

Purdy

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has proved himself worthy of a contract on par with quarterbacks who entered the league with higher pedigree after helping the Niners reach the Super Bowl in his first full season as a starter in 2023.

“There’s 32 starting quarterbacks and those guys, like it’s not the easiest job in the world,” he said. “For me, with what I’ve done and everything, I could hang my hat on the fact that I’ve had success in this league and I’m capable of leading an organization all the way to the end, the Super Bowl. I proved that. I know who I am and I’m going to obviously want to get what I deserve, but also surround myself, like I said, with guys around me and not just try to take every penny for myself. But that’s the whole point of negotiating, you go throughout that you try to meet in the middle ground.”

Purdy has made less than \$1 million a year for his first three seasons and was set to get a small raise in 2025 to about \$5.2 million under the league’s

proven performance escalator for making the Pro Bowl last season.

Purdy’s success helped rescue the Niners from a potentially catastrophic mistake after they traded three first-round picks to draft Trey Lance third overall in 2021, only to watch him struggle before getting traded away in 2023.

He took over as starter late in his rookie season. He won the final five starts of the regular season and the first two rounds of the playoffs before suffering a serious injury to his throwing elbow early in an NFC title game loss to Philadelphia that season.

Purdy had one of the most prolific passing seasons in team history in 2023 when he finished fourth in the NFL in MVP voting and helped the team reach the Super Bowl before losing in overtime to Kansas City.

He set a franchise record for yards passing (4,280) and became the first Niners QB in more than two decades to throw at least 30 TD passes (31). Purdy led the NFL with a 113 passer rating and his 9.6 yards per attempt were the most in the NFL for a qualifying QB since Kurt

Warner had 9.9 in 2000.

That success was harder to come by in 2024 as Purdy was hampered by injuries to key offensive players like Christian McCaffrey, Trent Williams and Brandon Aiyuk. His passer rating dropped nearly 17 points to 96.1, he had only 20 TD passes and 12 interceptions on the season, and also came up short in several late-game scenarios when the 49ers had a chance for a comeback win.

Purdy’s play was part of a team-wide downturn that led to a 6-11 record and the first missed playoff appearance for San Francisco since 2020. That was one reason why he wanted to make sure he was part of the entire offseason program to help engineer a rebound.

“Everybody’s bought in right now and we’re excited, obviously, to do more team activities and stuff as we move along the offseason,” he said. “It’s hard to explain, but the young guys, the older guys, everybody is bringing it right now and I think it’s just so important that we’re just around each other a lot doing little different activities and continuing to build chemistry.”

Games

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got a run in the bottom of the fifth to cut into the Wolverines’ three-run lead, but that’s as close as it got in a homefield loss Tuesday night in Corner Conference action.

Bode Wyman scored the run for Griswold as he reached twice on East Mills’ errors on the night. The Wolverines had five errors, but the Tigers couldn’t take full advantage. Wyman ended the game with a double, the only extra-base hit as the Tigers were held to three hits.

Brayden Lockwood took the loss, striking out eight while giving up six walks and two earned runs. Griswold is 0-4 on the year.

Tri-Center 16, Riverside 3: The Bulldogs were held to five baserunners, two on walks, as they dropped its season opener to the Trojans Tuesday night in Oakland.

Peyton Amdor, Aaron Smith and Victor Alfonso had the lone runs for the Bulldogs. Four Bulldog pitchers combined to give up 12 Trojan hits and walk 13 batters while striking out just six.

IKM-Manning 7, Audubon 0: The Wolves scored four runs in the bottom of the first in-



Brian Rathjen/NT Sports Editor

Griswold’s Brayden Lockwood winds up for the pitch against East Mills Tuesday, May 27, at Griswold.

ning, with seven of their first eight batters reaching to aid their cause as the Wheelers were shut out.

Wheeler pitchers also walked seven batters, and was unable to string together any hits against Wolves’ ace Brock Kusel, as he and closer Karsyn Lorenzen combined for the two-hitter. The Wheelers did get five walks themselves, but could not

take advantage.

Wheeler starter Carson Wessel struck out eight and gave up three hits, while Jack Stanerson was in in relief and gave up two hits and striking out one.

Audubon is 1-1 on the year, 0-1 in the Western Iowa Conference. Underwood was the foe on Wednesday.

