

Funding Opportunity Opens To Improve Maternal Health Across North Dakota

Often times mothers enter pregnancy carrying the effects of earlier life experiences. In North Dakota, nearly six in ten mothers have experienced at least one adverse childhood experience, and almost three in ten have experienced three or more, according to the Health and Well-being in North Dakota Closerup: Maternal Health Report, released by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND) Caring Foundation. These experiences are closely linked to increased risks of depression, unintended pregnancy and challenges during and after pregnancy.

To help address these challenges, the Caring Foundation invites organizations supporting maternal health care in North Dakota to apply for a Maternal Health Grant.

Each year, BCBSND Caring Foundation invests in community-based, data-driven initiatives that support pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum care and early parenthood. Selected organizations will receive grants to address care gaps and improve outcomes for mothers and families statewide.

“Community-driven solutions are key to improving maternal health, and we are proud to support organizations advancing maternal health in communities across North Dakota,” said Amber Blomberg, BCBSND Caring Foundation executive director.

“Thanks to the generosity of the BCBSND Caring Foundation, Richland County Health Department’s Maternal & Child Health program experienced a significant growth this past year,” said Kayla Carlson, health services director of Richland County Health Department. “This support has allowed us to meet an increase in requests for visits and services, giving us the capacity to reach more families, strengthen access to essential care, and positively influence health outcomes for both moms and newborns. BCBSND Caring Foundation has made a tangible difference in our community, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue this important work.”

Grant Details

• Application period: April 1 to April 30, 2026

- Who can apply: North Dakota-based nonprofits and community organizations
- Maternal Health Grants could include:
 - o Expand access to prenatal and postpartum care
 - o Maternal health education and outreach
 - o Mental health and wellness

support for mothers and families

- o Community-driven and culturally responsive care solutions
- o Organizations working to advance care in maternal health are encouraged to apply at www.bcb-snd.com/maternalhealthgrant and be a part of creating healthier outcomes for mothers, families and future generations.

Proceedings Of The Mountrail County Planning Commission

MINUTES MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 23, 2026

The meeting of the Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Charlie Sorenson with Commissioners Cameron Tomjack, Trudy Ruland, Joan Hollekim, Tess Jarmin, Arlo Borud and Jesse Weyrauch present. Absent were Commissioners Darren LeRohl and Doug Bratvold. Also present were Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Assistant Malinda Gunderson, Mountrail County State’s Attorney Wade Enget, Mountrail County Tax Equalization Director Kim Savage, Mountrail County Property Assessor Lisa Wolla and Mountrail County Auditor Stephanie Pappa. Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Administrator Melissa Vachal was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Jarmin, to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Commissioner Hollekim, seconded by Commissioner Weyrauch, to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

1. 8:35 a.m. Schenk LLC-Applciant; Brent & Kayla Wollschlager-Landowners; (PZ-2026-0001) Temporary Fresh Water Industrial Use Point of Diversion
Zoning Request/Temporary Fresh Water Industrial Use Point of Diversion for the following described property: a tract of land 155.43 acres more or less located in the SE¼ of Section 36, Township 152 North, Range 91 West (Van Hook Township) (Parcel# 45-0015200).
The applicant (represented by Ron Schenk with Schenk LLC) is seeking a Temporary Fresh Water Industrial Use Point of Diversion for the purpose of pumping water via lay flat hose for industrial use. This application is a renewal but it is being brought in front of the board due to the project being located along Shell Creek. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Ruland, to approve the zoning request filed by Schenk LLC with concurrence from Brent & Kayla Wollschlager-landowners, for a temporary conditional use permit for a Temporary Fresh Water Industrial Use Point of Diversion to pump water via lay flat hose for industrial use on a tract of land 155.43 acres more or less located in the SE¼ Section 36, Township 152 North, Range 91 West (Van Hook Township) contingent upon adhering to the ND State Temporary Water Permit ND2025-23365 valid 2/23/26 through 1/31/27 and adhering to Mountrail County Road & Bridge and/or township(s) temporary ROW use requirements as Schenk LLC with concurrence from Brent & Kayla Wollschlager-landowners, has met all criteria as set forth in the Mountrail County Land Development Code and is further contingent upon Schenk LLC with concurrence from Brent & Kayla Wollschlager-landowners, complying with all other terms and conditions of the Mountrail County Land Development Code. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

2. 8:38 a.m. Sundre Sand & Gravel Company Inc.-Applciant; Jerome Harstad & Jay Harstad-Landowners; (PZ-2026-0008) Conditional Use
Zoning Request/Conditional Use Permit for the following described property: a tract of land 80.00 acres more or less, located in the NE¼ of Section 23, Township 154 North, Range 89 West (Oakland Township) (Parcel# 30-0009300).
The applicant (represented by Dave Abel with Sundre Sand & Gravel Company Inc.) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to mine gravel on land zoned Agricultural. Dylan Stammen, neighboring landowner, was present to express his concerns about the dust given its proximity to his property. Mr. Abel offered to meet with him before they start the project. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

