

2009 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1193

# 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill No. HB 1193

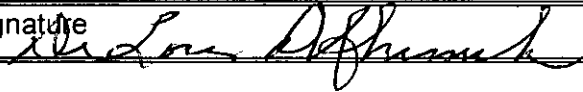
House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: January 23, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 7632

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Chairman Wrangham** opened the hearing on HB 1193.

**Rep Wald:** Explained the bill. Wants the bill to be amended to take the money out of the permanent trust fund, instead of the general fund. My logic for that is in Dunn County today there probably is the first or second highest county in terms of contributing money not only to the general fund, but also the permanent oil trust fund from revenue from oil and gas taxes. I think when you hear testimony from the citizens of that community, that Killdeer has great local support for this project. There are local fund contributions and that sort of thing. There are lots of people here this morning and would have been allot more if the weather would have cooperative.

**Rep. Meyer:** Several years ago I was at a grant writing class with Lynell Sandvig were setting there writing this grant on having a resource center. When you look at this plan they have in Killdeer I just wanted you to know in the Western part of the state we have to have places if you want to entice people to come back to our community we have to have places and things for them to do. We have kids that like to rodeo; basketball and additional needs where we need some more indoor facilities so we can use and retain young families. We have had a lot

of oil workers coming in and there again if you want them to stay you have to provide something for them to do.

**Senator Nodland:** Just want to echo what Rep. Meyer said. We use to have town halls and gathering places and they don't have them anymore around there in Dunn County. They have a Legion Club and two or three bars. This gives Dunn County of having a place for a cultural center and a gathering place and tourism center. Also the county of Dunn is running out of space too so this could be utilized that way to. I support the bill and hope you will pass it.

**Rep. Schatz:** I am in favor of this bill and there is a need there.

**Mike Hiedrowski:** fund raiser from Dickinson, ND: ( See testimony #1) (Attached brochure).

**Rep. Headland:** Where would this building be built?

**Mike Heidrowski:** The building will be built right in Killdeer on the South edge of Killdeer by the rodeo grounds. It is centrally located and very visible.

**Rep. Conrad:** Is the equipment included in this project?

**Mike Hiedrowski:** The \$3 million includes cost of construction and furnishings. We have partnered up with Dickinson State University to help us with design and technical things that goes with that.

**Dick McCallum, Dickinson State University:** I am please to be here in support of this proposed legislation. As you noticed on the brochure that has been distributed Dickinson State University is proud to be part of the sponsor of this facility. We are active with the community of Killdeer and looking at ways which we as a university can expand our educational opportunities to the community. I think there is a direct correlation between education and economic vitality of the community. There is an educational component proposed for this facility. As we look toward the future and we think about workforce development and training and educational opportunities for these communities in our area this

workforce we believe will be an attribute to our effort. We are excited about the getting these educational programs delivered. We are very interested in the cultural historic connection of this proposed facility. We are in a partnership with the Library of Commerce and we are developing a digital library for Theodore Roosevelt documents. One of the ideas that we have from Killdeer people is that we have a keas' and this facility would be able to excess through this library that we are trying to develop for the Theodore Roosevelt project. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Are there any questions?

**Rep. Nancy Johnson:**

**Father James, Shea: St. Joseph church, Killdeer, ND:** (see Testimony #2). In support of the bill. Discussed the multiple use facility and how it would benefit the entire region.

**Kristin Hedger:** Support of the bill. (see written testimony #3).

**Rep. Conrad:** What would one mill levy generate in Dunn County? What does one cent sales tax generate in Killdeer?

**Kristin Hedger:** I don't know.

**Rep. Conrad:** Discussed how Minot built their facility; thought Killdeer could probably not do this.

**Mike Kiedrowski:** The sales tax helps them with the golf course and swimming pool; however a mill generates about \$20,000 a year. Dunn County has extended a one mill levy to the fair association to help with the construction of the building and fair activities. The city of Killdeer has given the land for the construction. They are both partners in this project.

**Rep. Conrad:** One mill in Ward County generates \$98,000.

**Kristin Hedger:** We are working with Dickinson State currently and ND State as well. The universities have been very supportive in this facility.

**Mike Kiedrowski:** I have been intimately involved with relationship with that region of Killdeer. The school board has given their support and they will be using that building almost every day.

**Kristin Hedger:** This is a multi cultural facility that we would use but this is one very small part of what it would be used for.

**Roy Langblom, Roosevelt Regional Counsel:** We stand in support of this bill: We were involved from the planning standpoint. I have also been involved in the amphitheatre in Medora and I am standing here to tell you that this particular project has significance with those other projects and I ask for your support on passing this bill.

**Don Hedger: High Plains Cultural Center:** I am here in support of this bill. The quality of life has suffered from the energy development in our area. Discuss change due to oil and gas development and its impact to each individual and city. Quality of life has suffered and this would be a huge improvement for the community.

