

GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

<b>GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b> <b>Minutes of Proceedings</b> <b>November 4, 2025</b> Golden Valley County Commissioners met at 9 a.m. on Nov. 4, 2025 in the commissioner room at the courthouse. Chairman Adam Smith called the meeting to order. Commissioners Robert Schmeling and Rory Farstveet were present for the meeting along with State's Attorney Christina Wenko and Gary Howard with the <i>Golden Valley News</i> . Commissioner Schmeling moved to accept the agenda as presented and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the October 2025 regular and special meeting minutes and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve the current vouchers for payment and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote - Farstveet: aye, Schmeling: aye, Smith: aye. Motion carried. The following vouchers were audited and approved for the month of November 2025: GV County Employees Nov. Payroll .....\$69,260.61 MT Dept of Revenue .....\$223.00 NDPERS.....\$18,656.30 NDPHIT .....\$29,359.11 IRS.....\$24,672.27 JP Morgan .....\$1,947.18		
ND State Treasurer.....\$215.64 Mackoff Kellog Kirby & Kloster Legal Fees.....\$6,000.00 Truck Suppliers Inc Parts.....\$262.20 Carla Beele - Travel....\$448.00 Motorola SolutionsSupplies .....\$65.25 ND State Radio Communications Fees.....\$8,635.34 NDSU Extension Salary .....\$6,756.65 Kimberly Gaugler Travel.....\$120.40 Pitney Bowes Global Financial Lease.....\$441.99 ND One Call Locate Request .....\$1.50 Farmers Union Oil Fuel/Parts.....\$12,391.93 Cassandra Szudera Travel.....\$98.00 Steve Raisler Veteran Services .....\$120.00 John Deere Financial Parts.....\$573.75 Rohan Hardware Supplies.....\$25.97 Adam Smith - Travel...\$245.00 Tamra Sperry Travel.....\$294.16 Covenant Legal Group Legal Fees.....\$690.00 Steele Electric - Repair .....\$240.00 GS Publishing LLC Publishing.....\$1,579.54 Engineered Concrete Products Rd & Bridge.....\$236,197.50 Martin Construction Rd & Bridge .....\$286,124.32 Total Safety Fire Inspection.....\$234.00 Vizion Signs - Repair ..\$695.00 Galls - Supplies .....\$418.85	Boss - Supplies.....\$42.95 Dakota Dust-Tex Contract.....\$119.74 Cerberus Security - Contract .....\$200.00 Brosz Engineering, Inc Rd & Bridge .....\$1,540.00 Productivity Plus Account Parts .....\$946.00 Prairie Lumber Beach Supplies.....\$47.80 Radisson Hotel Bismarck Lodging.....\$340.50 Collections Submitted .....\$49,592.37 City of Beach Water & Garbage.....\$463.02 MDU - Electricity & Gas .....\$2,089.53 Verizon Wireless - Cell Phone .....\$367.88 Dee Ann Baertsch - Refund .....\$1,329.65 O5 Sports - Repair...\$3,834.30 Farmers Union Oil Fuel & Parts.....\$922.64 RTC Networks Internet & Phone...\$1,445.84 Total Safety - Inspection .....\$119.50 AT&T Mobility - Cell Phone .....\$115.53 November Payroll .....\$17,585.36 Payroll Liabilities.....\$2,978.64 Café.....\$200.00 Mark Egan - Reimbursement .....\$46.53 GV Ag Improvement Disbursement .....\$80.25 Cenex Fleet Fueling - Fuel .....\$1,529.53 Current business brought forward to the Board: • Discussion was held on SB 2027 related to floodplain	management authority for cities, counties, and townships. County Auditor Sperry reached out to the organized townships and they all agreed to allow the County to act as their floodplain management authority. State's Attorney Wenko will draft something up for the Board to review at the December 2nd meeting stating the authority. • Commissioner Schmeling moved to purchase a computer for the Recorder's office in the amount of \$1,375.21 and to purchase a plotter for the Tax Director's office in the amount of \$10,079 and to amend the Capital Outlay budget by \$25,000 to cover those purchases and to cover other expenses not anticipated for the 2025 budget and Commissioner Farstveet seconded. Roll call vote - Farstveet: aye, Schmeling: aye, Smith: aye. Motion carried. • Discussion was held on the infrastructure plans at the Southwest Multi County Correctional Center. Commissioner Farstveet moved to pay the County's share of updating the camera's upfront in the amount of \$8,295.60 and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote - Farstveet: aye, Schmeling: aye, Smith: aye. Motion carried. • The County Commissioners Summit will be held December 9th in Bismarck. The Board plans to attend. • Discussion was held on the NDACo conference. It was agreed it was a good conference and informational. • Discussion was held on the various boards the Commissioners are on. It was agreed each Commissioner will give an update at the December 2nd meeting on the additional boards they are part of. • State's Attorney Wenko gave the Board an update from her office. Discussion was held on collaboration with other counties for HR. No action was taken. • Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve and sign the building lease with Clay and Eric Farstveet for weed control equipment storage and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote - Farstveet: aye, Schmeling: aye, Smith: aye. Motion carried. Tax/Zoning Director Carla Beeler met with the Board. Commissioner Farstveet moved to approve abatements for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025 on parcel #05314000 as grain bins have never existed on the property and to approve an abatement for tax year 2025 on parcel #05341000 for adjustments made to the assessment of a new building on the property and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Roll call vote - Farstveet: aye, Schmeling: aye, Smith: aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Farstveet moved to adjourn and Commissioner Schmeling seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m. ATTEST Adam Smith, Chairman, County Commissioners Tamra Sperry, County Auditor (Published Dec. 11, 2025)

BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

<b>BEACH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS</b> <b>Published Subject to the Governing Body's Review and Revision</b> <b>December 1, 2025</b> A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, Sarah Ross, John Stonehocker (via telephone), Bev Wolff (via telephone) and Andy Zachmann. Others present included City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado and guests Gary Howard, Corlene Olson, Jordanna Garland, Matthew and Michelle Marman, and Jared Ross. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken. All members were present. <b>Additions or Corrections to the Agenda and Approval</b> Mayor Losinski called for		
any additions or corrections to the agenda. Gaugler mentioned there will not be an Engineer's Report or a Public Works Report. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of these two items, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. <b>Public Participation</b> Mayor Losinski read the adopted policy for public participation. There was no public participation. <b>Minutes</b> Minutes of the meeting on November 17, 2025, were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously. <b>Vouchers</b> Vouchers were reviewed for payment. Zachmann moved to approve the following vouchers, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Beach Park Board .....\$10,324.45 Boss Office Products.....25.98 Cooperative Legal Services, PLLC..... 935.00 Coral Creek Landfill 2,495.20 Core & Main, LP ..... 6,352.03 CT Electric ..... 368.00 Fireside Office Solutions ..... 211.03 First State Bank of Golva ..... 78.26 G & G Garbage, LLC ..... 1,500.00 Golden Valley County ..... 9,645.46 Greyson Stedman..... 45.00 GS Publishing, LLC ..... 982.07 Jill Schatz ..... 45.00 JSG Agency..... 14,112.00 Lea Massado..... 540.00 Minnkota Enviroservices, Inc. ..... 1,541.79 Montana Dakota Utilities ..... 5,640.31 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ..... 326.74 ND Dept. of Environmental Quality 221.38 Prairie Lumber Company ..... 168.08 Rohan's Hardware..... 235.11 Sanitation Products .. 1,679.29 Southwest Water Authority ..... 10,131.04 Steele Electric LLC... 3,485.58	Stockwell Cleaning ..... 175.00 Team Laboratory Chemical ..... 5,075.50 Terracon Consultants, Inc. ..... 18,800.00 Thomas Littlecreek ..... 45.00 Verizon Wireless..... 255.34 Westlie Truck Center of Dickinson ..... 5,953.26 November payroll ... 32,430.96 City of Beach ..... 448.16 First State Bank of Golva ..... 3,127.72 Unum Life Insurance ..... 73.05 Stateline Ministerial Association ..... 1,000.00 USPS..... 323.41 City of Beach ..... 417.89 First State Bank of Golva ..... 3,518.71 ND PERS..... 4,662.20 Blue Cross Blue Shield ND ..... 11,725.90 <b>Auditor's Report</b> Gaugler reviewed her written report. Renewal leases have been provided to tenants at the mini mall. Renewal applications for retail alcoholic beverages have been provided to current license holders. As of November 26th, expenses for	the year are \$7,316,757.56 and revenues are \$7,289,514.98. Annual Budgets for the Year 2026 have been submitted to USDA RD for their review. <b>Unfinished Business</b> At the previous meeting Marman moved to approve the Beach Zoning Board recommendation to grant a request for Conditional Use at 105 Central Avenue with the following conditions: • The Conditional Use Permit will expire three years from the date it is issued. • Continue to follow the original three-year plan for disposing of junk vehicles and metal, work at cleaning up the overall appearance of the property. • If the property is sold or rented prior to the three-year date of issuance the Conditional Use Permit will be terminated. Wolff had seconded the motion. A decision was not made at the previous meeting. Mayor Losinski called for a roll call vote on the motion made at the previous meeting. Swanson-Puckett-no, Ross-no, Zachmann-no, Marman-yes, Stonehocker-yes, Wolff-yes. Mayor Losinski voted yes. Motion carried. <b>New Business</b> Thank you correspondence from the Beach Food Pantry was read. No other business was brought forward. Zachmann moved to adjourn, second by Swanson-Puckett. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. ATTEST Walter Losinski, Mayor Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor (Published Dec. 11, 2025)

