

GRASS ROOTS REPORT



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WRAP UP FOR THE 67TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By Larry Syverson

Like any other organization that needed to meet in the midst of the pandemic, the ND Legislature faced some challenges and had to make some adjustments to keep everyone safe. Many of the changes made were a great improvement for citizen access to the legislature, especially the committee hearings. All hearings were made available for viewing online and were recorded so they can be brought up for viewing anytime. A Zoom connection was also used for those that wished to testify before a committee without being at the capitol building. If these changes are maintained for future sessions it will make it much easier for citizens to watch the proceedings and speak to the legislature without traveling from the far corners of the state.

There were several bills passed that affect townships. HB 1445 allows that any township may hold its equalization meeting any day in April. Previously that option only applied if the assessor served more than one township. It further sets the deadline for the assessor to turn in the assessment book to the county on the 2nd Monday of May, a change from the 4th Monday in April. This bill passed both the

House and Senate with 100% yes votes.

HB 1157 allows the voters of a township to set an unlimited emergency levy for up to 5 years to deal with natural disasters or other emergency conditions. This has to be voted at the annual or special meeting of the township and notice of the question must be included with the notice of the meeting.

Because of problems that came up when there finally was a recall of a township officer, the Secretary of State requested our help in getting a change in the law passed to clear that up. HB 1170 allows that a township officer may be removed upon a motion at a special meeting called for the purpose of removing that officer. If the motion to remove passes, a replacement officer must be elected at that meeting.

HB 1380 will give 60 million dollars of Legacy Fund Earnings to the Highway Tax Distribution fund each July 1st of odd numbered years. That is the fund that feeds the quarterly payments townships get based on the number of miles they maintain, townships get 2.7% of those distributions. A rough estimate is that township payments would increase about \$15-\$20 per

mile, this will begin in 2023.

Some townships cannot come up with the local match for FEMA projects; in some cases this has resulted in much of the township being nearly inaccessible. To help them out \$750,000 was added in a section of SB 2012, the NDDOT budget. This will be grants through the NDDOT, they have sent out information to all township clerks on how to apply for this grant. The deadline they had for applying was June 18th. If you didn't get the information, either your clerk did not share it with you or we haven't gotten the clerk's correct address.

There is further funding for townships in HB 1015, the OMB budget. There are two provisions for townships in non-oil counties in section 4: In August of 2021 the State Treasurer will distribute 10 million dollars to those townships, which is approximately \$6,000 each. Also the Treasurer will distribute 10 million dollars to those townships based on the number of miles each maintain, that will be about \$214 per mile.

There are other provisions for all townships, in section 5 there is an assignment of 20 million dollars of

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President's Comments



Greetings Township Officers,

I would like to take this time to reflect back on the 2020 Annual meeting that was held virtually due to Covid-19. We had one of the best turn outs that we have seen in many years.

I would like to thank everyone that attended and apologize for the delay in the start of the meeting. Anytime something new is tried, we need to expect a few problems and we all learned by this experience of what to change for the next event.

Make sure that you keep your calendars open for the first week in December (6 and 7) to attend the 2021 annual meeting in Bismarck. We are considering the idea of having a virtual link available for those of you that are unable to attend in person.

Being that 2021 is a legislative year, there is a considerable amount of time spent by NDTOA watching bills that will affect townships. One of the bills that was watched very closely was HB1015. In this bill there was 30 million dollars included to help townships.

As we worked to gain support for the passing of this bill, there was a desk drop that was created to bring awareness to the legislators on how critical the passing of the bill was to townships.

I have included the desk drop in this edition of the *GrassRoots Report* for everyone to read (see page 3). Although you are unable to see the colorful, professional page that was distributed to legislators, the message that was delivered is clear.

It brings awareness to the public how important the funding is to maintain safe township roads for all of the public to drive.

The names in the lower right-hand corner of the desk drop page, are organizations that supported NDTOA in our effort to secure additional funding that HB1015 would provide.

In a year that township funding was difficult to acquire, it was great to have support from all these organizations to help NDTOA make the legislators aware of funding required for well-maintained township roads.

One other item that I would like to cover is the importance of all township officers providing NDTOA with your email addresses. During the last legislative session we needed to contact you, so you in return, could get ahold of your district representatives of the House or Senate.

Not having your email addresses readily available, this took critical time to get ahold of the few of you we did. So, please watch for further details in the next *GrassRoots Report* on how and where to send your email or update your current email address with NDTOA.

Thank you for being a Township Officer.