No opposition.

Hearing closed.

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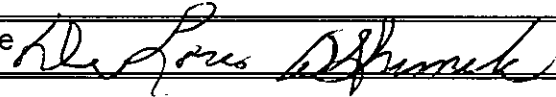
House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: January 23, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 7634

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Minutes:

Vice Chairman Headland reopened the hearing on HB 1193.

**Rep. Hatlestad made a motion for acceptance of the amendment which would change an appropriation to the money out of the oil trust fund. Seconded By Rep. Nancy**

**Johnson**

**Discussion:**

**Rep. Koppelman:** I am going to resist this motion because I think it sets a dangerous precedence for us to taking money out of the oil fund trust funds. I think if we are going to get into the habit of tying things to a special fund instead of a general fund I think it is getting away from the whole purpose of the general fund.

**Rep. Nancy Johnson:** I think we have oil activity in the western part of the state; I think it would be appropriate to use money from the oil trust fund.

**Rep. Hatlestad:** Two years ago we took \$230 million out of it as a tax relief; this year the governor is proposing \$300 Million from that fund so I believe we have already taped that fund.

**Rep. Conrad:** There have also been water projects out of that fund; this is a onetime project and I think it is appropriate for that fund.

**Rep. Klemin:** I am wondering if this has turned into some kind of a slush fund.

**Rep. Conrad:** I think it is like a savings account trust where you use some of it and you never use it all. You only use part of it. The last three sessions we have used half is what is in that fund. The rest is left in there.

**Rep. Headland:** If we were to approve this amendment and passed it on; would it take a 2/3 vote on the floor to pass?

**Rep. Koppelman:** I disagree that we have spent this entire fund. Back in the late 1980's one of the problems the legislature and governor had when they expected allot more to be there and it didn't show up.

**Rep. Headland:** All in favor of motion say I.

**Voice vote carried the amendment.**

**Rep. Koppelman:** Discussed excess money and how all the other 52 counties out there will want something too. There could be a danger in setting precedence.

**Rep. Conrad:** I voted against that project in Fargo for the large complete, but they did not have the support that was shown here plus all the planning and community effort. Dunn County raised \$2 million dollars. They don't have a lot to work from but obviously they have done their homework; their need it great. I think it is a worthy project.

**Rep. Koppelman:** Discussed Fargo project again. There was a lot of support from Fargo too. No question that it would enhance the community.

**Rep. Klemin:** I think there are a lot of wealthy people out where the oil is; why don't they just donate to this project? Discussed the oil wealth and why don't they just use some of their wealth they have locally.

**Rep. Conrad:** We have gotten national recognition on many papers. Those were in Mountrail County where the Baaken is at. Dunn County is a different situation.

**Rep. Kilichowski:** first of all the oil and gas fund comes from the west. In resident of Minto left \$750,000 estate to the city to build a community center. It has been very good for this community. We have people from all around the area utilizing the facility. It is a worthwhile investment; not only for the community of Killdeer but the surrounding area as well. I will support this bill.

**Rep. Headland:** The amendment is pretty much a hog house, but it moves the appropriation from the general fund to the oil trust fund so that pretty much changes the whole bill. We need to check the fund to see what other usages have been made from it. We will hold the bill.

Hearing closed.



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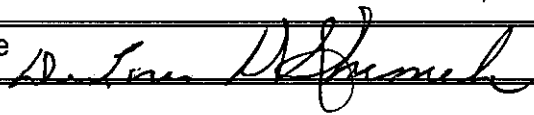
### House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: February 5, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 8878

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Chairman Wrangham** reopened the hearing on HB 1193.

**Discussion:**

**The amendment had been put on there before.**

**Rep. Pietsch:** It was going to be taken out of the oil trust fund. We must have done that.

**Chairman Wrangham:** The wording would be: Line 5 would say oil trust fund where it says general fund. We have approved it; we just need to vote on it.

**Rep. Kilichowski Made a Motion to Do Pass As Amended Seconded by Rep. Nancy Johnson.**

**Rep. Koppelman:** I voted against this a couple of years ago for the Fargo Museum in Fargo even though they had a very compelling idea. I think we are setting a bad precedent which we have resisted in the past.

**Rep. Conrad:** I think the money coming from the oil trust fund is a good idea.

**Chairman Wrangham:** I think the oil trust fund should be called general fund. I intend to vote no because I think it is out of the realm of things we should do.

