

PUBLIC NOTICES

Mercer City Meeting

Mercer City Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday December the 11th, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST in the Mercer City Hall.

Thanks and hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

Kathrin Volochenko,
Auditor, Mercer City
(Dec. 4, 2025)

Underwood School October Minutes

October 30, 2025

Present: Superintendent Todd Benson, Principal Hope Rush, Principal Kyle Hunt, Brent Charging, Michael Heger, Amanda Haseleu, Donald Robinson, Sarah Ness, Skyla Heger and Brianna Robinson.

Absent: None

President Michael Heger called the meeting to order at 7:02 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Requesting the board to change board resolution E to approve adding Cathy Schacher to all Underwood Public School District financial accounts at Bravera Bank.

Requesting the board policy committee provide an overview of their meeting.

Ness/Haseleu made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

CONSENT AGENDA

Charging/Robinson made a motion to

approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of September 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

REPORT AGENDA

Financial Report Summary (expenditure summary)

Superintendent Benson presented the Financial Report Summary and was tasked to create a summary report of the fund balance sheets.

Approval of Bills as follows:

General Fund (01):

Access Elevator & Lifts Inc. \$3,520.96, Amberway Inc. \$2,125.00, Badlands Environmental Consultant \$425.00, CREA \$21,279.92, City of Underwood \$8,971.90, Connect Teletherapy \$6,375.00, Dakota Truck and Farm Service \$32.96, Dept of Human Services \$332.50, Driessen Ralph \$10.50, Haugen's Drain Service \$324.00, Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$691.71, Marco \$3,344.22, Menards-Bismarck \$232.70, Midwest Investigation & Security Inc. \$2,245.00, Missouri River Teacher Center \$200.00, Montana Dakota Utilities \$417.53, NDUC Group \$1,930.10, ND School Board Association \$78.00, North Dakota United \$140.13, Online Dakota Information Network \$99.93, Pearce Durick PLLC \$356.25, Sanders Brent \$77.00, Sawas Learning Center \$3,335.58, Shock's Safe & Lock \$80.90, Share Corporation \$444.43, Sign Solutions USA LLC \$769.73, The Village Family Service Center \$667.00, Wagon Wheel Lumber \$1,756.25, Wolf Creek Welding \$450.00.

Food Service Fund (05):

Capital City Restaurant Supply Inc. \$166.10, DPI \$737.98, Kemp's \$1,341.66, Pan O Gold Baking Co \$266.68, SNA \$223.00, US Foodservice \$2,284.08.

Student Activity Fund (06):

Ash Kira \$28.89, Benson Angela \$156.94, Brickhouse Frozen Products LLC \$240.00, Brunelle William \$160.00, Doctor Jason \$110.50, Dollywood Foundation \$7.53, Driessen Julie \$165.00, Eichhorst Tania \$25.00, Fransen Renee \$90.00, Game One \$672.25, Gerhardt Elliott \$202.00, Gordon Chris \$75.00, Haraseth Stacy \$50.00, Hartman Steve \$157.20, Heger Katie \$200.00, Heger Michael \$40.00, Heger Steven \$60.00, Heidelberger Gary \$340.00, Heidelberger Vancy \$500.00, Helmuth Sarah \$115.00, Horner Ron \$130.50, Hunt Kyle \$40.00, Jangula John \$300.00, Kramer Toby \$140.00, Landenberger Mathew \$60.00, Markovic Shawn \$182.00, Midwest Sports \$629.50, Minot State University \$56.00, ND FBLA \$540.75, ND High School Activities Association \$132.30, NDACDA \$60.00, ND FFA Association \$735.00, Pedersen Cory \$110.50, Peterson Julia \$65.00, Reep Dennis \$110.50, Region 7 Speech/Music/Drama \$300.00, Robinson Brianna \$160.00, Rush Hope \$160.00, Schantz Brenda \$135.00, Shannon Lynnette \$40.00, Skachenko Michael \$140.00, Slavik Nicolas \$20.00, Slavik Samantha \$40.00, True Pitch LLC \$16,745.00, Underwood Public School District \$720.00, Wetzel Taylor \$110.50.

Haseleu/Ness made a motion to approve the bills. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

Approval of transfer of Food Service Funds to the General Fund:

Robinson/Haseleu made a motion to approve the transfer of up to \$50,000 of food service funds to the general fund. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC

Approval of Financial Reports:

Haseleu/Charging made a motion to approve the financial reports. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC

Executive Report Summary

Superintendent Benson presented the Executive Report Summary.

