

PUBLIC NOTICES

Underwood Ambulance District and Underwood Fire District Meetings

The Underwood Ambulance District and Underwood Fire District will hold meetings on March 11, 2026, 7:00 pm at the Fire/Amb Building, 208 Grant Ave. Purpose of the meeting is to elect a vacant Ambulance District and Fire District board member positions and preliminary budget hearings.
 Debby Swanson,
 Secretary/Treasurer
 (Feb. 26 & Mar. 5, 2026)

Underwood School January Meeting

January 29, 2026
 Present: Superintendent Todd Benson, Principal Kyle Hunt, Principal Rush, Business Manager Sarah Gunkel, Brent Charging, Michael Heger, Amanda Haseleu, Donald Robinson, Sarah Ness, Brenda Schantz, Sarah Helmuth, Renee Fransen and Skyla Heger.
 President Michael Heger called the meeting to order at 7:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
 President Michael Heger welcomed our new business manager, Sarah Gunkel

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
 1. Discussion of additional school accounts.
 2. Removal of board resolution D.
 Haseleu/Ness made a motion to approve the changes to the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

CONSENT AGENDA
 Approval of December 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 Approval of Board Report for Board Bills
 Approval of Bills as follows:
 General Fund (01):
 Admin Partners \$150.00, AFLAC \$8,808.12, Amazon \$760.69, Amberway Inc. \$1,416.00, AT Remodeling \$370.00, BanCorp \$100.00, Benson Todd \$76.30, Bravera Bank \$27.25, CDLN \$1329.47, CREA \$28,190.00, Circle Sanitation \$548.00, CCCA \$326.00, Connect Teletherapy \$4,462.50, D & E Supply Co. \$581.12, Dakota Dust-Tex \$10.25, Diffely's Repair \$77.95, Doubled-up Electric \$1,714.77, Eckroth Music \$11.61, Efunds \$80.25, Eichhorst Darin \$19.90, ETSystems \$154.00, FED EX \$13.75, Harry's Auto Services \$77.33, Innovative Office Solutions \$652.05, IRS \$3,620.95, IXL \$5,813.75, Johnson Paula \$985.92, Library Ideas \$234.94, Lone Tree School District \$225.00, LYFT (\$390.61), Magic-Wrighter, Inc. \$37.95, Marco \$1672.11, Menards \$25.81, MDU \$3,127.36, NDPHIT \$28,231.40, Northern Plains Dance \$28.00, Otter Tail Power Co. \$3815.18, Pearce Durick \$71.25, Pitney Bowes \$299.00, Pop Binding & Laminating \$492.72, Praxis \$160.48, Pye Barker Fire & Safety \$514.00, Sam's Club \$227.86, Scholastic \$65.89, Sweetwater Sound \$637.00, TeachersPayTeachers.com \$24.75, Underwood Body Shop \$3,539.11, USPS \$10.48, Utley Christina \$756.03, Village Family Services \$1,334.00, Vision Service \$265.03, Voyager Sopris \$149.60, Wagon Wheel Lumber \$185.98, Walmart \$49.07, WRT \$412.86, WEX-Discovery Benefits \$3,528.84.

Building Fund (03):
 Mclean County Auditor \$16,347.64, Wilmington Trust \$400.00.
 Food Service Fund (05):
 Dakota Refrigeration \$1,285.56,

