

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Lake Williams Township Meeting

Lake Williams Township  
Annual Meeting  
March 24, 2026  
9 a.m. at Badlands  
Coffee in Turtle Lake  
(Mar. 12 & 19, 2026)

## Mercer Township Meeting

Mercer Township annual meeting and election will be held on March 24, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Lloyd Westerlind shop. The election will include the following question: Should Mercer Township have the authority to exceed the 3% property tax cap for the next 4 taxable years?  
Cody Wardner-Clerk  
(Mar. 12 & 19, 2026)

## Wise Township Meeting

Wise Township Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 8:00 pm at the Mercer Fire Hall. Supervisor meeting will follow.  
Marjorie Fiedler  
Wise Township Clerk  
(Mar. 12 & 19, 2026)

## City of Turtle Lake Board of Equalization

Notice is hereby given that the Turtle Lake City Commission will conduct an equalization meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall at 107 Eggert Street, Turtle Lake, ND. Each taxpayer has the right to appear to discuss any questions and/or concerns of the taxpayer's property assessment.  
Michelle Pickett, City Auditor  
(Mar. 19 & 26, 2026)

## Underwood Tax Equalization Meeting

The Underwood Board of Tax Equalization will hold its annual hearing Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Underwood City Hall. Property owners do not have to attend in person but are encouraged to contact the City Assessor, Ryan Oberg, 701-462-8541, with any concerns or mail their concerns to PO Box 168, Underwood, ND 58576.  
(Mar. 19 & 26, 2026)

## Turtle Lake-Mercer School Meeting

**February 17, 2026**  
President Britton called the regular meeting of the Turtle Lake-Mercer School Board to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.  
Roll Call: Present: Britton, O'Shea, Ravnaas, Ruffo, Sparrow  
Absent:  
Superintendent: Sheila Schlafmann  
Principal: Kurt Zeibarth  
Business Manager: Laura Fiedler  
Guest: Nicole Wardner  
Consent Agenda: Consent agenda reviewed. Sparrow moved to approve the following consent agenda:  
Minutes of the January 21, 2026 regular meeting  
January Financial Reports  
Payment Bills as presented.  
O'Shea seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.  
Student Outcomes - Longitudinal Data reviewed  
Community Speakers: Comments on Current or Immediately Preceding Agenda Items - if any: None  
Committee Meetings: Building and Grounds will meet Thursday, February 19 at 4:00 PM.

Administration Reports  
Principal Report  
Congratulations Grayson Anderson, Elizabeth Britton, and Sienna Britton! They participated in the McLean County Spelling Bee in Washburn on February 3rd.

I got to be part of the Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon for the first time. It was a fun evening and it's so great to see the support that the Turtle Lake-Mercer School community provides for our students.

I attended NDCEL Mid-Winter Conference February 4-6.

Till 360 provided Curt Slater and Tara Soesbe as keynote speakers. Much of their message was about creating positive relationships in your school.

Infinite Campus had a team present alongside their ND DPI team members. There is a fair amount of pushback from leaders around the state. I have tried to keep an open mind about the transition. All of my interactions with Infinite Campus have been good and I feel like they're working hard to lead us through the transition. We will most likely have hour long meetings weekly throughout the remainder of the semester with our team.

AI and its uses in education continues to be a hot topic and each conference provides new ways it can be utilized.

Jason Schwabe of Thompson High School was recognized as Principal of the Year at the conference. It was a great honor to represent Region 2 this year!

Academic progress data is attached: Student Growth Percentile (SGP) for STAR Math and STAR Reading. Student Growth Percentile is growth relative to others in the same grade with a similar score history.

NDA+ Interim Data 2 Data has average Scale Scores from 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Student grade bands are highlighted to track growth. K-2, 3-8, and 9-10 are the groups which accounts for the drastic change in scores as students age up.

Congratulations to Aiden Hanson. He earned Academic All-State Honorable Mention!

Superintendent/Activities Director Report

Mid-Winter Superintendent Conference - January 26th - 27th

Keynote speakers were Joe Beckman and Phil Januszewski. The conference really focused on human connection, building your culture, and being inspired in the work you do. Break-out sessions on budgets (told to expect no new money in legislation next year) and Pearce Durick Law Office.

February 6th Enrichment and Intervention Day:

Alive at 25: we had 26 high school students attend. This was a \$1,375.00 event that we received for free through a NDDOT Grant.

