

North Dakota Game And Fish News

Deer Lottery Held, Licenses Remain

North Dakota's deer gun lottery has been held. More than 72,000 individuals applied for a deer gun lottery license, in addition to over 12,000 gratis applicants. The 2026 deer gun proclamation allowed for 39,100 deer gun season licenses.

More than 1,200 licenses remain. Only resident applicants who were unsuccessful in the lottery can apply online for remaining licenses beginning July 1, with a deadline of July 15.

Licenses will be mailed to successful applicants in early August.

Remaining Deer Gun Licenses including Unit, Type, Available: 3A1, Any antlerless, 234; 3A2, Any antlerless, 129; 3F1, Any antlerless, 101; 3F1, Antlerless white-tail, 151; 3F2, Any antlerless, 478; 3F2, Antlerless white-tail, 151

Grouse Surveys

Each spring, North Dakota Game and Fish Department staff count the number of male sharp-tailed grouse, greater prairie chickens and greater sage grouse dancing on leks, while also tallying the number of male ruffed grouse drumming in suitable aspen habitats.

These surveys serve as relative indices of spring breeding populations.

"The sharp-tailed grouse counts were mixed across the state this spring, which resulted in an unchanged statewide count compared to 2025," said Jesse Kolar, department upland game management supervisor.

This result was better than expected following poor reproduction

and decreases in adult sharptail densities in last summer's roadside surveys and the 24 percent decrease in hunter harvest last fall.

"Thus, we expected to see very poor numbers for lek counts this spring, but we suspect that our mild winter led to minimal mortality and helped minimize losses after the cool and wet summer of 2025," Kolar said.

By district, observers saw 4.9 males per square mile in the south-west, down 8 percent from 2025; 5 males per square mile in the prairie potholes, up 2 percent; and 2.9 males per square mile in the drift prairie, up 10 percent from last year. The only remaining survey block in the Red River Valley is Grand Forks County, which is not a primary region for sharptails but was up 9 percent from last year.

Ruffed grouse survey results indicated an uptick in drums heard in the Turtle Mountains (+40 percent) and a decrease in the Pembina Hills (-15 percent) compared to 2025.

"In contiguous forest habitats, ruffed grouse numbers usually rise and fall in cycles, but because habitat in North Dakota is isolated and fragmented, we have not seen these peaks, but the population has been increasing slightly since 2019," Kolar said.

Small greater prairie chicken populations remain in Grand Forks County and the Sheyenne National Grasslands but overall, North Dakota no longer holds enough suitable, intact tallgrass prairie to support a huntable population.

Only one male and one female sage grouse were observed in 2026.

Both sage grouse and greater prairie chicken hunting seasons will remain closed.

Overall, the long-term outlook for our native prairie grouse remains a concern due to grassland conversion, fragmentation and woody encroachment on prairies.

Operation Dry Water: Heightened Boating Enforcement July 3-5

As boating traffic increases over the Fourth of July weekend, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, along with other law enforcement agencies, will increase on-the-water patrols and enforcement as part of Operation Dry Water, a national campaign focused on preventing boating under the influence. From July 3-5, officers will take part in the initiative in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Alcohol use remains the leading contributing factor in recreational boating fatalities. As part of Operation Dry Water, Game and Fish will focus on public education, compliance checks, and enforcement efforts designed to identify and remove impaired vessel operators from the water. Boaters can expect an increased law enforcement presence, including targeted patrols and sobriety checks in high-traffic areas.

"The Fourth of July weekend is one of the busiest times of the year on the water," said Jackie Lundstrom, Department enforcement operation supervisor. "Boating under the influence is completely preventable, and it puts everyone at risk. Our wardens will be actively enforcing BUI laws to help ensure a safe holiday weekend for all waterway users."

Regardless of whether you are

operating a vessel or riding as a passenger, alcohol- or drug-impaired boating increases the risk of incidents, injuries and fatalities. In North Dakota, it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent or higher. The department urges boaters to always boat sober and utilize a life jacket when on or near water.

Visit operationdrywater.org or gf.nd.gov for more information about safe boating.

Inspect All Boats, Docks and Lifts Before Buying or Selling

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department urges people to check boats, trailers, docks, lifts, and all other water-related equipment for aquatic nuisance species before buying or selling. During summer, there is an elevated risk of having ANS, like zebra mussels, attached to submerged equipment.

