

MIDWEST DIGEST

Limits In Place For S.D. Campaign Signs

PIERRE (AP) — The state Department of Transportation reminds people that political campaign and ballot-issue signs can't be placed on state highway rights of way.
The DOT says any signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control are prohibited and will be removed.
In cases where a state highway runs through a town, state law takes precedence over any local ordinance regarding campaign signs.

S.D. Ballot Explanations Are Available

PIERRE (AP) — Voters who want to get a head start on studying the four ballot questions in South Dakota's November election can do so through the secretary of state's office.
Attorney General Marty Jackley has written official ballot explanations of what each entails.
They deal with authorizing medical marijuana, broadening a state ban on smoking, voting by secret ballot, and changing distributions from a state trust fund.
The ballot explanations are on file with the secretary of state's office and may be viewed on line.

Charged Attorney To Drop Law, House Race

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls attorney arrested after a police chase says she'll give up her law license and pull out of the race for state House.
Mary Ann Giebink announced Friday that she sent a letter of resignation to the state Supreme Court and plans to close her law office.
She also said she won't continue her run for the House seat in District 10.

The 50-year-old faces charges of drunken driving, eluding and marijuana possession.
The Minnehaha County sheriff's department says a deputy attempted to stop Giebink's speeding vehicle early May 7, but she sped off. A chase through a residential neighborhood reached speeds of 100 mph and ended when the vehicle slid into the ditch.
Giebink's attorney, Henry Evans, has called the incident a relapse.

Police Seek Driver In Crash Into Apartments

RAPID CITY (AP) — Rapid City police are looking for the driver who fled on foot after crashing his vehicle into an apartment complex.
The crash at Rapid Creek Apartments happened about 2:15 p.m. Saturday. Witnesses reported seeing the vehicle traveling about 60 mph before slamming into the complex's community center.
No injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at \$15,000.
Police say alcohol was likely a factor in the crash.

Rounds To Help Lead Economic Summit

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds heads to New York City this week to help lead the Council of State Governments' first Economic Summit of the States.
The conference set for Thursday through Sunday will provide an opportunity for state officials to talk about the economy and come up with ideas to recover from the recession.
Rounds is the president of the council. He and the council chairman, Kentucky Senate President David L. Williams, will co-chair the summit.

Omaha Teen Hurt In 20-Foot Fall From Tree

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A 15-year-old south Omaha boy has suffered serious injuries in a roughly 20-foot fall from a tree.
Omaha police say the teen had climbed the tree around 9:30 p.m. Saturday to retrieve a ball. A branch broke, sending the teen to the ground.
Police say the teen hit his head on the ground and suffered serious injuries. He was taken to a hospital, where he underwent surgery. He was in critical condition Sunday.

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Wind Farms Eye Big Stone Upgrades

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SIoux FALLS — Transmission lines originally slated to carry coal-generated power from the scrapped Big Stone II plant could open up a new market for proposed eastern South Dakota wind farms.
Big Stone II's plans had called for new and upgraded high-voltage power lines in southern Minnesota to carry power to customers to the east from both the 550-megawatt coal-fired power plant near Milbank and nearby wind farms.

The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator has identified about 1,900 megawatts, enough to power some 500,000 homes, of potential wind projects that could jump on board an upgraded transmission system.

One project accepted into the Midwest ISO study is Dakota Wind Energy, a 300-megawatt wind farm planned for Day, Marshall and Roberts counties, just south of the North Dakota border.
"They're creating more of a backbone

transmission line that will serve not just one generator but a number of wind farms in the area," said Ben Kerl, a senior wind developer with Dakota Wind Energy's managing partner National Wind LLC.

Bismarck, N.D.-based Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Fergus Falls, Minn.-based Otter Tail Power Co. were two leading partners in the planning of Big Stone II, which was more than four years in the making. The project was canceled in November, with developers citing financing problems and the possibility of new federal carbon dioxide restrictions.

The Midwest ISO, a regional power-grid agency, immediately stepped in to salvage the transmission line portion of the project.
Steve Wegman, executive director of the South Dakota Wind Energy Association, said transmission upgrades could inject new life into projects proposed along the Coteau Des Prairies ridge of northeastern South Dakota.

Building wind farms without transmission lines is like building cars with no roads to drive on, he said.
"It gives our state an economic develop-

ment tool to sell wind energy into the Minneapolis area," Wegman said.

Eric Lavery, Midwest ISO's director of transmission access planning, said although only 1,900 megawatts of projects qualified for inclusion in the study, the agency estimates that a system of upgraded lines could carry as much as 2,400 megawatts of power.

"If another 500 steps forward, we'll do our best to catch them up," Lavery said.

Midwest ISO hopes to complete its study by August, establishing a transmission plan to connect those 1,900 megawatts to the grid. The next step would be to pinpoint what it's going to cost and how long it would take to build. The Indiana-based agency is hoping to keep the cost of transmission upgrades to be shared by the power providers to around \$200,000 a megawatt.

Wegman said the nation hasn't made any big investments in transmission since the 1970s.

"That's like having your house and not putting any shingles on it for 40-some years and hoping that it doesn't rain or hail," he said.

Board OKs Plans For Nebraska-Kansas Transmission Line

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Public Power District can move forward with plans for an \$87 million transmission line that would connect to one in Kansas and run to just south of Kearney.

The Nebraska Power Review Board voted 3-2 Friday to build the 53-mile line through eastern Kearney and Franklin counties, ending at Axtell.

Power district officials have said the line is needed to ease congestion on its other transmission lines and improve the flow of electricity in western Nebraska.

The line would connect to a 165-mile transmission line being built from southern Kansas to up near the Nebraska border.

Representatives from a group of landowners in south-central Nebraska testified against the plan during Friday's hearing in Lincoln.

One landowner, Eric Boudreau of Upland, has said the line would cut through an environmentally sensitive area used by migratory birds and is not in the state's best interest.

"This line still doesn't make sense," he said after Friday's hearing.

The board can be asked to reconsider its decision, or it can be appealed to the Nebraska Court of Appeals.

Boudreau and the landowners' attorney, Adam Pavelka, said they hadn't considered those options yet.

Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2012 and take a year to complete.

Nebraska Public Power District officials said the utility will pay about a third of the \$87 million cost, with the multistate Kansas Power Pool covering the rest.

Death Of Winona State Student Remains Mystery

WINONA, Minn. (AP) — The family of a 20-year-old Winona State University student now has a copy of his death certificate, but what killed Derek Charles Henderson remains a mystery.

The Winona Daily News reports that Henderson's body was found about 10 p.m. Feb. 25 sitting upright in a chair.

Winona Deputy Police Chief Tom Williams says the death certificate lists sudden fatal

cardiac arrhythmia as the official cause, but what caused the fatal episode is a mystery.

Williams says police ruled out homicide, there were no self-inflicted wounds and no family history of heart trouble.

Although there were several prescription pill bottles near the body, a toxicology report showed Henderson hadn't taken any more pills than what the prescriptions called for.

Henderson's family received his death certificate on Friday.

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