Vote: 6 Yes 6 No 1 Absent. No recommendation

**Rep. Koppelman:** I recommend we send it to the floor without recommendation.

**Carrier: Chairman Wrangham**

**Hearing closed.**

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2/6/09

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1193

Page 1, line 5, replace "general" with "permanent oil tax trust"

Renumber accordingly

Roll Call Vote #: 1

Date: 1-23-09

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1193

House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended

Motion Made By Rep Hatlestad Seconded By Rep N. Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Dwight Wrangham, Chairman			Senator Kari Conrad		
Rep. Craig Headland, Vice Chairman			Senator Jerry Kelsh		
Rep. Patrick Hatlestad			Senator Robert Kilichowski		
Rep. Nancy Johnson			Senator Corey Mock		
Rep. Lawrence Klemin			Senator Steve Zaiser		
Rep. Kim Koppelman					
Rep. William Kretschmar					
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch					

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*voice vote carried*

Date: 2/5/09  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1193

House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO PASS DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED

Motion Made By Rep. Kilichowski Seconded By Rep. Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Dwight Wrangham, Chairman		✓	Rep. Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Craig Headland, Vice Chairman		✓	Rep. Jerry Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Patrick Hatlestad	✓		Rep. Robert Kilichowski	✓	
Rep. Nancy Johnson	✓		Rep. Corey Mock	✓	
Rep. Lawrence Klemin		✓	Rep. Steve Zaiser	0	
Rep. Kim Koppelman		✓			
Rep. William Kretschmar		✓			
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch		✓			

Total (Yes) 6 No 6

Absent 1

Carrier: Rep. Wrangham

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Dead locked

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HB 1193: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Wrangham, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION** and **BE REREFERRED** to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1193 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 5, replace "general" with "permanent oil tax trust"

Renumber accordingly

2009 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1193

## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. **HB 1193**

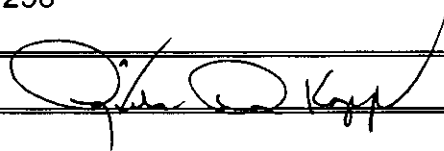
House Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: February 11, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 9238

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan: I call the House Appropriations Committee back to order, what's left of us. We have HB 1193 in front of us. It involves a grant to the Dunn County Fair Association. This bill comes to us from the Political Subs Committee.

Representative Wrangham: District 8. This bill asks the state \$2 million to the Dunn County Fair Association for a High Plains Cultural Resource Center. We heard through the hearing that the total they are looking to raise was \$4 million. They are hoping to get another \$2 million in pledges. Out of the \$4 million, they were going to spend about \$3 million and have \$1 million left in reserve for ongoing expenses. The committee voted "no recommendation" 6-6.

Chairman Svedjan: I didn't quite follow that. You said the total project is \$4 million; they are expecting \$2 million in pledges and where was the \$3 million?

Representative Wrangham: I believe it was \$3 million they were going to use for construction and fixtures and so forth and reserve \$1 million in an ongoing fund which they would use the interest from for the ongoing expenses.

Representative Berg: Could you explain from the committee's perspective why this would be something the state should do versus local? Is there any insight you could give us while staying with your 6-6 recommendation?



Representative Wrangham: Yes, those who voted in support of the bill, the information that we were given was they stressed that this was a regional type center, rather than just a Killdeer center and that it would be a tourist attraction which would help the entire state. We also had some discussion in committee and some testimony that this is all well and good but there were people who felt it probably wasn't the duty of the state to be involved in this project. I am trying to give both sides.

Chairman Svedjan: Any other questions? Okay, what are your wishes?

Representative Berg: Is this something that would be eligible for federal funds?

Chairman Svedjan: I can't answer it specifically because I don't know the specific categories for which construction will be allowed. I know there is a provision in there for educational facilities and so on. Whether or not this fits, I don't know.

Representative Wald: The reason I am passing this particular information (Attachment A) out is that Dunn County has made a significant contribution to the general fund in the state of ND. The community is very much organized and behind this project. I don't know that it fits perfectly with funding it out of the permanent oil trust fund, but Mr. Kidrowski from Dickinson, who is the person who is heading up this project for the Dunn County Park District. At this time I would like to have him address the issue and he can probably answer some of your questions.

Chairman Svedjan: This is not a hearing so I think I would like to see what the questions are. Your point, Rep. Wald, has more to do with the monetary contribution that comes to the state out of Dunn County so you are seeing that as justification for doing something like this.

Representative Wald: I couldn't put it any better. Thank you.

Chairman Svedjan: Any other questions? What are your wishes? We have a "do pass" motion from Representative Meyer and seconded by Representative Ekstrom. Is there any discussion?

Representative Berg: What do we have for precedent for this type of funding?

Chairman Svedjan: If you are asking me, the only things that come to mind for me would be things that relate to state-owned facilities, such as the Heritage Center, such as the facility up in Washburn. I am sure there are others. I can't recall off the top of my head any instance where we have appropriated money to a purpose like this. I would surely stand corrected.