Efunds \$93.27, Kemps \$765.70, Krause's Market \$168.21, Pan-o-Gold Baking Co. \$301.10, Sam's Club \$137.08, Stein's Inc. \$357.01, Target \$48.51, US Food Service \$2,476.74, Walmart \$20.08.
 Student Activity Fund (06):
 32 Degrees Clothing \$64.14, Amazon \$203.05, BooksRFun \$60.00, Capozio \$168.00, Capital City Restaurant \$143.88, CMC \$175.00, Dollar General \$61.60, Eckroth Music \$129.45, Efunds \$14.11, Evanoff Jordyn \$165.80, Gordon Chris \$160.00, Hahn Jason \$122.40, Hartman Steve \$160.00, Hennessey Luke \$165.70, Highway 83 Lawn Leisure & Supply \$49.95, Hollister Co. \$320.68, Javvy Coffee \$51.57, Kelle \$480.89, Kramer Benjamin \$239.80, Mehlhoff Jeremy \$165.70, Midwest Sports \$533.70, Moore Charles \$241.20, Rusted Rail Bar & Grill \$1540.80, Sam's Club \$118.86, Sandy Kyle \$165.80, Schweigert Kent \$237.00, Skachenko Michael \$527.40, T JE Entertainment \$1550.00, Transfer Express \$69.18, US Food Service \$63.85, Vanderwal Austin \$119.60 Walmart \$68.61.
 Trust & Agency Fund-CMC Coop (07):
 Athletic.net \$270.00, CDFC \$643.95, Dominos \$236.90, Hewlett-Packard \$17.27, Jack's Steakhouse \$545.07, Jacobs Hunter \$50.56, Noodles & Co. \$445.98, OLO Ordering (\$204.10), Radisson Inn \$3,405.00, Underwood Public School District \$139.53.
 Charging/Robinson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.
REPORT AGENDA
 Financial Report Summary
 Superintendent Benson presented the financial reports. There was some discussion on the possibility of the legislature funding school lunch programs.
 Approval of the November 2025 and December 2025 financial reports.
 Haseleu/Ness made a motion to approve the November 2025 and December 2025 financial reports. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.
 Executive Report Summary
 Superintendent Benson presented the Executive Report Summary.
 Superintendent Benson Update: CREA (3 employees) will be training our new business manager through the next payroll. The goal is to have our new business manager in a position to resume all accounts payable, HR and payroll duties after Feb. 15. This will release two CREA employees from working with Underwood. The remaining CREA employee would continue to assist our new business manager on an 'as needed' basis.
 The incoming music/band teacher is still woking through the process to be able to come to this country from the Philippines. We do not have a firm ETA, but we are hoping for sometime in Feb.
 We have started the process of adopting the new NDSBA board policies. This will take some time and will involve the board policy committee and the superintendent. Once adopted it will be the superintendent's responsibility to maintain the policies and create an annual cycle of review of all board policies by the board.
 Principal Hunt Update: All second semester classes are underway with high enrollments in our new FACS and Agriculture classes and interest in our online courses.
 An overview of STARS testing data for January was presented with noticeable progress by our students.
 All secondary teachers have now completed the standards mapping training and are in the process of aligning their instructional sequences with the

Turtle Lake City Financial Statement

of Turtle Lake Financial Statement for Year Ending 2024

	December 31, 2024	REVENUES	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	EXPENSES	December 31, 2025
AIRPORT	14,058.32	5,639.96	0.00	0.00	6,497.93	13,200.35
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	623,790.22	152,932.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	776,722.64
CDBG	1.00	167,410.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	167,411.80
USDA - PROJECT	0.00	860,976.73	0.00	0.00	873,095.30	-12,118.57
CEMETERY	-1,933.28	2,756.50	0.00	0.00	3,786.34	-2,963.12
CITY SALES TAX	14,279.68	38,584.10	0.00	0.00	35,364.93	17,498.85
GENERAL	841,285.10	298,105.17	0.00	0.00	404,876.79	734,513.48
HIGHWAY	29,256.06	54,464.98	0.00	0.00	68,606.28	15,114.76
LIBRARY	16,623.06	14,471.00	0.00	0.00	9,464.00	21,630.06
SEWER	175,556.54	364,772.33	0.00	0.00	376,761.88	163,566.99
TRUST	10,237.84	5,017.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,255.62
WATER/GARBAGE	695,854.53	193,613.41	0.00	0.00	370,938.37	518,529.57
TOTALS	2,419,009.07	2,158,745.18	0.00	0.00	2,149,391.82	2,428,362.43

Dianne Zenker, Mayor
 (Mar. 5, 2026)

state standards. This is an important part of the secondary teachers focus with TSI.

Principal Rush Update: An overview of STARS testing data for January was presented with noticeable progress by our students.

The TSI update report will be filed with DPI by the end of the month. Additionally, the application for the TSI grant will be submitted by the end of the month. We are requesting funds to cover the cost of TSI teacher stipends, TSI related professional development for teachers, intervention materials and a new math curriculum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Robinson initiated a discussion to possibly start having other groups report to the board at different times throughout the year. One group mentioned was the UEA. This is an idea the board will be looking into.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
 There was discussion about the 2026-2027 school calendar. The primary change is the addition of 5 teacher flex days (no students present) that will be used for planning purposes. They are spread throughout the school year and are an important strategy that is part of our TSI plan.

This is experimental and the expectation is that it will assist our teachers in their efforts associated with TSI.

Haseleu/Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar. Roll

Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

There was discussion of adding our new business manager, Sarah Gunkel, to our financial accounts at Bravera Bank. Sarah will be added to accounts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, but will not be added to the four accounts; alumni association, UEA, business alumni and after prom party.

