



Initial phases of Minot flood protection project out for bid

The Minot City Council approved bid specifications for the first three phases of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Plan at its Aug. 7 meeting. With bids expected to go out in

September, preliminary construction could begin late this fall or early in 2018.



The first three phases of the Minot flood protection plan include:

- Phase 1. The 4th Avenue project is located in the area just west of Broadway and just east of Third Street NE. The project includes floodwalls, earthen levees, a large pump station and other features. This phase is designed to protect a portion of northeast Minot.
- Phase 2. The Napa Valley portion of the project begins at the west edge of Minot at the Highway 83 Bypass and ends at 16th Street SW on the north side of the river near the Minot Water Treatment Plant. This portion is mostly earthen levees and includes a road closure to protect portions of southwest Minot.
- Phase 3. The Forest Road project will provide improvements near the Souris Valley Golf Course, and will protect a portion of southwest Minot.

Earlier this year, the City of Minot's flood protection efforts received a significant funding boost when the North Dakota Legislature approved legislation providing \$193 million for flood control projects within the city.

The estimated total cost for the initial four phases is \$324.8 million; the City of Minot's share is an estimated \$131.8

million. The first four phases, along with the tieback levees, would protect approximately 60 percent of at-risk properties which will be in the new Federal Emergency Management Agency flood plain when the Flood Insurance Rate Maps become active in the city. Click [here](#) to read more.

Attendance up for 2017 ND State Fair

North Dakota's largest event, the North Dakota State Fair, drew to a close on Saturday, July 29, with Paramore featuring X Ambassadors as the closing concert in the Grandstands. The



2017 NDSF saw an increase in attendance year-over-year with the final gate count at 299,077 people. In addition to the concerts there were a number of horticultural, 4H and agricultural displays which crowds explored throughout the eight-day affair. Whether you attended the fair for the food, entertainment, shopping or livestock, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The North Dakota State Fair will be back, July 20-28, 2018.

2016 MADC Annual Report delivered

2016 was another great year for the Minot Area Development Corporation, as the group sent out its annual report this month



to leaders and investors. The annual report highlighted key achievements that occurred in the past year and explained the reason for getting the information through the mail versus in person.

The Minot community celebrated a \$30 million AGT Foods expansion in August 2016 that marked a major step forward for them, as a leader in food manufacturing. Last year marked the completion of a new strategic plan for MADC – one full of new goals, new strategies and a new direction for the group. The annual report also focused on Minot's success toward the MAGIC Sky initiative; in December of last year, SkySkopes, a leading drone service provider, announced their business expansion plans into Minot, where MADC anticipates they will be the first of many Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) businesses in Minot.

The Minot Area Development Corporation staff and board made

efforts to line up an annual meeting this spring/summer, only to have logistics not work out on multiple occasions, for distinct reasons. Thanks for your support, trust and collaboration with the Minot Area Development Corporation. We hope you are finding 2017 to be just as successful as 2016!

Affordable housing initiative moving forward

The City of Minot continues efforts to create more multi-family affordable housing in Minot utilizing funds from the National Disaster Resilience Competition, with a Request for Proposal currently open for applications.



At its Aug. 7 meeting, the Minot City Council was informed that the Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing Project RFP is open, and advertising continues. Applications will be taken until Sept. 16.

The City Council in June approved a plan to call for proposals to create more affordable multi-family housing units. The goal is to renovate existing facilities within the city rather than construct new buildings.

Minot was awarded \$74.3 million in January 2016 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development through its National Disaster Resilience Competition. Of that total, HUD approved \$34 million for affordable housing projects.

The first funding allocated toward an affordable housing project happened when the Minot City Council awarded \$1.85 million to help rehabilitate 35 existing units at Park South Apartments and build more units. Thirty of the units must be offered at affordable rates for 30 years, and four units will be handicapped accessible. Click [here](#) to read more.

Great turnout for National Night Out

National Night Out celebrates law enforcement and first responders in the local community. Minot's local businesses provided attendees free food, games and entertainment during the event held on August 1. This nationwide campaign strives to build community camaraderie and make our neighborhoods a safer place. Minot's National Night Out featured many first responder vehicles for children to get in and explore, including firetrucks, military humvees, police cars, EMT trucks, a boat from the Fish and Wildlife Service and a Trinity medical helicopter. Children were entertained by the free games, bounce houses and the K-9 demonstrations done by the Minot

Police Department and the Minot Air Force Base Police. The national event is always well attended and takes place annually the first Tuesday in August.



Minot State Summer Theatre packs the house

It was another record season for the Minot State University Summer Theatre Company as attendance swelled to 9,188 during four theatrical productions and 22 total performances at the MSU Amphitheatre.



Under the direction of Dr. Aili Smith, associate professor of communication and theatre arts, the Company celebrated its 52nd season. The MSU Summer Theatre Company's season ran from June 12 with "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and concluded July 16 with "Rock of Ages". The Company also performed "Alice in Wonderland" and "Wizard of Oz" in June. Nestled into the grassy hillside just north of the campus, the amphitheater has been home to MSU Summer Theatre since 1971.

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