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Dunn County "Local Control" Group Hosting Meet & Greet

Manning, ND - The citizen-led group working for more local control and input in planning and zoning decisions in Dunn County is hosting a "Meet and Greet" and free community picnic, **TUESDAY**.

Members of the so-called "Sixty-Percent Committee" invite landowners, citizens, and friends of Dunn County to the Manning Community Club at 7:00 pm on June 2, 2015 for a celebration of their persistent efforts to bring local control back to Dunn County, and their successes in derailing two ill-conceived special waste landfills that were proposed in the county this spring.

The citizens also hope to inform a wider audience in Dunn County and surrounding communities about their efforts and engage other concerned citizens in the work ahead as the county continues to grapple with the impacts of oil and gas development. But primarily, the event is meant to thank everyone who contributed their time, energy, and money towards restoring local control in the county.

The name "60% Committee" comes from a county planning and zoning ordinance that required the approval of 60% of landowners within a half-mile of a proposed special waste landfill before a project could proceed. The Board of County Commissioners quietly removed the longstanding ordinance in June 2014 with the adoption of a comprehensive planning and zoning plan for the county. In April, the Board of Commissioners rejected efforts to reinstate the language as-is, but committee members are working to insert a different landowner protection ordinance into county code. They hope the Dunn County Planning and Zoning Committee will consider the new ordinance at their July meeting.

WHO: Landowners and Concerned Citizens of Dunn County – The 60% Committee

WHAT: Meet & Greet Community Picnic

WHEN: 7:00 PM MST, Tuesday, June 2, 2015

WHERE: Manning Community Club (White Building - WEST, off ND HWY 22/Main Street in Manning, ND)

RSVP: Landowners, citizens, and friends of Dunn County are invited to this FREE event. All press are welcome.

If you would like to conduct supplemental interviews with members of the committee, please contact

Mandy Kubik at mandy@drcinfo.com or 701-799-3494 (cell) to make arrangements).

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