kerzmann joined the meeting.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Sheriff's department in the amount of \$1,170.62 for the months of November and December.

Received and ordered filed the fee collection report from the Recorder's office in the amount of \$6,397.00 for the month of December.

DES Manager Noelle Kroll requested the Commission's approval to attend the following meetings: CodeRED training – Tuesday, January 12 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.; IPAWS training – Wednesday, January 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Sheridan County invited Kroll to attend their multi-hazard multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan meeting Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.; NDPA is holding a free Pipeline Safety Emergency Response program in Hazen January 13 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Bank 5 training – Tuesday, January 19 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Northwest Region Emergency Management regional meeting – January 21 at 10:00 a.m. and lastly NDDDES Mini Conference – January 25-26 in Bismarck. Kroll has discussed the time away from the office with supervisor Grey.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to allow Kroll to attend all training and meetings as requested. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The commission discussed the proposed changes to the policy manual, specifically Policy 208 Employment Applications & Hiring Process with additional wordage regarding the hiring process. Under Step 1: Application Submission the wording was changed to allow applications to be submitted electronically through the county website. Under Step 2: Interview, after the published deadline has passed, the Auditor's office shall forward the applications and supporting documents to the appropriate department head, or the department head's designee. A scoring process for each open position will be done to determine who would get an interview. This scoring process must be approved by the Auditor's office. If the department head and the Auditor's office cannot agree on the scoring process the matter should be forwarded to the county commission to resolve. The department head will determine the scheduling of the interviews in consultation with the Auditor's office and contact the candidates. The Auditor's office will have human resource functions during the interviewing process. The interview panel size and makeup will be determined by the department head. The commission has a right to be involved in any phase of the hiring process. After interviews are conducted the Auditor's office will contact the candidates advising them of the results of the interviews and also contact the candidates that were not selected for an interview to inform them the interviews for the open position(s) are complete.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to approve the changes to the policy manual, specifically Policy 208 Employment Applications & Hiring Process. Discussion followed.

Krebsbach stated he would like to see the department heads do the hiring and have the Human Resource department available to go to for assistance. He did not like some things about Foss's presentation, he felt the Auditor's office was being controlling. There were little things like the department head would receive a "copy" of an application. Krebsbach felt that the department head and whomever they chose should be able to figure out who they want to hire.

Suydam stated he called commissioners from other counties and asked about their hiring process. The responses he received were the Auditor's office had nothing to do with the hiring process. He feels the commissioners should know what is going on.

Lee spoke in regards to Krebsbach comment about a "copy", he stated Human Resources has to have the original on file and that is why the department heads are provided with a copy. He felt Human Resources should be involved as that is part of their job. They are the ones with the training and know the process.

Foss asked if there would be a different hiring/ranking process for every new hire. Erickson felt it should stay the same.

Krebsbach asked Grey who he plans to have on his hiring committee in the upcoming interviews for the Equipment Operator II position. Grey responded with himself and two foremen, if he needs further assistance he will contact Foss. Grey feels you need Human Resources after the hiring process to fill out the required paperwork.

Lee said to be sure that all departments are being consistent.

Being no further discussion the commission took a vote. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff JR Kerzmann presented the Commission with a letter of resignation from Deputy William Janisch. He will be done as of January 15, 2016. Kerzmann feels there are potential candidates to fill his position within the department, Kerzmann requested the approval to advertise in-house for one or more road deputies.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Krebsbach, to advertise in-house for one or more road deputies. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kerzmann addressed the Commission with his concerns on efficiency for his department. He would like his department to have a supply of purchase orders on hand for such things as oil changes and other routine maintenance purchases. Korgel informed Kerzmann that Administrative Assistant II Sherry Grey is and has been allowed to call the Auditor's office for purchase orders for said things without approval every time. Kerzmann asked how other departments get their purchase orders and was informed that the Highway Department will request for 25 at a time. Kerzmann asked why his department could not be treated the same. Korgel stated that he is willing to give Grey 25 purchase orders at a time for routine maintenance and other purchases needed to be made by the Sheriff's Department. These purchases must be under \$500.00.

