

PUBLIC NOTICES

Mercer Township Budget Hearing

Mercer Township will hold a budget hearing for the 2026 Mercer Township Budget on September 16, 2025 at 8 p.m. at the Lloyd Westerlind Shop. For budget information call Cody Wardner at 701-315-0560. (Sept. 4 & 11, 2025)

Underwood Fire District and Ambulance District

Underwood Fire District and Underwood Ambulance Districtx will hold their annual budget hearings September 11, 7:00 pm at the Fire Building, 208 Grant Ave. Business meetings of Fire and Ambulance Districts to follow the budget hearings. Debby Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer (Aug. 28 & Sept. 4, 2025)

NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will Conduct Surface Lease Auctions in the following Counties:

Adams	Hettinger	Pierce
Benson	Kidder	Rolette
Billings	Logan	Sheridan
Bowman	McHenry	Sioux
Burke	McIntosh	Slope
Burleigh	McKenzie	Stark
Divide	McLean	Stutsman
Dunn	Mercer	Towner
Eddy	Morton	Ward
Emmons	Mountrail	Wells
Golden Valley	Oliver	Williams
Grant		

Auctions will be held in person at location in the County Seat. Refer to the advertisement in the official county newspaper or the public lease auctions schedule posted on the Department of Trust Lands' website for auction dates, times, locations, & list of tracts offered. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800.

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(Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025)

Underwood City Special August Meeting Minutes

The Underwood City Commissioners met on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:15 pm for a special meeting to discuss the Bug Sprayer. Commissioners present: R. Kapanke, D. Fischer, P. Cabrera, B. Saylor, D. Saxberg, Absent: None. Rich informed the commission that a part on the old bug sprayer was repaired by Eggers Electric Motor Co in Bismarck ND. Rich is not sure if the bug sprayer will work, but will see if it does. Cabrera said he looked for replacement parts for the old sprayer to have it fixed and could not find any parts to fix what they believed was wrong with it. Commission asked Rich to put the bug sprayer together to see if it works and to add it to the items that will be auctioned later in the year, if it works.

Saxberg, Saylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 pm, motion carried. (Sept. 4, 2025)

Underwood City Special August Meeting Minutes

The Underwood City Commissioners met on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm for a special meeting to discuss Hiring Par Time Public Works Position. Commissioners present: R. Kapanke, P. Cabrera, B. Saylor, D. Saxberg, Absent: D. Fischer. Saxberg, Cabrera moved to offer Amy Riddle the part time, hourly, public works position at \$16.50 an hour with full retirement, with a six-month probationary period, on contingency of a pre drug screening and background check. Voted aye: Saxberg, Saylor, Cabrera, Kapanke, nay: none, absent: Fischer, motion carried. Amy Riddle verbally accepted the part time public works position. Cabrera, Saylor moved to adjourn

the meeting at 8:08 pm, motion carried. (Sept. 4, 2025)

Underwood City August Meeting

The Underwood City Commission met on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 pm at city hall. Commissioners present; R. Kapanke, D. Fischer, D. Saxberg, P. Cabrera, and B. Saylor, Absent: None. Additions made to the White Building and School Mara Boone, with Moore Engineering, was present at the meeting. Mara informed the commission that the water tower was currently getting sandblasted with a priming coat and 2 paint coatings. She reminded the commission that the sandblasting and priming does take the longest since they are doing the outside and inside. She confirmed that work in the pump house was complete and pumps were running with not issues detected from Rich. Moore is still working to get a quote for roof work on the existing water tower building. She did present a proposal for \$8,800.00 from Total Control Inc to remove the asbestos from the roof of the existing water tower building. Mara reminded the commission that there was money budgeted for this in the project already. Saxberg, Saylor moved to approve Total Control Inc Proposal for \$8,800.00. She presented Pay Application 11 from Maguire Iron for \$190,005.80 for work that has been completed and checked. Saylor, Cabrera moved to approve Pay Application 11 for Maguire Iron for \$190,005.80 motion carried. Auditor Adams reminded the commission that they will have the final annexation hearing on the Industrial Park at the meeting on September 23, 2025. Adams informed the commission that the paperwork with the street sweeper is getting finalized and working to have it delivered as soon as possible. She shared an updated quote from Bobcat for the Toolcat with 72-inch mowing deck and snowblower attachments totaling \$83,379.08 on a 36-month interest free payment option. Saxberg, Cabrera moved to approve purchasing the Toolcat with 72-inch mowing deck and snowblower attachments on the 36-month interest free payments, motion carried. Rich informed the commission that during the meter change out they had found some curbstop and gate valves that need to be replaced. Auditor Adams reminded the commission that they budget for some replacements a year and this year the budget was already used. Commission would like to have an updated list and continue to replacing when funds are available. Rich mentioned that more stop signs and street signs need to be ordered. Keith Hegney with Rural Water came to camera the sewer at 3rd St and McKinley and reported no issues to the main sewer line. Rich mentioned that he is not sure if the road will hold up or get worse. Saxberg stated they will just have to wait and see and make repairs if the road does not hold up. Rich plans to meet with Tom Klabunde to look at the south pumphouse to see what can be done for flushing the south pump house. Cabrera mentioned they are still working on getting the tires removed from the back lot. Adams mentioned that she would try to get stop signs and other signs needed at the end of the year once she can see how much room there is in the budget. Kapanke mentioned checking into the option of putting a new surface on the signs. Adams informed the commission that she will be talking to the school, park board, senior center, fire, ambulance, and other groups to have someone sit on the committee for the 125th city celebration. Lynn Grabow with Lions Club was present at the meeting to discuss the opportunity to starting a Lions Club in Underwood. Lynn informed the commission that the Lions Club in Underwood would be able to run in the way the club wanted to run it and aim to benefit the community in the way that best fit the community. The club would have existing club members who would help them get started and set things up and help with any questions that would come up. The Underwood club would need at least 20 members to start. Saxberg, Saylor moved to approve gaming permit for McLean County Cougars Girls Baseball, motion carried. Auditor informed the commission that Circle Sanitation is looking to have roll of dropped at city shop September 11 and picked up the morning of September 17,