Magic City Discovery Center STEAM Event. Great turnout for this event. This event was paid for by students of Lui Ravnaas.

University of Mary Career Fair - Wednesday, March 4th from 4:00 - 6:00  
Student Engagement Window - week of February 9th for all 3rd - 12th graders

CREA board meeting - January 21st ACT

Friday, March 27th  
Juniors who pay to take the test  
Testing center is TL-M School  
Upcoming Activities:

Reading Month - March  
McLean County Music Festival - March 7th

Turtle Lake - Mercer FFACDE Event - March 7th

Large Group Music - March 11th  
Parent-Teacher Conferences - March 23rd

Elementary Boys' Basketball  
Still looking for coaches

Schedule is posted to rScheduler  
Practice begins March 16th  
Elementary Volleyball

Looking for an adult coach  
Student Coach - Charlie Sparrow  
Schedule is posted to rScheduler  
Practice begins March 16th

CMC Spring Start Dates:  
Track - March 9th  
Softball - March 16th - Schedule posted to rScheduler

Head Coach - Jody Fylling  
Assistant Coach - still looking

Baseball - March 16th  
Head Coach - Mike Skachenko  
Assistant Coach - still looking

Boys' Golf - April 7th  
Trap Shooting - runs April - May  
Positive Reflection/Sharing:

Thank you to Mr. Sundquist for organizing pop, candy, and popcorn concessions throughout the basketball season as well as the TLM Activity Boosters for running the food concessions!

Thank you to all the teachers and staff that took tickets, book, announced, shot clock, and did supervision - it takes a lot of people to make sure game nights run smoothly!

Staff 4-Day Week Survey - attached Discussion/Action:

Annual School Board Election. Ruffo moved to call for the Annual School Board Election to be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026. Two At-Large 3-Year terms and One At-Large 2-Year term are up for election. Deadline for filing is April 6th, 2026 by 4:00 P.M. to the Business Managers Office. Polls will be open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 P.M. CST. Polling place will be located in the Turtle Lake City Hall. Other item being voted on: the question of whether or not to publish the school board proceedings in the official newspaper of the district for the next two years.

Ravnaas seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Superintendent Evaluation - Due to Board President February 26th. Process must be completed by March 15th.

NDSBA Superintendent Evaluation CAAB-E1

Board Meeting to meet March 15th deadline will be Monday, March 9th at 7:00 PM CDT.

Issue 2026 - 2027 Teacher Contracts - Board reviewed the list of Teacher Contracts to be issued.

Ravnaas moved to issue certified contracts according to the Negotiated Agreement for 2026-27 contract year. Contracts will be issued March 2, 2026, and have a return date of March 16, 2026, by 4:30 P.M., Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar Sparrow moved to approve the School Calendar for the 2026-27 School Year with a start date of August 17, 2026 and an end date of May 26, 2027 as presented.

Ravnaas seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -No, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Carried.

Erate Form 470 Bids - Network Updates

Ravnaas moved to submit Erate information to receive bids.  
Sparrow seconded the motion.

Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes.

Motion Unanimously Carried.  
HVAC Project - Tabled until March meeting per upcoming Building and Grounds committee meeting.

Adjourned at 7:55 PM.  
February Bill Review: Ravnaas and Britton

Next Regular School Board Meeting: March 9th, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

APPROVED BILLS:  
GENERAL FUND

AIDEN HANSON 48.75; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 571.91; AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 305.21; CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 2,592.33; CENTRAL DAKOTA LIBRARY NETWORK 1,377.69; CENTRAL REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 60.00; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 537.15; COAL CONVERSION COUNTIES 284.00; HANSON, ETHAN 48.75; HANSON, KENZEE 48.75; HARDWARE HANK 184.11; HARLOWS BUS SALES, INC 64.08; HILL, VICKIE 300.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 25.83; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER 1,843.98; J.P. MORGAN 2,373.34; LEVEY'S PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR,LLC 4,066.50; MAIN STREET MARKET 842.89; MARCO 1,645.35; MDU 4,111.00; MELINDANNEFF 296.45; ND WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANC 71.40; NDSBA 450.00; NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 300.20; OTTER TAIL POWER 4,030.84; PEPPER & SON INC, J.W. 463.72; PRO TECH INTEGRATIONS LLC 75.00; QUILL CORPORATION 175.65; WAGON WHEEL LUMBER 111.12; WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 321.19; WEX HEALTH INC. 71.00; WILTON SCHOOL 40.00; Fund Total: 27,738.19