Johnson asked the commission for permission to go with a different company to install the in-car video equipment in the new grant vehicle. Previously they have been installed by Digital Ally and when they install the equipment they lose access to their camera in the rear view mirror. The price difference would be \$200.00. The commission granted permission.

McLean County Water Board member Lynn Oberg joined the meeting.

Extension Agent Michelle Effertz joined the meeting to introduce the newly hired Extension Agent Calla Jarboe.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to appoint Gerard Goven to the County Water Resource Board for a term of 3 years. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Garrett Krueger to the County Weed Control Board for a term of 4 years. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Steve Lee to the Dakota Central Social Service Board for a term of 3 years. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Todd Schreiner as Tax Director/Land Use Administrator for a term of 1 year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Todd Schreiner as Veteran's Service Officer for a term of 1 year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Richard Johnson as E-911 Coordinator for a term of one year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Cathy Bailey as Clerk of District Court for a term of one year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Jim Grey as County Highway Superintendent for a term of one year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Noelle Kroll as Emergency Manager for a term of one year. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to reappoint Richard Hultberg to the County Park Board for a term of 3 years. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korgel informed the commission that David Reinarts who served on the McLean County School Reorganization Committee will not continue on the committee. County Park Board member Brian Sailer was questionable whether he would serve another term. One on one recruitment will take place to fill the vacated positions. Erickson questioned if adding someone from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) would be a good idea. Korgel stated the USACE would possibly not allow that due to the county being a lessee from the USACE. Korgel said he would visit with a representative from the USACE at the township meetings.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Krebsbach, to accept the list of depositories for county funds for the year 2016 which include Farmers Security Bank of Washburn; Bank of Turtle Lake; American Bank Center (F/K/A North Country Bank) of Underwood; Union Bank (F/K/A First State Bank) of Wilton; Garrison State Bank and Trust; and BNC National Bank of Garrison. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Casey Anderson and Dan Halstead with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department joined the meeting.

Moved by Krebsbach, seconded by Suydam, to accept the pledged securities report as presented by Korgel. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Korgel presented the Uncollected Taxes and the Where Do We Stand reports.

Moved by Suydam, seconded by Krebsbach, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

CHECK #	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A128779	BHG INC	MOTOR GRADER BIDS	126.00
A128780	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	PARTS	232.06
A128781	WILLIAM CARLSON	CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	30.00
A128782	CIRCLE SANITATION SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP	64.25
A128783	JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	HIGHWAY QTR ENDING 12/31/2015	1,094.40
A128784	MCLEAN SHERIDAN RURAL WATER	WATER	72.98
A128785	NAPA AUTO PARTS-WASHBURN	PARTS, SHOP SUPPLIES	150.51
A128786	WAGON WHEEL LUMBER	PARTS	15.47
A128787	WOLD ENGINEERING P.C.	PROJECT BRO-0028(021) PROJECT CNOB-2800(051)	87,546.14
A128788	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL	SHOP TOWELS, FLOOR MATS	176.86
A128789	AT&T MOBILITY	SHERIFF, STATES ATTORNEY CELL SERVICE; LAND USE - DATA CARD	206.54
A128790	BHG INC	COMMISSION MINUTES, HELP WANTED ADS, NOTARY STAMP, NOTICE	1,517.44
A128791	CENEX CREDIT CARD	GASOLINE - SHERIFF	1,385.26

