

PUBLIC NOTICES

SECTION 324 NOTICE

In compliance with federal law, the Mercer County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) gives notice that the Mercer County Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports have been received and reviewed by the Mercer County LEPC.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Mercer County Emergency Manager's Office within the Mercer County Courthouse at 410 Van Slyck Ave, Stanton, ND between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

(04-16-2026) (04-23-2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS - Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00009
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Jeannette Louise Ray, Deceased
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Thomas

W. Severin, Attorney at Law, 913 Ponderosa Drive, Severance, CO 80550, or presented to the Court at: Clerk of Court, Burleigh County, 514 E. Thayer Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501.
Dated April 2, 2026.
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(04-09-2026)(04-16-2026)(04-23-2026)

NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE DATE CHANGE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C.
Case No. RC-25-270
Revision 14, Permit NACC-1302
Application
NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE DATE CHANGE
April 14, 2026
Preliminary Statement
On October 3, 2025, the Public Service Commission received the application for Revision 14 Surface Coal Mining Permit NACC-1302 from The Coyote Creek Mining Company, L.L.C., for its Coyote Creek Mine south of Zap in Mercer County. Revision No. 14 revises the post-mining topography in portions of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36, T143N, R89W; Section 31, T143N, R88W; and Section 6, T142N, R88W. Revision No. 14 also updates the introductory information, pre-mining land use, general operations, surface water management, post-mining land use plans and topography, revegetation procedures, establishment and management, and vegetation assessment and success standards sections of the permit. Specific updates include updated design plans for sediment pond P24-06, the addition of design plans for diversion D25-01, post-mining land use acreage adjustments in Sections 24 and 25, T143N, R89W to

accommodate larger blocks of cropland and native grassland, and modifications to the native grassland and woodland planting seed mixtures. The revision also finalizes the location of the Section 36 farmer access road (18th Street SW) and finalizes the use of several ecological sites as native grassland reference areas.
On March 30, 2026, the Commission received a request from Casey and Julie Voigt for an Informal Conference on the application for Revision 14, citing concerns related to the native grassland reference areas, the Section 36 farmer access road (18th Street SW), compaction testing, and the productivity of reclaimed land.
Notice of Informal Conference
Notice is hereby given that the captioned matters are set for an Informal Conference, commencing at 9:00 a.m. CDT, on May 12, 2026, Fort Totten Room, Ground Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.
If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Brian Johnson
Executive Secretary

(04-23-2026)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00006
In the Matter of the Estate of Carlyle W. Sailer, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jane Sailer, personal representative of the estate, P.O. Box 488,

Hazen, ND 58545, or filed with the Court. Dated this 17th day of April, 2026.
/s/ Jane Sailer
Personal Representative
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Attorneys for the Personal Representative

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SAFETY AND SPEED:

City commission approves four-way stop by new therapy

BY DANIEL ARENS

With a sudden surge of interest in one new business and service in town, and a large amount of vehicles and children involved in that interest, the city commission moved forward earlier this week with a new four-way stop for the busy intersection.

The commission spoke with Hazen Police Chief Jim Wolff regarding the 1st St. SW and 1st Ave. SW intersection, where 701 Therapy and the Hazen Post Office are located. Wolff said he did not see speed as a major issue when patrolling the intersection, saying there could be a crosswalk put in.

Commissioner Jesse Folkerts, who initially brought up patrolling and possible city action to address the intersection, disagreed.

"With all due respect, I totally disagree," he said. "I think it is just a total change of use case."

Folkerts noted that the presence and success of 701 Therapy meant there were a large number of people parking and walking across the streets at or near the intersection, and usually

with children in the parking vehicles or as part of the crossing.

Folkerts moved to put in a four-way stop at the 1st Ave. and 1st St. intersection, with Commissioner Dustin Wiedrich seconding. Commissioner Jason Haack noted additional patrolling may be necessary as residents adjust to the new four-way stop.

Commissioner Casey Stern noted his concern that there are too many places in town where vehicles have to stop, then move, then stop again, saying he did not think some of these stop signs were necessary. He asked if stop signs could be removed from a different location, even as signs are put up at the 1st and 1st crossing.

The other commissioners agreed with Stern that some of the intersections with stop signs currently did not actually need the signs. They mentioned picking out some examples of where the signs might not be necessary and coming back with recommendations at a later meeting.

The vote on putting up the four stop signs at the 1st St. and 1st Ave. intersection

was unanimously approved by the commission.

"Don't step on a crack or you'll break your mamma's back," an old adage goes. It is a good thing this is just superstition, because otherwise the state of walking trails in Hazen provide prime opportunity for some backs to wind up broken.

During a Hazen City Commission meeting April 20, Wiedrich and City Engineer Jerod Klabunde with Moore Engineering brought up the issue of continued cracking and heaving on the multi-use walking/biking trails in town, notably the trail running east from TSC, crossing Highway 200 near Jimmy's Lounge and then proceeding east all the way to the golf course.

While pictures of various cracks were shown on the screen, Klabunde noted that this kind of cracking is very common when sidewalks or trails are shallow and unreinforced.

"The best option for the city is to replace the panels that are cracking," he said, noting that the city does not have rebar to put down and that crack sealing would

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