Robinson/Ness made a motion to approve adding Sarah Gunkel to all Underwood Public School District financial accounts at Bravera Bank, with the exception of Alumni Association, UEA, Business Alumni and After Prom Party. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

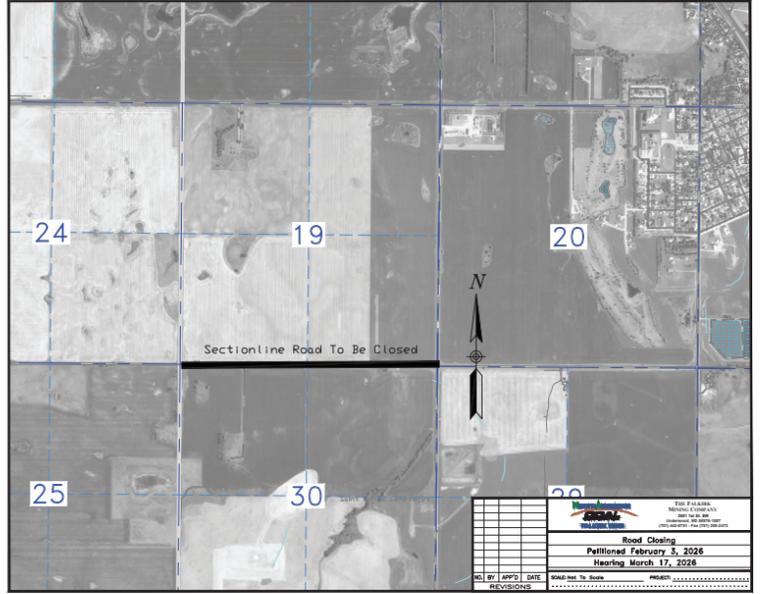
There was discussion of the additional bank accounts; alumni association, UEA, business alumni and after prom party. There was a lot of discussion about the after prom party account and how this should be run by a parent group. The UEA now has their own EIN and bank account, so the board can transfer UEA funds from the current Underwood UEA account to the new UEA account and close the Underwood UEA account.

Haseleu/Charging made a motion to transfer all funds in the Underwood UEA account to the new UEA account and close the Underwood UEA account. Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

There was discussion about the new board policy structure with NDSBA. The goal is to work with the board policy committee and superintendent to make all of the changes recommended by NDSBA. This will take some time.

Haseleu/Ness made a motion to approve board policy BDA, Policy Adoption (first reading). Roll Call Vote: Heger-yes, Charging-yes, Robinson-yes, Ness-yes, Haseleu-yes. MC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM.
NEXT MEETINGS
 Regular School Board Meeting- February 26, 2026 at 7:00 am.
 /s/ Michael Heger Board President
 /s/ Todd Benson, Superintendent
 (Mar. 5, 2026)



Notice of Hearing on Petition to Temporarily Close Certain Section Line Roads

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County

Commissioners requesting that the following section line roads be temporarily closed in order to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations:
 a. The section line between the S2 of Section 19 and the N2 of Section 30, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

After the completion of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, Falkirk will restore the closed sections line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads to the extent required by the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 17th day of March, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition, along with the map showing the effected section lines, is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.
 Beth Knutson, County Auditor

(Feb. 26 & Mar. 5, 2026)

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the Turtle Lake-Mercer School District No. 72 is before 4:00 p.m., April 6, 2026. The following offices are up for election:

- School Board member (2-year term)**
- School Board member (3-year term)**
- School Board member (3-year term)**

Residents who desire to be on the ballot must prepare and sign a document that includes the candidate's name and the term being sought, and also a SFN 10172 Statement of Interests forms. Documents must be filed with the school district Business Manager for Turtle Lake-Mercer School District No. 72 by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the school district business manager for Turtle Lake-Mercer School District No. 72 or may be obtained online at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalListDetails.aspx?ptlhPKID=30&ptlPKID=3#content-start>.
 (Mar. 5, 2026)

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Coleharbor is 4:00 PM on April 6, 2026. The election will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in conjunction with the state primary election.

City Offices to be filled at the June Election are:

- Mayor – 4-year term
- Council Member – 4-year term (2 positions)
- Council Member – 2-year term (1 position)

A candidate for a city office must submit a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the Coleharbor City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms can be obtained at City Hall or on-line at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>.
 (Mar. 5, 2026)

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the June 9th, 2026 election ballot for the City of Turtle Lake is April 6, 2026 by 4:00 P.M. The following city offices are up for election:

- City Mayor 1 Position (4 Years)**
- City Commissioner (2) Positions (4 year terms)**
- City Park Board Member (3) Positions (4 year terms)**

A Candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the Turtle Lake City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from the Turtle Lake City Auditor.

Michelle Pickett, City Auditor
 (Mar. 5 & 12, 2026)