A128792	CITY OF WASHBURN	WATER/SEWER – LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER/COURTHOUSE	94.56
A128793	ECN	CODE RED	4,000.00
A128794	GARRISON DENTAL	PRISONER DENTAL – SHERIFF	408.00
A128795	BENJAMIN GEHRING	REIMBURSE DECEMBER CORONER SERVICES	1,500.00
A128796	GOVERNSOFT	ANNUAL DAKOTA PROGRAM SOFTWARE SUPPORT	12,195.00
A128797	HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE	HP HARD DRIVE 6 G FOR SERVER	328.50
A128798	INTOXIMETERS	MOUTH PIECES PST – SHERIFF	340.00
A128799	SHANNON JEFFERS	DECEMBER TRAVEL, CONFERENCE ROOM, REGISTRATION	2,045.00
A128800	BETH KNUTSON	NOVEMBER TRAVEL	163.30
A128801	KRAUSE'S MARKET	INMATE MEALS	5,158.72
A128802	LEE, STEVE	DECEMBER TRAVEL	133.40
A128803	MCLEWAIN CONSTRUCTION INC	INSTALL CULVERT	1,840.00
A128804	MCLEAN COUNTY AUDITOR	DECEMBER POSTAGE – COUNTY AGENT	9.82
A128805	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	RADIO FOR UNIT S-21 GRANT VEHICLE	3,939.00
A128806	ND NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION	NDSU EXT SERVICE AD	191.40
A128807	NDACO RESOURCES GROUP	MONTHLY BACKUP FOR DATO – FEB; MONTHLY SERVER PRO – FEB; MONTHLY WORKSTATION PRO – FEB; SUBSCRIPTION BASED ANTIVIRUS – FEB	1,408.26
A128808	ND RECORDERS ASSOC.	2016 DUES	175.00
A128809	NELSON AUTO CENTER	2016 FORD EXPEDITION	30,042.00
A128810	OAKSTONE PUBLISHING	DIGITAL TOPHEALTH NEWSLETTER THRU JANUARY 2017	312.00
A128811	LYNN OBERG	DECEMBER TRAVEL, CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, PICTURES	1,564.83
A128812	OFFICE DEPOT	D BATTERIES, ROLL ON INK, HP INK, HP 90A TONER, PACKING TAPE, BINDER, HP #61 COLOR INK, LEGAL PADS, RECEIPT BOOKS	646.54
A128813	OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	BUTTE, TURTLE LAKE, MAX, & WASHBURN SHOPS; COURTHOUSE; RADIO TOWER, LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	5,571.83
A128814	PITNEY BOWES	RENTAL 9-30-15 – 12-31-15	1,159.11
A128815	RENSCH FARM STORE	OIL CHANGE UNIT S-14 – SHERIFF	73.05
A128816	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	38.01
A128817	SEATOL	GIS DATABASE PROCESS/TECH CON/ SOFTWARE	500.00
A128818	SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC	ASSESSOR CELL SERVICE	61.84
A128819	BARRY SUYDAM	DECEMBER TRAVEL	80.50
A128820	THIRD WATCH COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT – EXPEDITION – SHERIFF	4,721.70
A128821	VANCE TOMLINSON	REGISTRATION & 2016 MEMBERSHIP	420.00
A128822	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	INDIGENT FEES – SHERIFF	4.38
A128823	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	WORKFLOW MODULE SUPPORT – RECORDER	5,534.85
A128824	UNICOM	GRAPHICS FOR UNIT S-21	650.00
A128825	VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC	ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT	8,950.00
A128826	WATER PURITY INC	WATER DELIVERED	89.00
A128827	MIKE THYBERG	WEED BOARD TRAVEL	4.60
A128828	PAUL JACOBSON	WEED BOARD TRAVEL	50.60
A128829	KRUEGER, GARRETT B	WEED BOARD TRAVEL	41.40
	DECEMBER PAYROLL	A detailed list of payroll funds expended is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours in the McLean County Auditor's office.	\$318,869.02

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Krebsbach, Suydam, and Lee. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Casey Anderson and Dan Halstead from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department appeared with Lynn Oberg from the McLean County Water Board to inform the commissioners of the pending purchase of some land by the Painted Woods Lake to help control flooding on private land. The NDGF is one of the entities providing funding for the purchase and they are required by law to meet with the county commissioners. Once the land purchase is completed the land will be managed by the NDGF for wildlife and public hunting. In the spring, the land will be used to pass flood waters across so private land does not incur flood damage. Area landowners support this land purchase, which is a part of a larger project by the McLean County Water Board and other entities to reduce flood damages, and restore the fishery, public access, and local recreational opportunities on the Painted Woods Creek system.

