

Minutes of a Meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board
Held on Dec. 09, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. CST
ND State Capitol Building

Present:

David Dewald, OHF Advisory Board Chairman
Brian Amundson, OHF Advisory Board Vice Chairman (Online)
Shane Bryans, OFH Advisory Board (Online)
Dr. Joseph Carlson, OHF Advisory Board
Patsy Crooke, OHF Advisory Board
Jeremy Eckroth, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Jacobson, OHF Advisory Board (Online)
Randy Kreil, OHF Advisory Board
Clayton Pederson, OFH Advisory Board (Online)
Tyler Stafslie, OHF Advisory Board (Online)
John Weinand, OHF Advisory Board
Cole Garman, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting) (Online)
Rhonda Kelsch, OFH Advisory Board (Non-voting)

Others Present: Carmen Devney (NDIC; online), Brenna Jessen (NDIC), Jordan Kannianen (NDIC)

Also Present: A complete list of attendees is available in the Commission files. The meeting was also available by Microsoft Teams so not all attendees are known.

Rachel Retterath, OHF Advisory Board, was absent from the meeting.

David Dewald called the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board (“Board”) to order at 8:40 a.m. CST with a quorum being present.

Breanna Jessen presented the Outdoor Heritage Fund project management and financial report. Currently, there is \$15 million in total project requests. This level of funding is expected to be available for the entire biennium by its conclusion. At present, \$4.9 million is available, and no funding concerns are anticipated.

David Dewald asked the Board to complete their Conflicts-of-Interest Forms.

Brian Amundson disclosed a conflict of interest with project 27-5 (D), Jamestown Parks and Recreation District- Accessible Kayak Lunch at Nickeus Park. He also disclosed a conflict of interest with project 27-7 (C). Audubon Great Plains: ND Prairie Management Toolbox II.

David Dewald disclosed a conflict of interest with project 27-7 (C). Audubon Great Plains: ND Prairie Management Toolbox II. He also disclosed a conflict of interest with 27-10 (B), ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts: Governor’s LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program.

It was moved by Patsey Crooke and seconded by Randy Kreil to accept the conflicts of interest as disclosed. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried. Brian Amundson and David Dewald abstained from voting.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| David Dewald | Abstained | Abstained |
| Brian Amundson | Abstained | Abstained |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 8 | 0 |

The Grant Round 27 presentations began.

27-1 (D) Ellendale Park District: Prairie Walking Trail. OHF funding request: \$2,012,427. Project summary: Construction of approximately 0.55 miles of paved and aggregate trail, three pedestrian bridges, picnic shelters, fitness stations, and a plaza with interpretive signage and public art.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: Requesting 2 million from OHF, with the overall cost of the project being 2.68 million. A breakdown of the costs has been submitted with the application.

27-2 (C) North Dakota Game and Fish: Private Forest Improvement and Protection Program. OHF funding request: \$600,000. Project summary: Offer financial assistance to private landowners in the Turtle Mountains willing to implement forest management practices and participate in a 20-year forest protection agreement.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: As the project is a concept, and not yet an active program, there is no formal contract outlining the terms or duration of the agreements. It is anticipated that a buyout option would be included in the provisions. There is a current list of landowners interested in forest management.

27-3 (D) City of Mayville: Mayville Dam #2 Reconstruction & Recreation Project. OFH funding request: \$896,595. Project summary: The City of Mayville was awarded a grant in October of 2023 for \$396,595 to fix a low head dam, but multiple factors delayed construction. The current request will cover increased costs along with creating a concrete walking path for access to the dam, installation of dedicated fishing areas and benches, and trees and shrubs.

In response to Board questions: If not fully funded, the dam will be completed; however, the recreational components will not be included. Future improvements would be subject to a public bidding process.

27-4 (D) North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: Planting for the Future. OFH funding request: \$510,000. Project summary: To plant 200,000 trees on private lands across multiple counties during 2026- 2027. The program removes financial barriers to 30+ landowners annually by providing trees at no cost, requiring only the landowner's commitment to proper site preparation and maintenance.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: 157 projects are currently in progress, with approximately 30-35 landowners participating annually. In the previous year, 10 to 12 projects were within the Soil Conservation District. Landowners retain ownership of the trees, determine placement and are responsible for ongoing care. The project is not intended for public access but for private landowners. A minimum of approximately 600 trees per plot is required, with most planting occurring on 2 to 4 acres.

