

## Legal Notices:

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### NOTICE FOR CITY OF VELVA LOCAL PROPERTY TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

DATE: April 7, 2026  
Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Velva City Hall  
City of Velva  
101 West 1st ST  
Velva, ND 58790

The City of Velva notifies local property taxpayers who may appear before the city board for review of equalization, property assessments, and discuss/petition the taxpayer's valuations/assessments.

If you have any questions regarding property valuations prior to the meeting, please call: 701-338-3129. If you require handicap assistance, please call 701-338-2660.

3/19-3/26/2026

### NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will Conduct Surface Lease Auctions in the following Counties:

Benson	Logan	Mountrail
Divide	McHenry	Oliver
Dunn	McIntosh	Pierce
Eddy	McKenzie	Rolette
Griggs	McLean	Slope
Milliams		

Auctions will be held in person at location in the County Seat. Refer to the advertisement in the official county newspaper or the public lease auctions schedule posted on the Department of Trust Lands' website for auction dates, times, locations, & list of tracts offered. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction.

The information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800.

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### VELVA REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2026 – 6:00pm  
Velva City Hall

The regular meeting of the Velva City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commission President Mike Schreiner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. R/c: Mike Schreiner – Commission President, Street/Finance; Dave Keller – Vice President, Police Commissioner (including Cemetery oversight); Mary Liz Davis – Police/Finance Commissioner; Ben Zietz – Water/Sewer Commissioner; Gene Jenson – Streets/Improvements Commissioner (including Cemetery oversight); Jenny Johns – City Auditor; Heather Tudor – Velva Area Voice; Dave Dewanz & Trey Skager –

McHenry County Sheriff's Department. \*Motion: Keller/Jenson, to approve the minutes from the February 17th regular meeting and March 9th special meeting. R/c: All ayes. M/c.

\*Motion: Davis moved, seconded by Jenson, to approve the bills paid since last meeting and bills to be paid in the amount of \$85,752.66, and payroll in the amount of \$26,702.73. R/c: All-yes. M/c. (AutoValue 7.21, BagLLC 130.05, CircleControl 26349.98, CircleSan 7275, Enerbase 508.40, 1st District 60, Gooseneck 196.94, Graphics 168, Hawkins 2527.14, KWyche 145.73, MainElec 1003.28, McGee 561.50, Sheriff's Dept. 20325, MouseRiver 1295.98, NorthStarCCu 1428.49, 1call 3, Ottetail 4541.89, overhead door 12550, PJemtrud 450, Runnings 1034.59, Schocks 4309.04, SRT 562.47, VFF 68.97, Verizon 250).

Schreiner reviewed the financial reports and employee leave reports. \*Johns presented and explained each measure that needs to be reviewed, if it is to be placed on the ballot, prior to the April 6th deadline, for our residents to vote on, as follows: Ballot Measure No. 1 - Extension of One Percent (1%) City Sales and Use Tax Shall the City of Velva, extend the existing additional one percent (1%) City Sales and Use Tax (commonly referred to as the "second one-cent sales tax"), in accordance with Velva city ordinance, the revenue shall be used 100 percent for street, water, sewer and sanitation projects or a combination of all. • YES – To extend the existing one percent (1%) sales tax • NO – To discontinue the existing one percent (1%) sales tax upon its expiration.

Ballot Measure No. 2 Imposition of One Percent (1%) City Sales and Use Tax for Capital Street Improvements Shall the City of Velva, impose an additional one percent (1%) City Sales and Use Tax (commonly referred to as a "third one-cent sales tax"), with all revenues derived therefrom to be dedicated solely to capital street improvements, including the construction, reconstruction, repair, and related infrastructure improvements of public streets within the City, for a period of four (4) taxable years? • YES – To approve the additional one percent (1%) sales tax dedicated to capital street improvements. • NO – To reject the additional one percent (1%) sales tax.

Ballot Measure No. 3 Five (5) Mill Property Tax Levy for Velva Fire Department Capital Improvements Shall the City of Velva, levy an annual property tax not to exceed five (5) mills for a period of ten (10) taxable years, the proceeds of which shall be used for capital improvements and equipment acquisition, and/or for the general maintenance of structural and mechanical components of the Velva Volunteer Fire Department station? • YES – To approve the five (5) mill levy for ten (10) years. • NO – To reject the

five (5) mill levy.

Discussion on each measure. Keller/Jenson made a motion to place ballot measure no. 2 on the ballot. Discussion on adding a time period by Zietz. Keller/Jenson amended their motion to include "for a period of four taxable years." R/c: Keller, Jenson, Zietz, Schreiner – aye; Davis – nay ~ m/c. -The Commission concurred to place ballot measures 1 and 3 on the ballot for extensions.

\*Schreiner presented a letter to be sent to Soltrain Enterprises. Since the property was purchased, the property has not been charged for four-kitchens/units, only one. Per conversations with the attorney, the city did provide those services, and are able to collect the fees for such services. Johns asked if the commission would like to ask for the full amount of \$2,857.50 or to offer half, due to the administrative error. Keller/Jenson made a motion to request for the entire owed amount of \$2,857.50. R/c: Keller, Jenson, Davis, Zietz – aye; Schreiner – nay ~ m/c.