Moved by Commissioner Borud, seconded by Commissioner Jarmin, to approve the zoning request filed by Sundre Sand & Gravel Company Inc. with concurrence from Jerome Harstad & Jay Harstad-landowners, for a Conditional Use Permit to mine gravel on land zoned Agricultural on a tract of land 80.00 acres more or less, located in the NE¼ of Section 23, Township 154 North, Range 89 West (Oakland Township) (Parcel# 30-0009300).
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Moved by Commissioner Ruland, to approve the zoning request filed by Sundre Sand & Gravel Company Inc. with concurrence from John Dhuyvetter & Kevin Dhuyvetter-landowners, for a Conditional Use Permit to mine gravel on land zoned Agricultural on a tract of land 80.00 acres more or less, located in the E¼SW¼ of Section 33, Township 158 North, Range 90 West (Sidonia Township) (Parcel# 03-0014900).
The applicant (represented by Dave Abel with Sundre Sand & Gravel Company Inc.) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to mine gravel on land zoned Agricultural. Applicant has met all requirements of the Planning & Zoning Board.

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Proceedings Of The Mountrail County Park Commission

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION JANUARY 15, 2026

The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Eric Jaeger, Arden Eide, Jason Rice present and John DeGroot & Wayne Olson via GoToMeeting. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney was absent.

Also in attendance were Justin & Dawn Ritts, Jared Iverson, Steve Nelson, Steve Littlefield, Mallory Goff and Morgan Olnia.

Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve as corrected the special Minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to nominate Eric Jaeger as Chairman. Nominations ceased. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to nominate Arden Eide as Vice Chairman. Nominations ceased. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor reviewed the 2025 financials with the board.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the signing of the corrected Construction Agreement between the Park Board and Tooz Construction for the building of the bathhouses at Van Hook, Parshall Bay and White Earth Bay totaling \$1,244,421. Upon roll call, Eide, Jaeger, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:
The building permits were supplied to the board.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer of Lot 9, Block 2 from Robert Helseth to Ryan Nesheim. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers had no comments.

CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:
Steve Nelson, Manager of Clear Lake gave an update. Discussion was held on the 2026 budget and salaries for Clear Lake.

WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:

Jared Iverson, Manager of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers discussed the ongoing paperwork for the bathhouse on the AMP.

PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:
Mallory Goff, Parshall Bay Manager gave an update on the park. Discussion was held on the salaries for 2026.

Moved by Comm. Jaeger, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the salaries of \$20 an hour for John & Kelly Larson; Corie Haugeberg at \$23 an hour; Kim Knudson at \$25 an hour; Verla Walter at \$19 an hour & Dori Hill at \$19 an hour. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers had no comments.

ONGOING DISCUSSION:
Discussion was held on the 2026 Annual Management Plans with deadline being March 31, 2026.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the Annual Management Plans to the Corps for 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the G&F cost share requests for 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Jaeger, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the signing of the G&F O&M agreement for the fish cleaning stations totaling \$25,000. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to move the March 19th meeting to March 30th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:
The Board adjourned at 10:38 A.M. to meet in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 30th day of March, 2026.
Eric Jaeger
Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:
Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor

McAlmond Township Equalization Meeting

The McAlmond Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roger Vesey residence.

Gary Swensrud, Township Clerk

McGahan Township Equalization Meeting

The Tax Equalization Meeting of McGahan Township will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.

Mary Odom Pond, Township Clerk

Model Township Equalization Meeting

The Model Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parshall Ambulance Building.

Joy Braaflat, Township Clerk

Mountrail Township Equalization Meeting

The Mountrail Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of the chairman Dustin Schenfisch, 3251 60th Ave NW, Makoti.

Deidre Goedeken, Township Clerk

Palermo Township Equalization Meeting

The Palermo Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Adam and Kendra Evensvold residence, 6481 72nd Ave. NW, Palermo, ND 58769.

Kendra Evensvold, Township Clerk

Rat Lake Township Equalization Meeting

The Rat Lake Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.

Brian Uran, Township Clerk

Sidonia Township Equalization Meeting

The Sidonia Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the EOC room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.

Kelly Hanson, Township Clerk

Sikes Township Equalization Meeting

The Sikes Township Tax Equalization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the EOC Room at the Mountrail County Courthouse.

Konni Bohrer, Township Clerk

White Earth Township Equalization Meeting

The Tax Equalization Meeting of White Earth Township will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the White Earth City Hall.

Britta Enget, Township Clerk/Treasurer

Van Hook Township Equalization Meeting

The Tax Equalization Meeting of Van Hook Township will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Jay Snyder shop.

Jay Snyder, Township Clerk