

NOTICE TO HYDE COUNTY LANDOWNERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE HYDE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ALL LANDOWNERS:

SDCL 31-32-7. DESTRUCTION, ETC., OF HIGHWAY GRADE OR DITCH--VIOLATION AS MISDEMEANOR. NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSON MAY INJURE ANY HIGHWAY BY REMOVING, DESTROYING, OR OTHERWISE ALTERING THE GRADE CONSTRUCTED FOR SUCH HIGHWAY OR BY FILLING, OBSTRUCTING, OR OTHERWISE ALTERING THE DITCH WHICH DRAINS THE GRADE OF SUCH HIGHWAY OR OTHERWISE INJURES SUCH HIGHWAY IN ANY MANNER. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR.

THIS MAY OCCUR BY PLOWING OR PLANTING A CROP IN THE ROAD DITCH, WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE DRAINAGE. ANY CHEMICAL THAT DESTROYS THE GRASS IN THE ROAD DITCH IS ALSO PROHIBITED. THIS, ALSO, CAUSES SILT AND OTHER DEBRIS TO PLUG CULVERTS AND BRIDGES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT ANY DESTRUCTION OR INJURY TO A COUNTY ROAD DITCH OR RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THE LAW. THIS MAY INCLUDE MOWING OF CROPS BY THE COUNTY OR REMOVAL OF DIRT AND DIRT CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CAUSING DAMAGE TO CROPS. THE COST TO THE COUNTY OF REPAIRING AND RETURNING THE ROAD TO ITS PROPER STATE MAY BE RECOVERED IN A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE LANDOWNER. VIOLATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS DEEMED NECESSARY.



**Mel Buchheim, Chairman
Hyde County Commissioner**