

Armstrong Issues Executive Order Establishing North Dakota Interagency Council On Homelessness

Governor Kelly Armstrong last week issued an executive order establishing the North Dakota Interagency Council on Homelessness to coordinate relationships among state agencies and homelessness service providers and develop strategies and best practices for preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota.

“While North Dakota already has a strong network of support services and programs for those experiencing homelessness, we still have individuals falling through the cracks,” Armstrong said. “The Interagency Council on Homelessness will provide a forum for state agencies and service providers to gather information and community input, identify areas for improvement, and recommend strategies to wipe out homelessness and prevent its underlying causes.”

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) Executive Director Brandon Dettlaff will chair the 12-person Council, and Commissioner of Recovery & Reentry Jonathan Holth will serve as vice-chair. The other members include four Cabinet leaders and six members appointed by the governor: North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission Ex-

ecutive Director Brad Hawk; North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Colby Braun; North Dakota Department of Commerce Commissioner Chris Schilken; North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services Interim Commissioner Pat Traynor; Chandler Esslinger, chair of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People; Shawnel Willer, NDHFA Continuum of Care coordinator; Bryce Meyer, The Waters Sober Living Homes and executive pastor of operations at Evangel church in Bismarck; Curtis Regan, associate broker and real estate developer at Dakota Commercial in Grand Forks; Bismarck City Administrator Jason Tomanek; and Louise Dardis, longtime West Fargo Public Schools educator and principal, board member of YWCA Cass Clay.

The panel will report annually on its progress in preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota, including recommendations for executive and legislative action.

Armstrong also has proclaimed this week, November 16-22, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in the State of North Dakota. The proclamation can be viewed online.

ND Stockmen’s Association Seedstock Council Webinar To Focus On Bull Fertility

Bull fertility will be the focus of the featured presentation during the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association (NDSA) Seedstock Council Virtual Webinar at 6:30 p.m. November 20. The Seedstock Council hosts a free, educational webinar via Zoom each fall for seedstock producers and their customers.

This year’s webinar will aim to answer the question, “Why do some bulls get cows pregnant more efficiently?” and provide other reports. Dr. Lacey Quail, North Dakota State University livestock management Extension specialist, and Dr. Saulo Zoca, University of Tennessee assistant professor and Extension beef cattle specialist, will tag-team the feature presentation, exploring the key factors driving bull fertility, the role of semen quality and the new tools helping develop fertility markers.

Quail is originally from eastern South Dakota, where she grew up raising sheep and cattle. As a graduate student, her research focused on the role of estradiol in pregnancy maintenance in beef cattle, as well as improving reproductive efficiency and profitability of beef operations through the use of reproductive technologies. In her current

role at the North Central Research Extension Center, she develops and delivers livestock management programs across North Dakota while collaborating with Extension specialists and agents, research faculty, livestock organizations and producers.

Zoca’s work focuses on advancing reproductive efficiency in beef cattle by integrating applied and translational research with producer-driven Extension. His work has examined bull fertility from multiple angles, including the identification of sperm proteins and metabolites associated with fertility, the use of proteomics and flow cytometry to predict reproductive outcomes and the impacts of nutrition, management and herd health on pregnancy establishment and loss.

The webinar Zoom link is available on www.ndstockmen.org or by calling (701) 223-2522 or e-mailing ndsas@ndstockmen.org. Pre-registration is required.

The NDSA Seedstock council works to promote the seedstock industry in North Dakota through the education of seedstock producers and their customers through planned programs, printed information, legislation and other means.

Senate Passes FY2026 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

Senator John Hoeven issued the following statement after the Senate passed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 agriculture funding bill. As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee, Hoeven worked to negotiate and secure the legislation’s passage as part of a package to re-open the federal government. This follows Hoeven’s efforts to author the bill and ensure it provides strong support for farmers and ranchers, agriculture research and rural America.

“We advanced this year’s agriculture funding legislation through regular order, showing that we can support our priorities and find savings to reduce the debt and deficit, while securing bipartisan support both in committee and on the Senate floor. That’s the right way to approach our appropriations work, and this agreement to re-open government helps us get that process moving again,” said Hoeven. “Importantly, we worked to ensure our ag funding legislation supports the innovative research being conducted by NDSU, Grand Farm and their partners. At the same time, this bill supports better access to credit and the services our producers rely on at FSA. This is important not only as harvest wraps up, but as we work to advance an ag assistance bill to provide a bridge to help producers until the new reference prices come into effect.”