Legal Notice

OFFICIAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE CITIZENS OF CASS COUNTY:

Notice is given that Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) for extension of franchise to maintain and operate an electric transmission line setting forth the following as the maximum voltage, starting points, routes, and termini of the existing line:

**EXHIBIT A
69,000 VOLT NOMINAL (72,500 VOLT MAXIMUM)
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE
CASS COUNTY, IOWA**

The East Endpoint is an interconnection with an existing Central Iowa Power Cooperative transmission line located near the Northeast Corner of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 5th P.M., Cass County, Iowa. The East Terminus is a CIPCO owned Substation located in the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Seventy-six (76) North, Range Thirty-two (32) West of the 5th P.M., Adair County, Iowa.

The West Endpoint/Terminus for this line is a Central Iowa Power Cooperative owned substation located in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Five (5), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 5th P.M., Cass County, Iowa.

Beginning at an interconnection with an existing Central Iowa Power Cooperative transmission line (East Endpoint) located near the Northeast Corner of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 5th P.M., Cass County, Iowa; thence west in the south public right-of-way of Dallas Road to a point near the Northwest Corner of said Section Twenty-four (24), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West approximately Ninety-nine (0.99) hundredths of a mile; thence northerly in the east public right-of-way of 770th Street along the west lines of said Section Twenty-four (24) and Sections Thirteen (13) and Twelve (12) both in Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four(34) West to a point near the Northwest Corner of said Section Twelve (12), Township Seventyseven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West crossing Dallas Road, the railroad of Iowa Interstate Railroad LLC, White Pole Road and Chicago Road approximately One and Ninety-nine (1.99) hundredths miles; thence northwesterly crossing 770th Street in public right-of-way to a point located near the Northeast Corner of Section Eleven (11), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West approximately One (0.01) hundredth of a mile; thence westerly in private right-of-way along the North line of Sections Eleven (11), Ten (10) and Nine (9) and crossing State Highway 148 to a point in the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of said Section Nine (9), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West approximately Two and Seventy-two (2.72) hundredths miles; thence northwesterly in private right-of-way across the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Four (4), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West and crossing 740th Street to a point located on End User Property (West Endpoint/Terminus) in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Five (5), Township Seventy-seven (77) North, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the 5th P.M., Cass County, Iowa approximately Twenty-seven (0.27) hundredths of a mile.

The total distance of this 69kV line is approximately Five and Ninety-eight hundredths (5.98) miles.

A map showing the route of the electric line may be obtained at no cost by calling 319-734-4313 or by writing to Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Attn: Dan Ketchum, P.O. Box 2517, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2517.

Orders issued and documents filed in this docket (No. E-21420) may be viewed by searching under the docket number in the IUC’s electronic filing system (EFS) at efs.iowa.gov. Objections to the granting of the franchise may be filed electronically using EFS or filed in writing with the IUC **no later than 20 days after the date of second publication of this notice**. Instructions for submitting an electronic filing can be found on the EFS; written objections must be mailed to the Iowa Utilities Commission, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319.

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NOTICE TO CASS COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

ORDER ESTABLISHING THE 2025 NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROGRAM IN CASS COUNTY, IOWA

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa:

Each owner in possession of, or person in control of, land in Cass County, including right-of-way of County trunk roads and local County roads, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon as defined in Chapter 317, at such time each year, and in such manner, to prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production throughout the year:

- Group 1: May 15, 2025 Musk Thistle, Multiflora Rose
- Group 2: May 20, 2025 Leafy Spurge, Smooth Dock, Sour Dock, Sheep Sorrel
- Group 3: June 1, 2025 Canada thistle, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard, Bull Thistle
- Group 4: June 15, 2025 Wild Carrot, Teasel, Poison Hemlock
- Group 5: July 1, 2025 Perennial Sow Thistle, Cocklebur, Wild Sunflower, Shattercane

That in the case of substantial failure to comply with the foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner may impose a maximum penalty of ten dollars fine for each day up to ten days or may give notice to the landowner by certified mail to the last address as ascertained from the last tax list in the county Treasurer’s Office. The Weed Commissioner, including his employees, may enter the land without consent for the purpose of destroying noxious weeds five days after delivery of notice, which time shall be computed from the date of mailing. The expense of said work including cost of serving notice and other costs, if any, shall be assessed against the real estate, plus an amount equal to twenty-five percent of all sums expended.

Complaints: See contact information for Weed Commissioner on the Cass County Website: <http://www.atlanticiowa.com/county/county-departments/weed-commissioner/> or contact the Cass County Auditor’s office at 712-243-4570.