### Prairie Fare: The Leaf Monster Workout, **Fitness Hidden In Fall Chores**

By Julie Garden-Robinson, Food and Surrition Specialist, NDSU Extension

"You look like a leaf monster!" I said to my dog, who trotted in the back door.

His wiry fur was completely covered in crispy leaves. Our 40-yearold maple tree had finally dropped its leaves, and our dog rolled in

Our dog promptly shook his body, sending leaves flying all over our living room.

We really had to get the leaves raked before the snow began falling.

My husband and I stuffed 42 large garbage cans with leaves from

our front yard, hauling seven at a time to the city's recycling area. 'We need to cut that tree down,"

my husband groused. 'And that one, too," he added as he picked up pods from the ground.

We were both tired. I have great appreciation for trees. They provide shade in the summer to cool us. They look beautiful in the summer and fall. Some provide fruit or

maple syrup.

I decided to use the turbo leaf blower to corral the leaves in the backyard against our fence for easier loading. After loading another 28 cans of leaves, we declared the yard was good enough.

I decided to admire the golden brown, rust and purple leaves on the ground. Those are carotenoid and anthocyanin pigments hidden under the green colors. Those are the same colors that provide beauty to fruits and vegetables.

I even appealed to my husband's love of efficiency. I didn't want him to appear with a chain saw to begin cutting down trees.

We have fourteen barrels to go, I think. We are almost there!" I en-

Someone was vacuuming and mulching leaves on a device that looked like something out of a Dr. Seuss book. Does raking have any physical health benefits?

Any type of physical activity is good for our health. We worked about ten hours raking, lifting and unloading barrels of leaves into bins that weekend.

We had a combination of aerobic (or "cardio") and muscle strengthening. Aerobic activity makes our heart beat faster and our breathing rate increase. We all need these types of exercise throughout our

Health experts recommend that we get 150 minutes of moderateintensity physical activity per week.

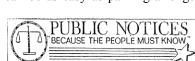
We had worked about 600 minutes in two days. I figured that was enough for a month.

Although Prairie Fare is typically a nutrition education column, physical activity goes hand in hand with a healthful diet.

Regular physical activity reduces our risk for heart disease, some types of cancer and type 2 diabetes. Strengthening our bones and muscles helps reduce our risk of falls.

If you do not get regular physical activity, I would not suggest being a weekend warrior as we were. Start slow and work your way up. I discovered some new muscles.

Getting more physical activity can be as easy as parking a longer



### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 8:35 A.M. via GOTOMEETING or in the Commissioners room in the Mountrail County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Stanley, North Dakota, for the purpose of discussing a conditional use request filed by Clay & Ashley Pappa-Applicant in concurrence with Richard Jorgenson-Landowner, for the purpose of placing a modular home on land zoned Agricultural, a tract of land 40.00 acres more or less, located in the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 7, Township 158 North, Range 93 West (Powers Lake Township).

The provision regarding a tional use is contained within the Mountrail County Zoning Land Development Code. The Land Development Code may be viewed at the Mountrail County Planner's Office during office hours or online at www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the Planning & Zoning section.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments can be mailed to Mountrail County Planning & Zoning, PO Box 248, Stanley ND 58784-0248 and will be accepted until Noon on Friday, December 12th, 2025. Phone: 701-628-2909 or

Email: melissav@co.mountrail.nd.us. Mountrail County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the Mountrail County Human Resources Office. If any special accommodations are required, please contact: Mountrail County Title VI Compliance & ADA Coordinator, Randi Schumaier, P.O. Box 69, Stanley, ND 58784-0069, phone: 701-628-8980, Fax: 701-628-2276, email: rschumaier@

co.mountrail.nd.us.

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 P&Z meeting

Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CST)

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Dated at Stanley, North Dakota this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Charlie Sorenson, Chairman Planning & Zoning Commission

ATTEST: Al TEST: Melissa Vachal Planning & Zoning Administrator Dec. 3, 10, 2025

distance from your workplace or the grocery store.