2025, motion carried. Adams informed the commission that Emma Vander Wal informed her and Rich that she will be done working for the city as of August 22, 2025. Adams reminded the board that the summer help position is always done at the end of August. Commission received applications for the part-time Public Works position and would like to have interviews with applicants and a special meeting Wednesday, August 20, 2025, starting interviews at 6:00 pm. Todd Benson with the Underwood School was present at the meeting and informed the commission that the school was in the middle of many projects to improve the school. They currently are replacing playground equipment. Kapanke mentioned she invited Todd to the meeting to open up communication with the city, so the city and school can work together in the future to better the community. Adams informed the commission that her husband recently accepted a job in Riverton, WY. She will be in Underwood until someone is hired and she would be able to continue training remotely until the new applicant and commission feels training is no longer needed. She will also work on the City Ordinance updating while working remotely. Kapanke requested hiring for Auditor and Deputy Auditor. Saxberg, Cabrera moved to advertise for a full-time auditor position and part-time deputy auditor position with application deadline for September 23, 2025, motion carried. Saxberg informed the commission he had a list of equipment items to put up for auction. He would like to meet with Rich to get a final list together. Adams will contact the auctioneer they have previously used in the past. Kapanke informed the commission that she had found rubberized paint that was for sale to possibly pain the white building. Saxberg mentioned they had also talked about getting rid of the building but worried about storage room for the items in the building. Commission would like to see what storage room they will have after the equipment auction and decide to paint or remove the building. Fischer, Saxberg moved to approve previous meeting minutes, motion carried. Fischer, Cabrera moved to approve monthly financial statement, motion carried. Cabrera, Saylor moved to approve demolition permit for Douglas Landenberger at 519 McKinley to remove trailer from the property and capping all utility services to the trailer and to leave existing detach garage with electrical utilities, motion carried. Fischer, Saxberg moved to approve building permit for Monte Trondson at 206 Borchardt Ave to place vinyl siding over existing siding, replace a window, and remove a window, motion carried. Cabrera, Fischer moved to approve bills, motion carried. Next commission meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Cabrera, Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm, motion carried. Report Title Check Register Report Period 07/01/2025 To 07/31/2025 07/16/2025 JP MORGAN \$29,186.59; 07/30/2025 EFTPS \$6,325.47; 07/30/2025 NDPERS \$6,334.63; 07/30/2025 Bravera Bank \$10.00; 07/31/2025 CITY OF UNDERWOOD \$293.09; 07/31/2025 RENAISSANCE \$143.12; 07/31/2025 AMERITAS \$26.92; 07/31/2025 US Postal Service \$168.00; 07/08/2025 ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER \$70.27; 07/02/2025 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHEILD \$2,284.32; Jul-25 HR Hub \$22,164.58; 19025 07/15/2025 VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY \$17,400.00; 19026 07/15/2025 TAND CONSTRUCTION \$343,589.07; 19027 07/15/2025 ND DEPT. OF HEATLH \$27.00; 19028 07/15/2025 MOORE ENGINEERING INC \$8,345.00; 19029 07/15/2025 MENARDS \$979.00; 19030 07/15/2025 MAGUIRE IRON, INC \$370,212.30; 19030 07/15/2025 MAGUIRE IRON, INC \$130,500.00; 19031 07/15/2025 LEVEY'S PLUMBING HEATING & AIR \$39.00; 19032 07/15/2025 DOLLAR GENERAL - REGION 410526 \$13.68; 19033 07/15/2025 DERRICK FISCHER'S LAWN CARE \$1,800.00; 19034 07/15/2025 CITY OF RIVERDALE \$15,545.17; 19035 07/15/2025 AMBERWAY INC \$455.77; 19036 07/21/2025 DEBORAH TARASENKO \$200.00; 19037 07/31/2025 UNDERWOOD PARK DISTRICT \$8,360.17; 19037 07/31/2025 UNDERWOOD PARK DISTRICT \$1,222.07; 19038 07/31/2025 SLETTEN EXCAVATING, INC \$10,211.00; 19039 07/31/2025 MCLEAN COUNTY SHERIFF \$8,055.71; 19040 07/31/2025 EGGERS ELECTRIC MOTOR CO \$47.50;