Baby It's Cold Outside wins

**By Gary Howard**  
A good bowl of chili can really hit the spot, especially once the weather turns colder. The chili lovers among us were in heaven Dec. 5 at the Golden Valley County Fairgrounds. The Golden Valley County Fair Board hosted a chili cook-off as part of the annual Christmas and tree lighting events in Beach.

A total of nine master chili cooks squared off against each other to see who would claim bragging rights for the best chili recipe. The contest was a blind taste testing by the public, who then cast their votes for the winning master chef.

After numerous samplings of chili, and differing opinions on what a good bowl of chili should taste like, the winners were announced. Third place went to Renae Smith with her “All Meat” chili, 2nd place was awarded to Eli Conaway and Landry Lowman for their “Locos Chili” and the champion was Kate Hatter with her “Baby It’s Cold Outside” entry.

Each of the winners received a ladle for stirring up future offerings and the champion chili cooker got the traveling trophy to hold until the next cook-off.



Photo | Jordanna Garland

EIGHT DIFFERENT CHILI RECIPES were available for people to sample and vote on at the annual chili cook-off.

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**  
relating to Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations.  
**North Dakota Geological Survey**  
will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.  
**Geological Survey**  
**1:30 pm CST**  
**Tues., Jan. 20, 2026**  
**1000 E Calgary Ave**  
**Bismarck, ND**  
Copies of the proposed rules will be available December 17, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Geological Survey at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0614, or by calling (701) 328-8000. View changes at [www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs](http://www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs) Comment in writing by 5pm January 30, 2026. Submit written comments to the Geological Survey (see address above) or [ndgs@nd.gov](mailto:ndgs@nd.gov). If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Geological Survey at the above address or phone number by January 12, 2026.

After nominations are validated by the County Extension Agent, names of the nominees will be sent to the NDSC to be placed on the 2025 ballot. On or about February 17, 2026, the NDSC will mail to soybean producers of record an election ballot with instructions. Look for the blue envelope in the mail. Completed ballots must be post-marked by March 5, 2026. The newly elected County Representative will be notified by March 12, 2026. In late March, those County Representatives will elect one County Representative to serve on the NDSC board of directors.

For more information and answers to questions, contact your County Extension Agent.  
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