Representative Wald: A few years ago, if you recall, we appropriated money to the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Medora. A couple of sessions ago, there was a project up in Cavalier County that was a local issue. I can't give you the name of the project.

Chairman Svedjan: It might have been the Icelandic Park.

Representative Wald: No. It was another issue and we appropriated state money. This is coming out of the permanent oil trust fund, not the general fund. Again, to restate it, Dunn County has made a significant, as you can see, \$76 million over the last four bienniums to the state of ND. I think it is a worthwhile project and I think it fits. I don't know what kind of a precedent it sets, but I would encourage the "do pass" recommendation.

Chairman Svedjan: Any further discussion.

Representative Delzer: I don't see anything in here except a flat appropriation. I don't see anything about them having to have the pledges in hand before. I don't see anything about the question of what is going to happen to the building if unfortunately something happens and they can't continue it. I don't know. This isn't a hearing so we can't answer these. It is just the money issue to me, but those are some of the concerns I have with the bill.

Representative Meyer: We have seen all those projections. We have seen the pledge list, we've going through the educational component with this through DSU. It is just so vitally needed in the western part of the state because we have a tremendous amount of young people there currently. They are working in the oil industry. Our whole object of this is that we would like them to bring their wives and stay. That is what we would like to see happen. In order to do that, we really need this. We have nothing in Killdeer. We have no place for a meeting or a basketball game or anything. It is a desperately needed project. In order to keep the bill simple, we went with this. The pledges are there; the projections are there; the educational component is there. That has all been done. I didn't feel that it was necessary to compound the bill with that.

Representative Berg: My concern is if we have a \$3 million building; we are putting in \$2 million. I like the fact that they are anticipating ongoing expenses and they are setting aside \$1 million for operating, but where does our \$2 million go if we pass this? Are we paying for operating as well as capital construction? I think we should take a vote on this motion, but if this is the direction we are going to go, I think there ought to be some thought put into the mechanics of it.

Chairman Svedjan: Any further discussion? Seeing none, on a motion for a "do pass" on HB 1193, we will take a roll call vote. 11 ayes, 10 nays, 4 absent. Representative Meyer will carry the bill.

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Bill/Resolution No. HB 1193

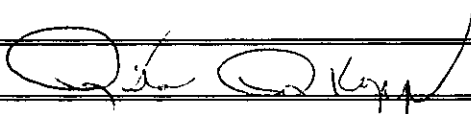
House Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: February 11, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 9277

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan: We call the House Appropriations Committee back to order. Committee members, we are not going to finish our work on 1350 today because amendments have been requested. I want to get those amendments in front of us before we take final action on it. I plan to work us until about 6:00 tonight.

Rep. Thoreson: I would like to make a motion that we reconsider our action on HB 1193. I was absent when the vote was taken this morning.

Chairman Svedjan: Seconded by Rep. Pollert. Discussion?

Rep. Wald: I hope that we would resist that motion. We had a discussion this morning. We don't want to rehash the same thing. I passed out a sheet that shows you how much money Dunn County has contributed to the economy of ND. We are just shifting a little bit of money back to where that resource came from. This is something the community needs. There is a brochure going around. This has been endorsed by Dickinson State University for distance learning. It has been endorsed by the Extension Service for meetings and those kinds of activities. I think it is something that that corner of the state really needs. I would hope that we would resist the motion.

Chairman Svedjan: Further discussion? Seeing none, on the motion to reconsider HB 1193, all in favor signify by saying "aye", opposed "nay". I'm not sure. We'll take a roll call. Motion to reconsider passes, 13 ayes, 10 nays, 2 absent.

Rep. Kempenich: I would like to make a motion to amend this bill.

Chairman Svedjan: Do you have an amendment?

Rep. Kempenich: It would drop it down to \$250,000.

Chairman Svedjan: You are amending line 6 of the bill from \$2 million down to \$250,000. Is that your amendment? Is there a second? Seconded by Rep. Wald. Any discussion?

Rep. Wald: I think it is a good idea to keep this bill alive. We don't really know for sure what the parameters are going to be on this so called stimulus money. This is something that might fit and I would really like to see it kept alive. It is a minimum amount of \$250,000. It is going to go across the aisle if it passes on the floor. I really think this is something we might look at down the road when we find out what the parameters are in that federal money coming. It may qualify. If it does, that certainly should be one of the projects that would be high up on the list, I would guess. With that, I would hope that we would consider the \$250,000 and pass it out of here.

Chairman Svedjan: Any further discussion? On the motion to amend the \$2 million down to \$250,000, I will take this on a voice vote. I am not certain. Call roll. The motion I believe failed., 10 ayes, 13 nays, 2 absent. What are your wishes?

Rep. Nelson: I will move a "do not pass".

