

# LEGAL NOTICES

## STATEMENT OF CLAIM OF MINERAL INTEREST

Under the provisions of Chapter 38-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned does have, own and claim to be the owner of an undivided interest in and to the oil, gas, other hydrocarbons, coal, clay, sand and gravel, uranium and other minerals of any kind and nature, unless otherwise noted, underlying the real estate described below in Mercer County, North Dakota.

Township One Hundred Forty-Four (144) North, Range Eighty-Five (85)

West  
Section 29: Northeast Quarter (NE/4)  
FURTHER, that the undersigned desires to preserve such interest as reflected in the office of the County Recorder of said County, and do not intend to abandon the same. The name and address of the owner is:  
Stacey Leier Gluck, Trustee of the Stacey Leier Gluck Family Land Trust  
5676 Longs Peak St.  
Brighton, CO 80601  
(12-11-2025, 12-18-2025, 12-25-2025)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Mercer County is looking to fill a Planning & Zoning Board seat for a term that will be expiring June 31, 2026 and a Water Board seat for a term that will be expiring December 31, 2026. If you are interested in being appointed to this board, please contact the Mercer County Auditor's Office, at (701) 745-3292 or careed@nd.gov for an Application of Interest or find the application at [www.mercercountynd.com](http://www.mercercountynd.com). Appointments will be made at

the January 21, 2026 Commission Meeting.  
Deadline for the application is January 16, 2026.  
The following are the boards that have seats expiring:  
Planning & Zoning Board—4-year term—1 Vacant position  
Water Board—3-year term—1 Vacant position  
Carmen Reed, Auditor  
(12-04-2025) (12-11-2025)

## Surgical Center



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## CITY OF BEULAH BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Beulah is seeking individuals to fill board vacancies in these areas:

- P&Z BOARD: 5-year term
- ASSESSMENT BOARD: 6-year term and 4-year term (unexpired)
- JDA - Beulah Job Development Authority: 3-year terms
- AIRPORT BOARD: 4-year term
- LIBRARY BOARD: 3-year term
- POOL BOARD: 3-year terms

Please email requests to [heather@cityofbeulah.com](mailto:heather@cityofbeulah.com) or mail to: City of Beulah, PO Box 910, Beulah, ND 58523.

The board members would need to reside within the Beulah city limits and must be appointed or reappointed. People interested in serving on any of the City of Beulah boards should file a written request with the City Auditor. The request should be in narrative form stating why you want the job and what qualifications you bring to the position. The requests will be reviewed and the replacement approved at a regularly scheduled Beulah City Council meeting.



## MAIN STREET

project.

The purpose of the hearing was to let council decide its next steps. Klabunde explained if 51% of the people protested, the project would "die." However, if less than 51% protested, the city would be able to make the decision if they wanted to move forward or not.

Mayor Sean Cheatley asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the project during the hearing, however, no one spoke.

Prior to ending the public hearing, Ward 4 Councilman Kevin Herrmann told council he had only heard from one person who said they had "no problem" with the project. But, they asked that if the city was going to invest money into the project, that the city "makes sure to take care of what was done."

"They were pretty adamant if we do this, then the city needs to maintain it," Herrmann said.

Upon closing the hearing and returning to the council meeting, council members discussed whether or not they wanted to move forward with the project.

Klabunde told the city the Bank of North Dakota needed to know Dec. 2 if it was going to keep the funding that was secured for the project. He added the deadline to let the bank know was actually the week prior, but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, they extended the deadline to Dec. 2 for a final answer.

"The bank needs to know if you are taking the money for the project," he said. "They already stretched it a couple of days."

Ward 2 Council Vice President Adam Baker asked if the motion to move forward had to be on the agenda, noting it wasn't.

"I would love for this to move forward ... I am not trying to slow it down, I am just looking out," Baker

said to council.

State's Attorney Scott Solem said he did not believe the topic needed to be on the agenda as the action was a direct result to the public hearing, which was on the agenda.

Solem explained the city isn't making any project decisions, just that it is moving forward. It was noted, on a future agenda, the engineers will bring proposals for bids and advertisements for the council to act on.

Council unanimously approved to move forward with the project

### THE PROJECT

During the public presentation Nov. 19 at Beulah City Hall, Klabunde explained Moore Engineering has evaluated streets north of 7th Street, a total of 168 blocks, where several areas need patching and asphalt preservation work.

Part of the project is to locate and replace curbs and gutters to fix drainage problems. Also, ADA-friendly curb ramps are to be installed in some areas, as well.

Klabunde was asked if the city's street improvement project could be expanded outside of the original project area. He said there is potential that at least a couple blocks could be added as an alternative but, he added, that will have to be determined at a later time.

A \$3.2 million government-subsidized loan (with 2% interest) was secured by the city through the Bank of North Dakota for the project. Klabunde said the loan will "reduce the financial strain" for property owners, reducing the amount needed through special assessments.

# Union State Bank takes proactive stance on scammers

BY KATE WEIGEL  
UNION STATE BANK  
MARKETING OFFICER

Union State Bank has taken a proactive stance on fraud throughout rural communities.

"We take our role seriously, because fraud awareness is a shared responsibility, from us and our customers," said Kate Weigel, marketing officer at Union State Bank.

Scammers are constantly evolving, and so are their attempts to fake people out of their money. Over the course of several years, we have seen many attempts to breach customers' good judgment and gain access to their money.

It's more than just "you won a free vacation" or a distant relative in a different country left you money. It's a fake business, sending letters in the mail suggesting wrapping your vehicle to provide free advertising for them and at no cost to you. It's phone calls claiming your computer is locked up and you've been on some questionable websites, and you must provide the caller (scammer) payment to scrub your computer or you're in trouble.

Or something as simple as a text message claiming you need to click the link to verify a package arriving.

Now, things have evolved to calling people and claiming to be their bank or the fraud center. Saying a charge went through their account and the caller (scammer) needs to verify some information to remove the charge.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO | KATE WEIGEL**  
Union State Bank's Fraud Mitigation Team. From left to right: Ginny Cheatley, Megan McCabe, and Michelle Harm. The team takes ongoing training and works with customers to help them be more aware of the different methods scammers use to gain access to their sensitive information and accounts.

The unease of situations like these and similar is the amount of information these scammers can have and the power that comes with a little information. Creating uncertainty and being so trusting of people with information.

Union State Bank has created a fraud department, sharing responsibility with our customers and helping them to be educated and prepared to combat scams on all possible fronts.

Union State Bank's Fraud Mitigation Team is assigned to three individuals: Ginny Cheatley, Michelle Harm and Megan McCabe. They have attended the North Dakota Bankers Association's Fraud Academy and continue to take training throughout the year to stay up to date on fraud happenings.

Union State Bank has also increased its own protocol when customers are calling, requesting changes or information on their

accounts. These changes are to protect the customers from impersonators and bad actors. As artificial intelligence has continued to advance, it is no longer just humans we need to be vigilant of as scammers, but also AI's ability to play a role in these scam attempts.

Please know that your financial safety is USB's number one priority. What can you do to protect yourself? If you receive any suspicious phone calls, do not hesitate to call us or your phone carrier (ex. WRT) to report your experience or block a number. If you receive a call from our bank that you feel is suspicious, please hang up and call us back at 701-748-2233, and we will be glad to assist you.

We would rather be proactive when it comes to your financial safety, and that responsibility is shared between yourself and your banker.

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