

'Surprise' campground fuels Town of Sand Lake meeting

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Campgrounds continue to be a hotly contested topic locally, as demand for outdoor activities was fueled in the last year by lockdowns, pandemic concerns and limited travels outside the region.

However, expansions of existing camping facilities or creation of new, private campgrounds continues to be

both a concern regarding environmental and infrastructure impact, while also seen as a profitable development option - prompting county studies by the Land Use Information Committee, and bringing hot debate, opposition and hurried effort to dissuade such proposals.

In recent days it came to light that another campground issue has emerged, this time in the Town of Sand Lake, which has led to a special

meeting for discussion and clarification for Town of Sand Lake residents this coming Friday, July 2. The hastily-called public meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the Sand Lake Town Hall, as word of campground construction in the town has brought queries and confusion for residents, surprising even neighboring residents of proposed or pending campgrounds.



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There will be a special meeting Friday at the Sand Lake Town Hall, former Dongala School.

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While the Burnett County board recently approved a moratorium on new campground conditional use permit applications, the Town of Sand Lake apparently does not fall under that zoning decision, leaving them in a different situation. The proposed Town of Sand Lake campground(s) will be discussed and clarified this Friday, July 2 at the Sand Lake Town Hall, which is the historic Dongola School, located at 5364 County Road X, between Whistler and Dongala roads. The meeting is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.