

Water Quality Report

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Violation: For the 4th quarter of 2025, (October, November, December of 2025) the City of Beach failed to comply with the reporting requirements of the Disinfectants and Disinfection By-products Rule. This rule requires us to monitor monthly chlorine levels and report them to the Department of Environmental Quality on a quarterly basis. Since the required sample was not taken or the report was not submitted on time, we are unsure of the level of disinfectant during that time. Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort. The City of Beach has taken steps to correct this violation of the Disinfectants and Disinfection By-products Rule by returning to a normal monitoring/reporting schedule. **Violation: Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) - Failure to Routine Monitor - November 2025.** Our water system is required to sample for Total Coliform bacteria on a monthly basis. We failed to collect the required number of total coliform samples during the month of November 2025 and are therefore unsure of the quality of the water at that time. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution

system. The City of Beach has taken steps to correct this violation of the Revised Total Coliform Rule by returning to a routine testing schedule. **Health Statements** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants That May Be Present in Source Water: Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and

residential uses. (Pesticide: Generally, any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Herbicide: Any chemical(s) used to control undesirable vegetation.) Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water

Hotline (800-426-4791). **Lead Statement** There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidneys, or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks. Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The city of Beach is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce

lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. **Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.** Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the city of Beach at 701-872-4103. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. **Lead Service Line Inventory Information** US EPA has recently published the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. The purpose of this revision is to strengthen public health protections by removing lead service lines within public water systems. One requirement of this rule revision was to inventory all drinking water service lines within our public water system and notify consumers which type of line serves each property. You may have recently received a letter from our system with this information. The inventory is a listing of all service lines and the material composition of each line. The types of lines being documented are Lead lines, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) and lines made of Unknown Material. Classifica-

tion of a service line as being comprised of Unknown Service Line material indicates that our system cannot currently confirm the material of both the public and private portions of the line with written records. Non-lead lines were also documented; however, we were not required to notify consumers with documented nonlead lines. The classification of the type of service line serving a residence was based on historical data regarding the property and in some cases verification of the type of material on the privately owned side of the line by visual inspection or replacement records of the owner. **The current Service Line Inventory for our system has been completed and is available for viewing at our office. Please contact the city of Beach at 701-872-4103 should you have any questions.** Additional work to update the service line inventory, including inspection of the line, may need to be performed to further document and confirm the type of material making up both the public and private portions of the line serving your home or business. We will need the help of home/building owners in order to access the service line on the private side of the service line to positively identify the material of the line that carries water within your home/building. Our system may perform this work with our own system employees, or we may contract with engineering firms or third-party contractors to complete this work to improve our service line inventory. (Published June 4 & 11, 2026)

BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BEACH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Published Subject to the Governing Body's Review and Revision May 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on May 18, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross and Andy Zachmann. Others present include Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Deputy Auditor Lea Massado, Engineers-in-Training Holden Hammerlund and Kyle Kruckenberg and guests Jordanna Garland, Ivan Wiediger and Janie Rathbun. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken. City Council Bev Wolff, Lynn Swanson-Puckett and John Stonehocker were absent. Mayor Losinski determined a quorum was not present. Mayor Losinski asked that reports be presented but any action items would need to wait until there is a quorum. **Sheriff Report** Sheriff Muckle reviewed his

written report for the month of April which consisted of 30 city calls, and 6 warning citations. Lynn Swanson-Puckett joined the meeting via telephone at 7:25 pm. Mayor Losinski determined a quorum was present. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda** Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. **Public Participation** Mayor Losinski read the policy for public participation. There was no public participation. **Minutes** Minutes of the meeting on May 4, 2026, were presented. Ross moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. **Engineer's Report** Engineers-in-Training Holden Hammerlund and Kyle Kruckenberg reviewed a written report. 2026 Main and Central Street Reconstruction: Construction continues on Main Street and Central Avenue. The Reimbursement Agreement

between the City and Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) has been fully executed. The Reimbursement Agreement between the City and AT&T has been fully executed. The Reimbursement Agreement between the City and Cogent Fiber, LLC (formerly known as Sprint) was presented for approval. Reimbursement amount is \$81,461.44. Marman moved to approve payment of \$81,461.44 to Cogent Fiber, LLC, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Kruckenberg reviewed Change Order No. 1 with a reduction of \$665.78. Zachmann moved to approve Change Order 1 with a reduction of \$665.78, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Kruckenberg provided information on State Hazard Mitigation grant dollars that may be available to purchase a property located in the 500-year floodplain. The grant funds are very limited, and the property must undergo a benefit-cost analysis. A cost to complete the benefit-cost analysis will be provided at the next meeting. **Public Works Report** PWS Dietz provided information on possible solutions to

fix the leak in the north water tower. Dietz reported the lease on the Case IH 120C tractor is set for buyout or to be returned to West Plains on May 19th. Zachmann moved to buy out the lease on the Case IH 120C tractor and wire payment of \$14,509.64, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. **Auditor's Report** Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler mentioned expenses to date are \$965,614.43 and revenues to date are \$1,101,980.11. Zachmann moved to approve amending the Water Fund budget to include a transfer of \$20,290.00 to the Water Reserve Fund for the USDA Loan payment, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Zachmann moved to approve wages for Tourist Information Center staff Jan Kuchera - \$18/hr and Amanda Phelps - \$15/hr, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. Ross moved to approve USDA Loan payment No. 7 for the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$21,281.00, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Gaugler reviewed the financial state-

ment for the month of April with an ending month balance of \$1,886,667.03. Zachmann moved to approve the financial statement, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. **Committee Reports** Park Board - Zachmann reported the Park Board met on May 6th. Preparations are being made so that the swimming pool can open on June 1st. Tentatively, swimming lessons will start in July. Zoning - Marman reported the Zoning Board met on May 11th. Correspondence was received from the property owners at 571 2nd Ave NW requesting a temporary permit be granted for two storage containers moved onto the property. City Ordinance 397 passed on June 16, 2025, does not allow storage containers in Residential 1 or Residential 2 zoning. The Zoning Board forwarded the request to City Council for their determination. Ross moved to notify the property owners at 571 2nd Ave NW the storage containers need to be removed within 90 days of the date on the notice, second by Marman. Motion carried unanimously. **New Business**

A Public Hearing was held at 7:30 pm on the Request for Variance of 13'6" at Feldmann's 1st Addition, Block 2, Lots 1-2. Marman moved to open the Public Hearing, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Marman moved to approve the Request for Variance of 13'6" at Feldmann's 1st Addition, Block 2, Lots 1-2, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Park Board Manager Janie Rathbun met with the City Council on maintenance and future plans for the Beach Golf Course. Correspondence was read from Beach Post Graduation Committee. No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Ross. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. ATTEST: Walter Losinski, Mayor Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor (Published June 4, 2026)

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Unofficial Minutes Subject to Council Approval May 11, 2026

Sentinel Butte City Council held a regular meeting May 11, 2026. Mayor Jason Lee called the meeting to order at 8 pm. Present were Mayor Jason Lee, Auditor Jodi Ridenhower, Alderpersons Jennifer Morlock, Roger Clemens and Denise Dietz and guests Rebecca Harris, Scott Harris, Shane Murphy (via phone), BMO representative Christian (via phone), Greg Davidson and Gary Howard. Meeting minutes from April 13, 2026 were read and approved. **Department Reports** Lagoon/Landfill/Streets - Nothing to report Landfill - Nothing to report Lagoon - Nothing to report. Streets - Nothing to report. Discussion was held in re-

gards to Butte Street - scoria vs crushed asphalt. Grounds - Nothing to report. Water/Sewer - Nothing to report. Buildings - Lights inside the lobby are still flickering. Leann Rafferty's daughter is interested in renting office space. Lobby window has a hole in the window. Possible rock from mowing. Jodi will fix the window. Jandt Plumbing has been called for repairs, but Roger hasn't heard back. **Discussion** • Shop rental space • Dan needs to be contacted about the insurance on the rental shop • Jodi will check with Ron at the lumber yard in regards to keys on the building. • Hazard mitigation plan • Late fees on the water bills will be enforced. A 15.00 late fee will be added to the next months bill if the bill hasn't

been paid by the due date on the invoice. • First State Bank account was hacked. Has been resolved. • Greg Davidson asked what can be done about nuisance pets. **Old Business** • Denise motioned to change the rent on the rented shop space to \$75.00/mo. with a five-year lease contract with Greg and Greg will do all maintenance. • Denise moves to resend her motion until the next meeting. • Denis motioned to table the shop rental until the next meeting so insurance clarity is resolved. **New Business** • Denise motioned that as of July 1, 2026 all water bills will be charged for Water, Sewer and Garbage. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

• Beach Garden Club sent a \$50.00 gift certificate for the annual flower sale. Denise motioned to use the \$50.00 and the city would add another \$50.00 for flowers at the City Office and the Pavillion. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed. Jodi Will pick up the flowers. • Roger motioned to have the Official News Paper to be Golden Valley News. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed. • Roger motioned to not use Intuit at the end of May for payroll. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed. **Bills** MDU\$1,299.41 Rick Olson\$150.00 SW District Health\$30.00 Jodi Ridenhower wages\$1,339.08 RTC Networks\$146.00 Jason Lee\$218.28 GS Publishing\$95.14 Total Safety\$457.47 Beach Garden Club\$50.00

North Dakota State Tax ..\$5.00 US Treasury.....\$53.70 SW Water Authority\$666.41 City of Beach\$113.38 Denise motioned to pay the bills as listed. Jennifer second-

ed. Motion passed. Roger motioned to adjourn meeting. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Jodi Ridenhower, City Auditor (Published June 4, 2026)

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