North Dakota requires all docks, lifts and related equipment to be dried and left out of the water for at least 21 days before being placed in another water.

Ben Holen, Game and Fish Department ANS coordinator, said "While often overlooked, docks and lifts are one of the highest risk vectors for starting new zebra mus-

sel infestations. Following the 21-day out-of-water rule is critical to preventing the spread of mussels to cabin lakes in North Dakota."

Protecting our waters is everyone's responsibility. Please remember to follow all North Dakota regulations:

- Remove aquatic vegetation before leaving the water access and do not import into North Dakota.
- Drain all water before leaving the water access.
- Remove drain plugs and de-

vices that hold back water and leave open and out during transport.

• Do not import aquatic bait into the state. For Class I ANS Infested waters, aquatic bait cannot be transported away from the water during the open-water months. At all other waters, bait must be transported in a container that holds 5 gallons or less. It is illegal to dump unused bait on shore or into the lake.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, visit the department's website at gf.nd.gov.

AARP Fraud Alert: Moving Scams, More Than Your Stuff At Stake

Summer is peak moving season, and who you hire matters. Criminals often advertise low prices and provide unusually cheap estimates, sometimes without even seeing your belongings.

Once hired, they may demand a cash deposit or full payment up front, raise the price at the last minute, or hold your belongings hostage until you pay more. In some cases, they never show up at all.

To help avoid scams and find a reputable mover, get written esti-

mates from multiple companies and research each one carefully. Check reviews and verify credentials before hiring. With so much to manage during a move, choosing the right moving company is one detail worth sweating.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call AARP's free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of AARP's fraud specialists about what to do next.

Minutes Of The New Town School District No. 1

NEW TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES JUNE 10, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Young Bird, BJ Brady, DJ Driver (via phone), and Marietta Heart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Bratvold (arrived at 8:27 p.m.)

Present: 5, Absent: 0 OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Bluestone, Nancy Reimer, Tanya Houle, Robert Smith, Jackie Wollschlager, Orrin Weyrauch, Jenell Bear, Amy Dana, Sharon Dana, Devontae Riley, and Jeff Thake.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m. Marietta Heart arrived at 7:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by BJ Brady and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

3. Community Input

There is none at this time.

4. Principal Reports

Jenell Bear presented the elementary school report.

Amy Dana presented the middle school report.

Robert Smith presented the high school report.

5. Athletic Director Report

Orrin Weyrauch presented the athletic director report.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approve ACBF - Medical Marijuana Policy (Second Reading)

b. Approve Amended ACEB - Hazing Policy (Second Reading)

c. Approve Amended BBBA - Officers of the Board Policy (First Reading)

d. Approve Amended DBBA to BCAC - Minutes Policy (Second Reading)

e. Approve DBAD - Savings Clause Policy (Second Reading)

f. Approve DEAD - Staff Use of Electronic Devices Policy (Second Reading)

g. Approve Amended DKB - Contracted Staff Resignations and Request for Release From Contract (Second Reading)

h. Approve FFC - Bus Conduct Policy (Second Reading)

i. Approve Amended FG - Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy (Second Reading)

j. Approve Amended IDB - Risk Management Policy (Second Reading)

k. Approve Amended JBFAA to JBA - Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities Policy (Second Reading)

l. Approve IEAA - Bus Safety Policy (Second Reading)

m. Approve Amended FAB - School Assignment Policy (Second Reading)

n. Approve GAAE - Critical Race Theory Policy (First Reading)

o. Approve ABAB-AR - Extracurricular Scheduling Regulation

p. Approve AAC-BR2 - Computer Software Regulation

q. Approve ABEA-AR2 - Physical Activity and Recession Regulation

r. Approve ABEA-AR3 - Smart Snacks in Schools Regulation

s. Approve ABEC-AR - Adult Meals Regulation

t. Approve ACBB-AR1 - Responding to Potential Health Threats Regulation

u. Approve ACBB-AR2 - Universal Precautions and Sanitary Cleanup Regulation

v. Rescind ACBB-E - Universal Precautions & Sanitary Cleanup

w. Reaffirm ACBC-AR - Use of Animals in Curricular Programs

x. Approve Amended BBBB - School Board Committees Policy (First Reading)

y. Approve BCAB-BR - Procedure for Seating New Board at the Annual Meeting Regulation

z. Approve BCBA-BR - Rules of Decorum at Board Members Regulation

aa. Approve BDC - Insurance for Board Members Policy (First Reading)

