

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
May 14, 2026
1:30 PM CDT

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least five days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.
Karl Rockeman, P.E.
Deputy Director
Department of Environmental Quality

CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2026

Meeting called to order by Mayor Eric Casson at 6:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Becky Berg, Lisa Guswelle, Kisa Kindsvogel, Mayor Eric Casson

Others Present: City Attorney Jennifer Gooss, City Auditor Cassie Smith, Julie Hein
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attorney Gooss recommended adding the motions from the previous special meeting to the current agenda. Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to add motions from the special meeting to current agenda. All voted aye, motion carried.

Nobody signed up or public comment.

Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to appoint Becky Berg to the open council seat. All voted aye, motion carried.

Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to appoint Cassie Smith to the auditor position at \$24.50/hour with a \$1/hour increase after 6 months, pending completion of background check, credit check and offer agreement, and contingent on successful performance and completion of auditor certification. All voted aye, motion carried.

Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to add Mayor Casson and Auditor Smith to the bank account as authorized check signers. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kindsvogel moved and Berg seconded to approve the sale of the condo at unit 103 Block 1 Hazel Miner 2nd Addition as of March 31, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kindsvogel moved and Berg seconded to approve the tractor club's local raffle permit. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kindsvogel moved and Berg seconded to approve the corrected minutes from the special meeting on March 26, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kindsvogel moved and Guswelle seconded to replace language in the special meeting minutes to reflect that the "Executive Session" was a reconvening of the special meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Kindsvogel moved and Berg seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the March 9, 2026 regular council meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Some discussion was held regarding changing the names of some line items on the Claim Approval list to give a more accurate description.

Guswelle moved and Berg seconded to pay the bills listed on the Claim Approval list. All voted aye, motion carried.

Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to approve the check register, with Kindsvogel recusing from the Center Machine, Inc bill. All voted aye, motion carried.

Tray Brownlee from CB Accounting explained the revenue and expense reports provided. Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to approve the Expense and Revenue Reports for March and tabled February's approval until next month. All voted aye, motion carried.

Personal Appearances:

Janet Erhardt resurfaced her cracked driveway issue. Discussion was held.

Guswelle moves and Kindsvogel seconded to seek up to three bids to fix Erhardt's personal property damaged by city property. All voted aye, motion carried.

Attorney Gooss asked Auditor to notify NDIRF to see if that is something they could help to fund.

Will Sherwin would like to be able to pay his water bill to the city. Southwest Water Authority would be able to better service his location, but Southwest Water Authority needs the city to deny him service before they will service that location.

Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded to deny water service to Will Sherwin's location. All vote aye, motion carried.

Keth Vitek appeared on behalf of Kristen Henke to close a section of Hwy 48 Old Settler's Days. Mayor Casson reported that the process had already been started and we are just waiting on signatures. All voted aye, motion carried.

Tray Brownlee of CB Accounting said he had reached out to Simenson and it was her responsibility to repay what was should not have been paid to her. Council questioned if Keith Reuther's wages come from the water, sewer or garbage account. Brownlee indicated that would be clearer and more accurate with the updated time sheets being used by staff.

Director of Maintenance, Keith Reuther, requested to purchase a torch kit and that the Golf Board is willing to split the cost. Three estimates were provided.

Guswelle moved to accept Runnings' bid, and consequently amended her motion to accept Center Machine Inc's torch kit bid for \$552.96 with the understanding that the Golf Board will split the cost. Berg seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed with Kindsvogel abstaining.

Mayor Casson asked for recommendation for fixing the curb stop.

Pool Manager Shandy reported she will be starting lifeguard lessons when pool classes are open. Concerns regarding employee retention were expressed given the hourly wages being paid. There was discussion held regarding proposed raises in wages and costs for services. Increasing our rates may help our situation and suggestions were provided for consideration.

Berg moved and Kindsvogel seconded to accept the increase suggestions with a couple of changes. Thirty-minute private lessons will be increased to \$25, sixty-minute private lessons will be increased to \$50 and group lessons increased to \$80.

Berg amended her motion to also increase the cost of Exerswim to \$8 and Kindsvogel seconded the amendment, all prices taking effect May 1, 2026. All voted aye, motion passed.

If the pool needs supplies, they can call D&E. Mayor Casson would like to see increases for pool staff. Berg offered to take on this task for next meeting.

Old Business:

Bonus for Staff: Mayor Casson stated it was recommended by Abby to not back-pay raises but do increase wages in the future. Kaya's position and wages were discussed. Attorney Gooss recommended to look into budgets, conduct performance evaluations, and have any raises take effect January 1 of the following year.

Guswelle wants to increase employee wages by \$2/hour and bring lifeguards up to a minimum of \$12/hour based on conversations with other similarly-sized municipalities. Wage discussion ensued.

Troy Hatzenbihler joined the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Water hook-up: Hatzenbihler has asked to see if Black Mountain can set up a separate ACH account for new hook-up charges so that the customer can make a regular monthly payment and the balance continues to decrease until paid in full. Attorney Gooss advised that interest should be included on that going forward per last month's minutes and that each of those accounts should be billed monthly in addition to water bill, otherwise auditor would have to send a bill monthly. Attorney Gooss will provide an amortization schedule. Hatzenbihler will contact parties and relay the message.

