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NEW MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS ELECTED

The new Minot Area Chamber Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board organizational meeting was held and officers for the new organization were elected. Jonn Knecht of American Bank Center was selected to serve as the first chair for the new organization.



The executive committee officers include Randy Hauck from Verendrye Electric Cooperative as chair elect, Kevin Black from Creedence Energy Services as vice chair and Missy Feist-Erickson from Peoples State Bank as treasurer. L. John MacMartin will serve as the board president and corporate secretary.

Read more [here](#).

MINOT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BEGIN RECEIVING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Members of the Minot Police Department and the Minot Fire Department have begun receiving vaccinations for COVID-19. Police Chief John Klug and Fire Chief Kelli Kronschnabel said it's important for first responders to be vaccinated against the virus because they are in constant contact with members of the public.



"For us, we don't control the settings we respond to. We don't know who we're going to have contact with." Klug said, "When we've gotten vaccinations in the past, it's been for the same reason: We can't control the environment we're in and we have to try to protect ourselves as best we can."

Read more [here](#).

FEDERAL SPENDING BILL INCLUDES GOOD NEWS FOR MINOT

The City of Minot received a couple of early Christmas presents recently, with news that a key component of the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Control Project received federal authorization and the deadline for Minot's National Disaster Resilience program was extended by one year. Both items were included in a massive federal spending bill passed by Congress.

While City of Minot Public Works Director Dan Jonasson and the City's partners on the Souris River Joint Board are excited by the news, they know there is a lot of work ahead. Jonasson said there are three major steps to moving forward with the Maple Diversion project

Read more [here](#).

FUNDS APPROVED TO DESIGN NEW LANDFILL ENTRANCE, TRANSFER STATION

The Minot City Council approved on Dec. 21 funds to design a new entrance to the City Landfill and design a transfer facility, including a necessary water line, that would be used for a potential curbside recycling program.



Council approved spending \$565,226 with CPS Engineering to design the recycling transfer station, design a new landfill entrance, design a new water line to the new transfer facility, and provide construction management services during construction. The new facility and entrance would be built off 37th Avenue Southwest, moving truck traffic from 20th Avenue Southwest, which runs through a residential neighborhood, to the five-lane 37th Avenue SW.

The total cost to implement a curbside recycling program is approximately \$4.5 million. Council approved the engineering funds, but the funds for construction or equipment have not yet been approved by the Council.

Read more [here](#).

VISIT MINOT HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF TEAM EVENTS AND MEETINGS

The Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomed Alex Harrom as the Director of Team Events and Meetings in October.



Harrom assists incoming events, conferences, and conventions, in planning, and organizing those meetings or sporting tournaments. She offers extensive knowledge on Minot's offerings, and provides unique opportunities to make any event a success in Minot.

Depending on the incoming group size, Harrom can offer group incentives, and create custom experiences in our top destination. While looking ahead for upcoming meets and conferences, please connect with [Harrom](#) on what Minot can offer you.

MINOT JOINS WASTEWATER STUDY

The City of Minot has taken part in a coronavirus-related wastewater study conducted by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

The study is analyzing wastewater from more than 60 percent of the state's population, according to Jim Uhlman, an environmental engineer with the department. Other major cities include Bismarck, Mandan, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Williston; 21 cities have chosen to participate in the study.

The research is funded through the federal CARES Act coronavirus aid. Wastewater is analyzed to look for the virus' genetic material. Wasterwater testing could supplement the public health response to the virus, and help inform decision-makers, according to information from the state.

Read more [here.](#)

2021 SPORTING TOURNAMENTS KICKED OFF

Minot welcomed its first sporting tournament of 2021 with 65

teams



participating in the Magic City Indoor Cup. The soccer tournament, hosted on the campus of Minot State University, brought in 46 teams from outside of Minot. With several teams staying overnight in the Magic City and providing economic impact on local businesses.



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