

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Hearing Notice

TURTLE LAKE-MERCER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 OF MCLEAN AND SHERIDAN COUNTIES STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICIAL RESULTS Election held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE (279) TOTAL VOTES CAST

Three Year Term – Elect 2
 Julie Wagner-193
 Rick Britton-185
 Brian O'shea-155
 Jackson Hagen-2
 Ashley Fiedler-1
 Gerard Goven-1
 Todd Sondrol-1

*Julie Wagner and Rick Britton were declared the winners

Two Year Term – Elect 1
 Brent Ravnaas-169
 Nicole Wardner-107

*Brent Ravnaas was declared the winner

PUBLISHING MINUTES FOR-237 AGAINST-21

*BOARD MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED

(July 2, 2026)

Turtle Lake-Mercer May Meeting

May 18, 2026
 7:00 P.M. Board Room

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 Monday, May 18, 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. Ravnaas moved to approve the following consent agenda:
 Minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting

Financial Reports
 Payment Bills as presented.
 Ruffo seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously Carried.

Student Outcomes – Reviewed Preliminary NDA+ Math Data
 Community Speakers: Comments on Current or Immediately Preceding Agenda Items – if any: None
 Committee Meetings:
 Building and Grounds – April 29th - 7:00 AM
 Transportation – April 29th – 7:00 AM
 CMC Cooperative Administrative Meeting – June 9th at 9:00 AM at TL-M Administration Reports
 Principal Report
 State Testing is complete. The ND A+ Summative Assessments have been completed. The results we have now are preliminary. A full report will be shared when we have full access to all the data.
 Congratulations to Hadley Ziebarth and Lakyn Ziebarth. They are the two newest members of the Million Word Club this year.
 The Infinite Campus transition is moving along. I worked with Edutech to get some typical end-of-year tasks completed. This allowed us to start working in the 2026-2027 school year in PowerSchool. Our high school schedule for teachers has been created so that information can be transferred easily to Infinite Campus.
 Tru Community Bank provided 1st grade students with Tank the T-Rex and the Golden Credit Card. They talked about saving money and using credit cards.
 Kindergarten hatched out their butterflies and learned about their life cycles from caterpillar to butterfly. They also hatched out some ducks this year.
 Congratulations to Brooklyn Tomlinson and Inaia Way. They received ratings of 1 on their vocal solos at state. Nora Fiedler received a Star Rating for her alto saxophone solo. The saxophone ensemble consisting of Nora Fiedler, Lily Christensen, Hayden Lem, Zella Anderson, and Vivian Schlafmann received a Star rating (Superior Performance) and was the Outstanding Performance of the Day in their competition room meaning they are State Champs!

2025-2026 Enrollment - May

Kindergarten	7
1st	9
2nd	8
3rd	14
4th	7

5th	10
6th	20
7th	19
8th	17
9th	14
10th	22
11th	7
12th	9
Total	163
K-6th	75
7th-12th	88
PreK	4

Huge thank you goes out to Morgan Lang. She has started adding a Trojan Pride and Cougar Power Weekly Outlook to our live feed/social media. This is a great glance at the week for all our TL-M community members.

The 188th Army Band, Flashbang, performed for our students. Many of our students had a great time listening to the talented musicians.

8th Grade students traveled to Parshall to visit the NG2 Greenhouse. They brought back some fresh produce from their trip.

Fourth grade students dissected Owl Pellets. This is a great activity that Mrs. Lem does every year.

Elementary Music Concert is May 7th. Mrs. Wyman continues to put together a great evening of showcasing our students' talents.

The Elementary Track Meet for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 is scheduled for May 13th.

Superintendent/Activities Director Report

2026-27 Strategy Map for NDDPI School Accountability are now due September 1st – new date

Annual Title I Schoolwide Report is due June 15th

Intent to Apply Title I Application – submitted May 5th

4-Day waiver submitted May 1st to NDDPI

CRACTC facilitator and welding reimbursements submitted

Drivers Education – June 1st – June 5th

Baccalaureate – Wednesday, May 27th at TL Baptist Church.

Graduation is May 31st at 2:00 P.M. Congratulations to Aiden Hanson, Kylar Hansen, Kaden Lem, Kenzee Hanson, and Helen Schlafmann on qualifying for State Track

Congratulations to Zella Anderson, Lily Christensen, Vivian Schlafmann, Hayden Lem, and Nora Fiedler on receiving a Star and Outstanding Performance of the Day at State Music.

