

# LEGAL NOTICES

# BLACK SANDS

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Beulah May 4, 2026

A public hearing will be held with City Council on May 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 120 Central Ave Nin Beulah, North Dakota, concerning an application for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 125-foot monopole with lightning rod, for a total height of 134 feet, to be located at 1208 Highway 49 North in Beulah, North Dakota, on property owned by Joel Freidt.

All interested parties may attend. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA.

  
Secretary/Building Official

(April 16 & 23, 2026)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Beulah Planning & Zoning April 27, 2026

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son, the grass is treated, sealed and the greens are covered with sand to help insulate the ground. Brent Torgerson said off-season preparation is a big project, which many of the golf course's members come out to help.

"Doing it well is important because it minimizes repairs when we charge the system in the spring," he said. "I also run a machine over all the fairways, tee boxes and fringes that cuts slits into the ground. That aerates the turf and helps snowmelt soak in instead of running off. There's a lot of general cleanup – branches, pine cones, pine straw, leaves. Then we set up tee markers, garbage cans, bag stands, range ropes, and fill the sand-and-seed boxes."

Once off-season prep is finished, the hope is that at least two feet of snow cover the area to protect it from frost and bleak conditions over the course of winter. But, Brady said, the winter snowfall was mild.

"It got cold for stretches, with only light snow, so that stuff makes me nervous as things wake up in spring," Brady said. "My dad and I have been working grounds with my cousin and few good volunteers to get the course ready. Thankfully, from what we've seen, everything survived the winter pretty well. I'm happy about that and it gets us excited for starting off this early as we are already in good shape."

In springtime, charging the irrigation system, which will be done over the next few weeks, is the hardest part of reviving the grounds, Brent said. Once again, the golf course leans on members to help with preparations.

"The rest isn't necessarily difficult, just timeconsuming," Brent said. "It's always nerveracking to see how the course – especially the greens – came through winter, and it appears we're in good shape this year."

### EXPANDING HOLE NO. 4

One of the newest features of the nine-hole course will be an expansion of Hole No. 4, which is a par 4 that will be changed to a par 5.

It will be the course's first major geographical change since 1983, when grass green complexes were installed. The golf course, formerly known as Beulah Municipal Golf Course,

has been operating since 1953. Brady said the expansion project will begin soon and hopefully be completed within a month.

"There's a lot to go into that," he said. "The course has to be re-rated and re-measured and we're working with a U.S. Golf Association professional who will do that work. We're excited because it turns a cool golf hole into a fantastic par 5, with elevation changes and a dogleg."

With the expansion of Hole No. 4, Brady said it makes Black Sands more of a traditional 36-par course, with two par 3 holes and, once this project is complete, two par 5 holes.

"What's nice is we can do this without having to do any major changes to the golf course," he said.

He explained the process of re-rating a golf course takes several steps to meet course rating and slope rating standards, which evaluates the playing difficulty of a course and affects a player's handicap. According to the USGA, an effective playing length of a hole is determined from the measurement of the tee to the hole, "adjusted for the impact of roll, wind, elevation changes, altitude, dog-legs and forced lay ups."

With the greens now wider, thanks to a 2023 spring project of cutting back fringe from the fairway, Brady said the course is looking great and will become even better once Hole No. 4 is complete.

"Everything has been healthy and everything looks great," he said. "This golf course is the nicest since I've been here."

Brent said once the project is complete, Black Sands Golf Course will become a par-72 course.

"The tee box on Hole 2 would need to be shared, so we'd have to expand that area and work out the logistics," Brent said. "We expanded the tee box on Hole 3 last year and it turned out really well, and we were able to use it the second half of the season."

Black Sands Golf Course has been a sense of pride for the entire Torgerson family, Brent said.

"The name and the coalslag traps are unique. We take pride in the overall appearance of the course and spend a lot of time babying the greens all summer," he said. "The clubhouse remodel and fullservice menu stand out, as well. We also poured a stampedconcrete patio that gives patrons a great view of the North Dakota sunset."

### MEMBERSHIP HOLDING STEADY

Brady said membership has been steady the last several years, with a noticeable uptick recently.

"Golf has seen a surge in interest since the COVID pandemic, and we've felt that here, too," Torgerson said. "I'd credit it to a few things: more families and juniors getting involved, people rediscovering golf as

a social outdoor activity, our increases services we now offer and the course consistently being in great shape. The community atmosphere at Black Sands plays a big role, as well."

Brent believes the golf course speaks for itself when it comes to enjoying the quality of the golfing experience. Getting the course back up to form after a long winter, he said, is most satisfying.

"The best part is that once you start working outside, you can feel spring in the air and winter behind us," he said. "The most satisfying moment is getting the greens ready – cutting the new cups and putting the flags out. It's like everyone doing spring yard work, except our yard is just a lot bigger."

"We like to think we're one of the best ninehole courses in the state," Brent said. "My whole family has been involved in golf our entire lives. We're proud of our food menu and the quality of what we serve, along with a fullservice bar with plenty of variety. We strive for great customer service, and the little things you do around a course make a difference. We have a great staff and work hard to provide an enjoyable experience."

### EVENTS FOR THE 2026 SEASON

The first golf tournament of the season will be Black Sands' annual Mimosas and Mulligans Tournament, which will be May 9, during Mother's Day weekend. Black Sands will also be hosting fundraiser tournaments for the Beulah Chamber of Commerce and the Beulah Miners high school football program, with dates yet to be determined.

Black Sands' own two-day, four-person scramble tournament will be held June 20-21.

Torgerson said the golf course will also be hosting the Dakota Junior Golf Association, which will hold two mini-tour events with a tour trailer to be on the premises June 24. Children can attend and be given free lessons, and everyone is welcome to have their clubs repaired and fitted.

As a U.S. Kids Golf-certified teacher, Torgerson will also be holding two four-day kids camps during the summer. The event was a hit last year, attracting as many as 28 kids.

Many of this season's golf events have yet to be scheduled, however, Torgerson urges those interested to follow Black Sands Golf Course's Facebook page, which the course actively uses for updates and event postings.

Black Sands offers a fully stocked pro shop, a year-around restaurant, called the Albatross, and runs several leagues during the season, including a men's and women's league, senior league and a couple's league. League play is expected to begin between the middle of May and the first week of June.

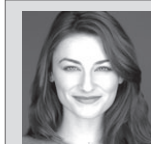
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