19041 07/31/2025 SCHELL, DIANE K. \$100.00; 19042 07/31/2025 CITY OF BISMARCK \$240.00; 19043 07/31/2025 ADAMS, COURTNEY L \$40.00; 19044 07/31/2025 DERRICK FISCHER'S LAWN CARE \$1,600.00; Bank Total \$985,989.43 (Sept. 4, 2025)

Underwood School July Meeting

UNDERWOOD SCHOOL MEETING AND REORGANIZATION OF BOARD Jul 30, 2025 Present were Principal Kyle Hunt, Principal Hope Rush, Superintendent Todd Benson, Business Manager Jessica Hoffert, Brent Charging, Donald Robinson, Sarah Ness, Amanda Hase-lue, and Michael Heger. Others in attendance were Nadine Hagen, Amanda VonEschen, Skyla Folden, Crystal McLaughlin, Megan Faul, Taylor Eichhorst, Teresa Pleinis, Stacy Haraseth, Brenda Schantz, Renee Fransen, Mary Longtin, and Debra LeRoy. Superintendent Todd Benson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD Charging nominated Michael Heger for School Board President. Charging/ Haseleu moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Heger. Roll call vote: Charging-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Heger-yes. MC. Robinson nominated Brent Charging for School Board Vice President. Robinson/Haseleu moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Charging. Roll call vote: Robinson-yes, Haseleu-yes, Ness-yes, Charging-yes, Heger-yes. MC. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA Robinson requested the addition to discuss NDSBA Policy Management under P & Q of agenda discussion. Heger asked the Board to send their dearest sympathy to the Washburn Community and School regarding the passing of one of their teachers. Charging/Ness made a motion to send their sympathy. Roll call vote: Charging-yes, Ness-yes, Robinson-yes, Haseleu-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Haselue/Ness made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approval of June 26, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. Approval of July 8, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Approval of Financial Reports Approval of official newspaper as the Central McLean News Journal. Approval of school funds depository as Bravera Bank. Approval of co-signer of checks as Board President, Board Vice President, and CREA in lieu of the Business Manager. Approval of safety deposit box access for Board President, Superintendent, and CREA in lieu of the Business Manager. Approval of Pledge of Assets. Approval of participation in the National School Breakfast/Lunch Program (NSBLP). Approval of NSBLP Administrator as Elementary Admin Asst. and NSBLP Hearing Officer as Superintendent Benson. Approval of mileage/per diem rates to align with ND State rates for travel. Approval of bills as follows: General Fund (01): Acme Tools \$53.45, ACT \$162.00, Amazon.com \$1,309.24, Amberway Inc (Grimsley's) \$2,322.00, Berg, Ellen \$150.00, Bismarck Tribune \$14.99, Central Dakota Library Network \$461.67, Central Regional Education Association \$3,000.00, Circle Sanitation \$462.50, City of Underwood \$130.66, Connect Therapy \$11,475.00, Criminal Records Section \$76.00, D & E Supply Company \$899.12, Dakota Dust-Tex Inc \$59.50, Dakota Supply Group Inc \$158.84, Dakota Truck and Farm Service \$1,098.18, Delta Dental of Minnesota \$1,685.22, Diffely's Repair \$68.95, Dollar General Store #20785 \$56.73, ETSystems Inc \$222.00, Event Bright \$245.00, Granite City \$106.40, Grondahl Recreation Inc \$26,934.00, Harlow's School Bus Service Inc \$492.00, Haugen's Drain Service \$349.00, Heger, Nancy \$150.00, Highway 83 Lawn Leisure & Supply \$471.27, Holiday Inn-Express Fargo \$1,531.60, Janse Van Rensburg, Charlene \$165.00, Kirkwood Ace Hardware \$169.74, Krause's Market \$92.70, Lowe's \$11.75, Magic-Wrighter Inc \$41.70, Marc Mid-American Research Chemical \$386.14, Marco \$1,672.11, Menards-Bismarck \$2,410.33, Menards-Minot \$15,958.47, Midwest Doors \$1,337.95, Montana Dakota Utilities \$392.14, Mormon, Jen-