Chairman Svedjan: Seconded by Rep. Delzer. Any discussion? Seeing none, on a motion for a "do not pass" on HB 1193, we will take a roll call vote. That vote was 13 ayes, 10 nays, 2 absent so that motion prevails. Representative Nelson, will you carry the bill?

Date: 2/11/09  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1193**

**Full House Appropriations Committee**

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken No Pass

Motion Made By Meyer Seconded By Ekstrom

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan		✓			
Vice Chairman Kempenich		✓			
Rep. Skarphol		✓	Rep. Kroeber	✓	
Rep. Wald	✓		Rep. Onstad	✓	
Rep. Hawken	✓		Rep. Williams	✓	
Rep. Klein	✓				
Rep. Martinson		✓			
Rep. Delzer		✓	Rep. Glassheim	✓	
Rep. Thoreson		✓	Rep. Kaldor	✓	
Rep. Berg		✓	Rep. Meyer	✓	
Rep. Dosch		✓			
Rep. Pollert		✓	Rep. Ekstrom	✓	
Rep. Bellew		✓	Rep. Kerzman	✓	
Rep. Kreidt		✓	Rep. Metcalf		✓
Rep. Nelson		✓			
Rep. Wieland		✓			

Total (Yes) 11 No 10

Absent 4

Floor Assignment Rep. Meyer

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1193**

**Full House Appropriations Committee**

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Legislative Council Amendment Number                     

Action Taken Reconsider HB 1193

Motion Made By Thoreson Seconded By Pollert

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Rep. Skarphol	✓		Rep. Kroeber		✓
Rep. Wald		✓	Rep. Onstad		✓
Rep. Hawken		✓	Rep. Williams		✓
Rep. Klein	<del>✓</del>	✓			
Rep. Martinson	✓				
Rep. Delzer	✓		Rep. Glassheim		✓
Rep. Thoreson	✓		Rep. Kaldor	✓	
Rep. Berg		✓	Rep. Meyer		✓
Rep. Dosch	✓				
Rep. Pollert	✓		Rep. Ekstrom		✓
Rep. Bellew	✓		Rep. Kerzman		✓
Rep. Kreidt	✓		Rep. Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 10

Absent 2

Floor Assignment                     

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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 Roll Call Vote #: ~~1~~ 2

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1193

Full House Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number TBD Reduce \$2m

Action Taken amendment - line 6 - to \$250k

Motion Made By Kempenich Seconded By Wald

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan		✓			
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Rep. Skarphol		✓	Rep. Kroeber	✓	
Rep. Wald	✓		Rep. Onstad	✓	
Rep. Hawken		✓	Rep. Williams	✓	
Rep. Klein	✓				
Rep. Martinson		✓			
Rep. Delzer		✓	Rep. Glassheim		✓
Rep. Thoreson		✓	Rep. Kaldor		✓
Rep. Berg	✓		Rep. Meyer	✓	
Rep. Dosch		✓			
Rep. Pollert		✓	Rep. Ekstrom	✓	
Rep. Bellew		✓	Rep. Kerzman	✓	
Rep. Kreidt		✓	Rep. Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Nelson		✓			
Rep. Wieland		✓			

Total (Yes) 10 No 13

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment 2

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*Voice Vote - measure*



Date: 2/11/09  
 Roll Call Vote #: ~~1193~~ 3

**2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1193**

**Full House Appropriations Committee**

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Nelson Seconded By Delzer

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Rep. Skarphol	✓		Rep. Kroeber		✓
Rep. Wald		✓	Rep. Onstad		✓
Rep. Hawken		✓	Rep. Williams		✓
Rep. Klein		✓			
Rep. Martinson	✓				
Rep. Delzer	✓		Rep. Glassheim		✓
Rep. Thoreson	✓		Rep. Kaldor		✓
Rep. Berg			Rep. Meyer		✓
Rep. Dosch	✓				
Rep. Pollert	✓		Rep. Ekstrom		✓
Rep. Bellew	✓		Rep. Kerzman		✓
Rep. Kreidt	✓		Rep. Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 10

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Nelson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 13, 2009 2:28 p.m.

Module No: HR-27-2728  
Carrier: Nelson  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HB 1193, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman)  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (13 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed HB 1193 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

HB 1193

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Political Subdivision Committee. My name is Mike Kiedrowski and I am a fundraising consultant from Dickinson, North Dakota. I have been working with the High Plains Cultural Center for about one and one half years directing their campaign. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of House Bill 1193.

If you would please refer to the three-fold brochure, which you have before you, and look on the front cover, you will see why we are excited about this project. Our goal is to construct a regional multi-use complex for cultural, educational, training and social opportunities. This new and unique complex will benefit the community, region and state by enhancing opportunities in education, tourism, recreation, entertainment, wellness, preservation of culture and economic development.