Lack of time can be an excuse. Did I have ten extra hours to spend raking? Not really, but I felt a major sense of accomplishment when I looked at my yard. The fresh air and sunshine on that chilly November afternoon were invigorating.

Having a companion with you during physical activity can be motivating, as each of you supports the other's efforts. Many people join walking clubs or exercise classes to keep up their motivation. In the cold months, finding an indoor walking area or exercising along with an online show can be a good plan.

Since this happened to be my birthday weekend, we rewarded ourselves with a well-earned dinner at a restaurant. Even better: my en-

trée was free. Looking out at our newly cleared yard, I had to smile. Even our former leaf monster himself seemed pleased with our hard work, but maybe a little disappointed his leafy playground was gone.

This recipe is a healthy favorite that you can prepare in a slow cooker and enjoy after a workout.

Slow Cooker Honey Granola 4 cups old-fashioned oats, un-

6 tablespoons honey ½ cup flax seeds

1 cup bran cereal

1 cup raisins or dried cranberries ½ cup canola oil

Pour all ingredients into a 6-quart slow cooker and mix well. Put the cover on slightly askew and cook on low for about 3 hours, stirring occasionally. Let cool on parchment paper and store in an airtight container for 1 to 2 weeks. Package in individual servings in zipper-top bags for on-the-go snacks.

Makes 24 servings. Each (1/4 cup) serving has 130 calories, 4 grams (g) fat, 3 g protein, 23 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber and 10 milligrams sodium.

The North Dakota Department of

ransportation recently announced

that registration for the annual

North Dakota transportation confer-

ence is now open. The conference

will be held March 10-11, 2026, at

together transportation profession-

als, policymakers, engineers, re-

searchers, and industry leaders from

across the region to discuss emerg-

ing trends, infrastructure strategies,

and innovations shaping the future of transportation in North Dakota.

This year's conference will fea-

ture presentations from transporta-

tion experts, breakout sessions on

infrastructure resilience, freight

mobility, roadway safety, and ru-

ral transit development, as well as

demonstrations of new technologies

influencing transportation planning

Attendees will also have the

and maintenance.

The two-day event will bring

the Bismarck Event Center.

### **Celebrating 50 Years Of The Individual's** With Disabilities Education Act

The Individual's with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal law that ensures eligible students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. Since its passage 50 years ago, on November 29th, 1975, IDEA has transformed public education by opening classroom doors to millions of students with a wide range of disabilities. In addition to school-aged services, IDEA also supports early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities including support for their families during the most critical years of development.

Before IDEA became law, only a small percent of students with disabilities had access to public education. IDEA changed that by guaranteeing individualized instruction through IEP's (Individualized Education Programs), ensuring parents have a meaningful role in educational decision-making, and supporting inclusion in general education classrooms whenever appropriate. These protections have helped students with disabilities achieve higher graduation rates and improved longterm outcomes, enabling them to reach their full potential.

Despite its successes, IDEA faces several significant threats at the federal level, including potential budget cuts that would reduce funding for special education services and a proposed transfer of oversight from the U.S. Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services. Such a transfer could weaken accountability, dilute IDEA's legal protections, and create confusion for families and schools as they navigate a new system. These changes have the potential to cause delays, disrupt services, and diminish the support available to students with disabilities.

The North Dakota Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Project is dedicat-

opportunity to participate in net-

working breaks in a collaborative environment designed to foster

tation Conference continues to be

knowledge and strengthening our state's transportation system," said

2026 conference organizer Dawn

Phelps." As North Dakota contin-

ues to grow, it is essential that our

transportation network evolves to

meet the needs of our communities,

tation officials, public and private-

sector professionals, academic re-

searchers, community planners and

Additional conference informa-

tion, including the full agenda and

speaker lineup, will be available at

www.dot.nd.gov/ndtranspoconf.

Registration is open to transpor-

industries, and travelers.'

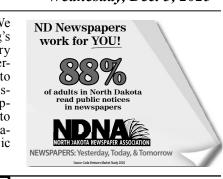
"The North Dakota Transpor-

cornerstone event for sharing

cross-agency partnerships.

