



Military Gallery construction temporarily pauses at ND Heritage Center & State Museum



BISMARCK, N.D. — Construction of the Military Gallery addition to the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck will temporarily pause effective July 3, due to funding constraints. The pause is expected to remain in place through at least July 31, or until funding is resolved.

The \$78 million Military Gallery project, which broke ground in July 2025, is supported through a 50/50 combination of public and private funding. The 69th North Dakota Legislative Assembly authorized a \$20 million line of credit from the Bank of

North Dakota (BND), \$15 million from the state's Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund, and \$4.2 million to repay a BND line of credit accessed during the 2023-25 biennium—all to be matched by private-sector contributions. Fargo-based PACE Fundraising, hired by the North Dakota National Guard Foundation, has secured \$4.1 million in pledges to date. The fundraising campaign's goal is \$40 million.

This 70,000-square-foot—developed in partnership between the North Dakota National Guard and the State Historical Society of North Dakota and their foundations—will share stories of mili-

tary members and preserve their legacy for future generations. The building will include a 20,000-square-foot gallery, the North Dakota National Guard Regimental Room for up to 400 guests, a restaurant, courtyard, and amphitheater designed to serve the public and strengthen community engagement.

"This facility will stand as a lasting tribute to our veterans and honor the 4,000 North Dakotans who gave their lives for their country," said State Historical Society Director Bill Peterson. "We will work hard to find a solution to continue construction."

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o School Psychologist

Resignations/Retirements
• Kimberly Moors - TMCHS Principal's Secretary/ Administrative Assistant

Reassignments
As outlined in BSD Policy DFC, all reassignments are made in the best interest of the Belcourt School District and require approval from the staff member, their supervisor, the building principal, the TMCS Assistant Superintendent, and the TMCS Superintendent.

• No new Reassignments

TMCS Alternative School Administrator Position
o **Recommendation for Hire: Michelle Delorme**
o Finalists: Samantha Grant, Barbara Delorme, Michelle Delorme, and Jordan Dionne.
o Other applicants: Robert Poitra and Ann Longie

MOTION is to hire Michelle Delorme as the Alternative School Administrator utilizing HS Grant ISEP Funds as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Dr. Wanda Parisien, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

TMCHS Social Studies/Native American Teacher — Levi Gourneau

o **Recommendation for Hire: Chris Azure**
o Applicants: Chris Azure and Sadie Frederick
HS - Social Studies-Native American Studies Teacher - Rating Sheet - 4-29-26

MOTION is to hire Chris Azure as the HS Social Studies/Native American Teacher utilizing HS Grant ISEP funds as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

TMCHS Health Occupations Teacher — Levi Gourneau

o **Recommendation for Hire: Rainy Allery**
o Finalists: Julia Davis, Rainy Allery, and Lori Gourneau
o Other applicants: Clint Parisien, Erin Trottier-Garrison, Adrienne Vondal, and Chelbi Laducer
TMCHS - Health Occupations Teacher Rating Sheet - Signed
MOTION is to hire Rainy Allery as the TMCHS Health Occupa-

tions Teacher utilizing CTE General Funds as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

9. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. This motion, made by Allen Schlenvogt and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
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Allan Malaterre,
Board President
Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra,
Business Manager
Belcourt School District

Belcourt School District #7
Special Board Meeting (Tuesday, May 12, 2026)
@ 12:30 p.m.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Present
Teri LaFountain:	Present
Allan Malaterre:	Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Present
Allen Schlenvogt:	Present
Scotty Vandal:	Present

1. CALL TO ORDER
Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at 12:30 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Wanda Parisien and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
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3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Tiny Turtles Preschool Program Title I Schoolwide Plan - Debbe Poitra

TTPP is required to apply to ND DPI as a Title I Schoolwide program operating on its own reports and merits. Therefore, I am submitting the Title I Schoolwide Program. Cover Page and TTPP Executive Summary for your approval.

MOTION to approve the TTPP Schoolwide documents; cover page and executive summary as

submitted. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Allen Schlenvogt, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
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B. Approval of Retaining LSE Architects of Minneapolis, MN per Proposal Submitted for the Architect Services for the Physical Education Gymnasium Project - Duane Poitra

A Request for Proposals for architect services for the construction of a two-court stand-alone Physical Education Gymnasium was advertised on April 6, 2026, and was closed on April 27, 2026. The submitted proposals were opened and scored using a matrix summary. (Attached below)

On May 5, 2026, the Construction Committee elected to interview the two highest matrix scoring architect firms. Both architect firms were interviewed on May 8, 2026.

