

Dakota Datebook: Planting Fish In North Dakota's Lakes

By Dr. Steve Hoffbeck
When anglers think about fishing in North Dakota, Lake Sakakawea and Devils Lake come to mind. These lakes offer world-class walleye fishing, but there are plenty of northern pike, perch and sunfish abounding in lakes and rivers across the state.

The fishing waters of North Dakota are managed by the State Game and Fish Department, and its Fisheries Division does the work of fish-hatching, stocking and lake renovation.

On July 8, 1915, the State Fish Hatchery was in the news, for it had delivered a batch of young trout to Dickinson and those trout were successfully placed in local streams. The fishermen around Dickinson were "elated over the arrival" of the "lot of trout." For several years, the State Fish Hatchery had been sending

ing fish for "stocking the streams" and local anglers hoped for "good sport within a few years", when the fish matured.

The trout came from North Dakota's first State Fish Hatchery, situated near Gravel Lake and Lake Upsilon, in Rolette County. It was called the St. John Fish Hatchery due to its location eight miles west of the town of St. John.

The St. John Fish Hatchery, built in 1909-1910, was the brainchild of R.W. Main of Cando, a former state senator, who was described as a "naturalist by instinct and an artist by culture" and he had a cottage at Fish Lake.

R.W. Main surely had the Cando spirit, for he envisioned a place for the propagation of fish eggs and young fry in the cold-water lakes of the Turtle Mountains. Captain Main, as he was known, became the Fish Commissioner and convinced the state legislature to invest in building a fish hatchery in order to improve angling in the state.

The first settlers believed that nature's bounty of game and fish was inexhaustible, but overfishing had rapidly depleted the fish in state waters, generally within twenty years after angling began in convenient lakes.

Fish Commissioner R.W. Main was like a force of nature himself, and headlines reflected his energy in operating the hatchery and in distributing fish to the numerous lakes in the state. A 1912 headline read: "He Will Produce 15,000,000 Fish," and in 1914: "R.W. Main Will Plant Nearly Two Million Fish."

The St. John Hatchery operated from 1909 through 1923 when the state built the new Spiritwood Lake Hatchery near Jamestown.

Tours And Pop-Up Programs Scheduled At Chateau De Morès State Historic Site

Step into the stories of the past and explore the beauty of the present during weekly programming through August 29 at the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site in Medora. The site consists of three properties: De Morès Memorial Park, Chimney Park, and the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center and home. Registration is not required for these free, family-friendly programs, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Interpretation at Chimney Park
Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Explore the Chimney Park ruins as a historical interpreter shares insights and answers questions about the Marquis de Morès' beef-shipping business.

Historic Outbuildings Tours
Mondays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Departing from the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center, learn how the Chateau's outbuildings functioned in the daily business and family life of the Marquis.

Storytime at De Morès Memorial Park
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Enjoy a morning of children's stories and songs about North Dakota and the American West during this drop-in program at De Morès

Memorial Park in downtown Medora.

Pop-up Programs at De Morès Memorial Park
Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon (except July 3)

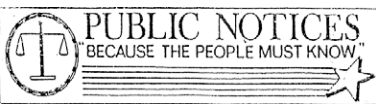
Stop by De Morès Memorial Park in downtown Medora for Friday pop-up programs on Victorian musical instruments, clothing, food, and games.

Little Missouri Bottomlands Walk
Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Departing from the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center, take a dog-friendly walk through the property's bottomlands, following the stagecoach route and passing the carriage house and stable. Watch for local wildlife. This is not a full hike, but it will take more stamina than a leisurely stroll.

These programs are part of the ND250 commemoration celebrating our country's 250th birthday.

For more information, contact Outreach Coordinator Shelby Reidle, shschateau@nd.gov or 701-623-4355. The Chateau de Morès State Historic Site is managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center and home are open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September 30. All times listed are Mountain time. Find a calendar of upcoming State Historical Society events at history.nd.gov/events.