### ed to advancing equality and inclusion for individuals with disabilities in every aspect of life, where we live, learn, work, and play. P&A advocates for the educational rights of individuals with disabilities, en-

resources they need to succeed. We commend Governor Armstrong's recognition of the 50th anniversary of IDEA. This recognition underscores our state's commitment to ensuring that all students with disabilities receive the appropriate supports, technology, and resources to graduate prepared for college, careers, community living, and civic suring they have the support and participation.



# Proceedings Of The Mountrail **County Planning Commission**

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION **OCTOBER 20, 2025** 

The meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Charlie Sorenson with Commissioners Trudy Ruland, Cameron Tomjack, Joan Hollekim, Arlo Borud, Jesse Weyrauch were present and Megan Fritel was online . Absent were Commissioners Kirk Johnson and Doug Bratvold. Also present were Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Administrator Melissa Vachal, Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Assistant Malinda Gunderson, Mountrail County State's Attorney Wade Enget, Mountrail County Tax Equalization Director Kim Savage onine, Mountrail County Weed Control Officer Jim Hennessy and Mountrail County Auditor Stephanie Pappa online.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Weyrauch, to approve the agenda. All present voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Hollekim, to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried. 1. 8:35 a.m. Kyle & Peggy Bauer-Applicant; Mountrail County Park Commission-Landowner; (PZ-2025-0278)

Variance Variance Application request for the following described property: a tract of land described as Lease Lot 5, Block 2 of Traynor Park located in the S½SW¼ of Section 29 & N½N½ of Section 32 Town-

ship 152 North, Range 91 West. (Van Hook Township) (Parcel# 45-9206801) The applicant (represented by Kyle & Peggy Bauer) is seeking a Variance for a 6½' setback on the north property line, rather than the 7½' setback required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code, due to the shop not lining up with the existing house. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Hollekim, to approve the zoning request filed by Kyle & Peggy Bauer with concurrence from Mountrail County Park Commission-landowner, for a Variance for a 61/2' setback on the north property line, rather than the 71/2' setback required by the Mountrail County Land Development Code, due to the shop not lining up with the existing house on a tract of land described as Lease Lot 5, Block 2 of Traynor Park located in the S½SW¼ of Section 29 & N½N½ of Section 32 Township 152 North, Range 91 West. (Van Hook Township) as Kyle & Peggy Bauer with concurrence from Mountrail County Park Commission-landowner, has met all other criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Kyle & Peggy Bauer with concurrence from Mountrail County Park Commission-landowner, complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All

### ves Motion carrie 2. 8:38 a.m. Julie Okeson-Landowner; (Parcel #35-0015800) Discussion of **Violation Letters**

Ted Ramage, attorney for Julie Okeson, was present to discuss the violation letters. Mr. Ramage cited ND Century Code 11-33-13 stating that if a county or other jurisdiction changes or applies zoning ordinances that any lawful use (such as Ms. Okeson's small chicken farm) shall be allowed to continue unless there has been a discontinuation of use for a two-year period. Mr. Ramage stated there has always been confusing on whether the Army Corps of Engineers or the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning holds jurisdiction over the zoning of the White Earth Bay Cottage Site and referred to the minutes of the June 28th, 2021 meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board where the board determined the county had zoning jurisdiction but took no action on non-conforming uses at that time. Mr. Ramage stated that Ms. Okeson had the chickens prior to that date and has date-stamped photos going back to 2020. Mr. Ramage requests that the board recognize that Ms. Okeson meets the requirement of non-conforming use. Chairman Sorenson pointed out that at the June 2021 meeting, the board asked that all landowners affected turn in a list of all of the non-conforming uses at White Earth Cottage Site and to this day the board and Administration have not received such a list. Ms. Okeson stated that the landowners were under the impression at the time that the properties were zoned Agricultural. Chairman Sorenson, Administrator Vachal, Commissioner Hollekim and State's Attorney Enget stated the properties were never Agricultural but rather Rural Recreational Chairman Sorenson referenced the July 2023 meeting of the zoning board when Ms. Okeson applied for a Variance for a 21/2' setback for a fence which he states resulted in accepting that her property was zoned Rural Recreational. The board would like Ms. Okeson to get the proper proof of the pictures of her chickens that show the location where the pictures were taken along with the date.