Positive Reflection/Sharing:
 Thank you to our TL-M teachers and staff for a fantastic school year!
 Thank you the Honor Society for organizing the Community Clean Up!
 The elementary and high school spring music concerts were both great!
 Bismarck Marching Band Night Parade was a beautiful night, the band sounded great!
 Congratulations to the class of 2026, thank you for being an outstanding group of seniors!

Discussion/Action:
 Directive to Business Manager for Ending Fund Balance
 Ravnaas moved to give a directive to the Business Manager to end the current fiscal year as close as possible to the maximum allowable carry over, and if necessary, to complete transfer from the General Fund to the Building Fund to assist in funding future projects. Ruffo seconded the motion.
 Roll Call: Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.
 Approve 2026-27 Health Insurance Plan
 Sparrow moved to approve change to new plan as of the 2026-27 school year.
 Ravnaas second the motion.
 Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes.
 Motion Unanimously Carried.
 2026 Summer FCCLA Nationals Trip – Washington DC: 2 Students
 O'Shea moved to approve as presented.
 Sparrow second the motion.
 Roll Call: O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Abstained, Sparrow-Yes, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.
 Accept Bid – school lawn mowing
 Ravnaas moved to accept bid from Sadie O'Shea.
 Sparrow second the motion.
 Roll Call: Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea - Abstained, Britton-Yes. Motion Unanimously Carried.
 Approve 4-year old PreK Program renewal
 Ruffo moved to approve as presented.

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

Approve Western Dakota Corp of Discovery Hi-Tech Learning Cooperative Agreement
 Sparrow moved to approve as presented.
 O'Shea seconded the motion.
 Roll Call: Sparrow-Yes, O'Shea -Yes, Ravnaas -Yes, Ruffo -Yes, Britton-Yes.
 Motion Unanimously Carried.
 Adjourned 8:28

April Bill Review: Britton-Ravnaas
 Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026 @ 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED BILLS:
 GENERAL FUND
 AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES 841.82; AMERICAN WELDING & GAS 604.47; APPTTEGY INC 6,063.75; CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER 4,597.88; CENTRAL DAKOTA LIBRARY NETWORK 462.10; CITY OF TURTLE LAKE 560.89; D&E SUPPLY CO 1,410.88; ENTZEL-FIEDLER, LAURA 174.00; HARDWARE HANK 60.49; HARLOWS BUS SALES, INC 462.06; HARTLEY'S SCHOOL BUSES 171.44; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 25.83; J.P. MORGAN 469.15; LEARN WELL 103.00; MAIN STREET MARKET 25.32; MARCO 1,645.35; MDU 2,668.56; MELINDA NEFF 86.20; ND COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 350.00; NORDAK NORTH PUBLICATIONS 362.65; OTTER TAIL POWER 4,652.34; PEPPER & SON INC, J.W. 257.40; PRO TECH INTEGRATIONS LLC 75.00; REGION VII MUSIC 160.00; SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS 338.03; SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 89.90; SCHUMANN, ABBY 168.81; SNYDER, MORGAN 75.00; SOURIS VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICES 330.00; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS 347.02; TRU COMMUNITY BANK 20.00; WEBER ELECTRIC INC 5,203.00; WEST RIVER TELEPHONE CO 321.03; WEX HEALTH INC. 71.00; WYMAN, KAILEE 15.54; Fund Total: 33,269.91

FOOD SERVICE
 CAPITAL CITY RESTAURANT SUPPLY 68.73; MAIN STREET MARKET 167.12; ND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 2,027.70; RHOADS, DEBRA 11.52; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC. 1,596.53; US FOODS INC 4,609.02; Fund Total: 8,480.62

SPECIAL FUND
 ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 44.55; BEK COMMUNICATIONS INC 14.99; DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION 6.79; HAFFNER, JOLENE 185.60; SRT COMMUNICATIONS INC 69.90; VERIZON WIRELESS 216.87; Fund Total: 538.70

ACTIVITY FUND
 ACT 372.75; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICE 283.58; ANDERSON'S 274.98; BEATTIE, LOWELL 140.75; BRUMMETT, DAVID 389.10; CASEY, MIKE 272.80; CHRISTENSEN, DARCY 491.46; CLAYPOOL, MEG 180.00; CROWN ENTERTAINMENT 350.00; ECKROTH MUSIC CO. 137.33; HORNER, RON 372.60; J.P. MORGAN 2,472.64; KLEINJAN, BRENT 181.10; KLEVGAARD, JAY 263.45; LEE, CHASE 222.28; LEE, LES 530.73; MAIN STREET MARKET 1,238.93; MIDWEST SPORTS 793.50; OCLAIR, TERRY 908.40; OLSON, PERRY 263.45; SCHLAFMANN, SHEILA 369.01; SCHNEIDER, AMBER 54.17 SCHO-LASTIC BOOK FAIRS 1,496.00; VOTH, KELLY 193.53; WILTON SCHOOL 50.00; WINEZEWSKI, DEAN 188.80; Fund Total: 12,491.34

(July 2, 2026)

Riverdale City May Council Meeting

May 11, 2026

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of May 11, 2026 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Taylor.

Present: Alex Taylor, Ken Skuza, Mike Dirk, Jerry Orth and Auditor Del Kolke
 Absent: Toni Ganje

Orth moved to approve the consent agenda. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Guests: Delmer Entzel requested a zoning change for Lots 1 & 2 Block 1 Eisenhower Addition from Recreational to R3 High Density Residential. Skuza moved to approve this request. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Beck, US Army Corps of Engineers, provided numerous bits of information pertaining to COE activity at Government Bay. The boat ramp is usable, a new vault toilet has been installed, and the handicap ramp is being relocated. A public meeting regarding the spillway project will be held in Bis-

marck on May 13. Construction is slated to begin 2029 – 2030.

Old Business: A LED street lighting replacement proposal was revisited. A grant to cover 100% of the cost is being offered. Dirk moved to apply for funding as presented by Ideal Energy. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Surplus equipment items include a street sweeper, road grader, John Deere mower and attachments, small tractor, air compressor, and pickup. Ganje will gather specs and pictures for posting in early June.

New Business: Orth moved to designate the Central McLean News-Journal the official newspaper for the City of Riverdale. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Skuza moved to approve gaming site authorization for Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation to conduct games of chance at Iron Oar from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 and gaming site authorizations for Matpac Wrestling Club to conduct games of chance at Knights Bar & Grill and Spillway Coffee House from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Council is not interested in entering into a police contract with McLean County Sheriff's Dept.

Skuza moved to authorize up to \$30,000 for an air compressor. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Riverdale Fire Dept. responded to a fire at Deadman's Bay with assistance from ND Game & Fish Dept. and Underwood Fire Dept.

Taylor has begun a wetlands delineation for a washed-out area of Walnut Drive.

Dirk moved to approve a quote of \$8,800 from Bullinger Tree Service for removal of two (2) cottonwoods and one (1) ash tree near electrical lines. Skuza seconded. Motion carried. Dirk moved to authorize up to \$5,000 to address a drain issue along Iowa Avenue in the John Adams Addition. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Water treatment plant pump and motor issues continue. The automatic transfer switch for the generator has been tested and is now operational.

Skuza reported the campground has been prepared for its scheduled May 15 opening. Skuza moved to offer the auditor position to Jonna Taylor at a rate of \$25/hour with full benefits and to begin as soon as possible. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor notified council metal recycling amounted to \$2,295.90. Kolke will be out of the office May 28 – June 2.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 6:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

GENERAL FUND BILLS- MAY 2026
 Visa 444.40; Blue Cross Blue Shield 2,683.68; USA BlueBook 1,040.33; Hettelved CPA 720.00; Circle Sanitation 4,885.75; DL Barkie Construction 7,750.00; One Call Concepts 9.00; Verizon 108.23; NAPA 79.45; Menards 33.67; Jerry Orth 1,781.55; Ferguson Waterworks 1,954.25; Water Treatment Facility 3,149.45; WRT 232.26; ND Dept. of Health 27.00; Bank of North Dakota 271.98; Northern Improvement 1,220.00; RDO Equipment 36,500.00; Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure 248.33; Sanford Health 160.95; NorDak North Publications 195.42; MDU 248.22; City of Riverdale 1,153.66; ND PERS 1,193.35; ND Tax Dept. 91.00; IRS 3,391.07; MRES 11,613.17

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY BILLS- MAY 2026
 Visa 141.74; City of Riverdale 2,316.40; Hawkins 2,410.00; Circle Control Systems 307.45; Border States 460.03; Verizon 16.62; Menards 59.66; NAPA 388.52; WRT 205.52; Hawkins 4,206.56

(July 2, 2026)

Riverdale City June Council Meeting

June 8, 2026

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of June 8, 2026 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Taylor.