The interview scoring matrix summary and cost proposal amounts (attached) showed the architect firm LSE Architects to score slightly higher than Jiran Architects.

The recommendation is to accept the proposal for architect services on the construction of a stand-alone Physical Education Gymnasium submitted by LSE Architects. Architect Services for Phy Ed Gymnasium Project backup

MOTION is to accept the proposal for architect services on the construction of a stand-alone Physical Education Gymnasium submitted by LSE Architects. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1	

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. This motion, made by Scotty Vandal and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure:	Absent
Eric Dionne:	Yes
Teri LaFountain:	Yes
Allan Malaterre:	Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien:	Yes
Allen Schlenvogt:	Yes
Scotty Vandal:	Yes
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is requesting sealed bids for the following:

- Demolition and Site Preparation
- Sidewalk Paving
- Seeding and Mulching

Please Contact Curtis Keplin (curtis.keplin@bie.edu) or Tyson Jeannotte at O: 701-499-2089 (tjeannotte@houstoneng.com) for the specification regarding this project.

Project manual can also be obtained from Quest CDN at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan by inputting Quest project # 10267468 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in a free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Bidder is required to include a 3% TERO Fee and 1% EPA Fee to bids 10,000 or more. Each Prime Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in form and amount required by Invitation to Bid pledging that the Bidder will enter into a Contract with Owner on terms stated in his Bid and will furnish bonds as described in the Conditions of The Contract covering faithful performance of Contract and payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Should bidder refuse to enter into such Contract or fail to furnish such bonds, amount of bid security shall be forfeited to Owner as liquidated damages, not as penalty.

Must specify 3% TERO Fee
Must specify 1% EPA Fee

All bids should be accompanied by proof of liability insurance and a bid bond of 20%

All seal bids should be address and mailed to:
Turtle Mountain Property Department
Attn: Alan Malaterre
4180 Highway 281
PO Box 900
Belcourt, ND 58316

No faxed or email bid proposals will be accepted.

All Tribal and TERO Regulations will be applicable and must be concurred with.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals and readvertise when it is in the best interest of the tribe.

All bid proposals must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. (CST) July 27, 2026

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Department of Natural Resources is requesting sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new compact telehandler for use in forestry operations, tree trimming, wildfire mitigation, park maintenance, trail construction, habitat restoration, material handling, and general public works activities.

The machine offered shall be new, unused, current production, and meet or exceed the following minimum specifications.

- One (1) New Compact Telehandler:**
General Specifications
- Four-wheel drive
 - Four-wheel steering with multiple steering modes
 - Hydrostatic transmission or equivalent
 - Diesel engine
 - EPA Final Tier 4 compliant
 - Minimum 70 horsepower
 - Operating weight between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds

- Performance Requirements**
- Minimum lift capacity: **6,500 pounds**
 - Minimum lift height: **42 feet**
 - Forward reach: Minimum 28 feet
 - Lift capacity maintained throughout operating range in accordance with manufacturer specifications
 - Frame leveling system

Attachments Included
Machine shall include the following attachments:

- Heavy-duty pallet forks
- General-purpose bucket (minimum 1.5 cubic yards)
- Hydraulic grapple bucket
- Hydraulic root grapple
- Hydraulic brush grapple
- Personnel work platform meeting OSHA requirements
- Tree boom/jib attachment with lifting hook

- Forestry Requirements**
Machine shall be capable of:
- Loading logs
 - Moving brush piles
 - Handling trees
 - Assisting with tree trimming
 - Supporting wildfire suppression operations
 - Loading trailers
 - Handling pallets of seed, fencing materials, culverts, and construction supplies
 - Operating on rough terrain, trails, and park roads

- Optional Bid Items**
Provide pricing for the following options separately:
- Hydraulic forestry winch attachment
 - Tree shear attachment
 - Rotary brush cutter attachment
 - Stump bucket
 - Auger drive with assorted bits
 - Snow bucket

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BOOM, HYDRAULICS, CAB, TIRES, SAFETY EQUIPMENT, WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TM NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR, JEFF DESJARLAIS AT 701 477-2640.

Bidder is required to include 3% TERO Fee to bid of \$10,000.00 or more. Must specify 3% TERO Fee.

All sealed bids must be addressed and mailed to:
Allan Malaterre, TM Property Director
PO Box 900
4180 Highway 281
Belcourt, ND 58316-0900
Contact No: 701 477-2635

Faxed bids will not be accepted.

All Tribal and TERO Regulations will be applicable, and must be concurred with.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Closing Date: All bids must be received on or before the close of business at 4:30 p.m., July 17, 2026.