

PUBLIC NOTICES

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEELE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Blanche M. Moore, Deceased Court File No. 46-2026-PR-00003**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Raymond Moore as Personal Representative of the Estate at 163 - 132nd Avenue SE, Hope, North Dakota 58046, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Raymond Moore  
Raymond Moore  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Blanche M. Moore, deceased  
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Hope, ND 58046

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SCP May 22, 29, June 5, 2026 IO#370084

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEELE COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of Roy William Jacobson, Deceased Court File No. 46-2026-PR-00004**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Jeffrey Jacobson as Personal Representative of the Estate at 109 Norway Avenue, P.O. Box 86, Finley, North Dakota 58230, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Jeffrey Jacobson  
Jeffrey Jacobson  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Roy William Jacobson, deceased  
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SCP May 22, 29, June 5, 2026 IO#370085

**STEELE COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING REASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS**

**STEELE COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Steele County Water Resource District ("District") will hold a public hearing to determine and, if appropriate, reassess the benefits of Steele County Drain No. 4 ("Drain No. 4") to each tract of land affected thereby.

Date: July 7th, 2026  
Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: Steele County Courthouse, 201 Washington Ave, Finley, North Dakota 58230

This hearing is being held after Drain No. 4 has been in existence for at least one (1) year and upon resolution of the District, for the purpose of determining the benefits of the drain to each tract of land within the assessed district and reassessing such benefits as may be appropriate.

At the hearing, the Board will receive and consider evidence and testimony regarding the extent of benefits accruing to each tract of land affected by Drain No. 4. The provisions of law governing the original determination of benefits and assessment of costs shall apply to any reassessment conducted.

Any landowner, political subdivision, or other interested person may appear at the hearing and be heard.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that:**

1. This notice is being published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks, with the first publication occurring at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing, in the official newspaper of Steele, Traill, and Grand Forks Counties, and in a newspaper having general circulation within the District; and

2. Notice of this hearing is being mailed in an envelope clearly marked "ASSESSMENT NOTICE" to each owner of land within the assessed district at the address shown on the tax rolls of the counties in which the affected property is Costs of maintenance shall be prorated in accordance with any adopted plan for reassessment of benefits.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2026.

STEELE COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Joshua Ihry, Chair  
Greg Thykeson  
Tor Bergstrom

SCP May 29, June 5, 12, 2026 IO#370096

**Finley City Council**

The Finley City Council met Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Present were Mayor Brian Tuite and Council Members, Merle Ferry, Chad Aberle, Tori Archer and Paul Kroepflin. Also present Steve Fiebiger, Laurie Tuite, Wayne Beckman.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as presented.

Park board report: Presented by Chad Aberle.

Sheriff report: Presented by Wayne Beckman.

Community Center Remodel Discussion: Motion was made by Aberle, seconded by Ferry, to proceed as planned with the remodel of the former grocery store building, including minor approved modifications. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Archer, seconded by Koepflin, to offer \$200,000.00 to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for the purchase of the former grocery store property. Motion carried.

The city will begin accepting plumbing, heating/AC, and electrical bids for the new community center in the former grocery store building.

City Auditor Bonding: Motion was made by Archer, seconded by Ferry, to set the city auditor's bond at \$250,000.00. Motion carried.

Street Paving & Maintenance: The proposal from Moore Engineering for street paving was tabled. Steve Fiebiger will contact Steele County to inquire about temporary patching options.

Code Enforcement & Property Maintenance: The Council reviewed current yard complaints. Residents have been contacted regarding property improvement violations. All yards must be cleaned up prior to the Finley Days celebration scheduled for June 11-14.

Financial Approvals: A motion was made by Aberle, seconded by Kroepflin, to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

-99185 Aflac	208.13
-99184 BRAVERA	1801.10
-99183 Heartland Payment Systems	33.50
-99182 STEELE COUNTY JDA	500.00
35150 Advanced Business Methods	148.50
35151 BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	2646.50
35152 Colonial Life	153.52
35153 CUMMINGS SALES & SERVICE	2526.27
35154 DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT	7389.00
35155 FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	2079.00
35156 Grand Forks Utility Billing	26.00
35157 HIRSHFIELD'S	946.91
35158 Midco	37.50
35159 MLGC	451.79
35160 ND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	81.00
35161 NEW CENTURY PRESS	354.43
35162 OTTER TAIL POWER CO	2527.36
35163 STEELE COUNTY	1800.00
35164 SWEENEY CONTROLS CO	540.00
35165 THOMAS R. MOE	150.00
35166 Verizon Business	38.22
35169 BRAVERA	1096.91
35170 CUMMINGS SALES & SERVICE	361.13
35172 FINLEY FARMERS ELEVATOR	69.25
35173 MAYVILLE HARDWARE	212.00
35174 NODAK REC. INC	313.00
35175 STEELE COUNTY	126.26
35176 TOWN & COUNTRY COOP	2340.73
35198 M&K Porta Potties	2721.00
35199 FINLEY PARK BOARD	579.51
35167 STEPHEN FIEBIGER	2707.04
35168 Marci Johnson	1080.01
35177 NDPERS	1165.09
35188 Chad Aberle	161.61
35189 Tori Archer	161.61
35190 STEPHEN FIEBIGER	2267.47
35191 Merle Ferry	161.61
35192 Marci Johnson	1080.01
35193 PAUL KROEPLIN	161.61
35194 Brian Tuite	230.87
35195 LESLIE JOHNSON	1399.94
35196 STEPHEN FIEBIGER	1399.94
35197 Marci Johnson	277.05

