



# 2022 Sales Tax Question

House File 1304

Senate File 1297

Total Estimated Project Cost \$13 million

In 2018, 66% of the voters in the City of Fergus Falls approved a one-half of one percent sales tax question to fund the Public Library Renewal Project. The bonds for this sales tax will be paid off in December of 2023. The Fergus Falls City Council would like to extend the sales tax to help fund a number of other community needs. The projects increase the quality of life in this region, positively stimulate the economy and help make Fergus Falls a year-round destination for our surrounding communities.

## AQUATICS CENTER

A citizen led group of volunteers has worked tirelessly over the past five years to engage regional residents and work through design plans to create a great asset for our regional that is anticipated to be heavily utilized. The project would include a proposed bath house, two bodies of water, a lazy river, three waterslides, a climbing wall and other recreational amenities. If the proposed facility comes to fruition, it would be the largest outdoor facility in the region and a significant attraction for the area. The closest similar facility is 150 miles away. The city anticipates local fundraising and donations to contribute up to \$1.5 million for this project.



**Aquatics**

Estimated Cost \$7.8 million

## DELAGOON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Delagoon Park and campground is the largest regional public park facility in our community consisting of a campground, public lake access, fishing pier, Central Lakes Trail access, soccer complex, softball complex, multiple baseball fields and a 27 hole disc golf course. In 2014, a master plan for the campground was completed to determine the feasibility of adding infrastructure to allow for shower and restroom facilities. Improvements to the sports fields include upgraded restrooms and concession facilities and new lighting systems would attract area visitors coming for tournaments and special events.



**Delagoon Projects**

Estimated Cost \$5.2 million

### Estimated Costs and Timeframe

The total project costs are estimated at \$13 million and we anticipate a 0.5% local sales tax would generate \$17,700,000 over 13 years. The estimated local sales tax revenue and time needed to raise the revenue for each project is as follows:

- ◆ Aquatics Center: The city will collect \$10,600,000 over eight years
- ◆ Delagoon Improvement Projects: The city will collect \$7,100,000 over five years

We appreciate the state's consideration of approval for HF 1304 and SF 1297.