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may not be heard indoors, while sleeping, or during heavy rain and wind. Every household should have multiple ways to receive warnings, including:

- Wireless Emergency Alerts on your cell phone
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Local media outlets
- Trusted weather apps.

“Now is the time to identify your safe shelter location and review your family's severe weather plan. Being prepared before a warning is issued can save valuable time when every second counts and help answer questions that first responders do not always have the time or resources to answer when in an active emergency situation as we were in today. It's easy to take to social media and criticize why, but as a community, we must also prepare

and be weather aware at all times.”

Chief Laducer ended with this statement on Tuesday, “Stay weather aware and stay safe. Weather uncertainty remains in our area tomorrow as well. Watch for weather updates and plan accordingly.”

Staying weather aware is crucial, finding safety is a must during storms of this magnitude, and relying on facts first is also crucial during times of concern.

Lastly, Tribal Chairman Jamie Azure provided the following statement after the storm moved out of the Turtle Mountain Reservation on Tuesday: “What a day... We knew the potential for severe weather was there, but it was still shocking to see how quickly the storm moved into our community and the impact it left behind. While we are all grateful there were no fatalities or serious injuries, the damage to property ranged from minor to severe as a result of the extreme winds,

heavy rain, and hail that came through in such a short period of time.

“Since the storm, many community members have reached out regarding both immediate and long-term assistance for damage to their homes and property. I have responded to those who contacted me, and Tribal Council representatives have also been reaching out to assess needs and determine how we can best assist those affected. It is incredible how much damage can occur in a matter of minutes.

“What is equally incredible is witnessing the way our people come together in times of need. Neighbors helping neighbors, families helping families, and community members stepping up to lend a hand is what defines the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa community... Our strength has always been in our willingness to support one another. “I would also like to thank our staff who were out late into the



evening assisting community members and responding to requests for help.

“Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to the Belcourt Rural Fire Department for keeping me informed in real time throughout the event, along with following

community info posts and to our Tribal Emergency Response Director (Jenna Parisien) for taking the time to answer questions and provide updates to the community. Please continue to check on your family, friends, elders, and neighbors as recovery efforts

continue. We will get through this together, just as we always do... #ImStrong.”

Thank you to all the emergency responders for their work and commitment to safety for all during last week's storm.



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dial the number,” she said. “When I finally dialed it, my cell phone would not connect! I tried again and it finally connected and I was able to call Belcourt PD. I told them that I was ‘in need of immediate assistance’ as I am sure a tornado just hit my house. I also called one of my daycare parents and told them what had happened. The response time was extremely quick from the parents and the first responders. When they arrived, we were still all on the floor huddled together. One of the daycare dads took all the children as all the children were related. The first responders were examining all the children. Everybody then proceeded to go outside to inspect the damage except me. I stayed inside and got up off the floor and sat down in my recliner... I remember having a hard time to breathe and just crying. I do believe that during this time I had a panic attack and was in shock because when I decided to go outside there were already men, lots of men, on the roof repairing it and some walking around cleaning up debris.”

Kindra said she couldn't believe how quickly people were responding and helping after the storm had done serious damage to her home and property. “I couldn't believe the people that had responded so fast,” Kindra said. “I later learned that Councilman Craig Lunday had put out a post on Facebook asking for immediate assistance at our residence to help tarp the roof before it took on more water damage. When I went outside, I did notice that Councilmen Craig Lunday and Chad Counts were among the numerous people helping out.”

Kindra talked about the damages around her property, which displaced the family from their home last week. There was indeed extensive damage to the roof, she said.

“After inspection of the house and yard, besides the damages to roof, we noticed that our back deck that we use for a play area for our younger children was completely destroyed,” Kindra stated. “All their play equipment was crushed and broken. The back deck also has the railing broken all around it. One of our vehicles was dented multiple times along with our pontoon suffering multiple dents. My house has shattered windows and the ceiling is waterlogged from the missing roof despite the efforts to seal it quickly. Part of the ceiling in the entry way room has now collapsed as of today (Thursday).

I can tell the hallway bathroom, one bedroom, and the dining room have suffered severe water damage also.”