Kindsvogel moved and Hatzenbihler seconded to table this discussion to the next meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Sletten 62 Water Service: wants to stop billing a base rate because there is not a home on the lot. Attorney Gooss says we should not be billed. Berg Believes there is a more updated ordinance to refer to. Auditor is to locate most updated ordinance for Chapter 7. Vickie Meckle is asking if she has to pay for water and garbage since the house is being torn down. She could be approached with what is found in Chapter 7 of the city's ordinance.

Guswelle moved and Hatzenbihler seconded to table this for the next meeting. All voted aye, motion passed.

14 Oranges is an app for accepting credit card payments on our website. This was supposed to have been cancelled back in February. Auditor will call to cancel if it was auto-renewed.

Electrical issues in the Fit4Life men's bathroom. There are light fixtures and outlets that need to be addressed. The Park Board will be taking over Fit4Life on January 1, 2027. This could be a safety issue. Guswelle moved and Berg seconded to replace the problem fixtures with LED lights and have Keith Reuther hire the electrician.

Guswelle amended her motion and Berg seconded the amendment to replace all of Fit4Life's light fixtures with LED's with Keith Reuther hiring the electrician. This is to be paid with funds earned from rent and gym membership fees. All voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding direct deposits for council members. Auditor Smith, Hein and Mayor Casson will look into this for the next meeting. Kindsvogel moved and Hatzenbihler seconded to table this for the next meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

New, separate phones were discussed for Council and some staff. Tablets for Council were also discussed to eliminate all the work and cost of paper copies for meetings. Bids from Verizon were provided. Guswelle stated we may also need to consider insurance to cover potential damage to devices. Berg suggested that the Council should hold off on making a decision about these devices for a couple of months to see if communication improves between office and council.

The garbage and sewer portfolios were distributed to Berg from Mayor Casson's portfolio.

Guswelle brought to Council's attention that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She read the proclamation for the record. Guswelle moved and Kindsvogel seconded for the City of Center to deem the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. All voted aye, motion carried.

Guswelle asked to extend the expiration date of the Golf Clubhouse Contract by five years to December 31, 2031 instead of December 31, 2026. Guswelle moved and Berg seconded to extend the lease to December 31, 2026. All voted no, motion denied.

Discussion was held regarding additional rental fees to recoup expenses for repairs to the Clubhouse. Berg moved and Kindsvogel seconded to table until the next meeting to allow time for Attorney Gooss to review the contract. All voted aye, motion carried.

Next meeting will be on May 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center Meeting Room.

Berg moved and Guswelle seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

(04-16-2026)

SECTION 324 NOTICE

In compliance with federal law, the Oliver County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) gives notice that the Oliver County Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports have been received and reviewed by the Oliver County LEPC.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Mercer-Oliver County Emergency Manager's Office within the Mercer County Courthouse at 410 Van Slyck Ave, Stanton, ND between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

(04-16-2026) (04-23-2026)

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Oliver County Courthouse, 115 W Main St, Center, North Dakota, to consider an amendment to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Ordinances for the Wind Energy Facilities portion of the Ordinance to add language regarding a one

mile setback from non-participating residences. To see the changes, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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guage, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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provision change. To see the amendment language, a copy can be obtained at the Oliver County Auditor's office at the Oliver County Courthouse. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

(04-16-2026)(04-23-2026)

NOTICE OF PERMIT

Craig Gaube of Bismarck, ND, has applied for a conditional use permit to build a home within the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 9, 141-82 of Oliver County, North Dakota. Take further notice that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to the provision of Section 17.3 of the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance will hold a public hearing on the request. The hearing will be held

at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 30th, 2026, in the Meeting Room of the Oliver County Courthouse at 115 West Main St, Center, North Dakota. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2026

Chairman Richard Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 7:31 p.m. on March 17, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were Shiloh Becher, Kelly Erhardt, and John Schwab. Administrators present were Secondary Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.

Business:
Teacher Contracts. Erhardt presented a list of teacher contracts for board approval. K. Erhardt made a motion to approve the following teacher contracts: Janolyn Aichele (\$53,750.00), Alison Erhardt (\$13,188.00), Lacey Hanson (\$61,950.00), Keith Leintz

(\$71,250.00), Shanna Meier (\$48,750.00), Daniel Olson (\$48,750.00), Rebecca Sanders (\$58,255.00), Lynn Schwalk (\$67,141.00), Laurie Thompson (\$54,250.00), Sarah Yunker (\$48,750.00), and Daniel Young (\$53,250.00). Becher seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Schwab-yes, Becher-yes, K. Erhardt-yes, Schmidt-yes. M/C.

Ancillary Wages. Becher made a motion to accept the ancillary staff increases as presented. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Superintendent Update. The board will look at options for a temporary superintendent to fill in until Mr. Hill is able to return.

Resignation. Erhardt read a letter of resignation from Phillip Gaugler, resigning from his yearbook advisor position at the end of

the 2025-2026 school year. Schwab made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Building Fund Levy Vote. Becher made a motion to add the building fund levy vote on the June ballot and have it state raising the cap from 5 to 20 mills. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C.

Schmidt adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board.

Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager

(04-16-2026)