27-5 (D) Jamestown Parks and Recreation District: Accessible Kayak Lunch at Nickeus Park. OHF funding request: \$41,873. Project summary: Install a universally designed, ADA-compliant kayak launch with transfer platforms, adaptive handrails, and stability rollers that allow users to independently and safely launch and retrieve kayaks along with accessible pathways and interpretive signage at Nickeus Park along the James River.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The parks sustained significant damage significant damage from two storms last year, and Nickeus Park underwent major renovations. There was no impact on the current kayaking lunch area. Safety signage related to hazards associated with the low-head dam is posted at the trailhead near the dock location. The trail connects the parks.

The meeting was recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

27-6 (B) Burleigh County Water Resource District: McDowell Dam Supplemental Water Supply. OHF funding requested: \$911,149. Project summary: Construct a supplemental water supply for the McDowell Dam Reservoir diverting the appropriated water from Apple Creek, where imported water will be treated prior to discharge into the reservoir to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorous loading.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The intake capacity and flow rate are relatively low to prevent fish from entering. The water permit allows pumping during open flow conditions when flows exceed 16 CFS. E coil levels in the dam are monitored by the Health Department through periodic testing.

27-7 (C) Audubon Great Plains: ND Prairie Management Toolbox II. OHF funding requested: \$1,050,000. Project summary: Provide financial assistance by collaborating with 45 private

landowners to implement regenerative grassland management practices including invasive wood vegetation removal on 1,500 acres and grazing infrastructure on 9,000 acres.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: When a tree is removed or a stump remains, immediate follow-up treatment with the appropriate chemical is applied to prevent regrowth. Signage is posted indicating where hunting is allowed. The Conservation Forge Program is currently in place, with approximately \$3.4 million remaining of the \$6.9 million allocated through 2029. Funds may be reallocated to support the proposed project through a Board-approved amendment to the existing contract.

27-8 (D) Minot Park District: MAYSA Cross County Trails. OHF funding requested: \$61,958. Project summary: Proposing the creation of the MAYSA Cross Country Trails, a new trail system located on a former landfill to establish approximately 3200M of dedicated cross-country trails designed for both public recreational use and as a training and competition venue for area schools.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The trail will include two access points: one at the top of the parking lot and another to the east near the overflow parking lot. Several walking bridges will be constructed over low-lying areas that experience standing water near the Maysa Arena.

27-9 (B) Medora Grazing Association: Big Stick Conversion Well Pipeline. OHF funding requested: \$300,584. Project summary: Construct a new water-distribution system that delivers water from the recently converted oil to freshwater well by installing approximately 43,694 linear feet of underground pipeline which will supply water to an estimated 6,375 Animal Unit Months of livestock and improve water distribution and habitat quality across nearly 15,000 acres.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The grazing agreement is with the U.S. Forest Service. The agreement is for a 10-year term and may be renewed for additional 10-year period. Animal unit restrictions are established by law and define allowable and prohibited uses.

27-10 (B) ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts: Governor's LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program. OHF funding requested: \$4,310,000. Project summary: Support the long-term productivity and resilience of 10,000 acres of cropland by establishing perennial grass cover which is open to all types of croplands and offers annual payments on five-year agreements to help farmers explore the benefits of perennial cover.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: When a producer plants a cover crop and it is seeded, the acreage is reported to and verified by the USDA. The associated dollar amount is tracked over the course of the year. Game and Fish then reimburse the producer, which is applied as a credit towards the producer's crop insurance.

The meeting was recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

27-11 (A) Ducks Unlimited, Inc.: ND Wetland Access and Restoration Project. OHF funding requested: \$570,000. Project summary: Incentivize the enrollment of new Private Lands Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) acres and other existing short-term PLOTS acres into longer term, 10-year PLOTS agreements while simultaneously restoring 100 acres of critical wetland habitat.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The project would not include mitigation credit seasons. Hunting patterns amount nonresidents have changed overtime. In the 1970's there were approximately 5,000 non-resident waterfowl hunters in North Dakota; that number has increased to more than 30,000 today.