Adjournment: There being no other business, a motion was made by Archer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Finley City Hall.  
SCP June 5, 2026 IO#370114

to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Our water source is ground water from the McVillie Aquifer. Dakota Rural Water District - North, our water provider, has two wells. The water is treated at the Dakota Rural Water District - North treatment facility. The city of Finley wants you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water sources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The North Dakota Department of

Environmental Quality has completed a Source Water Assessment for Dakota Rural Water District - North and the city of Finley including the delineation and contaminant/land use inventory elements of the North Dakota Source Water Protection Program. Based on the information from these elements, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has determined that our water source is "not likely susceptible" to potential contaminants. No significant sources of contamination have been identified. A copy of this assessment is available to the public upon

request.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Marci Johnson at 701-524-1561. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The city of Center regular council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at Finley City Hall. If you are aware of non-English speaking individuals who need help with the appropriate language translation, please call Marci at the number listed above. The city of Finley would appreciate it if large volume water customers would please post copies of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report in conspicuous locations or distribute them to tenants, residents, patients, students, and/or employees, so individuals who consume the water, but do not receive a water bill can learn about our water system.

The city of Finley routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water per Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. As authorized and approved by EPA, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of our data [e.g., for inorganic contaminants], though representative, is more than one year old. EPA requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those contaminants listed in the

table are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water. Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. Please call Marci at 701-524-1561 if you have questions. The city of Finley works diligently to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amounts of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions: MCLG) Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

(MCL) Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

(MRDLG) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

(MRDL) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Highest Compliance Level: The highest level of that contaminant used to determine compliance with a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation.

Range of Detections: The lowest to the highest result value recorded during the required monitoring timeframe for systems with multiple entry points.

Abbreviations: ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter; ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter; ppt - parts per trillion or nanograms per liter; ppq - parts per quadrillion or picograms per liter; NA - not applicable; ND - none detected; pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity), umho/cm = micromhos per centimeter (a measure of conductivity), obsvns = observations/field at 100 Power, IDSE = Initial Distribution System Evaluation  
TEST RESULTS - FINLEY CITY OF - ND4600341 & DAKOTA RURAL WATER DISTRICT-NORTH - ND2001061

Lead/Copper	Date	# Samples	Action Level (AL)	Level Detected	Units	Range	Violation Yes/No Other Info	Likely Source of Contaminant
Copper	8/13/2024	6	1.3	1.022	ppm	0.535 to 1.360	1 Site Exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	8/13/2024	6	15	No Detect	ppb	ND to ND	0 Sites Exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfectants</b>								
Chlorine	8/31/2025	MRDL=4.0	MRDLG=4	1.3	ppm	0.5 to 1.97	No	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts (TTHM/HAA5)</b>								
HAA5	12/31/2025	60	N/A	8	ppb	N/A	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	12/31/2025	80	N/A	35	ppb	N/A	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
Radium, Combined (226, 228)	11/13/2025	5	N/A	0.0483	pCi/l	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits

**Fluoride Statement**

The water we provide is treated with fluoride addition as a part of the water treatment process to enhance dental health. For information regarding the level of fluoride in the finished water provided to our consumers, please contact our office.

**PFAS Statement**

Our water supplier Dakota Rural Water District-North began initial monitoring for eighteen Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in 2025 in preparation for the new PFAS rule that will take effect in 2029. One sample was collected at each Entry Point to the distribution system as required, to determine if PFAS is currently in our drinking water. None of the contaminants included in this round of sampling were detected. Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

**Health Statements**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not

necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants That May Be Present in Source Water: Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production,

mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. (Pesticide: Generally, any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest. Herbicide: Any chemical(s) used to control undesirable vegetation.)

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water

**City of Finley 2025 Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed