

PUBLIC NOTICES

Mercer Rural Fire Protection District Meeting & Election

Annual Meeting and Election of the Mercer Rural Fire Protection District, will be held on Monday June 30th, at 7pm, at the fire hall in Mercer, Directors Meeting to follow the Annual Meeting if needed.  
Byron Fiedler, Secretary/Treasurer  
968 8th Ave NW  
Mercer, ND 58559  
(June 19 & 26, 2025)

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CITY OF TURTLE LAKE  
TURTLE LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA  
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2024-1  
MANHOLE REHABILITATION AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT  
MOORE PROJECT NO. 24218

General Notice

Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through QuestCDN until July 10 at 2:00 p.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 2:30 p.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at [www.mooreengineeringinc.com](http://www.mooreengineeringinc.com) by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com).

The Project includes the following Work: Manhole rehabilitation, sanitary sewer main and service installation, and other miscellaneous construction items.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Digital project bidding documents will be available at [www.mooreengineeringinc.com](http://www.mooreengineeringinc.com) by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the complete set of digital documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 by locating eBidDoc™ Number 9745738 on the website. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Moore Engineering, Inc.

4503 Coleman Street Suite 105, Bismarck, ND 58503

Each bid must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5% of the full amount of the bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and a contract is awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after the notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond, and any conditions of the City of Turtle Lake, as required by law. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required. If the City of Turtle Lake elects to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the lowest responsible bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days, the bidder's bond will be forfeited to the City of Turtle Lake, and the City of Turtle Lake may award the project to the next lowest responsible bidder.

Each bidder must possess a valid North Dakota contractor's license for the full amount of their bid, as required by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-7. Each bidder MUST enclose a copy of their Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal, issued by the North Dakota Secretary of State, and each license must be valid and dated at least 10 days prior to the date set for bid opening, as required under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation are explained in the specifications.

Bidders are required to comply with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 33–Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the United States Environmental Protection Agency Programs. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation concern utilization of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women's Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and are explained in the specifications.

The goal for MBE is 2% of the total dollar value of the project. The goal for WBE is 3% of the total dollar value of the project. To demonstrate a good faith effort to comply, bidders must include the MBE/WBE subcontractor solicitation form in the bid package.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Bidders are required to comply with Build America, Buy America Act requirements.

Any lead service line replacements conducted under this project must replace the entire lead service line, not just a portion, unless a portion has already been replaced or is concurrently being replaced with another funding source.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the Project Manual.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Turtle Lake

By: Joe Herslip

Title: Auditor

(June 19, 26, & July 3, 2025)

Turtle Lake-Mercer School Official Results

ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025  
SIXTYFOUR ( 64 ) TOTAL VOTES CAST

THREE YEAR TERM  
JOSH RUFFO-38  
JULIE WAGNER-26  
(June 26, 2025)

Turtle Lake-Mercer School Meeting minutes

Vice President O'Shea called the regular meeting of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Roll Call:

Present: O'Shea, Ravnaas, Sparrow, Wagner  
Absent: Britton

Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann  
Principal: Kurt Ziebarth  
Business Manager: Laura Fiedler  
Guests: None

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Ravnaas moved to approve the following consent agenda:

Minutes of the April 23rd, 2025 meeting

Financial Reports

Payment May Bills as presented.

Sparrow seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Student Outcomes: Spring assessments. Reviewed STARS reading scores.

Community Speakers: Speak on Agenda Items – no patrons present.

Committee Meetings:

Building and Grounds – May 14th 7:00 AM - Committee members gave an update to the board on projects that will be taking place this summer. Sparrow moved to approve \$65,000 from Building Fund for Core Facility to complete school flooring projects and repairs. Wagner seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, Wagner-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Administration Negotiations – May 19th 6:00 PM

CMC Cooperative Administrative Meeting – May 20th 7:00 AM @ TL-M Administration Reports  
Principal Report

ND A+ Summative Assessments are complete. We will not get results until Fall because it is a new assessment and the norming process will take place this summer. Teacher and administration will have opportunity for feedback in an upcoming survey. Overall, the experience has been pretty good for the teachers and students involved.

May 8th was the Elementary Music and Band Concert. The students and Mrs. Wyman did a wonderful job in preparing for a fantastic concert!

Burke Fiedler, Max Blotter, and Emry Fiedler are the most recent entries into the Million Word Club.

