

TESTIMONY OF
MAJOR GENERAL ALAN S. DOHRMANN
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
BEFORE THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
29 JANUARY 2021
HOUSE BILL 1025

Good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Al Dohrmann, Adjutant General and Director of Emergency Services for the state of North Dakota. I am here today to testify in support of Subdivision 8 of House Bill 1025.

Subdivision 8 provides \$8,062,300 of loan authority from the Bank of North Dakota (BND), of which we are asking for \$3,130,540 for projected disaster related cost this biennium, and \$14,064,916 of BND loan authority to pay the remaining balance of the Dakota Access Pipeline protest loans with BND. The sum of these two loan repayments is now \$17,195,456. I will address the DAPL loan and will bring Mr. Schulz, our Director of Homeland Security, up to provide an update on the disaster costs.

Attachment #1 provides a breakdown of the DAPL cost and the payments made against loans totaling \$39,064,916 dating back to the Fall of 2016. As you can see, we have received \$10,000,000 of federal funds from a Department of Justice Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance Grant, along with \$15,000,000 of donations to pay down the principle, leaving us with \$14,064,916 in our deficiency. This amount is comprised of \$13,362,262 in principle and an estimated \$702,654 in interest through June 30, 2021.

Also within Subdivision 8 is \$8,062,300 for the state cost share related to presidentially declared disasters including the 2019 Spring flood (DR4444), the 2019 Fall flood (DR4475), the 2020 Spring flood (DR4553), the 2020 Summer flood (DR4565) and National Guard support for COVID-19 response efforts.

Before I turn it over to Mr. Cody Schulz, to update you on the four flood disasters declared throughout the biennium. I will address the now unneeded loan authority we received for National Guard COVID operations.

We received authorization of \$2,184,000 as a means to fund the 25% state cost share of the National Guard support to the COVID-19 response, which is included in the amount at page 2, line 18 of HB 1025. As of January 21, 2021, Federal Government announced they will retroactively fund 100% of the cost associated with all FEMA mission assignments for National Guard COVID operations through September 2021. With this new Federal authority, we will not need any of the loan authority for State Active Duty for COVID-19 response efforts; therefore, line 18 of page 2 can be reduced by this amount.

With that Mr Chairman, I will turn it over to Cody to provide an update on the remaining disaster declarations.

Good Morning Mr Chairman, and members of the committee. I am Cody Schulz, Director of Homeland Security. I would like to provide an update on the four flood disasters declared this biennium.

The four flood disasters incurred this biennium involved 30 counties throughout the state and have a total federal and state cost of \$42,241,560 with an estimated state cost share of \$5,750,160. Of this amount, we are estimating a need for \$3,130,540 to be paid out this biennium. This includes both principle and interest payments for the BND loan draws. The remainder or difference between the two state cost share figures we expect to be paid out in the 2021-2023 biennium and is part of our Appropriations request contained in HB 1016.

Mr Chairman, both of the items identified within Subdivision 8 are estimates and. any excess funding will not be expended.

We ask for your support of HB 1025 and will stand by for any questions you may have.

