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- Good morning. My name is Brandon Berry. My father was Gordon Berry and I would like to thank you all for this opportunity to speak on the naming of the bridge in The Forks /West Forks. My father was born in 1954 and lived his entire life in this area. He spent his whole life supporting our small community wearing many different hats. He successfully owned and operated our family store with my mother Carol, which was built in 1963 by my grandparents. It's one of the few old school "mom and pops" stores left and he was very proud of that. He was on the volunteer fire department for over 40 years, answering calls at all hours of the night. He was an active member of our local fish and game club, where he started our very well known deer feed program. For years he funded it on his own, then received very generous help from local Lloyd Trafton, before the Fish and game eventually took this program over financially. He was an active member of our local snowmobile club and ATV club. He was always a giver, and never expected anything in return. He believed in our small town, and because of that many other people do also. While there are other men and women that come to mind that deserve this honor, I don't believe anybody would deserve it more than my dad. A man named Edmund Webb comes to mind and I feel it necessary for him to be mentioned for the similar acts of generosity and kindness he gave out for his entire life. I believe he would be proud of this honor in my dad's name, as they were close, lifelong friends. My father truly was, West Forks. A very simple man, in a very simple town, very deserving of this beautiful honor. Thank you very much for your time. My family and I will forever be grateful seeing my dad's name every time we cross over the bridge aiming home.
- Brandon Berry

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