CMC Band marched in Eckroth Music's Annual Band Night Parade on May 9th.

Mrs. Cullum hosted the Math Fair again. 7th and 8th grade students prepared a variety of games and activities that were based in math.

Congratulations to Eva Fraser! She took 2nd place in the Keep North Dakota Clean poster contest. She got to attend the awards luncheon in Bismarck with her teacher Mrs. Lelm.

The Turtle Lake American Legion donated money to Pep Club, Dollars for Scholars, CMC Softball, and CMC Football. The donations from American Legion are greatly appreciated.

House Bill 1160 passed and was signed by Governor Armstrong. From ND.gov, "House Bill 1160 requires all personal electronic communication devices to be securely stowed and inaccessible to students during instructional time from the start of the school day until dismissal at the end of the day – commonly referred to as a "bell-to-bell" phone-free policy. The law becomes effective Aug. 1." We will have to amend our policy to reflect this change.

2024-2025 Enrollment - May  
PreK 8; Kindergarten 9; 1st 7; 2nd 16; 3rd 6; 4th 12; 5th 20; 6th 19; 7th 18; 8th 12; 9th 23; 10th 8; 11th 10; 12th 16; Total 184; PreK-6th 97; 7th-12th 87  
Superintendent/Activities Director  
2025-26 Strategy Map for NDDPI  
School Accountability is due June 1st.

Annual Title I Schoolwide Report is due June 1st.

Intent to Apply Title I Application – submitted May 5th

Drivers Education – May 27th – June 30th

Baccalaureate – Wednesday, May 14th at TL Baptist Church.

Graduation is May 25th at 2:00 P.M.

Legislative Updates:  
SB2354 & HB 1160 – Cell phone prohibition

Students may not have cell phones at all during instructional time – bell to bell.

Board policy can allow them to have it going to off-site learning experiences. Board can also establish guidelines about after school activities.

Board can set the policy regarding the storage of the phones during the school day. Backpacks are NOT recommended.

HB 1369 – K12 funding  
2.5 % integrated formula increase each year—\$11,349 (2026)→\$11,633 (2027).

Bidding thresholds increased to \$250,000

HB 1214 – Transportation Formula Overhaul

"Weighted student units" for transportation now embedded in the main formula; review DPI worksheets—rural routes up to +12 % funding.

Now based on miles and runs.  
HB 1105 – Virtual-Learning Policies  
Board must update policy

Policy may require registration for virtual courses to coincide with regular district course registration, schedule, and deadlines.

May require students meet prerequisites to take certain virtual courses,

School must pay for the course if the course is not offered in that school  
May establish minimum # of courses a student must take onsite.

May grant discretion to the school district to determine whether to pay for a virtual instruction course retake.

HB 1238 – 25-Year Lifetime License  
Teachers with 25 yrs ND licensure + current 6 CE credits may apply for lifetime license starting Aug 1 2025.

Lifetime licensees must file a 5-year professional-practice report with ESPB  
SB 2330 – Human-Trafficking Prevention Curriculum

Add age-appropriate trafficking-awareness lessons (grades 6, 10 and 12) by 2026-27;

The state paid for a non-profit to do lyceums in each school to conduct the training for grades 6, 10 and 12.

Positive Reflection/Sharing:

Thank you to our TL-M teachers and staff for a great year, we grew a lot as a team!

Thank you to the Turtle Lake American Legion for their most recent donations that purchased a pitching mat for softball and new tables for the football field.

Thank you FCCLA and Honor Society for organizing the Community Clean Up!

Bismarck Marching Band Night Parade was a beautiful night, the band sounded great!

Congratulations to the class of 2025, thank you for being a great group of seniors!

Discussion/Action  
Directive to Business Manager for General Ending Fund Balance  
Sparrow moved to give a directive to the Business Manager to end the current fiscal year as close as possible to the previous year's ending balance (2024: \$1,175,000.00), and if necessary, to complete transfer from the General Fund to the Building Fund to assist in funding future projects. Ravnaas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Wagner-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

2025 Summer FCCLA Nationals Trip to Florida – 3 Students  
Ravnaas moved to approve trip as presented. Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, Wagner-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried  
Resignation – Amber O'Shea  
Ravnaas moved to accept resignation as presented. Wagner seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Wagner-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried  
Accept Bid – school lawn

Sparrow moved to approve the bid from Sadie O'Shea in the amount of \$36 per hour.

