

EDITORIAL

Meeting Notices and Minutes

The meeting notice requirements apply to all meetings of the governing body of a public entity, including any committee or subcommittee meetings. Prior written notice is required for all meetings of a public entity. The notice must include the date, time and location of the meeting and the agenda topics expected to be discussed, along with notice of any executive sessions expected to be held. It is not necessary to have a speakerphone or monitor available in a physical location if a meeting is held solely electronically. Instead, all information necessary to join the meeting must be included in the notice. Under the general open meetings law, there is no minimum advance notice period for public meetings. Instead, at the same time the members of the governing body are notified of the meeting, the meeting notice must be:

Posted at the entity’s main location, and at the location of the meeting (if it is not held at the entity’s main location); and
Posted on the entity’s official website OR filed at the appropriate central location; and
The central location is the Secretary of State’s office (state agencies), or the City Auditor (city level entities), or the County Auditor (all other entities); and
Given to anyone who has requested it.
For emergency or special meetings, the entity also must send a copy of the meeting notice to the official newspaper. Generally, there is no requirement that a meeting notice be published. Regular meeting agendas may be altered at the meeting. For special or emergency meetings, however, only the specific topics included in the notice may be discussed.

Minutes
Minutes must include, at a minimum:
The names of the members attending the meeting;
The date and time the meeting was called to order and adjourned;
A list of topics discussed regarding public business;
A description of each motion made at the meeting and whether the motion was seconded;
The results of every vote taken at the meeting; and
The vote of each member on every recorded roll call vote.
This requirement applies to all governing bodies, including committees and subcommittees. Draft minutes are public records and should be made available to anyone who requests them, even if the minutes have not been approved.
Find more detailed information in the Open Meetings Guide

Announcements

Events Letters to the Editor policy

The McClusky Gazette welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Items submitted are edited for content, length, and space available. Grammar and spelling corrections will also be made, if needed. Libelous or slanderous material is never allowed. No political promotion or view content. Letters to the editor are reserved for individual comment to the editor on a subject of local interest and should follow these guidelines: Letters addressed to the public at large are not considered letters to the editor. Letters should not be more than 250 words in length. The shorter the letter, the more likely it will be read. Letters must be signed, address included, with a phone number for verification. The McClusky Gazette will not honor requests to withhold names. We will not publish anonymous/unsigned letters.

Announcements:
Sheridan County Commission/Park Board
Sheridan County Commissioners and Park Board: First Tuesday of the month
Starting April 1-2025; County Park Board first on agenda at 8:30 a.m.

Regular County Commission 9:30 a.m.
Check with the County Auditor for notice on special commission and committee meetings 701-363-2205.

Sheridan Water Resource District
The Sheridan County Water Resource District will meet the second Thursday of February, June, September, and November in the Commissioners Room, 9 a.m.

McClusky City Meeting
Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m. City Hall.
McClusky Job Development Authority
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m. City Hall
Summerfest is scheduled for Friday August 1 through Sunday August 3.

Friday is the Kiddies Parade, Main Parade on Friday, Sunday is the Hoffer Lake events.

McClusky Municipal Court
Third Monday of the month, 7 p.m. City Hall.

McClusky Park Board
First Monday of the month, City Hall, 7 p.m.

McClusky School Board
Second Tuesday of the

month, 7 p.m. High school Home Ec. room; check with school for changes.

Sheridan County Senior Citizens: Contact Linda Bowers, 363-9205 for current information.

McClusky Fire Department

First Monday of the month; summer at 9 p.m., winter at 8 p.m. City Hall.

Goodrich Fire Department

Second Monday of the month; 7 p.m.

Goodrich City Council

First Monday of the month; 8:30 a.m.

Martin City Council

First Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Sheridan County Food Shelf

Third Tuesday of each month

Sheridan County Courthouse

9 a.m. to noon. Board meeting to follow

Sheridan County 4-H Achievement Days

July 8th and 9th at Hoffer Lake

McClusky Summer Fest

August 1, 2 and 3, 2025

Contact Tracy Stein for more information (701-341-7509)

Used flag receptacles.

There are used flag receptacles in both the McClusky and Goodrich Post Offices for anyone wishing to dispose of any retired flags.

Unless inclement weather or illness prohibit, the Gazette office is open by appointment. Call the editor for an appointment or information at 363-2492.

Submissions of ads, photos, obits, copy, reports, minutes, events, and subs, new and renewals, are possible at that time. Ads and notices must meet the noon Friday deadline before the next issue to be included in the next paper. We go to press at noon Monday.

Material needs to be submitted in person, preferably in writing, by computer cards, or by email to gazette@westriv.com, by mail to McClusky Gazette at P.O. Box 619, McClusky, 58463, or by phone to McClusky Gazette at 701-363-2492.

Thank you for keeping our chain of information working by using the established protocols for submission of community information. Our readership continues to grow.

Thank you, personal announcements, sales of items

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Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Look it up

How many students recall these words from a teacher when asking a question? I think the number would ring in at close to 100 percent.

That is good. What is not good is when the opportunity to learn firsthand from a reliable source is tossed aside by laziness or simple refusal to try.

Looking something up from the best source is both easy and difficult, depending upon personal attitude. Those who don’t want to learn or hear anything except what they already know, regardless of the source, miss a chance to grow here.

Those bound volumes of encyclopedias and other reference material were one of my favorite hunting grounds when I attended the small county school across the road from our farm. The school was even more special as my mother had met my stepfather there when she was a schoolteacher and he lived close by. Back then it was common for teachers to stay at the homes of the students, often for a semester, several school years, or less often, a month at time. Some schools had more than one room, or a basement, then the teacher might stay there. Few tried to teach and travel the winter roads back in those days, at least not for any sizable distance.

Back to the books. The teachers who told us to go look it up, were not being lazy. They wanted us to learn what things were correct, as our grades would rest on those searches, and what we learned, somewhere in our futures.

And, I imagine, even the best teacher could not keep up answering all those questions when the answer books were available and were not difficult to locate. And then there were the pictures of dinosaurs, machines, people, everyday items, and costume styles we could only imagine someone wearing in another country.

When one goes to the best source, which often takes a little research to determine, we will base our judgement on

anything we learned by what we read. This might not be at all what is “common knowledge” simply because the word or subject is seldom used or seen in our daily life. Just how many of us knew what an octopus looked like before we saw its picture somewhere, or know what it ate, where it lived, why we have them, or why few people have one for a pet? While some might have dreamed our such a pet, the practicality of that would soon bring “reasonable” into the picture.

Words, once printed, are not easily removed from pages, unless you are printing electronically. Then, anything may happen, so be careful of who or what your source is. Fairly sure that the Webster Dictionary of 1950 looks the same now as when ink hit paper back then.

That is why many people prefer things in writing. Legal documents in writing are a good thing to have when you sell a house, buy a car, get married or divorced, see a lawyer, go to a doctor, or want to apply for a job.

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