Agriculture Research

- Nearly \$2.5 million for the Agricultural Risk Policy Center at North Dakota State University (NDSU), bringing the total funding Hoeven has secured for this initiative to nearly \$6.5 million since FY2024.

- \$5 million for the AgTech Cooperative Agreement between Grand Farm, NDSU and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). This includes \$2 million to establish an ARS work site at Grand Farm.

- \$3 million for continued renovations at the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center in Fargo.

- Maintains and strengthens a wide range of agriculture research conducted in North Dakota, funded through ARS and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), supporting better yields and disease resistance for crops like wheat, soybeans, barley, oats, potatoes, pulse crops and canola, among others.

Support for Farmers and Ranchers

- Helps ensure producer access to credit, providing sufficient funding to meet demand for the Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) direct and guaranteed operating and ownership loans.
- Continues the prohibition on FSA county office closures.
- Gives ranchers the necessary resources to comply with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s (APHIS) electronic identification (EID) tag requirement.
- o This follows Hoeven’s efforts last year to secure an additional three million EID tags to prevent an unfunded mandate from being imposed on U.S. ranchers.

- Provides \$500,000 for blackbird depredation in the Northern Great Plains.

- Empowers APHIS to protect the nation’s livestock against diseases, including avian influenza and chronic wasting disease (CWD), while supporting continued CWD research at ARS.

- Supports a more competitive and transparent cattle market by:
 - o Providing \$1 million to continue Hoeven’s cattle contract library pilot program.

- o Maintaining funding for the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to enforce the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Dakota Gardener: A Little Nudge

By Joe Zeleznik, Forester, NDSU Extension

As far as I’m concerned, it’s been a gorgeous fall.

The trees put on a great color show and then dropped their leaves in showers of yellow, red, gold and orange.

Around here, they’re mostly yellow.

Some of the lilacs were a bit weird, though. They flowered or sent out some small leaves. It was just a few shrubs, but they shouldn’t be blooming in the fall.

This year’s wet weather created perfect conditions for a foliar fungus called Pseudocercospora. Lilacs around the state got hammered by this disease. The shrubs lost their leaves early and went into a dormant state. When moderate fall temperatures arrived, some of them flowered.

Bizarre.

To help the lilacs, all we can do at this point is rake and destroy the leaves as best we can. We can hope that next year will be drier, but that one’s out of our hands.

Trees and shrubs usually prepare themselves for winter just fine. They store up energy in late summer and fall, and gradually harden off for winter.

But we can help here, too. Watering conifers late into the fall helps them get hydrated. That’s important for minimizing “winter injury.”

Winter injury can have a number of causes and isn’t understood very well. Nevertheless, getting trees hydrated before winter is key to managing this issue.

Late-fall watering isn’t as critical



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IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL
IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE
CIVIL NUMBER: 31-2024-CV-00284
Nationstar Mortgage LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.

Arthur L. Moreno and Leslie G. Moreno and United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States, and any person in possession, Defendants.

Judgment in the amount of \$123,471.04, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Mountrail County, North Dakota, on May 22, 2025, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described as:

Lot 17, Block 1, Stanley Townhomes, a Replat of Lot 1, Block 3 and Lot 1, Block 4, Annabelle Homes Addition to City of Stanley, Mountrail County, North Dakota.

Real Property address: 326 10th Avenue SE, Stanley, ND 58784

The above real property is the subject of the Mortgage dated June 3, 2019, which Mortgages, Arthur L. Moreno, Leslie G. Moreno, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Premier Mortgage Corp, its successors and assigns and recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Mountrail County, North Dakota, on June 7, 2019, Instrument Number 440356, which is subject to the entered Judgment. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff, its successors or assigns, by Assignment of Mortgage recorded November 26, 2024, Instrument Number 464580.

In order to realize the amount of \$123,471.04, as of May 22, 2025, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount as awarded by the court, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Mountrail County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Mountrail County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Mountrail County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Stanley, North Dakota 58784, on December 17, 2025 (“Sale Date”), at 10:00 AM.

If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2025.

SHERIFF OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY
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for the deciduous trees as it is for the conifers.

Perhaps the most important winter prep I do relates to my archenemies, rabbits.

Rabbits, and voles, kill more trees each winter than cold temperatures do. The animals eat the bark from younger trees, especially fruit trees, to get the sugar-rich phloem tissue just below the bark.

If a tree loses bark all the way around its circumference, it’s as good as dead. I’ve lost a number of apple trees over the years, and I’ve begun to take some extreme measures.