Ravnaas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Wagner-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea-Yes. Motion

Unanimously Carried

Approve Title I 2025-26 Intent to Apply  
Wagner moved to approve Title I 2025-26 Intent to Apply. Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Wagner-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.  
Motion Unanimously Carried

Administrative Contracts  
Business Manager – Laura Fiedler  
Ravnaas moved to approve the Business Manager Contract in the amount of \$67,000 with no changes in benefits. Sparrow second the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, Ravnaas-Yes, Wagner-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Principal – Kurt Ziebarth  
Sparrow moved to approve the Elementary and High School Principal Contract in the amount of \$77,000 with no changes in benefits. Ravnaas second the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas-Yes, Wagner-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Superintendent – Sheila Schlafmann  
Wagner moved to approve Superintendent Contract in the amount of \$106,500 with no changes in benefits. Ravnaas second the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas-Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Wagner-Yes, O'Shea-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.

Adjourn

May Bill Review: Britton-Ravnaas  
Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025 @ 7:00 A.M.

APPROVED BILLS:  
GENERAL FUND

ACT 121.50; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 2,722.72; AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 24.96; BUCHHOLZ, MELORA 46.00; BUCHHOLZ, PAUL 284.71; CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 3,937.43; CENTRAL DAKOTA LIBRARY NETWORK 50.81; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 612.95; COOTERS REPAIR 59.61; FAULKNER, FARRAH 45.00; HARDWARE HANK 39.87; HARLOWS BUS SALES, INC 10,563.60; HARTLEY'S SCHOOL BUSES 102.17; HENRY LABORE 200.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 21.32; J.P. MORGAN 2,514.97; LINDTEIGEN, DELPHINE 16.26; MAIN STREET MARKET 133.40; MARCO 1,581.35; MDU 2,609.98; MIDWEST SPORTS 49.75; NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 30.00; NORTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 210.00; OTTER TAIL POWER 4,561.02; PEARCE & DURICK 855.00; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES INC 200.00; PRO TECH INTEGRATIONS LLC 75.00; QUILL CORPORATION 137.95; REGION VII MUSIC 220.00; SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS 320.67; UNDERWOOD CLINIC 100.00; VOLOCHENKO, COURTNEY 45.00; WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 445.85; WEX HEALTH INC. 70.00; WYMAN, KAILEE 558.27; Fund Total: 33,567.12

FOOD SERVICE  
CAPITAL CITY RESTAURANT SUPPLY 219.27; DPI 918.74; MAIN STREET MARKET 72.40; RHOADS, DEBRA 290.13; STEINS'S INC 683.07; US FOODS INC 8,924.54; Fund Total: 11,108.15

ACTIVITY FUND  
AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 227.34; ANDERSON'S 119.96; BRUMMETT, DAVID 234.50; CLAYPOOL, MEG 186.40; DANGEL, STEVE 181.10; EMERY, DAN 264.60; FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY 1,557.00; LEADERS OF AMERICA; HANSON, JEFFREY 393.92; HORNER, RON 186.40; J.P. MORGAN 4,207.17; KLEINJAN, BRENT 181.40; LAFRAMBOISE, STEVE 400.00; LEE, CHASE 217.00; LEE, LES 260.40; MAGIC CITY DISCOVERY CENTER 78.00; MAIN STREET MARKET 292.47; MC DONALD, TOM 186.40; MIDWEST SPORTS 141.00; OCLAIR, TERRY 808.80; QUINTANE, ALEXANDER 900.00; ROOSEVELT PARK ZOO 60.00; TREVOR O'CLAIR 186.40; UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL 2,500.00; ZIEMANN, ALLAN 269.60; Fund Total: 14,039.86

SPECIAL FUND  
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99; BEST BUY CREDIT SERVICES 64.52; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 45.00; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 11.27; MDU 26.38; OTTER TAIL POWER 179.36; SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90; VERIZON WIRELESS 198.36; Fund Total: 654.33

(June 26, 2025)

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Best In Class Preschool Program Underwood Public School has opened a second new Five Day/Full Day Program for 4 year olds due to the increased demand.

Cost will remain at \$260/month.

Reserve your child's spot now.

Program starts Aug. 19, 2025.

For more information contact Hope Rush at [hope.rush@underwoodschool.org](mailto:hope.rush@underwoodschool.org) or 442-3274.