Korgel mentioned to the commissioners the option of changing the county's cell phone policy. Currently there are some department heads or elected officials that are provided with a cell phone instead of being reimbursed monthly. Korgel mentioned possibly doing away with that and everyone would be required to have their own personal cell phone and would be reimbursed.

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The commission minutes and agenda can be found on the county website at <http://www.visitmcleancounty.com/officials/meetings.html>.

Steve Lee, Chairperson

Kayla Oberlander, Deputy

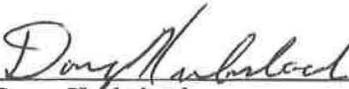
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

The McLean County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the purchase of land by the American Foundation for Wildlife and its partners from Mr. Robert Landgren. The Commission has been briefed on this project a number of times and desires this purchase occur so the land may be used for flood control and private property protection around Painted Woods Lake. The Commission understands that the ultimate owner of the land purchased will be the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2016.



Barry Suydam



Doug Krebsbach



Steve Lee

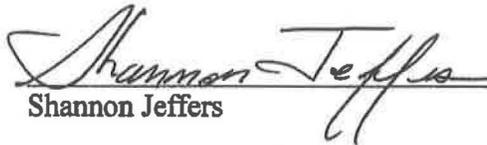
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

The McLean County Water Resource Board hereby supports the purchase of land by the American Foundation for Wildlife and its partners from Mr. Robert Landgren. The Board has been integrally involved in the develop of a flood control and private property protection project around Painted Woods Lake. The purchase of the Landgren tract will assist the Board in the performance of its flood control duties in N.D.C.C. Title 61. The Board understands that the ultimate owner of the land purchased will be the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.



Lynn Oberg



Shannon Jeffers



Gerard Goven

Anderson, Casey R.

From: States Attorney Ladd R Erickson [lrerickson@nd.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Anderson, Casey R.
Cc: 'Oberg'
Subject: PW purchase

Casey: We in McLean County really appreciate the help the Game and Fish Department has provided our water board in bringing resolution to the private land flooding problems around Painted Woods Lake. I have kept our county commissioners up to date on our progress and have shown them maps and features of the project on the ground. The commissioners, our water board, and I all support the purchase of the Landgren tract so it becomes a game management area because that tract will allow much greater flood water management flexibility for the area. With the Landgren tract in public ownership, we can divert flood waters around the creek mouth to the south and east without encumbering private land. A large portion of that Landgren tract is too wet to farm as it is and the only way to dry some of it out is to lower the lake level. But doing that creates cattail stands near the creek mouth and those block flood waters in the spring causing damage to private property to the north and west of the lake.

If we can get the Landgren tract into the management area, that solves our most pressing water management problem. Long term, it is in everyone's best interest to also get that Hecht tract to the north of the Landgren tract into the management area because that tract is also very flood prone. At this point there is not a willing seller for the Hecht tract so the county has focused on the Landgren tract where we do have a willing seller.

Please let me know if I or our water board chair, Lynn Oberg, can be of any assistance in explaining to people why there is local support for getting the Landgren tract into the game management area system. Thanks Ladd

Property Name Langren (PWCWMA Addition)
Legal Description East side of PWCWMA

Land Acquisition Checklist to Comply with NDCC 20.1-02-05.1

(After Evaluation from G&F Staff)

Steps are sequential to be in compliance with the law/process

1. Evaluation\Prioritization by Game & Fish staff
2. Recommendation to Director by staff
3. Director Decision
4. Notice to Proper authorities and Landowners
5. Appraisal
6. Recommendation to Governor by Director
7. Governor Decision
8. Budget Section Approval (if necessary, don't need it if it's under 10 acres or \$10,000)

1. EVALUATION: Property must enhance Game & Fish

Mission.