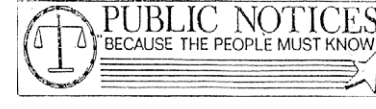


PUBLIC NOTICE
FALL MOWING DEADLINES
The Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department will begin mowing the Right of Way (Shoulders & Ditches) of County and Unorganized Township paved and graveled roads on **Monday, July 27, 2026** as weather conditions allow. Adjacent Landowner(s) or Person(s) responsible for farming or other operations being performed on the land who plan to mow County or Unorganized Township ditches for hay should do so before the County mows these areas. **Deadline Date to mow prior to County operations is Friday, July 24, 2026.**

The Board of Mountrail County Commissioners set 4" as the minimum height of stubble to be left and 7" as the minimum width of cut.

It is the Township Board of Supervisors responsibility to see that weeds and grass in right of ways is accomplished on township roads in organized townships. The deadline date for cutting of weeds and grasses is **October 1, 2026** as set by the Mountrail County Commissioners in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 63-05.

By order of the Board of Mountrail County Commissioners
Dated: July 7, 2026
July 8, 15, 2026



ORDINANCE 2026-005
An Ordinance Enacting a New Provision of The Ordinances of the City of New Town - Relating to Data Center Zoning Requirements
WHEREAS, the City of New Town recognizes the economic and technological benefits of data centers; provided such do not cause disruption of residents; and
WHEREAS, data centers have unique infrastructure, utility, traffic, and environmental requirements; and
WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to establish clear zoning and operational standards for data centers to alleviate noise concerns and to ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses;
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 20, 2026 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, Ordinance 2026-005, was adopted on second reading and final passage by the City Council of New Town, North Dakota. The ordinance enacts a new provision of Chapter Sixteen.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, because of the lengthy nature of said Ordinance, the full Ordinance will not be published; and a printed copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours, at the office of the City Auditor.
Dated this 20th day of May, 2026
Jay Standish,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Eileen Zaun,
City Auditor

Motion to approve the above stated Ordinance was made by Council Member - Robert Blunck, and seconded by Council Member - Ethan Stein, and upon vote being taken thereon, the said Ordinance was approved by a vote of 3 in favor, and 0 opposed, with the same now fully ratified.
FIRST READING: April 15, 2026
SECOND READING: May 20, 2026
FINAL PASSAGE: May 20, 2026
July 8, 2026



Court File No. 31-2026-PR-00063
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Marjorie L. Mitchell, Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard Greenfield has filed herein a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative.

In the matter of the Estate of the above-named, whose last residence was in the County of Chelan, State of Washington.
The assets of the Estate consist of, in addition to other property, mineral interests (no surface) in the following described real estate.

Mountrail County, ND
Township 158 North, Range 94 West of the 5th P.M.
Section 20: E2SE, SWSE
Section 21: SWSW
Section 28: SW

The value of the Decedent's interest in property is unknown as of May 3, 2018, (the date of the death of the Decedent).

The hearing will be held on the 13th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of said Court at the County Courthouse in the City of Stanley, County of Mountrail, State of North Dakota. Any persons having an interest may file an objection stating why said petition should not be granted. Such objections, if any, must be in writing, filed with the Court and copies served by mail on all interested persons.

Failure to attend this hearing or to otherwise object in writing may result in the Decedent's interest in the above-described property being distributed to the following persons in the following proportions:
100% to Robert A. Mitchell, Jr. as Trustee of the Living Trust of Marjorie L. Mitchell, dated May 21, 2014.
Dated this 1st day of July, 2026.

/s/ Bennett A. Lystad
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Attorney for Petitioner
July 8, 15, 22, 2026

IN DISTRICT COURT, MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
Civil No. 31-2025-CV-00133
NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, Plaintiff,

Danny H. McCoy, deceased; Paula A. McCoy, and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint; Defendants.

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure rendered and given in the District Court in and for the County of Mountrail, North Dakota, North Central Judicial District, entered and docketed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court on December 8, 2025, in an action wherein The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency was Plaintiff and Danny H. McCoy, deceased; Paula A. McCoy; and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint; were Defendants; on which day it was adjudged that there was due and owing the Plaintiff from the Defendants Danny H. McCoy, deceased; and Paula A. McCoy; together with costs and disbursements of said action, the sum of \$149,463.39 and by virtue of a Writ of Special Execution issued to me by the Clerk of said Court, I will sell the real property described in said judgment and hereafter described to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Stanley, County of Mountrail, North Dakota, on August 19, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. of that day to satisfy the amount due with accrued costs and interest at the date of sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of said sale applicable thereto will satisfy.

