



City of Grand Forks Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – December 8, 2025
City Council – December 15, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

12/15/2025

Maureen Storstad
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City Auditor

Agenda Item: Appointment of Special Assessment Commissioner – David Dunham

Submitted by: Brandon Bochenski, Mayor

Staff Recommended Action: Approve appointment of David Dunham to the Special Assessment Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2031

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Vein, second by Fridolfs to approve on consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

BACKGROUND: Per ND Century Code 40-23-01, the executive officer of each municipality, when it shall be found necessary, shall appoint three reputable residents and freeholders of the municipality as members of the special assessment commission. These appointments are subject to the confirmation by the governing body of the municipality. Commissioners serve a six year term.

Commissioner Brian Poykko has resigned from his position which expired November, 2025. The position was advertised, with one applicant responding. Upon review and consideration of staff, a recommendation to appoint David Dunham to replace Mr. Poykko has been forwarded to Mayor Bochenski.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- The Special Assessment Commission is comprised of three members.
- Mr. Poykko has resigned his position creating a vacancy on the commission.
- The vacancy was advertised on the city website.
- 1 application was received.
- Staff recommended to Mayor Bochenski that David Dunham be appointed to replace Mr. Poykko on the commission, with a new term expiring December 31, 2031.
- Mayor Bochenski concurs with the staff recommendation.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Application from David Dunham

David Dunham
Senior Consultant

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PROFILE

Senior engineer working in the energy, environmental, and financial engineering sectors. Experience in sales and marketing in the software industry. Trusted client leader and employee manager.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Senior Consultant | AE2S | May 2025 – Present

Working within the AE2S Nexus group to support rate studies, Red River Water Supply Project modeling, and client financial needs. Also working with clients of the AE2S Energy Services group.

Business Development Engineer and Marketing | Satelytics | February 2020 – April 2025

Business development engineer for software as a service geospatial analytics platform serving the energy industry. Top salesperson contributing \$MM+ per year to companies' revenue. Collaborating with multiple people across the customer organization to provide value on investment. Responsibilities include: customer acquisition, growing existing satellite monitoring programs, pricing structure, guiding customers with data on their growth and ROI plan, building proposals, presenting technical subjects in person and web meeting, attending and speaking at conferences and tradeshows.

Senior Process Engineer Team Lead | Energy & Environmental Research Center | September 2007 – February 2020

Design, manufacture, and operation of pilot and lab scale test system for advanced energy programs. Managed a team of engineers and scientists. Program management including proposals, budgets, operations, communication of objectives and results. Guiding customers on their journey from test programs to commercial deployment.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Working with clients to ensure project goals are delivered as scoped and on time.
- Communicating technical ideas for internal and external users.
- Understanding solution fit in the marketplace and amongst competitors.
- Working within an organization TO identify industry trends and scope complex projects.
- Financial and cost engineering for municipal clients.
- Working through project and client challenges with clear communication.