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COMMITTEES:

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Thursday, March 27, 2025

Chair Roers and Members of the State and Local Government committee,

Vicky Steiner, District 37, Dickinson. House Bill 1355 simply adds a sentence of information on the topic of an upcoming public rule change hearing that's being printed in our newspapers. This will give more transparency to the rule making process and increase public understanding and involvement.

As you know, rules have the effect of law. In Administrative Rules, the committee can vote "no on a rule but they cannot amend or create a rule. I currently serve on that committee.

As members of the standing Administrative Rules committee, we hear the agency and board testimony about the cost of advertising. It usually costs about \$2,000 and they will usually report to the committee, perhaps 80% of the time, that no one attended the hearing. The public might not be engaged if the hearing notice only includes the ND Century code statute number for the rule change. I passed out what is currently published. Few of us have state law books in our homes to look up a statute to see which statute might be changed. In the notice, there is no information about why the hearing is being held. This bill requires a short sentence. This bill also allows the agency to add a digital scan for more information. The sentence is required. The estimated cost is \$159 total as reported from the newspaper association. \$3 for the sentence. 53 county newspapers.

The explanation sentence would be drafted by the agency or board. It should give the public more information about the hearing so they might be able to see what changes are coming. It's simply a sentence of the "essence" of the hearing. It's a simple addition that should be an improvement for the public. The Attorney General has a friendly amendment for a summary sentence and they have a similar concern about the current abbreviated title.

Thank you. I stand for questions.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BISMARCK RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
Notice is hereby given that Bismarck Rural Fire Department of Bismarck County, North Dakota, is accepting proposals for architectural services related to the design and construction of a new fire station facility. Proposals will be accepted at the Bismarck Rural Fire Department Station #1, 5800 E Main Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The RFP with submission instructions, general information, and all pertinent details can be obtained at the Bismarck Rural Fire Department. All questions regarding the RFP can be directed to Fire Chief Dustin Thuermer at the Bismarck Rural Fire Department, 701-222-3301. No proposal will be accepted after the deadline for the receipt of proposals. The Bismarck Rural Fire Department reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or to waive any informalities, irregularities, or defects in any proposal, should it deem to be in the best interest of the fire department to do so.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BUR-
LEIGH COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH
DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of
HAL W. SIMONS, Deceased.

Probate No. 08-2022-PR-00309

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Sanstead Law Office, PLLC, PO Box 2596, Bismarck, ND 58502, or Jonathan Sanstead, PO Box 2596, Bismarck, ND 58501, as Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court. Dated this 20th day of January 2023.

Jonathan Sanstead
Personal Representative
First publication on the 26th day of January, 2023.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT RENEWAL TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES

Please take notice that BNI Coal Ltd., 2360 35th Avenue SW, Center, North Dakota 58530-9499 has submitted an application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Permit Renewal No. 8 to BNCR-8106 to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations. The area for which a permit renewal is sought includes approximately 1,169.71 acres in portions of Sections 23, 25, 35 and 36, T142N R84W and Sections 31 and 32, T142N R83W. This area is in Oliver County, North Dakota and is shown on the accompanying map and is described below. The next five-year permit term will be from July 18, 2023 to July 18, 2028. The application for renewal of the surface coal mining permit is available for public inspection at the offices of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480, and the office of the County Auditor, Oliver County Courthouse, Center, ND, 58530.