Superintendent Benson provided an update on CREA, Infinite Campus, music/band teacher, custodial employee transition, modified calendar meeting (survey), and water bill irregularities.

There was a great deal of discussion as to what the structure of the business manager position should look like. It was agreed that we would change the job posting to a part-time hybrid model involving a virtual/limited onsite presence.

Principal Hunt and Principal Rush provided an update on the results of our first round of STAR testing and the results of our ND A+ testing results from last year. We made progress from last year and had a lot of improvement in the Growth category.

Superintendent Benson provided an update for Activity Director Jangula. The request to coop with Velva for wrestling has been approved by their school board so we will be proceeding with adding this as an Underwood sport outside of our CMC coop.

Superintendent Benson provided an update for Facilities Manager Sanders. The main focus is on finishing the construction of the new custodial offices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Policy Committee Report

Robinson/Ness provided an overview on the discussion of where to place students that are taking online classes that are not permitted to leave campus. A solution was found in utilizing the commons.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Haseleu/Charging made a motion to designate Katie Heger, School Counselor, as our Foster Care and Homeschool Liaison. Roll Call Vote: Charging-yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-no, Ness-yes. MC.

Haseleu/Robinson made a motion to approve adding Cathy Schacher to all Underwood Public School District financial accounts at Bravera Bank. Roll Call Vote: Charging-yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes. MC.

Robinson/Haseleu made a motion to approve the tuition/cost sharing agreement for a family that moved into the Underwood school district but wishes to continue their enrollment in their last school district. Roll Call Vote: Charging-yes, Heger-yes, Haseleu-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes. MC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

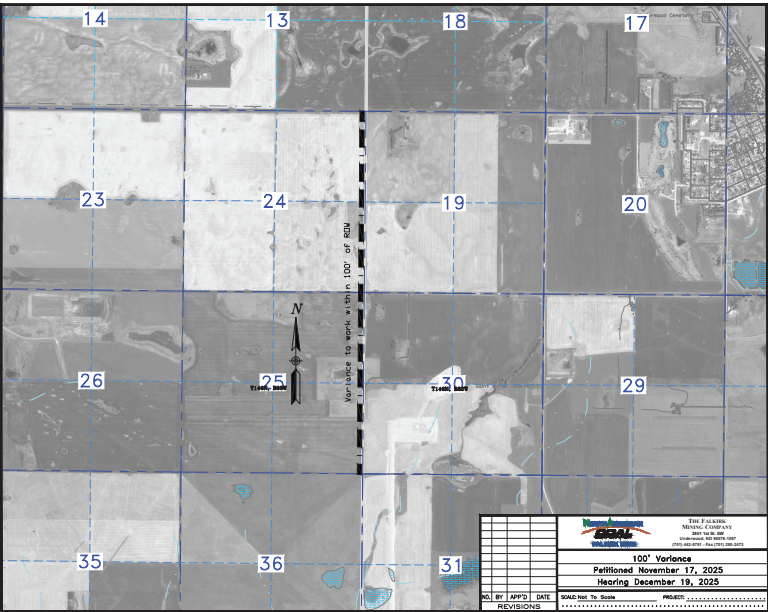
NEXT MEETINGS

Regular School Board Meeting- November 25, 2025 at 7:00 am.

/s/ Michael Heger, Board President

ATTEST:

/s/ Todd Benson, Superintendent
(Dec. 4, 2025)



Notice of Hearing on Petition for Permitting Surface Coal Mining

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PERMITTING SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE OUTSIDE RIGHT-OF WAY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of Supervisors of Longfellow Township requesting that the Board permit and approve the conducting of surface coal mining operations within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line of the following public roads:

a. The west side of the section line road located between the E2 of Section 24, Township 146 North, Range 83 West and the W2 of Section 19, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