White plastic pipes and wraps do a good job of preventing this type of damage, but only as high as the pipe goes up the stem. When there’s a lot of snow, these pests climb the drifts and girdle the branches. What took years to develop can be gone in one season.

It’s frustrating.

I’ve now taken to putting a wire fence around my apple trees. It’s a bit of a project to set this up, but the fence is really effective against rabbits... as long as there are no major snow drifts. And if I set up the fence far enough from the tree trunk, the deer will be held back, too.

I’ll do what I can and hope for the best. I can’t control nature. The best I can do is try to give it a little nudge.

Minutes Of The Stanley School District No. 2

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2025

PRESENT: BOARD PRESIDENT MATT RULAND; VICE PRESIDENT DYLAN ENGER; DIRECTOR MEGAN FRITEL; DIRECTOR BETH DEAN; DIRECTOR ROBBY NICHOLS; SUPERINTENDENT TIM HOLTE; ASST BUSINESS MANAGER DAVID WILLIAMS; ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BROOKS STAFSLIEN; ASST ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JENNIFER TRONSET; HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ALECIA PULVER; ASST HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PAULA BROWN

VISITORS: LEANNA COLLINS, DEANNA KUKOWSKI, CHASE GLUECKERT, MARY KILEN, MISTY WEED, SYRIA FUHRMANN

President Ruland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was recited. Enger moved to add a transportation committee update to and approve the agenda for the meeting. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

Dean moved to accept September 17th, 2025 regular board meeting minutes and to approve the General Fund, Capital Project, Special Reserve, Activity, and School Lunch Bills. Fritel seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

GENERAL FUND:

ABDO PUBLISHING COMPANY 2,176.55; ACELLUS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LLC 2,370.00; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE 7,484.58; APPLE INC. 11.96; BANK OF ND 154,196.12; BISMARCK HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 1,059.00; BRAVERA VISA 4,322.67; BRAVERA VISA 1,237.00; BRAVERA 131.00; CIRCLE SANITATION INC 1,384.25; CITY OF STANLEY 2,411.89; COBORN’S INC. 1,003.00; DAZELL, GARRETT 20.00; ELLVANGER PLUMBING 645.00; ET-SYSTEMS, INC 344.84; EVERSPRING SUITES 550.00; FCCLA FAMILY CAREER & COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA 30.00; FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE 747.72; FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC 915.68; GARCIA, REBECCA 15.00; GM SUPPLIES: 144.00; GUSTAFSON’S SEPTIC 250.00; H. A. THOMPSON & SONS 7,078.75; HAL LEONARD LLC 132.94; HORACE MAN FLEX/WAGWORKS 2,235.93; INA MAE RUDE AQUATIC CENTER 3,240.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 549.99; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER 284.94; IVER’S PLUMBING, INC AND SPRINKLER 500.00; JORGENSEN LUMBER 471.68; K SQUARED ELECTRIC 3,203.17; LARSON’S TIRE SERVICE 685.62; LIBRARY STORE, THE 22,143.63; MAIN STREET BOOKS LLC 458.82; MATH COUNTS FOUNDATION 320.00; MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION, INC. 54.61; MEIERS OIL CO. 5,706.48; MENARD’S 447.68; MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY 21.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 13,445.94; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER 296.10; NASCO 123.85; NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION 180.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEAD 2,192.00; ND FBLA FISCAL AGENT 70.00; ND FFA ASSOCIATION 0.00; ND WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 250.00; NDSKA 365.00; NUDC GROUP ACCOUNT 1,170.14; NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY 1,069.93; NIMCO INC 469.98; NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL 80.00; O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 152.60; OXCIANO, SHEENA 1,000.00; PEARCE DURICK PLLC 997.50; PINNACLE 3,569.47; PROSAFE PEST CONTROL 215.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC. 333.39; RALPHS PLUMBING AND HEATING INC. 279.50; REESE, BARBARA 2,175.00; RTC NETWORKS 4,473.58; SANDEEN, KATIE 67.00; SCHOCK’S SAFE AND LOCK 171.50; SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE 405.50; SHARE CORPORATION 274.80; SIGLOH, PENNY 98.00; SIGNS TODAY 72.00; SOFTCHOICE CORPORATION 4,937.37; STAFSLIEN, BROOKS 44.00; STANLEY AUTO & TRUCK PARTS 253.02; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 1,613.65; STANLEY SCHOOL INCIDENTAL FUND 1,000.00; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION CO 1,390.50; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC 668.49; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 364.62; TRONSET, JENNIFER 74.39; ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLY 2,164.76; VERIZON WIRELESS 400.50; WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER 798.18; WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOCIATION 125.00; WESTERN EDU REGIONAL COOP 550.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND: STANLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL 390,000.00

Nichols moved to include the Title V funds and increase the budget by 32,107.92. Dean seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

Nichols moved to approve the financial report. Fritel seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

No Student Council members were present to report to the board.