Date March 2015

2. Recommendation to Director: YES/NO

Explanation as to why property purchase is or is
not being recommended to Director

Date March 2015

3. Director's Decision to Proceed: YES/NO

Explanation as why property is or is not
being recommended to purchase

Date July 2015

4. NOTICE: Must contain the amount of acreage, legal

description, and state the Department intends to
purchase described property.

1. Notice to County Commission

Date Jan. 5, 2016

2. Notice to Township Supervisors(If organized)

Date Unorganized Twsp.

3. Publish notice in official county newspaper once
a week, for two consecutive weeks

Dates 1-20-16

4. If property is located within the bounds of an

Incorporated city- Notify City Commission

Date N/A

- 5. If property is located in a rural subdivision of 10 acres or less—Notify governing body of subdivision (May be County or Township)

Date N/A

- 6. All other property not covered in 4 or 5 every landowner within 1 mi. of the property and the local governing authority (Township or County)

Date 12-23-15 ca

- 7. Notify City Commission of any incorporated city within 12 mi. of the property *Washburn (email)*
Wilton (Letter)

Date 12-28-15 ca

5. APPRASIAL:

Property appraised by certified appraiser (Game & Fish
May not pay more than appraisal price unless less than
40 acres, then department may go to 200%
of appraised value)

Date 2-4-16

6. Director Recommendation to Governor:

Explanation as to why purchase is being recommended
to or not to purchase property

Date April 20, 2008

7. Governor's Approval/Disapproval

Date April 28, 2008

8. BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL: (If necessary)

If purchase is for over 10 acres or more than
\$10,000 Game& Fish must have Budget Section approval

- 1. Schedule appearance before Budget Committee with Legislative Council

Date 6-27-16

- 2. Send Packet to each Legislator on Budget Committee

Date _____

*****Attach supporting documents of each step**



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NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

100 NORTH BISMARCK EXPRESSWAY BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58501-5095 PHONE 701-328-6300 FAX 701-328-6352

Dear (Landowner),

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) has been contacted by McLean County Commission and the McLean County Water Board to participate in a flood relief project along the Painted Woods Creek Watershed. The Project includes acquisition of 255 acres, more or less, adjacent to the existing Painted Woods Creek Wildlife Management Area. The acquisition will be held by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and managed as a Wildlife Management Area system.

255 acres, more or less in Sections 9 and 16 of T143N R81W

You are receiving this notification because you own land within one mile of the potential acquisition. It is the Department's intent to partner in the acquisition of this tract. The Department pays full taxes on all land it owns or leases for management. This above mentioned tract is adjacent to other Department owned land and will offer the public unique wildlife opportunities as well as help McLean County with flooding issues along Painted Woods Creek. If you have further questions you can contact Lynn Oberg at 701-400-7793 or the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Sincerely,

Casey R. Anderson
Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 N. Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501
Phone: 701-328-6613
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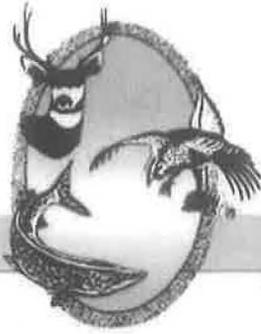
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News Paper Notice

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City of Washburn
907 Main Avenue
Washburn, ND 58577

December 28, 2015

cityofwashburn@westriv.com

Auditor Joan Zimmerman,

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You are receiving this notification because Washburn ND is an incorporated city within 12 miles of the potential acquisition. It is the Department's intent to partner in the acquisition of this tract. The Department pays full taxes on all land it owns or leases for management. This above mentioned tract is adjacent to other Department owned land and will offer the public unique wildlife opportunities as well as help McLean County with flooding issues along Painted Woods Creek. If you have further questions you can contact Lynn Oberg at 701-400-7793 or me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Casey R. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Wilton ND City Commission
121 Dakota Avenue
Wilton, ND 58579

December 28, 2015

Mayor LeeAnn Domonoske-Kellar,

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Sincerely,

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