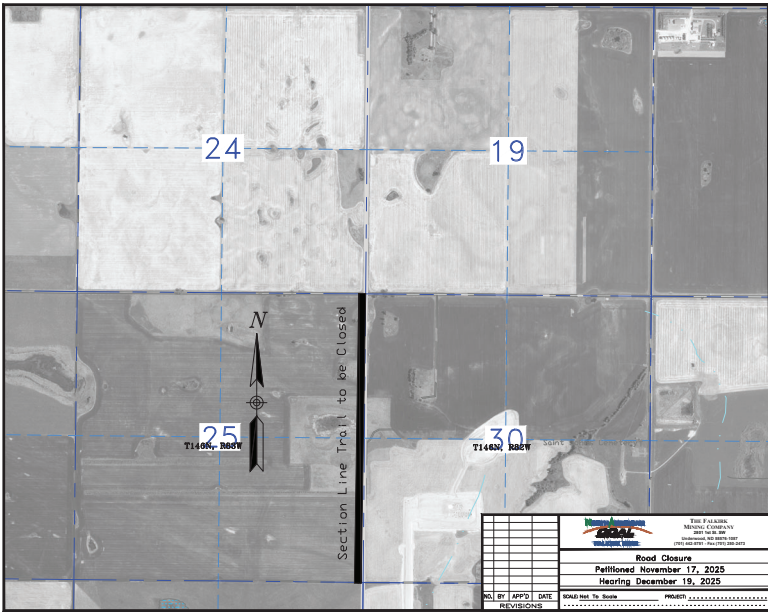
b. The west side of the section line trail located between the E2 of Section 25, Township 146 North, Range 83 West

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and the W2 of Section 30, Township 146 North, Range 82 West Falkirk asserts that the interests of the public and the interests of affected landowners will be protected from the proposed surface coal mining operations.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of Supervisors of Longfellow Township in the Spillway Café in Riverdale, North Dakota, on the 19th day of December, 2025, at 8:00 am. CDT for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of Township Supervisors of Longfellow Township
Denise Johannes, President



Notice of Hearing on Petition to Temporarily Close Certain Roads

Notice of Hearing on Petition to Temporarily Close Certain Section Line Roads

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of Supervisors of Longfellow Township requesting that the following section line roads be temporarily closed in order to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations:

a. The section line trail located along the eastern boundary of Section 25, Township 146 North, Range 83 West

After the completion of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, Falkirk will restore the closed section line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads

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to the extent required by the Board of Supervisors of Longfellow Township.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of Supervisors of Longfellow Township in the Spillway Café in Riverdale, North Dakota, on the 19th day of December, 2025, at 8:05 a.m., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition, along with the map showing the effected section lines, is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of Township Supervisors of Longfellow Township
Denise Johannes, President

REWARDING CAREER IN AGRONOMY AWAITS IN CENTRAL N.D.

Hefty Seed is hiring sales agronomists in New Rockford and Wilton, ND. In an area that boasts some of the region's best hunting and fishing, the right candidates will be able to enjoy acreage for hunting and many beautiful lakes nearby. Some great housing options are available. We are looking to invest in individuals who will be a great fit with our established, yet growing team of agronomists. These positions include top pay and benefits. If you are looking to work in an enjoyable environment while providing top notch service to our valued customers, we invite you to send your resume and cover letter to matt.elder@heftyseed.com or call Matt at 701-425-8384. We look forward to working with you.

Help Wanted: Auditor

The City of Underwood is accepting applications for a full time Auditor position. Position is outlined in the ND Century Code Chapter 40-16. Applicants need to be self-motivated, have good customer service skills, ability to multi-task, and knowledge of account, payroll, and Microsoft office.

Compensation is negotiable depending on experience and education. Benefits include medical insurance, retirement, vacation, holiday, and sick leave.

Resume and application need to be sent to the city hall.

For more details regarding this job position and requirements, please contact: Courtney Adams, Auditor for City of Underwood, PO Box 168, Underwood, ND 58576, phone: 701-442-5481, Fax: 701-442-5482, email ctyunder@westriv.com.

**THE DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 9, 2025,
BY 4:00 PM.**

Public Works Supervisor

The City of Underwood is seeking a qualified applicant for a Public Works Supervisor position. The city is looking for applicants who have experience with mechanical work, heavy equipment operating, and leadership.

Public Works Supervisor will primarily be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the City's water distribution system, storm, wastewater mains, lift stations, wastewater lagoon system, streets, public cemetery, landfill, and all city grounds.

Compensation is negotiable depending on experience and education. Benefits include medical insurance, retirement, vacation, holiday, and sick leave.

For more details regarding this job position, please contact: Courtney Adams, Auditor for City of Underwood, PO Box 168, Underwood, ND 58540, phone: 701-442-5481, Fax: 701-442-5482, email ctyunder@westriv.com.

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