bb. Approve BEA - Candidate Orientation Policy (First Reading)

cc. Approve BFB - Board-Staff Relationships Policy (First Reading)

dd. Approve BFC - Retiring Board Members Policy (First Reading)

ee. Approve BFD - Board Member Visits to Schools Policy (First Reading)

ff. Approve CBAA - Administrative Regulations Policy (First Reading)

gg. Approve CCB - Superintendent Grievance Procedure Policy (First Reading)

hh. Approve Amended DBAA-AR - Criminal History Record Check Screening Procedure Regulation

ii. Approve DJA - Substitute Teachers Policy (First Reading)

jj. Approve DJE - Bus Drivers Policy (First Reading)

kk. Approve Amended FBAA to FAAB - Early Entrance Requirements Policy (First Reading)

ll. Approve Amended FFG - Student Assemblies Policy (First Reading)

mm. Approve Amended FFH - Student Dress Code Policy (First Reading)

nn. Approve Amended FGGB - Student Prayer During Non-Instructional Time Policy (First Reading)

oo. Approve GBA - Academic Freedom Policy (First Reading)

pp. Approve BCAD-E1 - Executive Session Format Exhibit

qq. Approve BCAD-E2 - Executive Session Form For Discussion of Education Records Exhibit

rr. Approve ABEB-BR1 - Child Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaint Procedure Regulation

ss. Approve HCAF - Food Service Procurement Policy (First Reading)

tt. Approve Amended BBBB - Retaining an Attorney Policy (First Reading)

uu. Approve DBD - Classified Staff Intent to Rehire Policy (First Reading)

vv. Approve Amended HCE to HDD - Gifts and Bequests Policy (First Reading)

ww. Approve ACEA-E1 - Bullying Policy Adoption & Dissemination Checklist Exhibit

xx. Approve DCCA - Political Leave Policy (First Reading)

yy. Approve Amended CBDA to CBB - Superintendent's Consulting Activities (First Reading)

zz. Approve DIB - Review of Material in Teacher Personnel Files (First Policy)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the consent agenda items. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

8. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

9. Open Enrollments/Tuition Agreements

There are none at this time.

10. Financial Reports and Bill Sets

Motion to approve the financial report and bill sets. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

11. Letter of Resignation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the resignation of Ronnell Uy for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

12. Approval of Teacher Contracts for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion to approve the contract of Erin Alcoser for \$61,475 with a BS+0 and 23 years' experience. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the amended contracts of Loresa Santillan for \$68,430 with a MS+0 and 22 years' experience; and Angeline Castaneda for \$61,876 with a MS+0 and 2 years' experience. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

13. Approval of Lane Change Requests for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion to approve the lane change requests from the following: Alma Guevarra from MS+0 to MS+32; Valiente Guevarra from MS+0 to MS+24; Cyril Caverro from BS+16 to BS+24; and Baeleigh Wollschlager from BS+0 to BS+8; Rose Ducut from MS+0 to MS+24; Jacklyn Borja from MS+16 to MS+32; and Billy Noecker from BS+0 to BS+8. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

14. Approval of the 2026-2027 School Handbooks

Motion to approve the Classified, Certified Teachers, Extra-Curricular, and Coaches handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by BJ Brady and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

Doug Bratvold; Absent; BJ Brady; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

• The Classified Staff Handbook was presented by Tanya Houle.

• The Certified Teacher's Handbook was presented by Jenell Bear.

• The Parent/Student Handbook was presented by Amy Dana.

• The Extra-Curricular Handbook was presented by Robert Smith.

• The Coaches Handbook was presented by Robert Smith.

DJ Driver was on the phone; hung up at 7:48 p.m. and called back at 7:52 p.m.

15. Approval of City of New Town SRO Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the City of New Town SRO contract for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by Doug Bratvold,

carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

16. Classified Staff Salary Raise for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the classified staff wages to \$.65, \$.45, and \$.25 based on attendance and performance for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

Doug Bratvold; Absent; BJ Brady; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Doug arrived at 8:27 p.m.

