



# Nelson County Emergency Management

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## NELSON COUNTY DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**WHEREAS**, Nelson County North Dakota is currently in Extreme Drought Conditions and has experienced high winds, low humidity and continued forecasted dry weather conditions;

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota is currently experiencing the worst drought on record since the year 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions have the potential to adversely impact farmers and ranchers who face a continued lack of rainfall and longer dry days that may result in poor crop and hay production, damage pasture land and possible depletion of water supplies for livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, Nelson County has been included in both the State of North Dakota Drought Disaster Declaration dated April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and the Secretarial Disaster Designation issued by the United States Department of Agriculture on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to the drought; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous wildland fires in rural Nelson County have occurred due to these conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of these potential fires may threaten the health, well-being and public safety of citizens in Nelson County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Nelson County, by the Board of County Commissioners, Nelson County, North Dakota, declares Nelson County, it's cities, and it's public and private area, to be in a drought emergency.

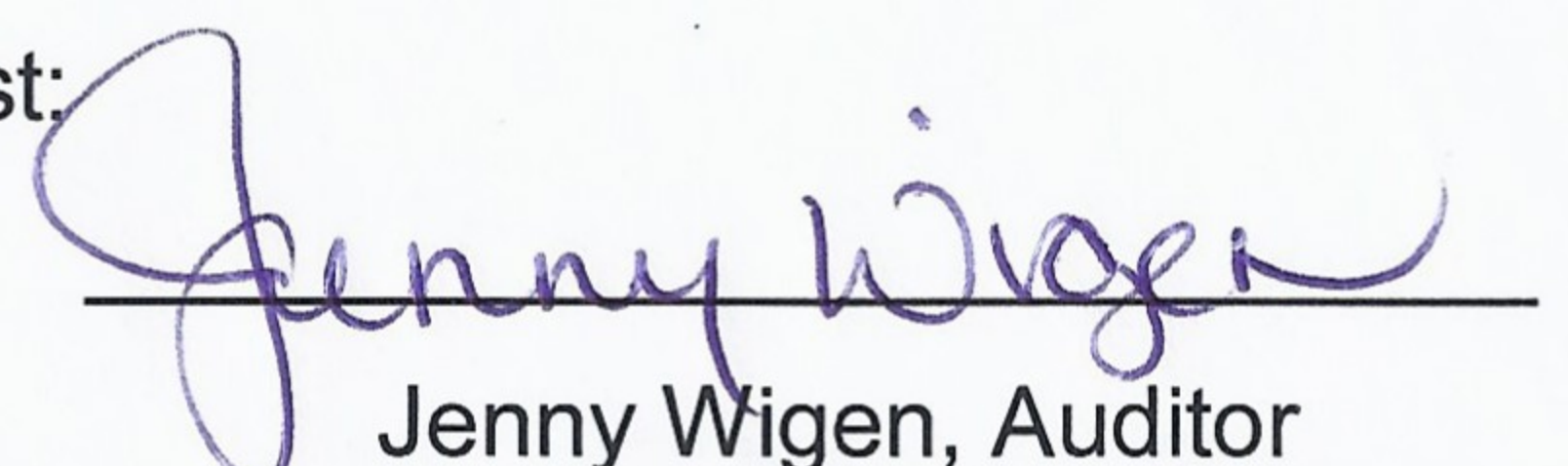
**Dated this 3<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 at Lakota, North Dakota**

Approved:

  
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Nancy Marquart, Chairman

Nelson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Jenny Wigen, Auditor