President Lee Brandvold

North Dakota's economy starts on rural roads.

We ask you to support \$30 million for township infrastructure. This much-needed funding is included in the Office of Management and Budget appropriations bill HB1015.

Township Road Investments are Needed¹

- Township and county roads and bridges will require \$9.3 billion in investment over the next 20 years = that's an annual need of \$466 million.
- There are 47,139 miles of township roads in North Dakota.

Deteriorating Township Roads Impact all North Dakotans

Poor rural road conditions impact:

- Farm and ranch access, reducing efficiency and productivity.
- Rural school districts, which encounter delays and extra miles.
- Public safety, with challenges for emergency, medical and fire response.
- Energy production, with limited access to pipelines, well sites and wind generation.
- Access to hunting land, fishing waters and recreational sites.

Townships have Limited Access to Funds

- Township property tax mill levies are capped, and rural infrastructure is deteriorating.
- Townships receive just 2.7 percent of Highway Tax Distribution Fund disbursements.
- Many townships are unable to meet match requirements for FEMA repair funds.

Township roads play a critical role in the state's transportation network, connecting rural areas to towns and cities. Please support \$30 million for township road investments and improvements.



North Dakota Corn Growers Association
North Dakota Farmers Union
North Dakota Township Officers Association
North Dakota Stockmen's Association
North Dakota Soybean Growers Association
Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
North Dakota Grain Growers Association
North Dakota Irrigation Association
North Dakota Association of Counties
North Dakota Transportation Coalition
U.S. Durum Growers Association
North Dakota Association of County Engineers
American Council of Engineering Companies
North Dakota Farm Bureau
Ducks Unlimited
North Dakota Ethanol Producers Association
Dakota Credit Union Association
Associated General Contractors of North Dakota
North Dakota Wildlife Federation
North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives
Northwest Landowners Association
North Dakota EMS Association
Delta Waterfowl
Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota/North Dakota
North Dakota Farm Credit Council
North Dakota Water Resource Districts Association
North Dakota Petroleum Council
Western Dakota Energy Association
Economic Development Association of North Dakota
BNSF Railway
Wind Energy of North Dakota

The Country Lawyer

by Thomas R. Moe, Attorney-at-Law



Greetings!

What a difference a year makes. Annual meetings and tax equalization meetings have come and gone, and no problems with quarantines, masks, social distancing, or postponed/cancelled meetings like we had last year.

The Legislature also came to town and have left after a busy session. I'm not certain of how many bills they acted upon, but I'm reminded of the sage that said that if we laid all our laws end to end there would be no end.

Some of the legislature's actions regarding townships appear elsewhere in this issue—and, the end of this year's session means that we will be working over the summer on an update to our NDTOA handbook, plus planning for next February's round of regional township officer workshops.

Our annual convention will also be planned, and it will be so good to meet everyone in person this year.

I've had several questions about setting up special assessment districts within township boundaries. The process is all laid out in Section 58-18 of the Century Code in your handbook, and is quite easy to follow the guidelines.

A special assessment district allows a group of residents to tax just themselves for a project—a paving project within a subdivision for example—without spreading the extra (or special) levy over the entire township.

The township's cost and expense of administering the plans should be included in the budget, so that the

entire project is revenue neutral for the township.

It's been extremely dry around the state, and I've also had some inquiries about dust control on township roads. The North Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) website has some good information on this topic; as well as a myriad of other excellent resources for township road supervisors.

I especially like to visit their page regarding culverts and other local road issues. LTAP has long been a valued partner with NDTOA and we value their assistance!

Interestingly, I field calls from time to time from newly elected township officers, so that tells me that your efforts to continue township government have been successful. These new folks are much more computer savvy than I ever will be, and their enthusiasm is contagious.

On the other side of the coin, however, is that I hear too many times about inability to get "young people" interested, or that there is no one left living in the township to take over the reins.

Hopefully townships finding themselves in that predicament will consider merging with neighboring townships in order to keep local government in their area at the township level—rather than turning control over to the county.

The procedure for merging townships is found at Chapter 58-05.1—"Multi-township Officers" of the handbook.

As I stated above, it's not too early to start planning to attend both the NDTOA state convention and the

regional workshops next February.

The annual convention will be December 5-7, 2021 so mark your calendars now!

Following are a few of the questions I have received in the office lately. Have a safe Summer!
TRM

QUESTION: With the dry weather, some of our inundated roads have dried up and are once again useable. Do we have to notify anyone about the fact that we have begun using these roads again?

