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## BOARD OF PEMBINA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

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September 19, 2023

9:00 AM

Board of Pembina County Commissioners met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse. Chairperson Benjaminson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Roll call: Jim Benjaminson and Darin Otto. Absent: Laverne Doyle, Blaine Papenfuss, and Andrew Cull. Due to lack of a quorum the meeting is postponed until September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Others present were Samantha Diemert, Emergency Manager/Weed Officer, Garret Fontaine, States Attorney, and Konor Parker.

Due to Travis Franz, Sidwell representative, traveling to present to the Commission the Commission will listen to Mr. Franz's presentation at 10:30 am.

Commissioner Doyle joined the meeting at 10:35 am.

Mr. Franz presented a handout summarizing the options Sidwell software offers and gave a brief summary of the Farmland Assessment and Report Management Systems (FARMS) program available through Sidwell, which is built to handle the complexities of productivity-based agricultural land assessment. Combining Esri technology with comprehensive data validation and reporting features, FARMS is able to provide consistent and reproducible calculations. FARMS calculates value for agricultural parcels (soils, land use, assessment); allows inclusion of multiple, spatially accurate land use delineation factors; cross references assessed acreage to mapped acreage; reports differences based on user defined tolerances; overlay results are stored in a geodatabase; supports batch mapping and reporting; and allows data to be exported and integrated into our Tax and CAMA systems. Sidwell is currently being used in 30 North Dakota counties. Mr. Franz discussed software options and technical support. Discussion followed on a timeline for setting the program up. Mr. Franz discussed quotes for different options. No decision will be made until a full Board is available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.