



Administration Department

DATE: June 25, 2024

FROM: Douglas Wiles, Assistant City Administrator

ITEM: Dakota Media Access Board Appointments

REQUEST:

Appoint Robin Thorstenson, Rick Collin, and Rebecca Thiem to the Dakota Media Access (DMA) Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dakota Media Access requests the appointment of the following to serve on the Dakota Media Access Board of Directors.

- Robin Thorstenson, ND Dept. of Human Services (2028) – reappointment
- Rick Collin, Retired (2028) – reappointment
- Rebecca Thiem, Retired – (2026) fills unexpired vacant board position

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Reappoint Robin Thorstenson and Rick Collin to serve four-year terms and Rebecca Thiem to fill a two-year unexpired term on the Dakota Media Access Board of Directors.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. DMA Board Member Appointments



June 11, 2024

Honorable Mayor Mike Schmitz
Bismarck City Commissioners
Bismarck City Hall
PO Box 5503
Bismarck, ND 58506-5503

Dear Mayor Schmitz and Bismarck City Commissioners:

Dakota Media Access (DMA) requests the following Bismarck residents be considered for appointment to serve on the DMA Board of Directors:

Robin Thorstenson, ND Dept. of Human Services (2028) – reappointment
Rick Collin, Retired (2028) – reappointment
Rebecca Thiem, Retired – (2026) fills unexpired vacant board position

Current DMA Board Members include:

Bismarck Appointees (terms expire):

Jack McDonald, Wheeler Wolf Attorneys (2026)
Dave Diebel, D&N Cinematics (2027)
Greg Wheeler, Basin Electric (2027)
Steve Koontz, Bismarck Public Schools (2027)
Mark Connelly, Bismarck City Commission Liaison

Mandan Appointees (terms expire):

Amber Larson, Bartlett & West (2024)
Jason Arenz, BNC Bank, Mandan President (2025)
Brad Olson, Mandan City Commission Liaison

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack McDonald, President
Mary Van Sickle, Executive Director

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