2. The premises to be sold as aforesaid are situated in the County of Mountrail, State of North Dakota, and are more particularly described as follows:
Lot 38, 2nd Replat of Frontier Village to the City of Stanley, Mountrail County, North Dakota.
APN #: 61-0094337
(Street Address: 618 Frontier Ln, Stanley, ND 58784)
Dated at Stanley, North Dakota, this 30th day of June 2026.
Corey A. Bristol
Sheriff of Mountrail County, North Dakota

By: Duane Marmon
Chief Deputy Sheriff
Sarah A. Aaberg (ND ID #08393)
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July 8, 15, 22, 2026

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INVITATION TO BID
PROJECT INFORMATION
Project: New Town Public School Bus Barn Improvements
Bid Date and Time: Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 2:00 PM CDT
Project Number: 20263410
Issue Date: June 22, 2026
Issued By: EAPC Architects Engineers, 116 West Main Avenue, Suite A, Bismarck, ND 58501, Telephone number: 701-258-3116

OUTLINE OF PROJECT: NEW 2,740 sf bus garage for the New Town public schools. Building consists of one story wood construction and relative mechanical, electrical, structural and site work.

TYPE OF BIDS: Separate bids will be received at the same time on the following portions of the work, separately as listed or combined at the bidders option:

1. General Contract
2. Mechanical Contract
3. Electrical Contract

THE OWNER: New Town Public Schools
BID PLACE: New Town High School Board Room by main entrance
Bids received after the designated time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. It is the bidders responsibility to see that mailed or delivered bids are in the hands of the Owner prior to the time of the bid opening.

OBTAINING DOCUMENTS: Drawings and specifications may be examined at the architect/engineer's office, and the owner's office at the address shown above and:

Dodge Plan Room and SCAN in Minneapolis
ConstructConnect
Minnesota Builders Exchange in Minneapolis
North Dakota Builders Exchanges: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Williston
South Dakota Builders Exchanges: Aberdeen, Plains Builders in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Sioux Falls
Montana Builders Exchange: Billings
If Contractor receives his bidding documents from a plans exchange, it is the Contractor's responsibility to contact EAPC Architects Engineers to be added to the plan holders list.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bidders bond in a sum equal to five percent of the full amount of the bid, including all add alternates, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board. Cash, cashier's checks or certified checks will not be accepted. See instructions to bidders 00 1000, art. 7.

NORTH DAKOTA LAW: all bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as provided by North Dakota Century Code section 43-07-07, and no bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and licenses, and any bid deficient in these respects submitted will be re-sealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

PREBID MEETING: No Prebid meeting is currently planned. If it is decided that a meeting is necessary, the time and location will be communicated by addendum.

OWNER RIGHTS: THE OWNER reserves the right to waive irregularities, to reject bids and to hold all bids for a period of 30 days after the date fixed for the opening thereof.

SIGNATURE: By Order of:
Marc Bluestone, Superintendent.
July 1, 8, 15, 2026

Proceedings Of The Mountrail County Planning Commission

MINUTES MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MAY 26, 2026

The meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Charlie Sorenson with Commissioners Cameron Tomjack, Trudy Ruland, Joan Hollekim, Darren LeRohl, Arlo Borud, Tess Jarmin, and Jesse Weyrauch present. Commissioner Doug Bratvold joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m. Also present were Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Administrator Melissa Vachal, Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Assistant Malinda Gunderson, Mountrail County State's Attorney Wade Enget, Mountrail County Tax Equalization Director Kim Savage, Mountrail County Property Assessor Lisa Wolla and Mountrail County Auditor Stephanie Pappa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Weyrauch, to approve the agenda. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Commissioner Hollekim, seconded by Commissioner Jarmin, to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

1. 8:35 a.m. Todd & Toni Marmon Applicants/Landowners; (PZ-2026-0087) Conditional Use
Zoning Request/Conditional Use Permit for the following described property: a tract of land 80.00 acres more or less, in the E1/2NW1/4 of Section 8, Township 157 North, Range 94 West (White Earth Township) (Parcel# 14-0004400)