DAPL EXPENDITURES



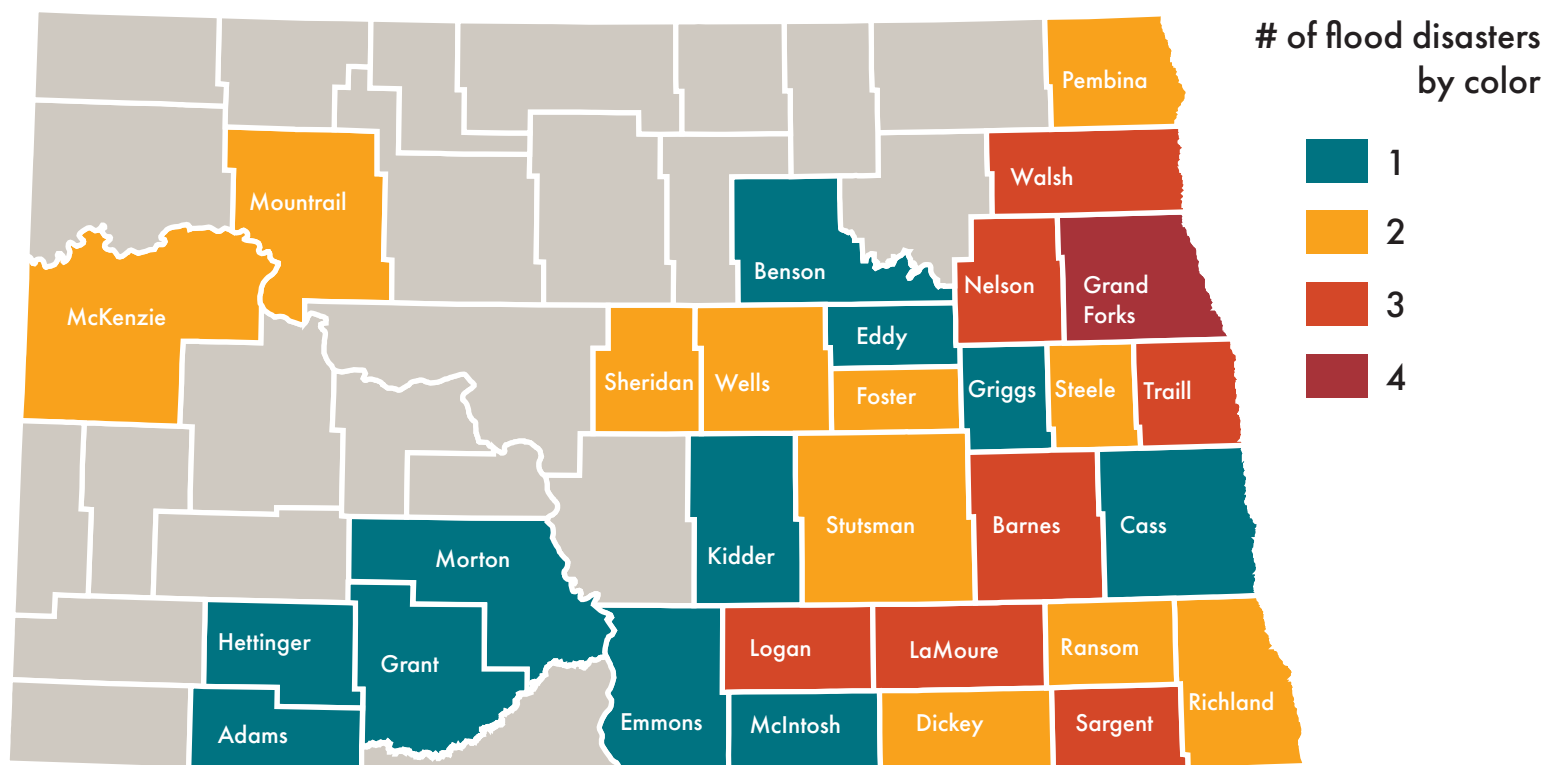
\$39,064,916
(Total DAPL Expenditures)

— \$10 Million
(Federal Department of Justice
Emergency Law Enforcement
Assistance Grant)

— \$15 Million (Donation)

\$14,064,916
(BND Loan Balance and estimated
interest through June 30, 2021)

FLOOD DISASTER DECLARATIONS BY COUNTY • 2019-2021 BIENNIUM



FLOOD DISASTERS BY YEAR

2019 Spring Flood - DR4444 - 19 Counties

2019 Fall Flood - DR4475 - 16 Counties

2020 Spring Flood - DR4553 - 18 Counties

2021 Summer Flood - DR4565 - 6 Counties

2019-2021 BIENNIUM PAYMENTS (ESTIMATES)

Federal	\$15,437,431
State	\$3,130,540

TOTAL = \$18,567,971

CUMMULATIVE DAMAGE ESTIMATES

Federal	\$36,491,400
State	\$5,750,160
Local	\$7,298,280

TOTAL =
\$49,539,840