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Ruland to table to the November 24, 2025 meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board so that Julie Okeson may obtain the proper proof that the chickens were on the property prior to the June 28, 2021 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried. 3 8:41 a.m. Discussion of Weed Man-

agement Plan-Farden Construction PZ-

Weed Control Officer Jim Hennessy was present to discuss the weed management plan & Conditional Use Permit for Farden Construction that was granted an extension to December of 2025 because he had an issue with who signed the weed management plan. Chairman Sorenson stressed once again that Weed Control Officer Hennessy has the backing of the North Dakota Century Code to be able to enforce the control of noxious weeds and it is not the responsibility of the Planning & Zoning Board to enforce it for him. States Attorney Enget reiterated from the prior minutes of the board that it was only agreed upon that a weed management plan would be required to be submitted not that it had to be approved. The subcommittee handling the amendments to the Mountrail County Land Development code will look into adding something regarding enforcement of those not in compliance with the Mountrail

County Weed Board.
4. 8:44 a.m. WSB LLC-Applicant; Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation-Landowner (PZ-2025-0253) Subdivision Plat Review

Subdivision Plat Review Application for the following described property: a tract of land 18.44 acres, more or less, to be known as Parshall Bay Subdivision 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition consisting of Lots 1-7, Block 1, located in part of the S1/2SE1/4 Section 1, Township 151 North, Range 91 West (Liberty Township) (Parcel# 51-0000300)

Chairman Sorenson un-tabled this dis-

The applicant (represented by Andy Lobe, with WSB) is seeking to plat a parcel of land for the future sale of residential lots. The applicant addressed the concerns the board had last meeting regarding access. The approach permit has been sent to Mountrail County Engineer Jana Hennessy. Commissioner Ruland suggested using the cost of building the roads in the subdivision as a guideline to how much the letter of credit should be set for. States Attorney Enget questioned what the plans are for storm water drainage due to the 50 drop in elevation in the proposed subdivision which the applicant then outlined for those in attendance. The applicant still needs to submit a letter of credit.

Moved by Commissioner Ruland, seconded by Commissioner Borud to make recommendation to the Mountrail County Board of Commissioners to approve the zoning request to plat a parcel of land for the future sale of residential lots filed by WSB LLC with concurrence from Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation-landowner for a tract of land 18.44 acres, more or less, to be known as Parshall Bay Subdivision 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition consisting of Lots 1-7, Block 1, located in part of the S1/2SE1/4 Section 1, Township 151 North, Range 91 West (Liberty Township) pending the submission of a letter of credit based on a rate that reflects the cost of infrastructure needed for roads and storm water management as WSB LLC with concurrence from Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation-landowner, has met all criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

5. 8:47 a.m. Smartlink Group o/b/o AT&T-Applicant; Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative-Landowner; (PZ-2025-0245) Conditional Use

Zoning Request/Conditional Use Permit for the following described property: a tract of land 5.74 acres, more or less, described as Outlot 1 of the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 153 North, Range 92 West (Knife River Township) (Parcel# 40-0006301)

The applicant asked to be rescheduled to the November meeting after the agenda was published.

6. 8:50 a.m. Cole & Lauren Hysjulien-Applicant/Landowner; (PZ-2025-0300) Conditional Use

Zoning Request/Conditional Use Pertract of land 5.13 acres more or less, described as Outlot 1 the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 21, Township 155 North, Range 93 (Debing Township) (Parcel# 27-0009305)

The applicant (represented by Cole Hysjulien) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of placing a manufactured home on land zoned Agricultural. Applicant has met all requirements of the nning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Ruland, seconded by Commissioner Weyrauch, to approve the zoning request filed by Cole & Lauren Hysjulien for a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of placing a manufactured home on land zoned Agricultural on a tract of land 5.13 acres more or less, described as Outlot 1 the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 21, Township 155 North, Range 93 (Debing Township), as Cole & Lauren Hysjulien have met all other criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Cole & Lauren Hysjulien complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion car-

<u>Temporary Water Permits – New –</u> <u>For Board Information Only</u> PZ-2025-0290 – Jane Paulson Living

Trust – Applicant/Landowner. State Water Permit #ND2025-23085. Period of Authorized usage: 9/30/2025 through 6/05/2026. Pump placement on a tract of land 37.70 acres more or less located in SE½NW¼ (Gov't Lot 3) of Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 92 West (Powers Township) (6) CÉRTIFIED RECÈIPTS RECEIVED Approved by P&Z Administrator.