\*Johns presented Resolution 2026-01 involving the utility rate schedule. Zietz/Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

\*Johns presented Ordinance change 2026-02 – billing procedure (1st reading). Zietz/Jenson made a motion to approve the first reading. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

\*Schreiner presented the notice for the public information meeting to learn about the Mouse River flood protection project, scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm. Johns asked how many Commission members plan to attend, commission concurred that there would potentially be a quorum. Johns will notice the meeting.

\*Schreiner presented the grant request from Sara Klein for renovations/upgrades to her Main Street building purchase. The VCDC and sales tax committee members both recommended approval of the \$15,000, to be paid as receipt reimbursements. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve the grant request as stated by VCDC and the sales tax committee. R/c: all – aye; m/c.

Johns presented the nuisance abatement letter sent to the Dietrich/Erdman property located at 3 – 3rd Avenue West in Velva. The deadline from the letter was 30-days or April 8th, instead of the ten days, due to weather. The property has now become a safety issue, with visual disturbances blocking the view of traffic at that intersection. Johns will work with the sheriff's department, the public works department and Circle Sanitation, if the owners do not comply.

Davis: no business to discuss. Keller: no business to discuss. Zietz: no business to discuss. Jenson: no business to discuss.

\*Bourdeau has scheduled her Tax Equalization meeting for April 7th, 2026 at 2:00pm inside Velva City Hall. Johns

asked for a quorum of Commissioners, as Bourdeau's entire workload for the year comes down to this meeting day.

\*Zietz/Jenson made a motion to approve Prellwitz's verbal resignation. R/c: Zietz, Jenson, Schreiner, Davis – aye; Keller – nay ~ m/c. Discussion on how to proceed with the open position; Johns added the need for a seasonal employee. Zietz/Jenson made a motion to advertise for one full-time/career employee, and one seasonal employee. R/c: all – aye; m/c.

There being no further business, President Schreiner adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The next regular City Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Agenda requests must be submitted by Thursday at noon prior to the meeting. Minutes are subject to amendment and approval.

3/26/2026

### SAWYER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 16

SAWYER, NORTH DAKOTA  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by President Folden at 12:03 pm. Board members present were Barb Jandl and Mandy Vigness. Also present: Heather Ell, Superintendent, Ryan Stockie, Assistant Principal, and Patti Syverson, Business Manager, Stacy Weltikol, Admin Assistant, and Sheila Kolchefska, teacher. M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve the consent agenda.

1. Business Manager's Reports
2. Approval of January 26th Regular Minutes
3. Approval of the February 9th Special Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Bills
  - a. Prepaid Bills \$31,200.78
  - b. Visa Bills \$3,395.58
  - c. Board Bills \$13,246.89
5. Pledges were reviewed

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Policy ABBA – North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for tobacco use 2nd Reading.
- b. Policy ABBA-AR - Tobacco Free Violations 2nd Reading.
- a. Policy GACE – Alternative methods of Credit for High School Graduation and Curriculum Requirement 2nd Reading.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Policy ABBA-North Dakota's Comprehensive Model School Policy for tobacco use. M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve Policy ABBA-BR-Tobacco Free Violations.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve Policy GACE – Alternative methods of Credit for High School Graduation and Curriculum Requirement.

#### SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- Enrollment Report: Total enrollment has not changed since our last report in January.

- SUI
- Accounting Software discussion
- Maintenance

- Scheduled Building Maintenance Assessment with Consolidated Construction

- Met with the team. \$2,500 for the Maintenance Assessment to include the school, house, bus barn, and baseball diamond building.

- Report will show short-and long-range priorities and give estimated historical costs associated with maintenance/replacement.

- New checklist and walk through documentation implemented with custodial staff.

- School Safety
- Elementary and High School bathroom doors have been removed for safety purposes.

- School Calendar Survey results
- 4-day, 4.5-day, and one Friday per month early release

- Activities/Extracurricular/Co-op
- Updates from Mr. Stockie, AD
- Mr. Stockie is working with the Minot regarding a Basketball Co-op.

- Upcoming Events
- March 2nd is Reading Month kick-off.

- March 10th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Prom – Saturday, April 18th

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Calendar
2. Staffing – Possible Early Childhood Program and K-12 Phy-Ed
3. Policy FFB – Attendance and Absences – 1st Reading
4. Policy FFE – Extracurricular Participation Requirements – 1st Reading
5. Policy DKBD – Teacher Discharge for a Cause – 1st Reading

1. Exhibit DKBD-E Office of Administrative Hearings Guidelines for Prehearing and Hearing Procedure Discharge for Cause Hearings – 1st Reading

2. Mandy Vigness

a. Student Recognition/Honor Society

b. Prom – After Prom Party sponsored by Sawyer Booster Club

1. Open Enrollments

M/S/C: Vigness/Jandl to approve the Early Child Director and Physical Education teacher openings.

M/S/C: Jandl/Vigness to approve 9 open enrollments.

Calendar: Next Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th at 5 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

Tim Folden, President

Patti Syverson, Business Manager

3/26/2026

#### LAKE HESTER TOWNSHIP

The Lake Hester Township will hold their equalization meeting on Friday, April 3rd 2026 at 11:00 a.m at the Karlsruhe Fire Hall.

Nancy Jundt, Clerk

3/26-4/02/2026

# Velva area Voice

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Ad and article submissions are due in our office by  
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