The applicant (represented by Toni Marmon) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose placing a manufactured home on land zoned Agricultural. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Hollekim, seconded by Commissioner Jarmin, to approve the zoning request filed by Todd & Toni Marmon for a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of placing a manufactured home on land zoned Agricultural on a tract of land 80.00 acres more or less, in the E1/2NW1/4 of Section 8, Township 157 North, Range 94 West (White Earth Township), as Todd & Toni Marmon have met all other criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Todd & Toni Marmon complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

2. 8:38 a.m. City of Ross-Amendment to Zoning Request
Julie Woodbury with the City of Ross was present to discuss the formal request made by the City of Ross to relinquish its zoning control and authority to Mountrail County and to go over the proposed Official Zoning Map of Ross City. Mrs. Woodbury expressed the City of Ross's desire to relinquish control stemmed from not having the time or man-power to manage the zoning anymore. Administrator Vachal presented the board and those in attendance with a color-coded map staff put together to illustrate the zoning for the City of Ross going forward. The zoning of several properties was discussed as well as various non-conforming uses. Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Tomjack, to make recommendation to the Mountrail County Board of Commissioners to approve the request made by the City of Ross to relinquish its zoning control and authority to Mountrail County. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

3. 8:41 a.m. Travis Kuster-Applicant; Jeri Lynn Kuster-Landowner; (PZ-2026-0092) Variance
Variance Application request for the following described property: a tract of land along the section line located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, Township 157 North, Range 91 West (James Hill Township) (Parcel# 11-0008401 & 11-0008400)

The applicant (not represented at this hearing) is seeking a Variance Permit to place a shop building 29' from the undeveloped section line on land zoned Agricultural rather than 150' as required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code. There are other buildings on this property that are technically in violation of the setback and this will be directly south of those buildings. Chairman Sorenson brought up the missing documentation from the township to relinquish their ease-

ment for the section line which States Attorney Enget agreed should be with this application. States Attorney Enget mentioned another landowner tried to close the section line near here previously and ended up not doing so and just building outside the 33' easement which Administrator Vachal stated Mr. Kuster would probably be okay with doing as well if he had to. Commissioner Hollekim expressed there may be an issue with the building crossing two different parcels. Sam Warren with Minot Air Force Base (MAFB) expressed concerns with the launch facility near this property and MAFB's desire for the landowner to keep buildings at least 1,300' away from it. The board feels there are questions and issues that need to be resolved before allowing this to move forward.

Moved by Commissioner Weyrauch, seconded by Commissioner LeRohl, to table to the call of the chair the zoning request filed by Travis Kuster with concurrence from Jeri Lynn Kuster-landowner, for a Variance Permit to place a shop building 29' from the undeveloped section line on land zoned Agricultural rather than 150' as required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code on a tract of land along the section line located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, Township 157 North, Range 91 West (James Hill Township). All present voted yes. Motion carried.

4. 8:44 a.m. Teresa Burgess-Applicant; Bixby Global Trust-Landowner; (PZ-2026-0094) Conditional Use
Zoning Request/Conditional Use Permit for the following described property: a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less, in the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township) (Parcel# 05-0004200)

The applicant (represented by Shawn & Teresa Burgess) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose placing a modular home on land zoned Agricultural. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Jarmin, seconded by Commissioner Ruland, to approve the zoning request filed by Teresa Burgess with concurrence from Bixby Global Trust-landowner, for a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of placing a modular home on land zoned Agricultural on a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less, in the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township), as Teresa Burgess with concurrence from Bixby Global Trust-landowner, has met all other criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Teresa Burgess with concurrence from Bixby Global Trust-landowner, complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

5. 8:47 a.m. Kelly & Denise Hanson-Applicants/Landowners; (PZ-2026-0099) Variance
Variance Application request for the following described property: a tract of land described as Outlot 4 of the NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 158 North, Range 91 West (Lostwood Township) (Parcel# 04-0010805)

