SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BROWN MEMORIAL

June 11, 2025, 5:45 P.M.

The special meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Glenda Collier, Chairperson. Roll Call: Commissioner Dave Gehrtz, Commissioner James F. Allmaras and State's Attorney Ashley Lies were present.

Two bids were presented from Yri Electric. Bid 1 was for the Static Building at the Fairgrounds. The bid was to permanently connect power to existing panel from new 200-amp panel for \$1,775. Bid 2 was for the Barn at the fairgrounds, which was to add 1 light switch and 8 GFCI Duplex Receptacles, material and labor.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve both bids as presented. James F. Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

The meeting then followed into the Special Meeting of the Zoning Commission. This meeting was called for a public hearing to hear public testimony on a purposed Zoning Ordinance amending the Eddy County Zoning Ordinance to at least match ND State Law.

Stuart Richter, Zoning President called the Zoning Commission meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll Call: Glenda Collier, Levi Rue, Lucas Walter, Shana Laber, Robert Hanson, David Allmaras all present.

There was a point of order called from attendee Larry Danduran. Danduran proclaiming there to be a conflict of interest among members of the Zoning Commission as well as the Eddy County Commissioners. Danduran asked for those he accused of conflicts to state their conflict, and a vote to be executed. State's Attorney Lies addressed the issue by stating that she had been made of the concern of the conflict of interest and had issued a legal opinion to all the Eddy County Commissioners and the Eddy County Zoning Members prior to the Special Meeting. Lies's legal opinion was that there was no conflict of interest on the issue and discussion at hand. No action was taken.

There was another point of order called from attendee David Fite. Fite was concerned with the order in which those speaking and if everyone was going to be able to speak.

President Richter agreed that there was a misunderstanding in those speaking opposed to matching state law. It was agreed that all that signed up will be given the opportunity to speak at the hearing and testimonies commenced.

Another point of order was called by Charles Tuttle. Tuttle states that Eddy County is not a home rule charter county therefore this meeting was a moot point. No action was taken.

Testimonies were heard from 37 attendees. The public hearing lasted until all those in attendance were given the opportunity to speak. President Richter called for any other comments before advising the public that no recommendation was going to be made that evening. The next regular Zoning Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2025. A recommendation may be decided at that meeting. It was suggested that

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the County Deed assigning the real property described as Lots 23 and 24, Railway Addition to the City of New Rockford. James Allmaras seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorization application for the Eddy County Rod & Gun Club for gaming at their Range Garage for their November daily calendar raffle drawings. James Allmaras seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

It was discussed that there will be a quorum present at the Public Hearing on June 11, 2025 set by the Eddy County Zoning Commission. Therefore, a Special Meeting will be called to comply with Open Meeting Law.

Survey crew for the wind towers were discussed. A landowner had concerns that a member of a surveying crew had trespassed, and was asking if formal charges were pressed. State's Attorney Ashley Lies informed commission that, in this particular case, charges were filed.

Announcements:

The 2024 Annual Audit has begun through Brady Martz and Associates

The Eddy County vehicle is currently is the shop getting repairs, staff are to use their own vehicle for travel needs until further notice.

With no further business, Glenda Collier adjourned the meeting at 10:22 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be July 1, 2025 at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

Becki Schumacher, Auditor

Glenda Collier, Chairperson