

# Fargo city commissioner wants to ban draining rural land during floods

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FARGO (KFGO) – If a Fargo city commissioner gets his way, rural landowners who own property outside Fargo’s city limits would be banned from draining their fields during floods.

Commissioner Dave Piepkorn said at Monday’s city commission meeting that he wants to find a way to stop the procedure, which farmers and ranchers have used for decades.

“What I find ironic is, the very same people that are telling us not to build the diversion are the ones that are putting the water into the river during a flood. That bothers me greatly. I think it’s a serious issue and we will be pursuing it in the future” Piepkorn said.

“This is something that needs to change. I know that this is not our lane to drive into...but this is something the governor should declare immediately to stop discharging water during a flood.”

Piepkorn said that until very recently, he didn’t realize that rural landowners are allowed to legally drain their fields during a flood.

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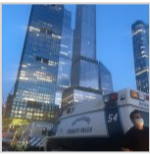
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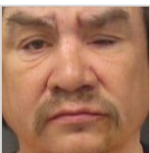
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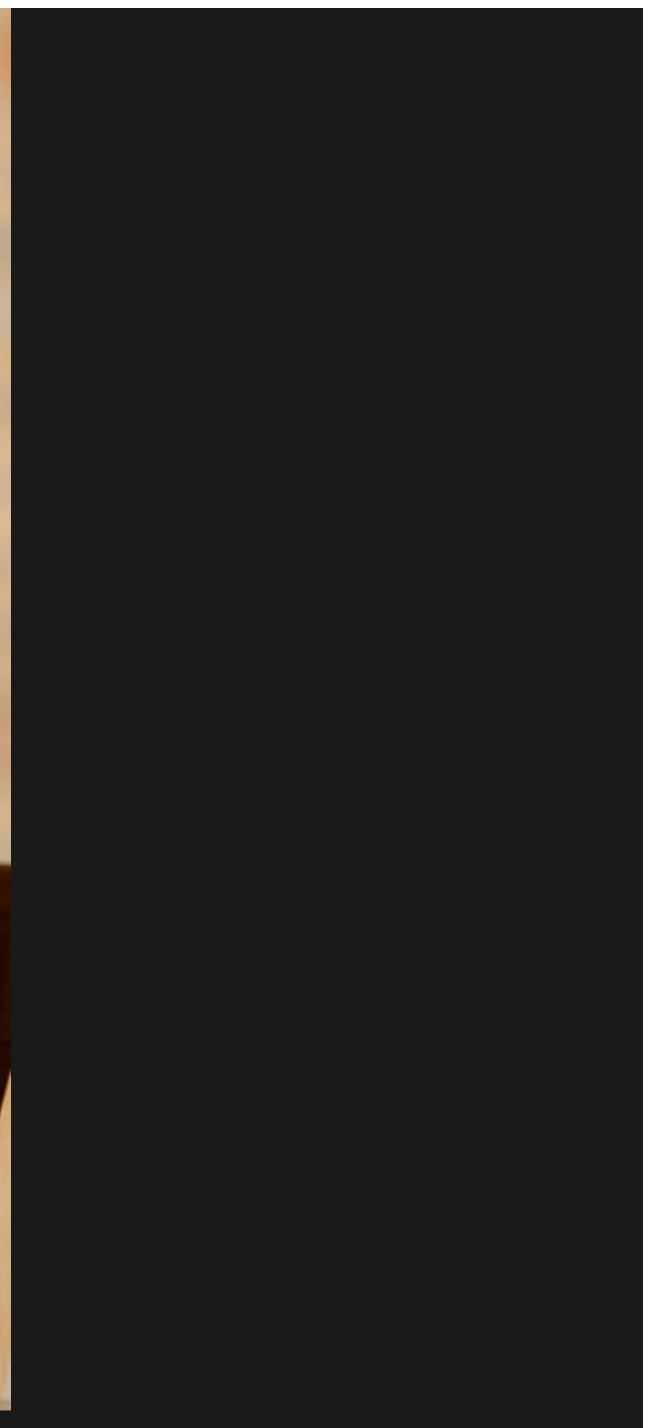
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