The applicant (represented by Kelly Hanson) is seeking a Variance Permit to place four grain bins 60' from the center line of the section line on land zoned Agricultural rather than 150' as required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code. If required to keep to the 150' required setback, Mr. Hanson states he wouldn't have much room left for further improvements on the parcel if he or his children wished to do so in the future. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Weyrauch, seconded by Commissioner LeRohl, to approve the zoning request filed by Kelly & Denise Hanson for a Variance Permit to place four grain bins 60' from the center line of the section line on land zoned Agricultural rather than 150' as required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Kelly & Denise Hanson complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Temporary Water Permits - New - For Board Information Only
PZ-2026-0083 - Martin Construction Inc - Applicant. Nichols Family Farm

LLP - Landowner. State Water Permit #ND2026-23573. Period of Authorized usage: 04/30/2026 through 12/31/2026. Pump placement on a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less located in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 19, Township 154 North, Range 89 West (Oakland Township).

PZ-2026-0100 - Martin Construction LLC - Applicant. Susan Edwards - Landowner. State Water Permit #ND2026-23599. Period of Authorized usage: 5/12/2026 through 12/31/2027. Pump placement on a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less located in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15, Township 154 North, Range 89 West (Oakland Township).

PZ-2026-0103 - Highline Water LLC - Applicant. Michael Sorenson - Landowner. State Water Permit #ND2025-23414. Period of Authorized usage: 5/19/2026 through 11/30/2026. Pump placement on a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less located in the NW1/4NE1/4 (Gov't Lot 2) of Section 3, Township 154 North, Range 94 West (Unorganized Township).

Transferable Renewals - For Board Information Only
Beverly Fretheim Trust - State Water Permit #ND2026-23587 / PZ-2026-0096. Beverly Fretheim Trust - Applicant/Landowner. NW1/4 of Section 3, Township 154 North, Range 93 West (Unorganized Township). Period of Authorized usage: 5/01/2026 through 4/30/2027. Parcel #34-0001000. Approved by P&Z Administrator.

Lay Flat Hose Permits-For Board Information Only
EOG Resources Inc - Lay Flat Hose Permit only - Permit Number - State Water Permit #6979 & 7015 / PZ-2026-0084. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: EOG Resources LLC - Applicant/Landowner. Outlot 3 of the NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 152 North, Range 90 West (Parshall Township) ending in the S1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4 (Gov't Lot 4) & NE1/4NW1/4 (Gov't Lot 3) of Section 2, Township 152 North, Range 90 West (Parshall Township). Period of Authorized usage: 4/25/2026 through 8/31/2026. Approved by P&Z Administrator.

ASWS LLC - Lay Flat Hose Permit only - Permit Number - State Water Permit #ND2025-23290 / PZ-2026-0085. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: ASWS LLC - Applicant. William & Jamie Graham - Landowners. S1/2NE1/4 (Gov't Lot 3) of Section 6, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township) ending in the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 4, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township). Period of Authorized usage: 4/21/2026 through 8/01/2026. Approved by P&Z Administrator.

Williston Water Management - Lay Flat Hose Permit only - Permit Number - State Water Permit #ND2026-23576 / PZ-2026-0097. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: Williston Water Management - Applicant. Pronghorn LLC - Landowner. SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 152 North, Range 91 West (Van Hook Township) ending in the SE1/4 less Outlots 1 & 2 of Section 29, Township 152 North, Range 91 West (Van Hook Township). Period of Authorized usage: 5/01/2026 through 12/31/2026. Approved by P&Z Administrator.

Building Permits 2479-2485
2479 - PZ-2026-0090 - Kelly Hanson - Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #04-0010805. Outlot 4 located in the NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 158 North, Range 91 West (Lostwood Township) grain bins. Pending Variance approval.

2480 - PZ-2026-0087 - Todd & Toni Marmon - Applicant/Landowners. Parcel #14-0004400. E1/2NW1/4 of Section 8, Township 157 North, Range 94 West (White Earth Township) 66'x30' manufactured home, 12'x20' & 8'x16' decks & 36'x30' garage. Pending CUP approval.