17. Approval of Monthly Board Meeting Schedule for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the school board meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

18. Superintendent Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the superintendent contract to Marc Bluestone Sr. for 1,000 hours at \$145,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

19. Superintendent Report 20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady; Year: Doug Bratvold; Year: DJ Driver; Year: Marietta Heart; Year: Year: 4, Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Pete Young Bird, President

Nancy Reimer, Business Manager

GENERAL FUND: AIRE-MASTER OF ND 210.00; BLICK ART MATERIALS 983.11; BLUESTONE, MARC 3,528.03; BSN SPORTS, LLC 5,946.60; CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. 121.32; COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS, INC 3,682.00; COLE PAPERS INC. 1,312.34; COLSTRIP ELECTRIC, INC. 14,268.00; CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE 8,868.02; DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH 6,900.00; DANA, AMY 416.75; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 130.88; ECKROTH MUSIC 672.62; ELECTRO WATCHMAN, INC. 178.35; FEDELAND, JILL 505.38; FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC. 9.04; GAFFANEY'S OF MINOT, INC. 24,635.00; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER, INC. 3,513.92; GRADY, ARNOLD 574.50; GUARDIAN PEST SOLUTIONS, INC 141.00; HAMPTON INN & SUITES BISMARCK NORTHWEST 1,112.00; HARLOW'S BUS SALES, INC. - BISMARCK 6,633.01; HHM EDUCATION COMPANY 7,075.07; HOLIDAY INN - FARGO 607.00; HUBERT COMPANY 862.37; IMAGINE LEARNING 25,775.00; INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 2,923.10; IRWIN LAW FIRM, LLC 21,638.67; JOHNSON, AUDREY 505.38; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LLC 672.57; LAW OFFICES OF NICOLE CARAQUEL, PLLC 6,925.00; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 386.15; MHADOT LICENSING ADMIN 76.00; MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS 96.12; MINOT PLUMBING & HEATING 1,504.00; MOUNTRAIL-WILLIAMS ELECTRIC 20,687.67; NASCO EDUCATION, LLC/SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC 1,227.05; NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSN 1,500.00; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS 6,000.00; OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY 4,030.00; PEARSON, INC. 1,019.03; PURCHASE POWER 205.00; REALLY GOOD STUFF, INC. 62.82; REIMER, NANCY 100.00; SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION 424.21; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC 17,333.82; SOURIS VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICES 53,149.50; SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER 47,250.00; TANDY LEATHER COMPANY 4,500.00; TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 680.00; UNITED QUALITY OPERATIVE 974.52; WESTERN EDUCATIONAL REGIONAL CENTER 8,600.00; WEYRAUCH, ORRIN 343.50; YOUNG BIRD, PETER 505.38; FUND TOTAL: 321,980.80

CAPITOL PROJECTS FUND: COLSTRIP ELECTRIC, INC. 7,354.31; EAPC ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS 59,797.24; MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES, LLC 4,300.00; MINOT PLUMBING & HEATING 54,613.00; SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION 914.76; SERVPOL OF MINOT 4,657.65; FUND TOTAL: 131,636.96

HOT LUNCH FUND: CAPITAL CITY RESTAURANT SUPPLY 2,752.82; GARRETT, DANTE 505.38; STEELE, TODD 505.38; YOUNG BIRD, CYNTHIA 505.38; FUND TOTAL: 4,268.96

TRUST, AND AGENCY AND RENTAL FUND: COLSTRIP ELECTRIC, INC. 1,028.00; DALAYOAN, MAYBELLE 625.00; MENARDS - MINOT 1,744.10; MOUNTRAIL-WILLIAMS ELECTRIC 4,005.33; UY, RONNEL 2,550.00; FUND TOTAL: 9,952.43; CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTAL: 467,839.15

Minutes Of The Stanley School District No. 2

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2026

PRESENT: BOARD PRESIDENT MATT RULAND; VICE PRESIDENT DYLAN ENGER (VIA PHONE); DIRECTOR ROBBY NICHOLS; DIRECTOR BETH DEAN; DIRECTOR MEGAN FRITEL; SUPERINTENDENT TIM HOLTE; BUSINESS MANAGER BETH HALL; ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BROOKS STAFSLIEN; ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JENNIFER TRONSET; HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ALECIA PULVER; HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PAULA BROWN

VISITORS: MARY KILEN, DAVID ENANDER, AMANDA HINKLE, JENNIFER NESET, KYLI DROSDAL, TYRA ROLFE, SYRIA FUHRMAN, KATIE STEELE, AND CHEYENNE JOHNSON

STUDENTS: N/A

President Ruland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was rec