ANSWER: If you officially closed the road; i.e. held a road closing hearing and notified the county of your actions, then I suppose you would have to hold a hearing to officially open the road once again; (probably no one would show up to object at such a hearing!). I'm thinking that this would be the process to use to get the road back on the list to obtain state gas tax funding.

QUESTION: Our township would like to get zoned so we can stop wind towers from coming in. How do we start?

ANSWER: The first thing to remember is that zoning typically cannot prohibit a certain activity, but rather is a method to only restrict it. And, sometimes those restrictions can be written in a way that the activity just cannot be sustained. *Cont'd next page*

The Country Lawyer cont'd

For example, I have heard of regulations where towers can't be closer than a mile from a residence—and in many of the more populated townships there are too many residences for a structure to be built and still meet the rules. Establishing a zoning ordinance is a process. Begin by reviewing Section 58-11 thru 15 of the Century Code in the NDTOA handbook.

I also suggest looking at other townships that have similar zoning ordinances. Check with your county auditor about the county's zoning ordinances. Check those neighboring counties and townships which have wind towers present; chances are they have ordinances in place that govern that activity. You can also inquire with the ND Public Service Commission about the permits that were filed with existing wind facilities in the State.

QUESTION: Our clerk is a snowbird and gets back just in time for the annual meeting. Much of the mail and paperwork goes unanswered and billings go unpaid while she is away. She refuses to do anything online. Any ideas?

ANSWER: Consider appointing a deputy clerk—see Section 58-07-02. Notify the county auditor that the deputy is also to receive official mailings, and notify NDTOA too, so that the deputy can get our “clerk only” mailings.

Additionally, your clerk is apparently the Treasurer as well; so perhaps you should separate the two offices and have a separate treasurer position. This would require action to do so at the annual meeting.

QUESTION: We have a farmer who wants to clean the road ditch so he can move water off his field into a nearby slough which eventually drains into a river about a mile or so away. Can we let him do this?

ANSWER: Yes and no! There's no problem with the ditch cleaning—as long as the inslope and backslope of the ditch is not destroyed. In other words, when the work is done, there should be no effect to traffic safety; i.e. no dangerous drop-offs, etc.

The bigger issue, however, is that this is a drainage project—not a road project—so that the farmer needs to get permits from the county water board, and maybe even NRCS for their permitting process as well. Don't allow the ditch cleaning until you are assured that the other agency(s) have signed off on the proposal.

QUESTION: We have a city within our township and their city limit boundary is the center of the section line on the west side of the city. We maintain the road, and mow the ditches on both sides, but would like the city to do the snow removal. Is there any way that we could force them to do so?

ANSWER: It would seem that the township probably doesn't have to maintain the city's side of the road, nor mow the city's side of the ditch, nor remove snow from half of the road. Maybe by not doing one or all three of these activities will get the city resident's attention (at least those that live along the road) and the resulting complaints to the city council will probably result in an agreement between both entities to equitably share the road maintenance duties.

2021 Legislative Committee Report

BY Todd Weber, Chair of NDTOA Legislative Committee

The North Dakota State Township Officers Association Legislative Committee has been busy this past winter lobbying in Bismarck on behalf of the 2000 Townships in the state of North Dakota.

Bills of particular interest to townships that the Governor signed are HB1015 and SB2012. HB1015 has three parts in it that benefit townships. It will provide 10 million dollars divided equally to all non-oil producing townships, another 10 million dollars distributed to all non-oil producing townships distributed based on the road miles they certify with the State Treasurer and lastly 20 million dollars in matching funds for township road projects, which will be administered though the DOT.

The second bill, SB2012, will make available to townships matching funds for FEMA projects.

We are excited about these two bills from this past legislative session and are hopeful that townships receive this money sooner rather than later so they can provide good roads for safe travel.

Check out the
**HOT TOPIC
BUTTON**
on our website:
www.ndtoa.com

2020 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

**Representative Chet Pollert named
NDTOA Legislator of the Year for 2020**

Representative Pollert was recognized for his years of support for townships, he has been instrumental in securing funding for townships and in passage of other bills of great importance to rural North Dakota.

Chet Pollert, of Carrington, was first elected to the ND House in 1999 serving District 29. He served as the Chairman of the Human Resources Division of the House Appropriations Committee for several sessions. He is currently the House Majority Leader; he was elected to that post in the 66th Session.