27-12 (D) Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa: TMBCI Sky Chief Park Fish Cleaning Station Project. OHF funding requested: \$112,793. Project summary: Construct a 20' ft x 24' ft enclosed and heated fish cleaning station along with equipment for a basin rinse and grinder at Sky Chief Park.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The structure would be a wood pole building with a metal liner interior. The facility would be insulated and heated for winter use.

27-13 (D) Horace Park District: Independent Park Multi-Use Trail and Trail Head Plaza. OHF funding requested: \$555,852. Project summary: Construction of a 0.4 mile, 8-foot-wide paved multi-use trail and an accompanying trailhead plaza within Independence Park.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The cost of the bituminous pavement alone is \$43,120. A detailed funding breakdown will be provided to the Board at their request.

27-14 (B) Ducks Unlimited, Inc.: Grasslands Enhancement Project Phase III. OHF funding requested: \$555,852. Project summary: Continue to focus on enhancing rotational grazing infrastructure by providing cost share assistance to 20 lessees with project enhancements across 8,000 acres of critical grassland and wetland habitat on state school trust, public, PLOTS, and adjacent private land.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: Projects are typically implemented to enhance trust lands and adjacent private lands. There are currently 8 individuals on a waiting list ready to proceed.

The meeting was recessed at 1:16 p.m. and reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

27-15 (A) McLean County Water Resource District: Painted Woods Lake Flood Protection & Recreation Project. OHF funding requested: \$2,000,000. Project summary: On the downstream side of the lake, the project will construct a new dam that will establish backwater habitat, facilitate fish passage, and provide easy access for anglers. On the upstream side of the lake, the project will construct a high flow channel, intake control structure, and outlet dam.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The water board provides drainage for high-flow water events and works in partnership with agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project would create opportunities for public hunting and fishing access, with walk-in access provided.

27-16 (D) United Prairie Foundation: Education Prairie Trails. OHF funding requested: \$113,700.
Project summary: Trails that feature high-diversity native plantings, new trail connections, and a series of eight interpretive signs highlighting different aspects of prairie ecology.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The water board provides drainage for high-flow water events and works in partnership with agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project would create opportunities for public hunting and fishing access, with walk-in access provided.

The board had no questions.

27-17 (C) City of Beach: Beach Dam Replacement Project. OHF requested: \$920,290. Project summary: To remove and replace the existing dam structure and outlet works at the Beach City Pond to improve the safety of this structure and reduce risk to the community, preserve the recreational use of the pond for fishing and kayaking, and improve the water quality and fishing habitat by dredging and increasing depth of the lake.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to Board questions: The State Water Commission will provide funding for the design and bidding portion of the project. An application for additional funding will be submitted to the Department of Water Resources and other funding sources are being pursued.

Public comment on the grant applications was received. Funding match for Horace Park District was discussed. Support for the Governor's LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program was expressed.

The meeting was recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

The OHF Advisory Board filled out their scoring sheets for the Grant Round 27 applications at this time.

Board Discussion Comments:

Chairman Dewald listed the applications that received less than 6 votes for funding which include application numbers 27-1, 27-13, and 27-17. The applications will not have further discussion.

It was moved by Clayton Pederson and seconded by Joseph Carlson that the following applications are not forwarded to the Commission for funding:

- 27-1 – Ellendale Park District: Dakota Prairie Walking Trail- \$2,012,427
- 27-13 - Horace Park District: Independence Park Multi-Use Trail & Trailhead Place- \$588,329
- 27-17 – City of Beach: Beach Dam Replacement Project- \$920,290

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, Weinand voted aye. The motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
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| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 11 | 0 |

27-2 – North Dakota Game and Fish: Private Forest Improvement and Protection Program

- Do not get a lot of applications from many native forest conservation projects that are working with private landowners in the state.
- Basic forestry plan between landowners and the Forest Service.

