

**2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**SB 2185**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations - Education and Environment Division Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2185  
2/4/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the parks and recreation department for a Lake Metigoshe state park sewer infrastructure replacement grant project.

8:30 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Sorvaag, Senator Cole Conley, Senator Scott Meyer, Senator Donald Schaible, Senator Paul J. Thomas.

### Discussion Topics:

- World engineering
- State Usage VS. State Pay of the Sewer System.
- Alternative Sewage Lift Station.

8:31 a.m. Senator Thomas, District 6, testified in favor and submitted testimony #34446.

8:37 a.m. Mike Hall, Township Officer, Lake Metigoshe Recreation Service, testified in favor.

8:50 a.m. Cole Garman, Outreach & Engagement Chief, ND Parks & Recreation, testified in neutral.

8:54 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag closed the meeting.

*Steven Hall, Committee Clerk*



# North Dakota Senate

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## Senator Paul Thomas

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February 4, 2025

Chair Sorvaag and members of the E & E Appropriations Sub-Committee,

I am asking for your support of SB 2185. I am seeking the state to pay 20% of the cost of a sewer upgrade project that the Lake Metigoshe Recreational Service District needs to do, up to a maximum of \$800,000. The justification for this request is based upon the use of the system by Lake Metigoshe State Park and their estimated annual use of the system.

Attached is a project estimate from Wold Engineering that estimates costs could be up to \$4 million dollars. I am seeking the state pay their share of the project based on use. There are approximately 1,000 sewer hook ups on the system, mostly cabins. These cabins currently are annually assessed \$670 / year for use. The State Park is paying \$20,352 / year (roughly 3% of the annual revenue) even though it is estimated that they are consuming 18% to 22% of the capacity.

Lake Metigoshe State Park in 2024 had a visit of 100,000 people. In 2024, 25,000 people stayed overnight at the park. Like most parks in the state, the amount of accommodation does not meet the demands of customers.

Thank you for your time and I ask your support.



**WOLD**  
ENGINEERING, P.C.

## MEMO

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Date: January 10, 2025

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Wold Engineering, P.C. (WEPC) was asked for thoughts on three separate projects and their relative costs in today's dollars.

Lift Station A project is repair of a troublesome pipe by boring in a new line and replacing existing pumps with higher efficiency pumps and better controls. Estimated costs were developed using pump and control quotes provided by Mike Hall, a cost per lineal foot basis for the bore, and a lump sum cost for hook-up and miscellaneous work. It is anticipated that this construction could cost **\$110,000**. No Engineering development has taken place on this project, so the cost should be considered budgetary.

Lagoon Expansion project is to add another lagoon cell on property to the south of the existing lagoons. Past similar lagoon project costs for the LMRSD completed by WEPC were projected to today's dollar amount and it is anticipated that construction could cost **\$1,000,000** for an additional cell that is approximately the size of Cell 1A. No Engineering development has taken place on this project, so the cost should be considered budgetary.

Lift Station D is a new lift station to improve flow in the north half of the service area. It is a high priority project. Plans, specs, and estimates were originally completed by Ulteig with WEPC having NO affiliation with plan development, estimates, etc. The existing Ulteig Engineer's Estimate and Contractor's Bid Price were considered and increased 10 percent to add contingency in construction costs. It is anticipated that construction could cost **\$2,600,000**. Since this project's development, the Lake Metigoshe State Park has considered adding more camping and sewer requirements, increasing the priority of the project to the Service.

To summarize potential costs:

Lift Station A:	\$110,000
Lagoon Expansion:	\$1,000,000
Lift Station D:	<u>\$2,600,000</u>
	\$3,710,000

Total current needs could be as large as nearly **\$4,000,000** in the short term with a plethora of other potential improvements necessary in the coming years.

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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2/10/2025

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10:46 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Ronald Sorvaag, Senator Cole Conley, Senator Scott Meyer, Senator Donald Schaible, Senator Paul J. Thomas.

### Discussion Topics:

- Park Infrastructure

10:49 a.m. Senator Meyer moved a Do Not pass.

10:50 a.m. Senator Schaible seconded.

### Roll Call Vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	N

Motion Passed: 4-1-0

10:50 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag will carry the bill.

10:52 a.m. Chairman Sorvaag closed the meeting.

*Steven Hall, Committee Clerk*

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

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2/13/2025

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9:24 a.m. Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Bekkedahl, Vice-Chairman Erbele, and Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dever, Magrum, Mathern, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek.

Members Absent: Senators Dwyer, Meyer.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

9:24 a.m. Senator Sorvaag introduced the bill.

9:25 a.m. Senator Sorvaag moved a Do Not Pass.

9:25 a.m. Senator Schaible seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	N
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	A
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	A
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	N
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion Passed 12-2-2.

Senator Sorvaag will carry the bill.

9:26 a.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

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*Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2185 ([25.0956.01000](#))**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2185 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.