2481 - PZ-2026-0089 - Kevin & Sharon Mell - Applicant/Landowners. Parcel #19-0003310. Outlot 2 being parts of NE1/4NE1/4 (Gov't Lot 1) & NW1/4NE1/4 (Gov't Lot 2) of Section 6, Township 156 North, Range 92 West (Ross Township) 40'x40' garage.

2482 - PZ-2026-0091 - Shane & Megan Ryals - Applicant. Michael Hollekim et al - Landowners. Parcel #09-0009105. Outlot 6 located SW1/4NW1/4 (Gov't Lot 2) of the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 157 North, Range 89 West (Redmond Township) 32.2'x86' home with garage & fence.

2483 - PZ-2026-0093 - Travis Kuster - Applicant. Jeri Lynn Kuster - Landowner. Parcel #11-0008400 & 11-0008401. SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, Township 157 North, Range 91 West (James Hill Township). 100'x150' Shop. Pending Variance approval.

2484 - PZ-2026-0095 - Teresa Burgess - Applicant. Bixby Global Trust - Landowner. Parcel #05-0004200. SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township). 70'x36' modu-

lar home with breezeway and 20'x10' & 10'x10' decks. Pending CUP approval.

2485 - PZ-2026-0102 - Julie Bellm - Applicant. Paige Rehak - Landowner. Parcel # 06-0000300. NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 1, Township 158 North, Range 93 West (Powers Lake Township) 42'x28' home.

Moved by Commissioner Ruland, seconded by Commissioner Jarmin, to approve building permits 2479-2482 and 2484-2485 and to table 2483 to the call of the chair due to PZ-2026-0099 having been tabled already. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Demolition Permit
PZ-2026-0101 - Julie Bellm - Applicant. Paige Rehak - Landowner. Parcel # 06-0000300. NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 1, Township 158 North, Range 93 West (Powers Lake Township) demolish old home.

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Ruland, to approve demolition permit PZ-2026-0101. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS
Gravel Pits-remains ongoing-CUP checklist has been updated
Green Acres Subdivision-Hyrum Zetting plan of action for Green Acres Subdivision

Data Centers and Battery Storage Facilities-currently under moratorium
Animal Feeding Ordinance-currently under moratorium

STAFF UPDATES
* Administrator Vachal provided the board with an update from the meeting of the Mountrail County Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2026 regarding the amendment to the Mountrail County Land Development Code. The amendment has been sent back to the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board due to information provided by Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (BEPC) large load contracts which will cause some larger changes to the way the amendment has been written. In addition to BEPC and Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative, Administrator Vachal feels that Montana-Dakota Utilities and Otter Tail Power Company should also be included in discussions going forward.

* Moved by Commissioner Tomjack, seconded by Commissioner Borud to send the amendment to the Mountrail County Land Development Code back to the subcommittee for revisions based on comments received from the May 19, 2026 meeting of the Mountrail County Board of Commissioners. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

* As the weather continues to improve, staff will begin conducting inspections throughout the county including the inspections in the City of Ross.

* Administrator Vachal updated the board on a previous board concern regarding a property south of New Town and stated that she has found that it falls within the City of New Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
* Sam Warren with Minot Air Force Base expressed concern about the power consumption of data centers and the effects it will have on costs for residents, the water consumption for cooling them and the effects of noise and what will need to be done to buffer that. Commissioner Sorenson feels that at least the water consumption and noise issues have been addressed already in the proposed amendment to the Mountrail County Land Development Code.

* Alex Vourmas, General Manager of Mountrail Villains Electric Cooperative was present to thank the Planning & Zoning Board for taking the extra time to look at the amendment to the Land Development Code again and to present the board with some new information regarding data centers.

BOARD CONCERNS
* Commissioners Borud and Jarmin have had several concerns brought to them regarding the long-term effects data centers will have on electricity usage and costs.

* Commissioner Hollekim informed the board there is a meeting in New Town regarding missile sites on June 4, 2026 at Teddy's Residence from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission is **Monday, June 22, 2026**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse and via GOTOMEET-ING.

Accepted and approved this 22nd day of June, 2026.
Charlie Sorenson, Chairman
Mountrail County
Planning & Zoning Commission
Melissa Vachal, Administrator
Mountrail County
Planning & Zoning

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