The building will house a multi-purpose room, lobby, Plaza for Western Cultures, kitchen/concession area and a state-of-the-art distant learning classroom. A Veterans Memorial Monument will also be located on the facility grounds.

The cost of the building is \$3.0 million. We are seeking \$2.0 million through House Bill 1193. We are in the midst of a capital campaign, with pledges totaling \$1.7 million over the past five years. Please refer to the tan box in the inside fold of your brochure. We hope to obtain the funding as illustrated. We strongly believe we can raise \$2.0 million by way of pledges; however, those are, and will be, pledges being paid over a period of five years into 2014. As you will note on the expenditure side of the equation, \$3.0 million will be directed to construction and furnishings. The remaining \$1.0 million will be collected over the next five years. By 2014, we hope to have nearly a \$1.0 million endowment fund with only the interest being used for operations and maintenance.

I would like to draw your attention to the Projected Timetable, located on the inside of your brochure near the bottom of the page. Please note, construction is scheduled to commence in late spring, 2009.

The back of the brochure illustrates the history and progress of the project since conception in 2004.

Thank you for your time and your attention this morning. Please support the advancement of tourism, education, recreation, preservation of culture and economic development and House Bill 1193.

I will gladly answer any questions you may have.

## Project Goal

The goal is to construct a regional multi-use complex for cultural, educational, training and social opportunities.

To fund the construction of the High Plains Cultural Center, the Dunn County Fair Association and Building Committee have approved a capital campaign to raise \$3.0 million.

The High Plains Cultural Center will provide a regional event facility, encourage life-long learning and enhance the overall quality of place. The complex will enable the area to host innovative civic, cultural, wellness and educational activities, celebrating the region's Native American and European heritages.

### Anticipated Funding Picture January 2009

#### INCOME

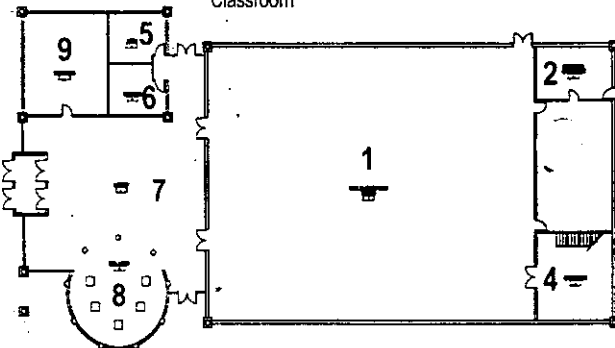
Community Campaign	\$2,000,000
Legislature	\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Construction/Furnishings Costs	\$3,000,000
Endowment by 2014	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

- 1 Multi-Purpose
- 2 Storage
- 3 Kitchen
- 4 Storage
- 5 Men
- 6 Women
- 7 Lobby
- 8 Plaza for Western Cultures
- 9 Distant Learning Classroom

### Anticipated Floor Plan

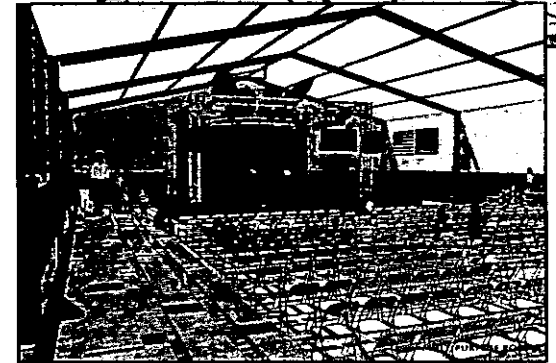
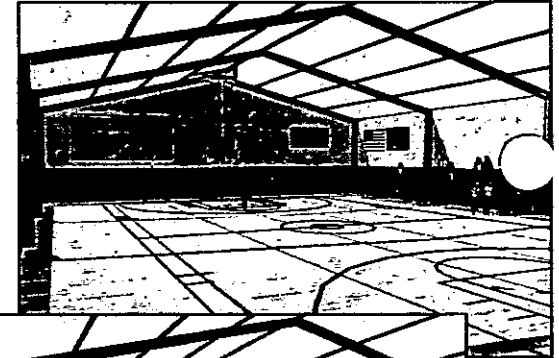


## Facility Features

Total 4,900-plus sq. ft. building  
— estimated cost of \$3.0 million — includes:

- An 80' x 100' multi-use complex that will seat 450 banquet style and 800 auditorium with an additional 140 people on retractable bleachers
- Parking lots: East lot capacity — 240 vehicles  
West lot capacity — estimated 80 vehicles
- Kitchen
- Plaza for Western Cultures
- Gift shop
- Distant learning classroom
- Veterans Memorial Monument