BUILDING FUND  
TOLLEFSONS CONTRACT FLOORING 10,624.00; Fund Total: 10,624.00

SINKING FUND  
STARION BOND SERVICES 8,258.75; TRU COMMUNITY BANK 25.00; Fund Total: 8,283.75

FOOD SERVICE  
DPI 1,287.39; MAIN STREET MAR-

KET 40.33; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC. 1,058.54; US FOODS INC 2,778.88; Fund Total: 5,165.14

ACTIVITY FUND

AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 3,105.18; ANDERSON, JESSICA 30.60; BELIEVE KIDS INC 661.40; GATEWAY FUND RAISING SERVICE INC 1,288.50; GROUP TRAVEL PLANNERS 10,200.00; HENNESSY, LUCAS 280.18; HOFF, KEN 166.20; J.P. MORGAN 54.67; LUNA, SHAYDEN 306.80; LYN-GAAS, TREY 226.20; MAIN STREET MARKET 7,923.73; MIKE SKACHENKO 283.35; ND FFA 70.00; NEUMILLER, RUSSELL 280.18; PEDERSON, MARV 246.80; REGION VII MUSIC 200.00; RUFFO, JOSHUA 123.51; SCHWEIGERT, KENT 166.20; SIMMONS, TIMOTHY 226.20; SPARROW, MEGAN 39.94; THEO ART SCHOOL 24.50; US FOODS INC 275.66; VANDERWAL, AUSTIN 283.35; YALE, DANIEL 226.00; Fund Total: 26,689.15

SPECIAL FUND

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55; ANDERSON, CHRISTINE 68.00; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99; BEST BUY CREDIT SERVICES 63.97; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 6.78; MCLEAN COUNTY TREASURER 1,319.57; NEDROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL 1,500.00; SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90; VERIZON WIRELESS 211.43; Fund Total: 3,299.19  
(Mar. 19, 2026)

## Turtle Lake City March Minutes

(unapproved)  
**March 9, 2026**

Call to Order: Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance:  
Commissioners: Dianne Zenker, Stacie Adams, Tim Britton, Rick Schwalk Absent- Matt Lang

City Auditor: Michelle Pickett  
Also Present: Moore Engineering, Alexis Nienow

Public Attendance: 5  
Review of prior meeting minutes: February 9th, 2026 - Regular City Commission Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 9th, 2026, meeting as presented:  
Made by: Britton Seconded by: Adams  
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Outcome: Motion passed

Review of financial reports & bills as presented:  
Review and discussion

Motion to approve financial reports and bills as presented:  
Made by: Adams Seconded by: Schwalk Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Outcome: Motion passed

Public Comment Period:  
No Public Comment requests  
Moore Engineering Project Updates: Sewer Lining Project (USDA): All liners have been installed

Final walk through has been scheduled for March 13th, 2026th at 1 pm  
Liquidated damages being withheld  
Discussion on how much to hold in LD's

Phase 2 Sewer CDBG Project  
Updated schedule will be provided when we know the start date

Street Project  
Discussed with Moore Engineering that the southern portion on Charles Street will be asphalt.

Plans for the street project are available at the city hall for the public  
Award at meeting is set to be in April  
Motion to approve:

Made by: Adams Seconded: Britton Roll call vote: Britton- yes, Adams-yes, Schwalk-no, Mayor Zenker- yes Outcome: Motion passed

Moore Engineering requested to advertise for bids with the first publication being on the 19th of March with earliest bid date being in the beginning of April.

Motion to approve: Made by: Adams Seconded: Britton Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Outcome: Motion Passed

New Business  
Review Chain of Command for city employees

Spring Clean up  
Discussion of getting 2 roll off dumpsters.

Dumpsters will be available for spring clean up before Memorial Day.  
Reappointment - Tim Britton to Airport Board

Motion to appoint Tim Britton to Airport Board  
Made by: Adams Seconded by: Schwalk Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Outcome: Motion passed

Old Business Report  
Report Consideration of Sale - City Owned Lots -Kundert Street - Demo cost - \$10,000 (Kand L Bobcat- 03/2020)

Discussion was held regarding the lack of need for this lot to serve as snow storage. The Mayor noted that, based on her conversations with former city employees, this property has never been used for that purpose. It remained a primary residence until 2020, and since then there has been no need to place excess snow on the lot. Snow storage continues to be available on the boulevard adjacent to the property.

