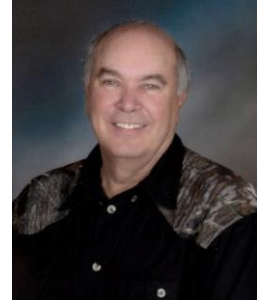


## **Aberle Elected to Chair Uniform Truck Permit Committee**

Members of WDEA's Uniform Truck Permit Committee elected Williams County Commissioner Wayne Aberle as their new chairman at the committee's meeting Wednesday in Williston.

Aberle represents District 3, which lies entirely within the city of Williston. Truck permit committee members also elected Bowman County Deputy Sheriff Jordan Fisher as Vice Chairman.



The Uniform Truck Permit System gives counties more control over heavy loads traveling over their county roads. The system was developed to provide the industry a one-stop shop to obtain permission for traveling overweight on the participating county and township roads.

At its meeting this week, the committee discussed the expansion of the permit system to a state-wide system. In anticipation of the expansion, the WDEA Executive Committee updated the permit system bylaws. The new governance structure provides an opportunity for input from counties outside of the oil-producing counties, while maintaining WDEA's over control of the system. Anyone interested can view the by-laws [here](#).

The committee also discussed complaints from the industry on some lengthy permit approval times. Counties were encouraged to put procedures into place to respond to permit requests in the timeliest manner possible, to keep the industry moving, and encourage permit compliance.

An Enforcement and Permit Violation Guideline that is being used by some of the member counties was reviewed, and it was the consensus of the group to share the enforcement procedures with the other member county law enforcement agencies. Click [here](#) to view the guidelines.

The committee also discussed the routable mapping system project that WDEA is currently researching for the county permit system. The association is looking into possible data sharing configurations, interviewing vendors, and gathering quotes on the project. The counties agreed that the routable map network automation would greatly enhance the system, and save time for the industry and the counties, as well as increase the accuracy of the permits submitted. Funding options for the project were discussed and the subject will be placed on a future agenda after project bids are received and evaluated.

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