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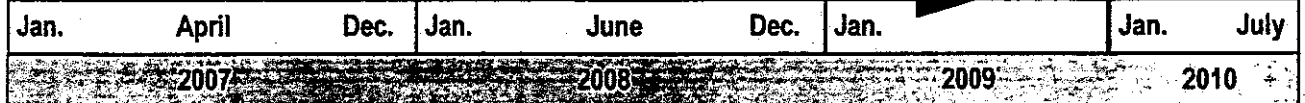
## Projected Timetable

Planning & Design Phase

Capital Campaign Phase

Construction Starts

Grand Opening





## High Plains Cultural Center Features include...

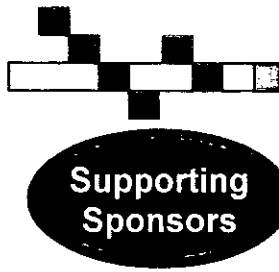
- **Multi-use complex** for agricultural events, receptions, anniversaries, presentations, meetings, conventions, dances, youth/adult athletics, fine art activities and more.
- **Kitchen** for event catering and concessions.
- **Tourism center** providing local and regional attraction information.
- **Plaza for Western Cultures** telling the story of how the region was established.
- **Distant learning** opportunities for area educational institutions including the North Dakota University System.

*Your support is needed.*

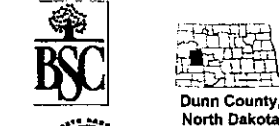
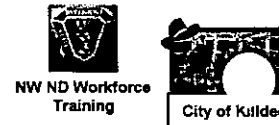
## History

- 2009**
- Campaign breaks \$1.7 million
  - Area legislators file bill for support
  - Creates a spirit of community
  - USDA offers Community Facilities Loan Guarantee
- 2008**
- Established a master phase-in plan
  - Hired Executive Director
  - Capital campaign goal of \$3.0 million
  - Obtained the ability to issue gift annuities from North Dakota Insurance Department
- 2007**
- Hired consultant and began capital campaign
  - Logo selected from design contest
  - Engineer conducted land survey
- 2006**
- Named the facility
  - Design plan meetings held with consultants
  - Community input meetings held
  - Survey conducted
  - First donations are received
  - Received \$36,000 Bush Foundation Planning Grant
  - Dunn County Fair Association received IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status designation
- 2005**
- Dunn County Fair Association applied for IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status designation
  - Dunn County Fair Association received a \$350,000 federal grant
  - Hulsing & Associates Architects created draft of facility plan
  - Dunn County Fair Association developed concept for regional facility
  - Dunn County Fair Association founded
- 2004**
- Communities in Dunn County conducted strategic planning meetings and formed committees to discuss facility needs
  - Identified the need for a multi-use facility

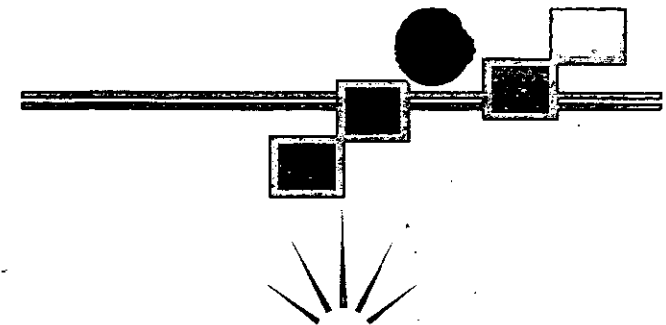
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STATE UNIVERSITY

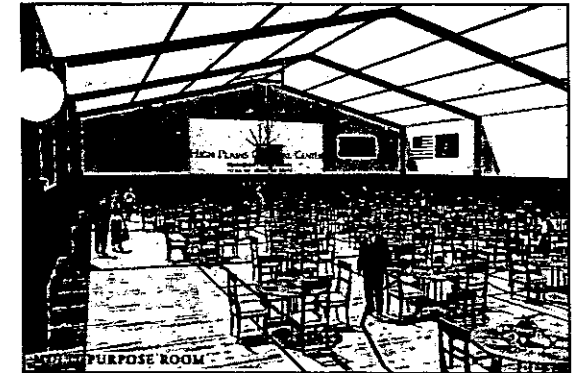


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## HIGH PLAINS CULTURAL CENTER

DUNN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA



*The goal is to construct a regional multi-use complex for cultural, educational, training and social opportunities.*

## New and Unique Journey

This new and unique journey will benefit the community, region and state by enhancing opportunities in...

- Education
- Tourism
- Recreation
- Entertainment
- Wellness
- Economic Development
- Preservation of Culture
- Veteran Recognition



Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. My name is Father James Shea, and I'm very grateful for the chance to voice my support today for House Bill 1193. I am presently the pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Killdeer and of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Halliday. I also serve as the chaplain and a teacher at Trinity High School in Dickinson. I have come to know western North Dakota well in these ministries, and in a short time. I was recently appointed the next president of the University of Mary, and I will be moving back to Bismarck in July to begin that new venture.