Present: Alex Taylor, Ken Skuza, Toni Ganje, Mike Dirk, Jerry Orth and Auditor Del Kolke

Orth moved to approve the consent agenda with addition to agenda. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Clay Kruger, water treatment facility operator, was present to provide an update on the ongoing difficulties being experienced while treating the water and the need to continue water restrictions to not further stress the membranes.

Old Business: A detailed list of surplus equipment was reviewed. The items will be listed on BisMan Online.

Sealed bids will be accepted until July 10 and bid opening will be held at the July meeting.

New Business: Skuza moved to approve a raffle permit for the Riverdale Quilt Club to be held July 25, 2026. Ganje seconded. Motion carried.

Based on Ordinance No. 4-05-05 no fireworks are allowed within the city, including the ball field.

Orth moved to advertise beyond the local area for an additional water plant operator to be hired. Holding a current water certificate or ability to obtain within one year is required. Salary will be negotiable. Dirk seconded. Motion carried.

Water management program is tabled.

Public Comments: Maintenance extends a thank you to Gene Nerby for donation of wood, screws, nails and misc. items. Summer hire, Fynn Gullicks, was introduced.

Reports: Taylor reported nine (9) fire hydrants were sandblasted and painted at a cost of \$277 each. There are approximately 79 hydrants in town and council would like to budget to have 8-10 done per year.

Skuza reported a camper awning at Morning Star Campground was damaged in last night's storm.

Dirk expects the contractor to begin installation of the LED street lights soon. Bullinger Tree Service is on site completing tree removal today. DL Barkie is expected to replace fire hydrants within the next couple weeks.

Orth stated new computer at the water treatment facility was installed and operating. Progress is being made on the jockey pumps.

City hall will be closed July 3 for Independence Day. Landfill will be open Saturday, July 11 rather than July 4 due to the holiday. Skuza moved to offer Kolke \$1,500/month for consulting services to continue training of auditor replacement and \$30/hour for additional city work as needed. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 6:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

GENERAL FUND BILLS- JUNE 2026
 Visa 862.81; Blue Cross Blue Shield 2683.68; John Deere Financial 195.24; ND Dept. of Health 27.00; WRT 232.26; Border States 87.36; ND Rural Water Systems Assoc 275.00; Menards 339.27; Acme Tools 126.91; Ferguson 7264.77; Otter Tail 348.09; Jet Black 44520.00; Highway 83 43.91; J-S Sanitation 498.00; One Call 25.50; NorDak North Pub 208.80; Rough Rider Industries 1395.03; Circle Sanitation 5683.50; Wholesale Ag Products 693.50; City of Riverdale 6302.59; City Air Mechanical 2175.00; Hettelved CPA 720.00; City of Riverdale 3159.37; ND PERS 4215.91; IRS 3465.21; MRES 14210.58

Water Treatment Facility Bills- JUNE 2026
 Visa 195.81; ND Chemistry Lab 206.81; Zenon 13011.00; Denny's Electric 594.00; Hawkins 4650.31; Napa 22.99; Dakota Pump and Control 12250.41; City of Riverdale 1807.20; WRT 205.52; MN Valley Testing Laboratories 106.00

(July 2, 2026)

Mercer City May Minutes Meeting

May 14th, 2026, Regular Mercer City Meeting

Mercer City Hall at 7:00 pm CDT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomsen at 7:00 pm CDT and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Thomsen, Council Members Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, Dan Gardiner,
 Absent: Council Member Zinke
 Auditor: Kathrin Volochenko
 A quorum was established.

Minutes:
 Mayor Thomsen read the minutes from April 9th, 2026, regular meeting.

Three corrections: Perry Strand, Bens Electric, Auditor Volochenko added "in" to "Salem American Legion was turned in" and corrected Keith instead of Kief.

Council Member Volochenko made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Council Member Lorenz seconded, ayes all, M/C.

County Tax Director, Ryan Oberg: Auditor Volochenko asked about a newer tax roll and the response was the most recent roll is the 2025 tax roll.

Mayor Thomsen asked about the fact that most of the properties in town