



Hoeven and Cramer help dedicate first floodwalls in Minot

The first floodwalls in Minot's 130+ year history were dedicated on August 11, 2017, by a team of dignitaries from all levels of government, including U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, U.S.

Rep. Kevin Cramer, FEMA Region VIII Risk Analysis Branch Chief Ryan Pietramali, NDDDES Disaster Recovery Chief Cody Schulz and Minot Mayor Chuck Barney.



"This finished flood protection project is the step in preventing future floods from contaminating and interrupting the water supply to Minot and dozens of communities throughout north central North Dakota," said Mayor Barney at the ribbon cutting for the HMGP-Water Treatment Plant project. "And this is just the first of many pieces of enhanced flood protection that will give those living in Minot and throughout the Souris River Basin additional protection, up to the 2011 flood of record."

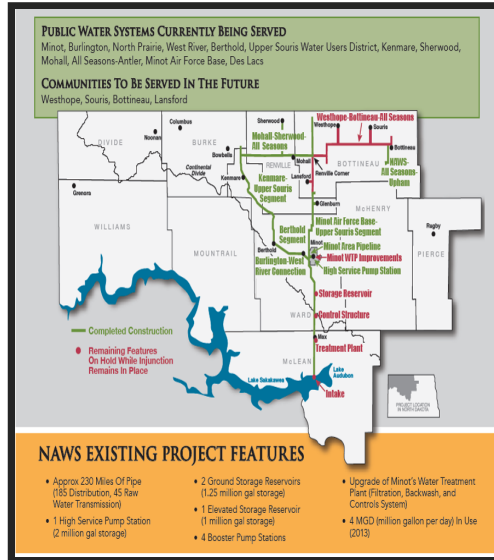
Concrete walls span 1,720 linear feet on the south side of the Mouse River. These floodwalls tie into two new temporary roadway closure structures at 16th Street SW and Water Treatment Plant Road (12th Street SW). Earthen levees, new lift stations, and the adjustment of intake structures at the treatment plant are also part of the finished project. Houston Engineering designed the project and Wagner Construction was the general contractor in charge of construction.

NAWS injunction lifted

The City of Minot received good news in August regarding one of its long-running legal battles when the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the Northwest Area Water Supply project could proceed.

In its ruling, the court said the Bureau of Reclamation's Environmental Impact Study for the project fulfilled the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act. The

court also dismissed lawsuits brought against the project, lifted an injunction and allowed the project to move forward. Lawsuits aimed at stopping the construction of the NAWS project had been filed in previous years by the state of Missouri and the Canadian province of Manitoba.



"The State Water Commission and City are working on prioritizing a path forward for completing the design of the remaining segments of the projects," said Dan Jonasson, Public Works Director for the City of Minot. "We realize that Manitoba and Missouri will probably appeal the ruling by the judge and ask that the injunction against work on NAWS remain in place, but we will continue to fight that if it happens. We expect an appeal process could take a year."

The court's decision was heralded in Minot, where local and state leaders have battled for years in courtrooms to complete the project, which will bring water from Lake Sakakawea to the City of Minot's water treatment plant. From there, the water will be distributed to a host of area communities, including Minot, Burlington, West River Water District, Upper Souris Water District, Mohall, Sherwood, All Seasons Water District, Kenmare, Berthold, and Minot Air Force Base.

Minot gears up for DC Symposium, modernization of weapons systems

For the first time in more than 35 years, the nation's strategic weapons systems are under contract for modernization. The Air Force announced in late August that Boeing Co. and Northrup Grumman Systems Corp. were awarded contracts for the ground-based strategic deterrent system, which will replace the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system, operated by the 91st Missile Wing (MAFB). Then, later that same week, the Air Force announced that Lockheed Martin Corp. and Raytheon Co. were awarded contracts for the development of a new nuclear cruise missile for the nation's bomber fleet, which includes the B-52, flown by the 5th Bomb Wing – also at the Minot Air Force Base.



This good news came in the middle of planning for the sixth Triad Symposium, sponsored by Task Force 21, which focuses on nuclear triad issues. On September 28, in Washington D.C., TF 21 will host an unclassified forum entitled, "The Nuclear Deterrent Enterprise Going Forward: Challenges and Opportunities." Currently, there are more than 200 registrants for the event. Featured speakers include: Gen. Robert Kehler, former Commander, US STRATCOM; Lt. Gen. Jack Weinstein, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs; North Dakota Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp, and Congressman Kevin Cramer.

Speakers to focus on UAS industry at annual networking seminar

The fifth annual Business Networking Seminar, held in connection with Norsk Høstfest, is scheduled for September 26 – and will feature a line-up of top notch Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) speakers. The



speakers include industry experts from Robot Aviation, e-Smart, Xcel Energy, and the Chancellor of the North Dakota University System. The seminar will be at the Grand Hotel in Minot, as the Minot Area Development Corporation and Minot State University will host the event from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This year's seminar will take a closer look at the UAS industry and its applications in North Dakota and will highlight the connection between Minot, ND and Scandinavian countries. For more information, please contact the MADC office at 701-852-1075 or jhauge@minotusa.com.

Two years in a row for MADC at annual UAS Summit & Expo

The Minot Area Development Corporation joined more than 300 other attendees in late August at the 11th annual UAS Summit and Expo in Grand Forks. This gave the MADC a unique opportunity to network with top



companies within the unmanned aircraft systems industry. Many of the summit speakers commented on how fast the industry is growing and how well positioned North Dakota is to lead the way. MADC attended the summit for the second year in a row, meeting new prospects and continuing to foster current relationships. As a community leader, MADC feels that this cutting-edge technology will bring great opportunities to all

of North Dakota.

Four decades of Scandinavian fun at Norsk Høstfest

For 40 years, Norsk Høstfest has brought Scandinavian heritage, traditional customs, authentic food and fun to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot. The event continues to grow and this year will be no exception. There



will be more Vikings than ever, in the expanded Viking Village, along with a new souvenir for attendees to take home, the 'Høstfest -Opoly' game. This year will feature an ultimate food eating completion called "Uffda... I ate it all," where contestants will compete in a game of mental wit. Another new feature will be in Stockholm Hall, where MADC in partnership with SkySkopes, a Minot-based drone service provider, and Robot Aviation and eSmart Systems - both Norwegian-based companies - will host the MAGIC Sky Drone Zone booth where pilots will be flying thir drones in a cage for public viewing. This year's main stage entertainment in the Great Hall of Vikings features eight shows which include musical concerts by bands, including The Doobie Brothers, and Little River Band. Check out all this and more at www.hostfest.com.

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