It has been a great pleasure for me to live in Killdeer, and I have come to know many of the city's residents and also many good people in the surrounding communities. And so I was delighted to learn of plans to build a regional, multi-use complex aimed at developing western North Dakota and enhancing the quality of life for everyone in the region. The High Plains Cultural Center will be a cultural, educational and social multi-use facility that people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds will enjoy.

The High Plains Cultural Center will provide an array of activities to benefit the entire region. The facility will provide jobs, increase city revenue and tourist traffic, and attract new businesses. The wellness component will provide fitness opportunities to improve overall health and well-being. The center will offer distance learning opportunities through the North Dakota University System, such

as fire, ambulance and oil field safety training. This will be very similar to current distance learning technology utilized at the University of Mary. A rural location offering access to university accredited educational programs will create learning opportunities for those who are not able to travel long distances to attend classes or who have been unable to afford a higher level of education. With an ability to reach far beyond the local community, this technology has the potential to impact all of western North Dakota.

The High Plains Cultural Center will also be able to host special events and activities such as weddings, conventions, concerts, family reunions, and other social gatherings. As such, it will serve to build up wholesome, North Dakota values like friendship and family. Through the development and implementation of innovative educational, civic, cultural and wellness activities, this facility will become an asset for the entire state of North Dakota.

I believe strongly in the mission of the High Plains Cultural Center, which is to “preserve heritage and improve the quality of life for all.” What better way to fulfill this mission than to build a facility that will welcome and offer something special for everyone? And so I ask for your support for House Bill 1193 and the promise of a brighter future for western North Dakota.

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Kristin Hedger, and I am grateful for the opportunity to express my support of House Bill 1193. This bill will provide grant funding to the Dunn County Fair Association for the establishment of the High Plains Cultural Center. I fully support the construction of this facility. North Dakota, particularly the western region, will benefit from a multi-use complex such as the High Plains Cultural Center. Please consider supporting this advantageous venture, which will enhance western North Dakota's ability to diversify its economy and enable eastern and western academic bases to connect.

It is no secret that energy resources have been a source of revenue for our state and a key resource for all manner of development interests. The unfortunate reality is that energy, much like agriculture, is a boom/bust market sector. As we have all learned from the downturn in the 1980's, it is critical we diversify our economy during boom periods to ensure market stability and quality of place throughout the region. This is even more critical when times are tough.

Our company, Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, was founded by my grandfather, Don Hedger, in 1987. Prior to establishing Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, my grandfather lived in Arizona and worked in the aerospace industry. Although he enjoyed his work, he wanted to get back to his roots in western North Dakota. He did just that, and with him, he brought hope for a brighter future.

At the time of his return to Killdeer, there was an energy boom and farming and ranching were prosperous. However, as we all know, things can change fast, and a “bust” soon followed. With the economy not looking very good, my grandfather committed himself to bringing change, and he did. Creating new jobs became his focus. Thus, providing opportunities for young people is a key priority for our company still today. In keeping with the vision of creating jobs, we also realize that the future of our state relies on, and must focus on, keeping up with industry standards. At Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, we strive to ensure our young people excel in this new wireless global marketplace.

Much like our company, the High Plains Cultural Center will help create jobs and opportunities for both youth and adults living in western North Dakota. With a focus on education, wellness and economic development, the High Plains Cultural Center will join Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing in keeping and attracting residents. When I think about what our company has been able to accomplish for the community, region and state, I become excited at the thought of a facility that would support and enhance those efforts.

In closing, please support House Bill 1193. Give western North Dakota a place where culture, technology and community are truly celebrated!

Attachment A  
2/11/09  
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**Total Oil and Gas Gross Production and Oil Extraction Tax Revenues  
Generated from Oil Produced in Dunn County, North Dakota**

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Oil and Gas Gross Production tax</u></b>	<b><u>Oil Extraction Tax</u></b>	<b><u>Combined</u></b>
2001	\$1,661,837.96	\$1,075,974.40	\$2,737,812.36
2002	1,184,333.76	764,461.91	1,948,795.67
2003	1,331,977.32	956,095.98	2,288,073.30
2004	1,353,441.71	1,040,467.94	2,393,909.65
2005	1,767,393.53	1,627,407.02	3,394,800.55
2006	2,490,806.80	2,308,428.27	4,799,235.07
2007	3,729,590.48	3,865,360.42	7,594,950.90
2008	15,976,913.65	13,523,213.92	29,500,127.57
2009 YTD (Jul 08 - Jan 09)	12,740,726.75	9,435,900.11	22,176,626.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$42,237,021.96</b>	<b>\$34,597,309.97</b>	<b>\$76,834,331.93</b>

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