A minimum bid to sell Kundert Street lot is \$10,000.00

Motion to Sell Kundert Street lot  
Made by: Schwalk  
seconded : Adams

Roll call vote: unanimous  
Outcome- motion passed  
Walnut Street- Demo cost \$8,500 (K and L Bobcat - (07/2024)

Lincoln Drive - Did not get any bids for \$7,400

Belisle was present to discuss offer letter for Lincoln dr. Property

Belisle discussed receiving offer letter and counter offered \$2,500.00 for the lot

Offer was counter with the original price of \$5,000.00

Belisle accepted \$5,000.00 offer  
Part Time Summer help Status- Advertised currently being advertised in the Local Paper

Ordinance regarding empty business buildings discussion about redoing our ordinances and having them available in PDF format so the public can easily access them.

Beat Zone & Call for Service Report  
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Made by: Britton  
Seconded by: Adams Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Outcome: Motion passed

Next Regular Meeting Date: April 13th, 2026

CITY OF TURTLE LAKE - Check Register For the Period: 2/1/2026-2/28/2026

Date Issued Check # Vendor Name  
Check Amount

02/06/26 EFT C Davison 512.54; 02/06/26 EFT I Olsen 1,447.16; 02/06/26 EFT J Herslip 120.05; 02/06/26 EFT M Pickett 461.75; 02/12/26 26800 Kalberg Tree Service 6,500.00; 02/12/26 26801 MCLEAN COUNTY 3,358.01; 02/12/26 26802 BOBCAT OF MANDAN INC 6,262.30; 02/17/26 26803 CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER COOPERATIVE 4,917.00; 02/17/26 26804 DOUBLE M SANITATION 5,355.00; 02/17/26 26805 NorDak North Publications 1,261.67; 02/17/26 26806 NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 3,358.01; 02/17/26 26807 RUSTS HARDWARE HANK 21.90; 02/20/26 EFT D Nienow 138.52; 02/20/26 EFT C Davison 387.87; 02/20/26 EFT I Olsen 1,538.53; 02/20/26 EFT D Nienow 36.94; 02/20/26 EFT D Zenker 2,994.25; 02/20/26 EFT M Pickett 808.06; 02/20/26 26808 BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE 556.25; 02/20/26 26809 CORE & MAIN LP 2,067.20; 02/20/26 26810 Kevin's Plumbing 1,532.46; 02/20/26 26811 MCLEAN SHERIDAN RURAL WATER 6,262.30; 02/20/26 26812 MCLEAN-SHERIDAN RURAL WATER 4,917.00; 02/20/26 26813 MOORE ENGINEERING INC 5,355.00; 02/20/26 26814 ND WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE 1,261.67; 02/23/26 EFT AMAZON 139.00; 02/23/26 EFT BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ND 749.45; 02/23/26 EFT MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 533.50; 02/23/26 EFT WEST RIVER TELEPHONE 266.36; 02/23/26 EFT VERIZON BUSINESS 91.15; 02/23/26 EFT OTTER TAIL POWER CO 1,406.41; 02/23/26 EFT MCLEAN ELECTRIC 313.91; 02/25/26 EFT AMAZON 93.06; 02/25/26 EFT AMAZON 23.68; 02/26/26 EFT ND Tax 14.00; 02/26/26 EFT AMAZON 50.21; 02/26/26 EFT AMAZON 240.30; 02/26/26 26815 MCLEAN COUNTY 3,358.01  
(Mar. 19, 2026)

## Notice of Sale Parcel in Turtle Lake

Notice is hereby given the City of Turtle Lake will offer for sale parcel 79230200010000, legal description LOTS 23-24 BLK 1, located in the City of Turtle Lake, North Dakota. The sale will occur through sealed bids submitted to the Turtle Lake City Commission through the City Auditors office located at PO Box 338, 107 Eggert Street, Turtle Lake, ND 58575.

Minimum bid amount is \$10,000.00 with bid submission due by 5:00p.m. on April 13th, 2026. Bids will be presented to the Turtle Lake City Commission at the regular commission meeting on April 13th, 2026  
(Mar. 19 & 26, 2026)