It was moved by Joseph Carlson and seconded by Patsy Crooke that application 27-2 – North Dakota Game and Fish: Private Forest Improvement and Protection Program, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$600,000.

On a roll call vote, Dewald, Carlson, Crooke, Jacobson, Kreil, Stafslie and Weinand voted aye. Amundson, Bryans, Eckroth, and Pederson voted nay. The motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | | X |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | | X |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |

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| Total | 7 | 4 |
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27-3- City of Mayville: Mayville Dam #2 Reconstruction & Recreation Project

- Two-part component- the alternate for landscaping and additional costs through permitting process and safe design standards.
- The original funding was to help fund the dam in 2023.
- Joseph Carson called it an incredible project and reflected on the first funding of the dam and expressed disappointment that while it was dangerous for residents and there was urgency, the project was funded and “nothing happened.” The advisory board reviewed the funding slide and discussed possible cost-shifting. There would be additional costs and burden on the city. There was extensive discussion about funding, partners, what parts of the project have been completed, what is yet to be completed, and what happens to existing parts of the project if OHF funding is awarded but all is not completed, and what happens if OHF does not fund. In knowing some processes needed to be competitively bid and there was a chance more funding would be required, and ultimately not knowing if this project would be completed and when this project did not receive votes needed to fund.

No motion made to proceed with funding. May return for further discussion.

27-4 North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: Planning for the Future

- Jeremy Eckroth disclosed a conflict of interest with project 27-4 North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: Planning for the Future.

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by Randy Kreil to amend and accept the conflicts of interest as disclosed to include Jermey Eckroth for project 27-4 North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: Planning for the Future.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, Weinand voted aye. Eckroth abstained from voting. The motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | Abstained | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 10 | 0 |

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Tyler Jacobson that application 27-4 North Dakota Petroleum Foundation: Planning for the Future, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$510,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
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| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 11 | 0 |

27-5 Jamestown Parks and Recreation District: Accessible Kayak Launch at Nickeus Park

It was moved by Randy Kriel and seconded by Joesph Carlson that application 27-5 Jamestown Parks and Recreation District: Accessible Kayak Launch at Nickeus Park, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$41,873.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. Pederson voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
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| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |

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| Total | 10 | 1 |
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27-6 Burleigh County Water Resource District: McDowell Dam Supplemental Water Supply

- McDowell Dam is used by a lot of people. Concerned about reliability of the water supply out of Apple Creek, despite engineering input.
- Discussion of matching fund contributions.

No motion made to proceed with funding. May return for further discussion.

27-7 Audubon Great Plains: ND Prairie Management Toolbox II

- Discussion on moving funds between grants- unfavorable.

It was moved by Tyler Jacobson and seconded by Brian Amundson that application 27-7 Audubon Great Plains: ND Prairie Management Toolbox II, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$1,050,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. Pederson voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 10 | 1 |

27-8 Minot Park District: MAYSA Cross County Trails

- Land was a waste site prior and is now being used.

It was moved by Tyler Jacobson and seconded by Shane Bryans that application 27-8 Minot Park District: MAYSA Cross County Trails, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$61,958.

On a roll call vote, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Stafslie voted aye. Amundson, Pederson and Weinand voted nay.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 8 | 3 |

27-9 Medora Grazing Association: Big Stick Conversion Well Pipeline

- Successful partners before. Same type of project, different well.

It was moved by John Weinand and seconded by Clayton Pederson that application 27-9 Medora Grazing Association: Big Stick Conversion Well Pipeline, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$300,584.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 11 | 0 |

27-10 Association of Soil Conservation Districts: LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program

- A good project with a significant investment that will allow for meaningful progress and measurable performance.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Clayton Pederson that application 27-10 Association of Soil Conservation Districts: LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$2,550,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Jacobson, and Pederson voted aye. Dewald, Carlson, Crooke, Eckroth, Kreil, Stafslie and Weinand voted nay. Motion failed.

| | Yes | No |
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| David Dewald | | X |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | | X |
| Patsy Crooke | | X |
| Jeremy Eckroth | | X |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | | X |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | | X |
| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 4 | 7 |

A second was moved by Jeremy Eckroth and seconded by Patsy Crooke that application 27-10 Association of Soil Conservation Districts: LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$4,310,000.