There was a ton of damage done at the Herman residence on Tuesday, but thankfully everyone was safe and no harm was done to anyone inside the daycare. And despite what the National Weather Service says, Kindra definitely knows what she saw and what they felt that scary Tuesday afternoon on Golf Course Road.

“There was speculation about if this was a tornado or not,” Kindra says. “The National Weather Service has now deemed it as

straight line wind gusts of 95 mph. Despite what they have determined, I am certain that what I saw out my window that day was the base of a tornado. No one can tell me different. This is an image that will stay burned into my mind forever. Later that day, after watching my son's video on snapchat and the security footage from our home cameras, I am certain that it was a tornado. Even if it briefly touched down, I know I seen it!”

As of Friday, Kindra and her family were safe and sound up at Sky Dancer Casino & Resort, where they were put up by Tribal Government. The Herman family hopes to be back in their home and getting back to their normal routine very soon.

“We are staying at the casino right now and hope to be back in our home soon,” Kindra said in closing. “I am very thankful to the Lord who was watching over us that day and that it was only property damage and there were no injuries. Material things can always be replaced but lives cannot. We will work on rebuilding, although I know it's going to take time, but we will get there. I would like to thank all the first responders, community members, family and friends, and Councilmen Craig Lunday and Chad Counts for their fast response time and lending a helping hand without hesitation. I am very proud and grateful to be part of this wonderful community. #TMStrong.”

HHS Awards More Than \$12 Million for Initiatives Across North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced an award of \$12,014,482 for the following programs and initiatives across North Dakota:

- \$4,562,442 to Minot Public School District 1 to support Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

- \$3,777,040 to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians to support Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

- \$3,675,000 to the University of North Dakota to provide technical assistance, information, and resources to improve healthcare in rural areas.

**100-297 High School Grant
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 15th, 2026 @ 11:30a.m.
Board Room, 1207 William Hardesty Street
Belcourt, ND 58316**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. CALL to ORDER
2. ADOPTION of AGENDA
3. ADOPTION of CONSENT AGENDA
 - 3.A - TMCS Superintendent - Dr. Shane Martin
 - 3.B - Approval of Minutes - 05/12/26
 - 3.C - Business Manager Reports - Duane Poitra
 - 3.D - TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque
 - 3.E. - Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 4.A - NONE
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 5.A - NONE
6. ADJOURNMENT



BELCOURT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7
1207 William Hardesty Street, Belcourt, ND 58316

AGENDA
Board of Education
Belcourt School District #7
Monday, June 15th, 2026 @ 12 NOON
Board Room



1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. OPEN MEETING COMMENTS (BCBA)
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. TMCS Superintendent/Athletic Director — Dr. Shane Martin
 - B. TMCS Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Board Report - Levi Gourneau
 - C. 2024-2026 Athletic Performance, Rehabilitation & Braves Engagement Progress Report: — Kayanna Trotter
 - D. Approval of Minutes 05/12/26 @ Noon
 - E. Approval of Minutes 0512/26 @ Noon
 - F. Ojibwa Indian School Principal Board Report — Angeliqne Bennett
 - G. Approval of Tuition Agreements — Duane Poitra
 - H. TMHS Board Report — Brad LaRocque
 - I. TMES Board Report — Shanna Davis-McCloud
 - J. Business Manager Reports — Duane Poitra
 - K. Approve the Purchase per Bids for (2) New Route Buses — Duane Poitra
6. BE LEGENDARY
 - A. TMCS 2025-2026 Math Admin Report — Claudette Gourneau
 - B. TMCS 2025-2026 ELA Admin Report — Claudette Gourneau
 - C. Board Self-Guardrails — Laurie Elliott
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. NONE
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Turtle Mountain Sports Official Association — Weston Poitra
 - B. Provide an Update on Title I — Duane Poitra/Earl Demery
 - C. Approval of Accounts Payable — Earl Demery
 - D. Canvass the June 2, 2026, School Board Election Results — Mike Day
9. ADJOURNMENT

NORTHERN PLAINS
Electric Cooperative

ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, June 11

Maddock Community Center
201 Central Ave Maddock, ND

Registration & complimentary meal
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 p.m.



All members welcome!

More information at www.nplains.com