nifer \$150.00, Napa Auto Parts \$41.98, National Autism Resources \$428.83, North Dakota Child Support Enforcement \$190.00, North Dakota Health Insurance Trust \$29,289.01, North Dakota United \$2,381.45, Otter Tail Power Company \$4,620.66, Pearce Durick PLLC \$783.75, Pitney Bowes \$200.00, Plaza Azteca \$114.13, Plunkett's Pest Control Inc \$271.45, Pro Ed Inc. \$751.30, Rusted Rail Bar & Grill \$74.37, Sam's Club \$141.92, Sanders, Brent \$179.62, Scott's Hardware \$122.96, Sherwin-William's \$1011.95, Snyder, Jacqueline \$150.00, Tamarack \$1,911.94, Timber Ridge Plumbing & Heating Inc \$4,545.00, Time Management Systems \$2,275.20, Twin City Roofing \$63,655.00, Underwood Farm Supply LLC \$403.42, United States Postal Service \$266.00, Village Family Service Center \$1,364.00, Vision Service Plan \$534.77, Von Eschen, Amanda \$56.82, Wagon Wheel Lumber \$2,239.05, Wal-Mart \$126.02, West River Telecommunications \$503.95, WEX-Discovery Benefits \$1,426.38, Wilton Public School District \$5,875.00. Capital Project Fund (03): Wilmington Trust Fee Collections \$400.00, Food Service Fund (05): Kemps \$338.68, Krause's Market \$1.87, ND Educators Service Cooperative \$400.00, Pan-O-Gold Baking Co \$34.20, Sysco North Dakota-Inc \$906.69, US Food Service \$154.89 Activity Fund (06): Bose Corporation (159.43), Dollywood Foundation \$9.22, Hampton Inn \$1,123.00, Jangula, John \$375.81, Jangula, Whitney \$75.45, Midwest Sports \$1,668.13, Singer, Grant \$1,431.90, Wal-Mart \$121.57 Trust & Agency Fund (CMC)(07): Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative \$327.96, Comfort Inn & Suites \$2,240.00, Dickinson High School \$250.00, Game One \$5,859.74, Hewlett-Packard \$17.27, Kruger, Ty \$2,349.19. Roll call vote: Haseleu-yes, Ness-yes, Robinson-yes, Charging-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Business Manager Hoffert presented the Financial Summary. Superintendent Benson presented the Executive Summary. Superintendent Benson discussed the 2025-2026 budget. The school received the tax appropriations from Mercer and McLean counties. Todd stated he will work on getting the Certificate of Levy done as he has been working with Brandt Dick with CREA. Principal Hunt presented the Secondary report. Principal Rush touched on the upcoming pre-k program for the 25-26 school year. Pre-K will be having their open house on August 11th. So far 20 pre-k students have registered. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS: Ness/Charging made a motion to approve the changes to the CMC Cooperative Agreement: Roll call vote: Ness-yes, Charging-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Ness/Charging made a motion to approve changes to the 2025-2026 CMC Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule. Roll call vote: Ness-yes, Charging-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Robinson/Ness made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Underwood Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule. Roll call vote: Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes, Charging-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Haseleu/Robinson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 CMC Budget. Roll call vote: Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Charging-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Declaration of Conflict as discussed: Donald Robinson stated his wife is an employee of the school. Amanda Hase-lue stated Cottingham Insurance is the school's insurance agent. Michael Heger stated his wife has a mental health practice within the school. Haseleu/Charging made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 meal prices as follows: Elementary breakfast will be \$2.25, Secondary breakfast will be \$2.25, Guest/Staff breakfast will be \$2.65. Juice \$0/35, and single breakfast items \$0.35. Elementary lunch will be \$3.25, Secondary lunch will be \$3.75, and Guest/Staff will be \$4.75. Roll call vote: Haseleu-yes, Charging-yes, Ness-yes, Robinson-yes, and Heger-yes. MC. Haseleu/Robinson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 student fees as follows: Clue Dues Grades 7-8 \$10.00, Grades 9-12 \$20.00. Preschool Tuition \$260/monthly, Activity Participation Fees: Elementary \$20.00/ sport. High School \$45.00 sport (Max \$200 per family). Roll call vote: Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Charging-yes and Heger-yes. MC. Haseleu/Ness made a motion to