

**ZIEBACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JANUARY 26, 2023**

The Ziebach County Commissioners met in emergency session with David Pesicka, Bill Henderson and Rick Farlee present; Shane Farlee and Tucker Stocklin absent. Chairman R. Farlee called the meeting to order at 3:25 PM.

**EMERGENCY DISASTER RESOLUTION:** Comm. Henderson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried:

**Ziebach County Disaster Declaration  
DISASTER DECLARATION RESOLUTION #0101**

WHEREAS, Ziebach County, South Dakota suffered a severe winter storm caused by ice, snow, high winds and blizzard conditions December 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a second severe winter storm caused by snow, high winds and blizzard conditions December 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and a third event of snow, high winds and blizzard conditions December 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

WHEREAS, the December 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> storm brought freezing rain, up to .1" of ice, 8+" of snow, 45+ mph winds and zero visibility, heavy drifting throughout the county roads causing them to be impassable for several days while county crews plowed the roads out. Ziebach County Highway Department was able to clear most of the County Highway System before the next weather system arrived.

WHEREAS, the December 21<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, storm brought additional snow, 50 mph winds and blizzard conditions back to Ziebach County for 4 days. All roads drifted back closed and some were impassable for several days again. Ziebach County had a difficult time clearing roads due to the nature of drifting and zero visibility.

WHEREAS, the December 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 system brought additional snow, 40+ mph winds and blizzard conditions back to Ziebach County. Many roads drifted back closed, especially the areas that have snow ridges that need pushed back and some roads were not able to cleared yet from the previous storms.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Ziebach County Commissioners do hereby declare a disaster for the population of the area impacted.

The Ziebach County Commissioners respectfully request that any and all assistance which may be available from state and federal agencies be provided to all local governments to include Ziebach County and to the local businesses and the general population as we work to overcome this disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ziebach County Commissioners do hereby declare a disaster and respectfully request the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a disaster area and to request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to ensure that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses and residents affected.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Rick Farlee, Chairman  
Ziebach County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Cindy Longbrake, Ziebach County Auditor

Chairman R. Farlee signed the resolution and it was forwarded to the Regional Emergency Management Office as requested.

**ADJOURNMENT:** As there was no further business before the Board, Comm. Henderson moved to adjourn at 3:35 PM, seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Cindy Longbrake, Auditor

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Rick Farlee, Chairman

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