On a roll call vote, Bryans, Carlson, Dewald, Crooke, Eckroth, Kreil and Stafslie voted aye. Amundson, Jacobson, Pederson and Weinand voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
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| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | | X |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |

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| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 7 | 4 |

27-11 Ducks Unlimited, Inc: ND Wetland Access Restoration Project

- Great program to provide public access to duck hunting.
- 100 acres of wetland, while important to restore, it is a small amount for the expense.

It was moved by Council Member (inaudible) and seconded by Joseph Carlson that application 27-11 Ducks Unlimited, Inc: ND Wetland Access Restoration Project, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$570,000.

On a roll call vote, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kriel, and Stafstein voted aye. Amundson, Pederson, and Weinand voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | X | |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Staflien | X | |
| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 8 | 3 |

27-12 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa: TMBCI Sky Chief Park Fish Cleaning Station Project

- Discussion on year-round state funded fish cleaning stations and cost share.
- \$72,400 for the fish cleaning portion only without the building. Considerations on funding the project, but not the building.
- Concerning with equipment and safety concerns funding with this source.

It was moved by Tyler Staflien and seconded by Joseph Carlson that application 27-12 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa: TMBCI Sky Chief Park Fish Cleaning Station Project, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$72,400.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Eckroth, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Staflein and Weinand voted aye. Motion failed.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | | X |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | | X |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | | X |
| Patsy Crooke | | X |
| Jeremy Eckroth | | X |
| Tyler Jacobson | | X |
| Randy Kreil | | X |
| Clayton Pederson | | X |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | | X |
| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 0 | 11 |

27-14 Ducks Unlimited Inc.: Grasslands Enhancement Project Phase III

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by Joseph Carlson that application 27-14 Ducks Unlimited Inc.: Grasslands Enhancement Project Phase III, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$555,852.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, Stafslie, and Weinand voted aye. Eckroth voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | X | |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | | X |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | X | |
| Total | 10 | 1 |

27-15 McLean County Water Resources District: Painted Woods Lake Flood Protection & Recreation Project

- 1 million in previous grant round awarded. The additional funding will bring this project to a 3-million-dollar cost.

- Additional funding still in being determined including the National Fish Passage Program, and private agencies. Not yet secured.
- Board not going to recommend this project until additional funding outside of OHS is secured and all those dollars are on the table.

27-16 United Prairie Foundation: Education Prairie Trails

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by Randy Kreil that application 27-16 United Prairie Foundation: Education Prairie Trails, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$113,700.

On a roll call vote, Bryans, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Jacobson, Kreil, Pederson, and Stafslie, voted aye. Amundson, Eckroth, and Weinand voted nay. Motion carried.

| | Yes | No |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| David Dewald | X | |
| Brian Amundson | | X |
| Shane Bryans | X | |
| Dr. Joseph Carlson | X | |
| Patsy Crooke | X | |
| Jeremy Eckroth | | X |
| Tyler Jacobson | X | |
| Randy Kreil | X | |
| Clayton Pederson | X | |
| Rachel Retterath | N/A | N/A |
| Tyler Stafslie | X | |
| John Weinand | | X |
| Total | 8 | 3 |

Public Comments

Eric Delzer – comments supporting Governor’s LEGACY Habitat Program

Election of New Technical Advisory Member for CSEA Board

- CSEA: Clean Sustainable Energy Authority. The board is under the Industrial Commission. Focus is on larger projects with oil, gas, renewable energy, lignite, etc.
- Position on board is a non-voting technical advisor.
- No current job description. Board members would like to learn more about their role.

It was moved by Randy Kreil and seconded by Joeseeph Carlson that that Dave Dewald, as the Chairman, may appoint an individual for the next CSEA board meeting.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- Grant round 48 has a deadline of May 1, 2026.
- OFH meeting on June 30, 2026.

- Planning policy meeting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.