Any person whose interests are or may be adversely affected by the proposed action has the right to file written comments, objections or request an informal conference with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Written comments, objections, and requests for informal conferences should be sent to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. The written request should state the concerns or objections regarding the renewal. The legal description and names of the apparent surface owners of the land in the permit area are as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Section 23 T142N R84W

SW ¼

NW ¼

Section 25 T142N R84W

S ½

Section 35 T142N R84W

N ½

S ½

Section 36 T142N R84W

S ½

less 300' of the N ½

Section 31 T142N R83W

NW ¼

less 18.8 acres in the NW ¼

19.8 acres in the NW ¼

NE ¼

less 15.1 acres

15.1 acres in the NE ¼

S ½

less 6.7 acres

6.7 acres in the S ½

Section 32 T142N R83W

74.4 acres in SW ¼ &

SW ¼ SE ¼

City of Bismarck, North Dakota

Apex Project# 21.118.0019

Section 00030

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of Hay

Creek Interceptor - Century Avenue

Village Drive, according to the drawings

and specifications on file in the office of

the City of Bismarck, North Dakota will be

received by the City Administrator for the

City of Bismarck, North Dakota at its

office in City Hall until 2:00 pm on March

2nd, 2023, and from publicly opened and

read at 1:45 pm on March 2nd, 2023. The

Contract Documents may be examined at

the following locations:

Apex Engineering Group, Inc. - 600

South 2nd Street, Suite 145, Bismarck,

ND 58504

Apex Engineering Group, Inc. - 4733

Amber Valley Parkway South, Fargo, ND

58104

City of Bismarck Engineering - 221 N. 5th

Street, 2nd Floor City/County Bldg,

Bismarck, ND 58501

Fargo-Moorhead Builder's Exchange -

1010 Page Drive, Fargo, ND 58103

Bismarck-Mandan Builder's Exchange -

4251 Morning Star Drive S., Mandan, ND

58554

The Contract Documents are available for

download from the QuestCDN web

site for \$22.00 (QuestCDN Project

#5389364). Bidders may also obtain hard

copies of the Contract Documents from

the office of Apex Engineering Group,

Inc., 600 South 2nd Street, Suite 145,

Bismarck, ND 58504 upon payment of a

non-refundable fee of \$50.00.

Bids shall be based upon cash payment

for the following general items:

Construction of a 30 inch PVC sanitary

sewer from Century Avenue to north of

the Village Drive alignment as shown in

the plans.

Bids will be received as a Lump Sum for

combined General Construction work.

The Owner intends to award the Bid

based on the lowest Bid. The Owner

reserves the right to reject any and all

Bids.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a

separate envelope containing a Bidder's

Bond in a sum equal to five percent of the

full amount of the Bid, executed by the

Bidder as principal and by a surety

company authorized to do business in this

state, conditioned that if the principal's Bid

is accepted and the contract awarded to

the principal, the principal, within ten days

after Notice of Award, shall execute and

effect a contract in accordance with the

terms of his Bid and a Contractor's Bond

as required by law and the regulations

and determinations of the governing body.

The Bid Bond of the three lowest Bidders

will be retained until the contract has been

awarded and executed, but not longer

than sixty (60) days. The Bid security is a

contract for work described in the
Proposal. The bidder may submit a Bid
Bond, certified check, or cashier's check
payable to the City of Bismarck, North
Dakota.

All Bidders shall have a valid North
Dakota Contractor's License of the
appropriate Class for the work. Bidders
shall enclose a copy of the license or
Certificate of Renewal in the same
envelope as the Bidder's Bond. Failure to
do so will render the Bid invalid.

No Bid will be read or considered unless it
fully complies with the Bond and license
requirements. Any deficient bid will be
resealed and returned to the Bidder
immediately.

The successful Bidder shall be required to
furnish both a Performance Bond and
Payment Bond in the full amount of the
Contract.

The Work under this Contract shall be
Substantially Completed by December
30th, 2023 and shall achieve Final
Completion by June 30th, 2024.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE
DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF: Apex
Engineering Group, Inc., Mike Berg, PE at
701-323-3550 or by email at Mike.Berg
@ApexEngGroup.com. All questions
must be received in writing or by email on
or before seven (7) days prior to the bid
opening. Responses to technical ques-
tions will be issued by addendum within
five (5) days prior to the bid opening.

Dated this 9th day of February 2023.

/s/ Keith Hunka, City Administrator

Bismarck, ND

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