Superintendent Holte provided an update on the High School project.

* Greenhouse should be complete in 3-4 weeks.

* Electrical, plumbing and HVAC updates.

* Outstanding change proposals and counter top credit.

* Street repairs completed.

Enger moved to approve tuition agreements for Cecilia and Kailer Jacobs. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

Deanna Kukowski discussed current and future bus routes. Discussion about advertising to hire additional bus drivers.

Nichols moved to approve the purchase with warranty of a John Deere 330p skid steer. Fritel seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

Fritel moved to adopt and approved the 1st reading of new policies: ABBA - Comprehensive Tobacco Policy. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes to 0 no votes.

Fritel moved to approve banking changes at Bravera and BNC as follows:

Bravera Bank Accounts
General Fund
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Activities
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
School Foods
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Incidental Fund
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte

ND Department Of Commerce Opens Automation Tax Credit Program Portal

The North Dakota Department of Commerce recently announced that the Automation Tax Credit (ATC) Program Portal is now open for applications. The program supports North Dakota primary sector businesses investing in automation that enhances productivity, efficiency and competitiveness across manufacturing and animal agricultural processes.

The Automation Tax Credit, authorized under N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.41, allows eligible taxpayers to receive an income tax credit for the purchase or capital lease of machinery and equipment used to automate manufacturing or animal agricultural processes in North Dakota. The program provides a credit of up to fifteen percent of qualifying costs, with a total annual allocation of \$3 million and set-aside amounts for first-time claimants and animal agricultural processors.

New this year, all applications must be fully completed and submitted with all required supplemental documentation by 5 p.m. CT on January 31, 2026.

Applications requiring additional clarification will be granted a single seven-business-day window to pro-

vide the necessary information for reconsideration. If the requested information is not submitted within that timeframe, the affected invoice line items will be denied.

Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be processed.

Applicants are encouraged to allow up to three working days to receive a portal invitation before beginning the application.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be certified as a primary sector business by Commerce.

- Demonstrate that the automation investment adds value, improves job quality or increases output. For example, through at least a five percent increase in wages, safety or production.

- Ensure that the automation or robotic equipment is located and operated within North Dakota.

Completed applications, including Supplement A and all supporting documentation, must be submitted through the Automation Tax Credit Program Portal by the deadline.

Businesses can access detailed program information, eligibility requirements and the application portal at online.

Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice
Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
FFA

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger, and Rivers Bachman
FBLA

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
General (Money Market)

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Capital Projects

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Special Reserve

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Ray Rude Donation

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Ray Rude Donation (CD)

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
BNC Bank Accounts

School Store
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Special Reserve (CD)

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
BNC Bank Accounts

School Store
Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
FFA Square

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
FFA Square

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Treasury Money Market

Online Banking Access - Tim Holte
Remove Signers - Barb Reese and Jamie Rice

Approved Signers - Tim Holte, Matt Ruland, Dylan Enger
Enger seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Enger moved to approve the unpaid personal leave request for Michelle Davis per the negotiated agreement. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Superintendent Holte informed the board that Rath and Mehrer will be conducting an annual audit for the 2024-25 school year on October 27th, 2025.

Discussion about the open Business Manager position. Applicants will be narrowed to the top two or three candidates for the board to interview.

Superintendent Holte reported:

1. Enrollment as of today is 787 K12

2. Oil and Gas production is \$394,640.71 so far this school year. The budget is \$1,300,000.00

3. School Debt Bonds are \$13,540,096.07

4. Steffes Auctioneers coming 10/24/25 for pictures

High School Principal Pulver informed the board about:

1. Flex numbers and goals

2. Meeting with Grand Forks Schools

Assistant High School Principal Brown informed the board about:

1. Upcoming change from Power School to Infinite Campus

2. Parent Teacher Conferences

3. Red Ribbon Week

Assistant Elementary School Principal Tronset informed the board about:

1. Parent Teacher Conference attendance

2. Book Fair

3. Math and reading curriculum

4. Cognia surveys

5. District accreditation

Elementary School Principal Stafslie informed the board about:

1. Halloween parade Friday 10/31/25

2. Bus evacuation drills

3. Student headcount

4. Parent teacher conferences

President Ruland adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.
Matt Ruland, Board President
David Williams, Assistant Business Manager