<u>Lay Flat Hose Permits – New – For</u>

Board Information Only
Streamline Water Services LLC – Lay
Flat Hose Permit only – Permit Number
– State Water Permit #ND2025-22785
/ PZ-2025-0297. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: Streamline Water Services LLC – Applicant. Curt & Sum-mer Meyer – Landowner. NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 19, Township 155 North, Range 89 West (McAlmond Township) ending in the SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 155 North, Range 90 West (Burke Township). Period of Authorized usage: 9/18/2025 through 11/01/2025. Approved by P&Z Adminis-

Select Water Solutions LLC - Lay Flat Hose Permit only – Permit Number – State Water Permit #7046 / PZ-2025-0292. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: Select Water Solutions LLC – Applicant. Point of Diversion is in Williams County. Beginning in Mountrail County at NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (Gov't Lot 1) of Section 18, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township) ending in the NW1/4NW1/4 (Gov't Lot 4) of Section 3, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township). Period of Authorized usage: 9/20/2025 through 11/20/2025. Approved by P&Z

Administrator.
Select Water Solutions LLC – Lay Flat Hose Permit only – Permit Number – State Water Permit #7046 / PZ-2025-0293. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: Select Water Solutions LLC Applicant. Point of Diversion is in Williams County. Ties in with pervious permit NE½NW¼ (Gov't Lot 4) of Section 4, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township) ending in the NW1/4NE1/4 Gov't Lot 2) of Section 4, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township). Period of Authorized usage: 9/20/2025 through 11/20/2025. Approved by P&Z

Select Water Solutions LLC – Lay Flat Hose Permit only – Permit Number – State Water Permit #7046 / PZ-2025-0294. Pumping of industrial water by lay flat hose: Select Water Solutions LLC Applicant. Point of Diversion is in Williams County. Ties in with pervious permit NE1/4NW1/4 (Gov't Lot 4) of Section 4 Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township) ending in the NW¼NE¼ (Gov't Lot 2) of Section 4, Township 156 North, Range 94 West (Myrtle Township). Period of Authorized usage: 9/20/2025 through 11/20/2025. Approved by P&Z Administrator.

Building Permits 2447-2455 2447 – PZ-2025-0288 – Jeremy Ben-jamin – Applicant. Mountrail County Park Commission – Landowner. Parcel #45-0019135. Block 12, Lot 12 of Traynor Park located in the  $S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29 &  $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 32 Township 152 North, Range 91 West. (Van Hook Township) 16'x76' mobile home.

2448 – PZ-2025-0279 – Kyle & Peggy Bauer – Applicant. Mountrail County Park Commission – Landowner. Parcel #45-0019009. Block 2, Lot 5 of Traynor Park located in the S1½SW¼ of Section 29 & N½N½ of Section 32 Township 152 North, Range 91 West. (Van Hook Township) 28'x36' shop. Pending approval of Vari-

2449 - PZ-2024-0289 - Warren Walhaug - Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #17-0001500. W½ of Section 3, Township 156 North, Range 90 West. (Palermo Township) 1300 sq ft detached garage/ag workshop & family residence. 2450 - PZ-2025-0291 - Chadwick

Colegrove – Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #16-0000110. Outlot 2 of the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 1, Township 156 North, Range 89 West (McGahan Township) 1260 sq ft garage. 2451 – PZ-2025-0296 – Janet Kuehne

- Applicant. Mountrail county Park Commission - Landowner. Parcel #45-0019164. Block 15, Lot 2 of Traynor Park located in the S½SW¼ of Section 29 & N½N½ of Section 32 Township 152 North, Range 91

West. (Van Hook Township) 4'x55' deck.

2452 — PZ-2025-0298 — Gregory
Gunderson II — Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #27-0006701. NE'4NE'4,

E'½E'½NW'4NE'4 of Section 15, Township
155 North Pance 93 (Debing Township) 155 North, Range 93 (Debing Township)

40'x60' home. 2453 – PZ-2025-0301 – Cole & Lauren Hysjulien - Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #27-0009305. Outlot 1 the SE¼NE¼ of Section 21, Township 155 North, Range 93 (Debing Township) 28'x78' manufactured

ome. Pending approval of CUP 2454 – PZ-2025-0302 – Silver Legacy Contractors LLC – Applicant. Andrew & Leona Walter – Landowner. Parcel #47-0022900. Block 2, Lot 5 of the Replat of Bridgeview Subdivision located in the SE¼ of Section 11 & W½ of Section 12 Township 152 North, Range 93 West. (Unorganized Township) 24'x32'storage build-

2455 - PZ-2025-0305 - Patrick & Karen Schmidt – Applicant/Landowner. Parcel#47-0023100. Block 2, Lot 7 of the Replat of Bridgeview Subdivision located 3/4 of Section 11 & W1/2 of Section 12 Township 152 North, Range 93 West. Unorganized Township) 32'x30'storage

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Tomjack, to approve building permits 2447-2455. All resent voted yes. Motion carried.

Demolition Permit
PZ-2025-0299 - Edward L Will Trust
- Applicant/Landowner. Parcel #140015500. SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 26, Township 157 North, Range 94 West (White Earth

Township) demolish old barn & grainery. Moved by Commissioner Ruland, seconded by Commissioner Weyrauch, to approve demolition permit PZ-2025-0299. All present voted yes. Motion carried

ONGOING BUSINESS

Gravel Pits- Remains ongoing Adminstration working on report Green Acres Subdivision - No new activity still no Letter of Credit-no activity happening Hyrum Zetting plan of action for Green

cres Subdivision Data Centers-currently under morato-

Battery Storage Facilities-currently under moratorium

**STAFF UPDATES** Administrator Vachal

ed the board with an updated Mineral Exploration and Mineral Production Conditional Use Permit application and checklist for their review. Changes and revisions were suggested to include landowner signatures and verbiage regarding compliance vs. non-compliance The next subcommittee meeting re-

garding the Moratorium on Data Centers and Battery Storage Facilities is November 18th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. following the meeting of the Mountrail County Board of Commissioners.

\* Administrator Vachal will be finalizing the zoning layer and sending it off to Sidwell within the month of November and hopefully it will be updated by the first of the year. Administration is also looking at purchasing Arc GIS Pro and are currently learning how to manage the zoning layer in office in preparation. Having access to the GIS program will allow staff to manage the layer from anywhere even if they're out in the field. Administrator Vachal is looking to potentially train two staff members in addition to herself on how to use the

PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **BOARD CONCERNS**

The Board adjourned at 10:34 a.m. Next regular meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission is Monday, November 24th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. via GOTOMEETING or in the Commissioners Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse

Accepted and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Charlie Sorenson, Chairman Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission

> Mountrail County Planning & Zoning

Melissa Vachal, Administrator

\*Electronic recordings of full meetings are kept in the office per NDCC

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**Registration Now Open For 2026** 

**ND Transportation Conference** 

To discuss proposed improvements to 40<sup>th</sup> Street NW from Broken Arrow Road to ND Hwy 23B. Roadway improvements consist of replacing the existing drainage culverts, grading and improving the roadway surface.

> December 15, 2025 Open House: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Town Volunteer Fire Department 112 East Avenue New Town, ND 58763

Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department

Representatives from the Mountrail County Road & Bridge Department and HDR will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss your concerns.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS or comments about this project must be mailed by January 15, 2026 to

HDR Engineering, Inc., Attn: Craig Mizera, Project Manager, 3231 Greensboro Drive, Suite 200,

Email: Craig.Mizera@hdrinc.com

# MEETING

### WHY?

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