

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Proceedings

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 Minutes of Annual Meeting December 10, 2025 UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by Pres. Sauter at 5:12 p.m. MT, Wednesday December 10th, 2025, at the Prairie School in Fairfield. Board members Eric Bock and Joey Kessel were on site. Board members Jessie Evoniuk, Kinley Sauter, and Kwart Johnson were present via Teams. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Asst Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Maintenance Supervisor Robert Hushka, and Business Manager Robert Gates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Bock/Kessel to approve the consent agenda, which included the November 12th meeting minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of two items to the agenda. All in favor.

At this time, President Sauter asked if there was anyone in the public that wished to address the Board. With no comments, Sauter closed the public comment session.

Peplinski updated the board on the status of the punch lists and mentioned that there appears to be a leak in the new gym roof. Twin City Roofing has been contacted. Peplinski also informed the board that Sheriff Dean Wykoff had approached her about bringing in an individual to do a risk management

assessment. The assessment is needed to qualify for Homeland Security grants. Hushka provided a written and oral report on facilities maintenance. Gates presented the Board with a quote for the privacy screening for the new classrooms and breezeway windows. The Board decided to wait on the window screening until after the risk management assessment and possibly use grant funds to purchase the screening.

The Billings County School District received the signed lease agreement with Billings County for the lease of the Glade school building for the Sheriff's Department.

Peplinski and O'Brien informed the board that the NDA+ testing results have been published. NDCEL has advised the school districts that the NDA+ and the old NDSA are different tests. If school districts are questioned about the results as compared to previous years, the school district needs to point out they are different tests, and this year's NDA+ results will be the

new baseline for future years comparison. This year's results shouldn't be compared to last year as the tests are different. Peplinski informed the board of upcoming events. There will be a Discovery Day on Friday, 12/12. Then a movie day in Belfield prior to the Christmas break.

Gates discussed a handout from the North Dakota School Board Assoc. discussing their new school board accreditation program. The Board will review the handout

The next school board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026, at 5:00p.m. at DeMores Elementary.

WERC Committee: Peplinski informed the board the WERC Co-op has slowly transformed into more of an administrative co-op providing professional development resources. President Sauter recommended that we continue with the WERC committee and at the annual meeting in July we transition from a WERC committee to an agenda item as discussion is needed.

Policy committee: Policy to amend: FDE – Education of Special Education Students/ Students with Disabilities. M/S Bock/Evoniuk to amend the policy FDE as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Policy to Adopt: ACG-Child Safety Liaison Work Group and Mandatory Training. M/S Johnson/Kessel to adopt and wave second reading of Policy ACG. . Roll call vote with all in favor.

Policy to Re-affirm: DBAB-Emergency Hiring of Classified Personnel. M/S Kessel/Bock to re-affirm policy DBAB. Roll call vote with all in favor

Prior to adjourning the meeting, President Sauter wanted to express his appreciation to the staff of the BCSD, especially those involved with the Christmas programs and Close-up fund raisers. M/S Kessel/Evoniuk seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m. Adams, C.....50.00

Advance Business Methods 622.91
Amazon 836.06
Ameritus Life Insur.....67.85
Anderson, K.....333.20
Belfield Automotive Supply..... 100.14

BCBS of North Dakota..... 1,703.23

Capital City Restaurant Supply... 545.65

Central Regional Education Assoc..... 5,976.10

City of Dickinson.....36.00

Consolidated.....236.67

Dacotah Paper Co 326.31

Dan's Interstate Conoco Inc 306.45

Department of Public Instruction 1,463.29

Dickinson Public Library 6,801.63

Easy Way Safety Services 25.00

Farmers Union Oil 3,372.75

Geiger's Landscaping 795.00

Gooseneck Imp..... 1,284.94

GS Publishing, LLC 434.52

HAMPTON INN & SUITES 122.10

Hushka, R.....90.00

Learn Well 154.50

LEARNING A-Z 125.00

Madison National Life Ins 376.68

Malkowski, K.....9,076.07

Marco Tech..... 373.47

Marten, J.....70.00

Medora Convenience 198.69

Meduna, G.....8,979.84

Menard's..... 191.12

MGM RURAL SANITATION 270.33

Mid-American Research Chemical..... 322.51

NATIONAL TIME & SIGNAL..... 165.58

ND SAFETY COUNCIL 104.00

ND School Business Mgr Cert Prog..... 150.00

Northern Bottling Company 782.59

NORTHERN PLAINS DANCE.. 120.00

O'Brien, D 203.80

Pye Barker Fire & Safety 380.00

Roughrider Electric CO-OP 8,137.64

RTC Networks 342.00

Sanford Health Occ. Med 200.00

SCHOLASTIC INC 1,213.19

Smart Computers 4,942.95

SW Water Authority 116.45

Syminow, R..... 32,614.70

Sysco North Dakota.... 3,246.43

Teachers Pay Teachers 51.43

Time Management Systems..... 157.70

Tvedt, L..... 725.00

Walmart.Com..... 132.46

West Dakota Oil, Inc..... 254.70

West River Student Services.... 7,088.94

WORLD MUSIC DRUMMING .. 450.00

/s/ Kinley Sauter

Kinley Sauter, President

/s/ Robert Gates

Robert Gates, Business Manager

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SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2026 TIM ARMBRUST PIT CRUSHING & STOCKPILING GRAVEL E1/2 SEC 12, T142N, R99W BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Sealed bids will be received by Billings County, at the office of the Billings County Auditor, 495 4th Street, PO Box 168, Medora, North Dakota, 58645, until **11:00 a.m. MT, March 3rd, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the construction of **Crushing and Stockpiling Gravel** and incidental items in and for said Billings County, as is more fully described and set forth in the project manual therefore, which are now on file in the office of the Billings County Auditor.

Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work:

1 LSUM CONTRACT BOND; 60 EA REMOVAL OF TREES; 450 LF REMOVAL OF BUSHES; 1 LSUM STRIP & STOCKPILE TOPSOIL & OVERBURDEN; 60,000 CY CRUSH & STOCKPILE GRAVEL; 1 LSUM RECLAIM PIT SITE; 1 LSUM MOBILIZATION

The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following:

Billings County Auditor, 495 4th St, Medora, North Dakota
KLJ, 677 27th Ave E, Dickinson, North Dakota

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.kljeng.com "Projects for Bid" or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$22 by inputting Quest Project #10033846 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Please contact us at 701-483-1284 if you have any questions.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five per cent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 43 07 07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items. A single contract will be awarded for the work.

All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder
2. The name of the bidder
3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.
4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda.

No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The work on the improvement will be completed by **October 30th, 2026**.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Owner.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of **\$900** per day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.

BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
/s/Marcia Kessel
Billings County Auditor

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until 9:30 a.m., February 27, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>.

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

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Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E.,
Director, North Dakota
Department of Transportation
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