Township Disaster Grants

By Larry Syverson

During the last few years leading up to the 2021 Legislative session, townships in some areas endured very wet weather resulting in a lot of road damage and road closures due to high water. Some of these townships had already incurred large debt while dealing with the rising water and now could not even borrow enough money to come up with the 15% local match for approved FEMA projects.

To help these townships the Legislature added a fund to the NDDOT budget bill. A total of \$750,000 was made available for townships that could not come up with funds for the local match. The NDDOT was to administer the grant program.

NDDOT mailed out the applications to all township clerks based on the list NDTOA provided. They received 180 responses that totaled \$13.5 million in requests. Applications that fell under the first priority, which is approved FEMA project matches where the applicants demonstrated financial hardship, will use up all of the \$750,000.

NDDOT has applied for some of the Federal ARPA funds the State received under the recovery programs in hopes of filing more of the requests.

NOTICE!

Notices from NDTOA and NDDOT are sent to the Clerk of the township only. They need to be forwarded to township board members by the clerk.

Will ND Townships Get ARPA Funds?

By Larry Syverson

We have gotten that question several times. The main problem is the rule in the final version of the law that requires a government unit provide “a broad range of services” to qualify, just being the road authority is not enough.

Then there is the expense limitation, roads are not a qualifying expense except if the funds would offset a revenue loss from the pandemic.

If a township were to qualify, the payment is based on population so most townships would get very little. Then there is the reporting requirement, quarterly reports on spending until 2026.

The feeling at the State Capitol is that with all the red tape that is included with these Federal funds for the townships, it would be better if the State earmarked some of its ARPA funds for township use.

The amount of that funding is up for discussion, ranging from \$12.8 million which would fully fund the Township Disaster Grant applications, up to enough to also match the \$10 million of State money which was provided to match Federal funds for township use in Section 13 of HB 1015.

The details will need to be worked out by the Legislature either late this fall during the redistricting session or an earlier special session called by the Governor.

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federal funds to township road and bridge projects through the NDDOT. Section 13 calls for a transfer of general funds to the highway fund with at least 10 million dollars going to matching federal funds for township road and bridge projects.

Several of these provisions run the funds through NDDOT so that hopefully they can find federal dollars to match them with, getting much more bang for the North Dakota bucks. One very important provision comes in section 27, it allows the NDDOT to enter into cooperative agreements with, and the ability to expend federal highway funds with, any transferee of the highway distribution fund; and townships are part of that.

The new ability for the NDDOT to work with townships is far more important than any of the one-time funds we are receiving. We are grateful to Director Bill Panos for his willingness to work with ND townships!

TIME TO CONSIDER GRASSROOTS REPORT ONLINE?

You could have notices of meetings and other information as much as two weeks earlier by getting this newsletter online. Just go to the website NDTOA.com and click on the button "Receive Newsletter Electronically". You will have the news before it can be printed and mailed.

In 2020 the NDTOA Board of Directors established the Meritorious Service Award to be given by the Board of Directors, at their discretion, to a current or former elected township official that has served their constituents in exemplary fashion.

At the 54th Annual Meeting December 7, 2020, the NDTOA Board of Directors bestowed the first ever Meritorious Service Award upon Ralph Olson in recognition of his many years of service to his township and NDTOA.

NDTOA MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD 2020

Presented to Ralph Olson

"For your many years of practicing and promoting the efficiencies of Grassroots Government with skill and common sense. Your dignified approach is recognized and well respected by your peers at all levels of Township Government. Not only has your service been beneficial to your township, it is also beneficial to fellow rural residents throughout the state"

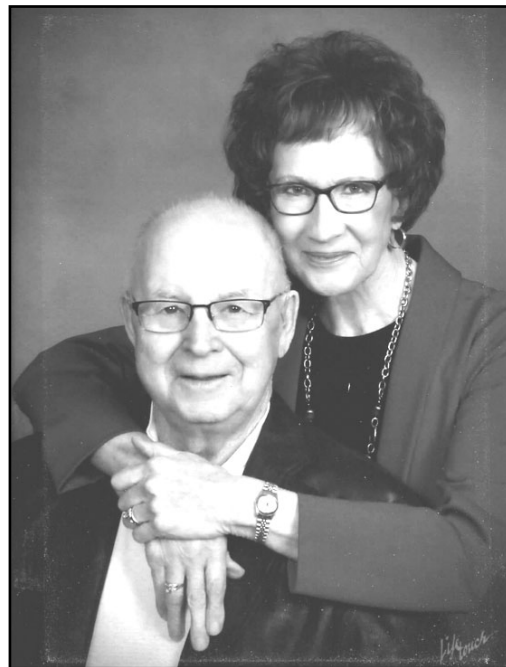
North Dakota Township Officers Association

Ralph's history of service to Townships:

Albert Township for more than 45 years

Benson County Township Officers Association Board for over 30 years

North Dakota Township Officers Association Board for over 20 years



Ralph and Louise Olson, married 67 years

Louise is also a Township Officer

Road Funding Opportunities Available

Bill Panos, Director, North Dakota Department of Transportation

It has been a great start to the summer, and we are busy preparing projects across North Dakota in anticipation of administering dollars allocated by the 67th Legislative Assembly.

Thank you to the townships that applied for a portion of the \$750,000 in state funds allocated through SB 2012 for the purpose of emergency township road repairs.

Our team is currently reviewing applications and will be awarding grants to townships later this summer.

We're also working with Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) to identify and write federal grants on behalf of townships.

The goal is to find additional dollars for townships to leverage the funds that were given to you by the 67th Legislative Assembly.

If you can reserve some of those dollars you may be able to use them as match for a federal grant.

We recognize there are urgent repairs that are needed so we understand this will not be possible in every situation.

We are grateful for you and your commitment to improving roads for the individuals who live in your townships. Roads are often taken for granted but at the core, connect us to each other and make commerce possible.



It's a system that's worthy of our time and the investment of our dollars. Once we have UGPTI under contract, they will be reaching out to you to coordinate projects for future grant funding.

We look forward to working with you on this new endeavor.

Treasurer's Report by Barb Knutson



A tiny shower made it's way thru this morning and did cool things off for a short time. Hoping for more of the same in longer duration. So many in need of the rain.

Just a few reminders from my corner this time. It is that time of

year that the changes of officers on the mailing list is needing our attention. Please, anyone that has not, notify your county auditor of the changes from the meetings in March.

Even if there are no changes, just let them know it is the same. The auditors are very helpful in keeping our list current, but they can only give as good as they get from us.

I am still getting a few checks for dues from townships in counties that have associations.

If you don't know who that is, we can help you. Please send your checks to your county association so they can retain the counties portion of the dues.

Still have some dues out there that have not been paid. May 1 is the due date and October 1st is the delinquent date.

Be thinking of the NDTOA annual convention in December. The dates will be December 6 & 7. Mark your calendar!

Thank you for your part in grassroots government and hope you all have a safe and prosperous rest of the year.

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New Soy-based Product Will Help with Essential Dust Control on Gravel Roads

By Tom Jirik, UGPTI Communications Coordinator

With the entire state under a drought disaster declaration, North Dakota road managers face the growing challenge of controlling the billowing clouds of dust from the state's 60,000 miles of gravel roads.

Traditional treatments are augmented this year by a new soy-based formulation developed at NDSU. The new formulation fills a niche for agencies looking for an environmentally friendly dust control alternative that will also support the region's agricultural producers.

A full arsenal of dust control treatments will be important this year, notes Dale Heglund, director of the North Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program, a part of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at NDSU. *"Dust creates a safety issue because of reduced visibility and because those dust particles can be harmful to humans and livestock that are exposed to them. Dust has also been shown to reduce the productivity on farmland adjacent to gravel roads."*

Heglund also notes that the presence of dust also indicates a breakdown in the road itself. *"Those fines help to hold the larger pieces of gravel together, giving the road surface its structure."*

A roadway carrying 100 vehicles per day and with dust loss estimated at 1 ton per vehicle per year will lose about 100 tons of gravel per mile.

As those fine particles disappear, roads begin to washboard and

mostly loose rock remains on the road surface, creating driving difficulties and safety concerns. That loose rock is also more likely to wind up on shoulders and in the ditches, compounding the loss of material from the roadway.

Historically, most dust control practices in North Dakota include the spraying of magnesium chloride or calcium chloride which attract moisture and lock the clay binder in to the gravel driving surface.

"These solutions are proven technology that provide good results," Heglund says. *"Local road managers have to take into account the cost of the treatments and weigh that cost against the volume of traffic using the road the proximity of residences, business, livestock and crops."*

Heglund notes that applications are not difficult, but must be done correctly for the products to be most effective and efficient. See the resources page at www.ndltap.org for tips on managing dust on local roads.

Epic EL by BioBlend Inc. is a new product on the market this year. Soy-based Epic is noncorrosive and environmentally friendly and can be applied with a variety of equipment without any special modifications.

"This product opens a new market for ag producers and provides another viable option for

road managers," Heglund says. *"It's been exciting to watch the development of this product from the very beginning."*

In 2015, Heglund and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute helped research engineer Jim Bahr of the NDSU Office of Research and Creative Activity gain approval from the N.D. Department of Health to test the initial formulation.

He also assisted Bahr in selecting dust testing equipment, identify gravel properties and other key factors required for testing an emerging dust suppressant.

In 2017, Heglund and UGPTI road and bridge engineer Andrew Wrucke (now with the City of West Fargo) helped identify road test sections in Cass County where the first large scale applications of the soy-based dust suppressant tested.

UGPTI's current UGPTI road and bridge engineer Kelly Bengtson arranged additional test sections in Kittson County, MN, in 2020.

The Kittson County sites were among 19 test sites across the Midwest last year. Positive results were obtained from using the product at 18 of those sites.

Results of the research and information on the use of EPIC EL were presented during a May 11 webinar presented by NDLTAP and the North Dakota Soybean Council.

The recorded webinar can be found at: <https://ndsoybean.org/innovations/>

WELCOME BRUCE KRABSETH!

District 1 Director

Bruce was born and raised in the Alamo area where he graduated from Williston High School in 1973. He attended the University of North Dakota, Williston Center earning an Associates of Science Degree in Agri-Business in 1975. Bruce returned to the family farm, which he has operated for the past 48 years.

Bruce and his wife Melanie have a set of twins: daughter Kayla, a self-employed drafter living in Glen Allen, Virginia and son, Kendrick who operates the family farm with his father and is a diesel mechanic.

He has been active in the Alamo Fire Department. He is also on the Northwest Regional Emergency Response Advisory Committee of North Dakota, president of the Hauge Cemetery Association and president of Calvary Lutheran Church board a Past Potentate KEM Temple and Past Master Mt. Moriah Lodge.



He enjoys snowmobiling, fishing and spending time with his family in his spare time.

Bruce has been a township officer in Winner Township for over 40 years.

NDSU

UPPER GREAT PLAINS
TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE
NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



NDLTAP has partnered with TrueNorth Steel to develop a workshop to help county, township and small community personnel learn how to properly design, install and maintain culverts. Workshop focus areas include:

- Pipe sizing—state rules and design methods that engineers use to select properly sized culverts
- Pipe coating selection—options available and how to choose
- Pipe length—how to calculate and order
- Pipe performance—review of slope, interior, flared ends, outlets, velocity, etc.
- Pipe strength—how soil and pipe strength combine
- Pipe installation—pipe survey, bedding, placement, backfill, compaction and collars. These topics will be covered during a hands on installation of a corrugated metal pipe (CMP) on a county road.
- Pipe slip lining—extending pipe life.

NDLTAP

Local Road Corrugated Metal Pipe In-Person Training

AUGUST 25, 2021 (Wednesday)

9 AM to 4 PM

McLean Co. Highway Dept.
Highway 83 Bypass Washburn ND
NO Registration Fee - Class Limit: 30
Registration Deadline: August 18, 2021
Contact NDLTAP at 701-328-8755 or
ndltap@ugpti.org

NDTOA GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

To recognize the leadership, creativity, and dedication of township officials, the NDTOA has established a leadership award to pay tribute every year to an individual whose community service exhibits the highest standard of dedication, ability and service.

ELIGIBILITY—The award will be presented to an individual, locally elected official, currently in office. It will recognize him or her for their outstanding contributions on a sustained basis or from a single performance.

Nominees should have responsibility for accomplishing or causing to be accomplished significant programs or projects within their area of responsibility, to the ultimate benefit of the general public.

Examples of such professional accomplishments include local government cost-cutting, coordination of a major local volunteer effort, and promoting townships at the national level, establishing new local services or programs, and success in securing public or private funding for local projects.

SELECTING CRITERIA—Nomination should include as much information as possible, such as: Complexity of the problem(s) addressed. Measurable improvements resulting from nominee’s accomplishments. Use of original, innovative or creative approaches and solutions in difficult situations. AND Long-term or lasting benefit of the nominee’s accomplishments.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE—Nominations may be submitted by member townships and counties of the NDTOA. A nomination form is below for your convenience. Just complete and mail (or e-mail larry.ndtoa@gmail.com).
Nominations must be received by November 15th.

NDTOA GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM NOMINEE:

Name _____ Office _____

Township _____ County _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

Your name _____ Office _____

Address _____

Phone numbers _____

OTHER OBJECTIVE REFERENCES

Name _____ Office _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

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