

MEDORA PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION Proceedings

City of Medora
Minutes of Regular Meeting
6/16/2026

(Subject to Council review
and approval)

Consent Agenda
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Jim Bridger. Zoning board members present were Karen Putnam, Ella-Jo Corneil, John Tczap, and Zoning Board Administrator Jessica Walz. Zoning board member Doug Ellison was absent.

• Minutes from May 19, 2026

The minutes from the regular meeting on May 19, 2026, were presented for approval. Corneil moved to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business
• NO 2026-32
NAME: Medora Grazing Association - John Hild
LOCATION: 770 1st St S

PROPOSAL: New Office Building

John Hild (Medora Grazing Association) presented his application to the board for a New Office Building. Mr. Hild responded to questions from the board. Corneil made a motion to move the application to City Council for further action; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• NO 2026-33
NAME: TRMF - Clarence Sitter

LOCATION: S1/2 Sect 22 Township: 140N Range: 102W
PROPOSAL: Fencing & New Construction — Rodeo Arena — Phase 2

Clarence Sitter (Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation) presented his application to the board for a New Rodeo Arena. Mr. Sitter responded to questions from the board. Tczap made a motion to move the application to City Council for further action; Corneil seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

• NO 2026-34
NAME: Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association

LOCATION: 350 Main Street

PROPOSAL: Signage
Putnam made a motion to approve the application as submitted; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• NO 2026-35
NAME: Jodi Schwitzer

LOCATION: 350 Main Street

PROPOSAL: Signage
Corneil made a motion to approve the application as submitted; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• NO 2026-36
NAME: TRMF - Doug Koester

LOCATION: 3351 Pool Drive

PROPOSAL: New Signage & Signage Removal
Doug Koester (Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation) presented his application to the board for a water storage tank. Mr. Koester responded to questions from the board. Corneil made a motion to move the application to City Council for

further action; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• NO 2026-37
NAME: Dakota Cycling Adventures

LOCATION: 365 Main St.

PROPOSAL: Signage
Julie Ramos Lagos (Dakota Cycling Adventures) presented her application to the board for signage. Mrs. Ramos Lagos responded to questions from the board. Corneil made a motion to approve the application as submitted; Tczap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Announcements

• Deadline for Zoning — Friday, July 10, 2026 @ 12:00pm

• Zoning Meeting - Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Adjourn

Putnam made a motion to adjourn at 6:46pm

/s/ Jim Bridger
Jim Bridger, Chairman
/s/ Jessica Walz
Jessica Walz, Administrator
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Inside the library

Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library hosts community preview

By BCP Staff

As the dedication and opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library was closing in on its final stages and on the way to the facility's official dedication – which will reportedly be attended by President Donald J. Trump and many other dignitaries, past and present on July 1 – along with the grand-opening ceremony on July 4, 2026, the library's leadership, staff, promoters and donors descended on the Medora site on Friday, June 26 for what was a little trial-run and first-look for many in attendance.

The effort was designed to allow staff and personnel some practice-time devoted to future efforts to display and describe what visitors are seeing inside and outside the remarkable structure, and while educators also were part of the crowd – with them being a crucial part of the outreach to help students understand Theodore Roosevelt's lasting impact on the country, at large, and Southwest North Dakota, specifically – their attendance was a positive indication of their importance. Also, visitors that day were able to sample

the fare at the interior café along with the pleasant outdoor area and the surrounding Badlands with Theodore Roosevelt National Park serving as a setting.

The national park is the only one named for a current or former president, and it provided a backdrop to the festivities, while folks could be seen enjoying the 360-degree vista and panorama from the top of the structure. The busy gift shop also was open for business, and while there were some final touches left to be completed the response appeared to be positive, all-around.

Some 30,000-plus visitors are expected on July 4 alone, so the effort also gave shuttle drivers a chance to learn their routes and local government officials and law enforcement to get a feel for traffic or pedestrian flow and gave a little jolt to Medora businesses, which had full parking lots and attendees enjoying Medora's many surroundings.

For more information about the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit their website at www.trlibrary.com.

CITY OF MEDORA COUNCIL Proceedings

City of Medora
Minutes of Special Meeting
6/18/2026

(Subject to Council review
and approval)

Agenda
The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Mayor Derwin Zuroff. Present were Council members Clarence Sitter, Jim Bridger, and Jodi Johnson via Zoom. Auditor Ivy Maus, Zoning Administrator Jessica Walz, Josh Stuchl and Chris Van Schepen with Brosz Engineering. Council Member Tracy Sexton was absent.

• TRMF Water Storage Tank

Bridger made a motion to approve Zoning Application 2026-36 as submitted for a water storage tank and the associated Conditional/Temporary Use Permit; Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Sitter abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Miscellaneous Business
No miscellaneous business.
Adjourn

Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 2:04pm.

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor
/s/ Ivy Maus
Ivy Maus, Auditor
Published July 2, 2026

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR NEWSPAPER.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Billings County Commission will hold a Public Hearing during the regular meeting of the County Commission on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM. The hearing will take place in the Commissioner's Room at the county courthouse, Medora, ND. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the approval or denial of the following amendments to the Billings County Zoning Resolution No. 1:

Amendments

- 2.3(113.1) Definition of Water Depot, Industrial Use (NEW)
- 5.1.1 (m) Permitted Use for Ag Districts (NEW)
- 5.1.2 (x) Conditional Use Permits for Ag Districts (NEW)
- 5.5.1 (m) Permitted Use for Industrial Districts (NEW)
- 6.19 Industrial Water Depots & Ponds (UPDATE/NEW)

Section 6.19 for Industrial Water Depots and Ponds is a new section proposed for the Billings County Zoning Ordinance under Article VI: Special Provisions. This section adds amendments related to oil and gas production needs in Billings County. Freshwater storage ponds and depots are used to supply water when fracking wells.

The proposed amendments were recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission hearing held on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for review on the Billings County website at www.billingscountynod.gov or during regular office hours at the Billings County Courthouse.

Dated at Medora this 19th day of June, 2026.
Stacey Swanson
Zoning Director

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Dickinson Research Extension Center**

AGRONOMY FIELD DAY
Thursday, July 9th ~ 4 p.m. (MDT) ~ Extension Center
Meal will be served
3 sessions following meal: Agronomy Tour, 4-H Youth Event and Horticulture Tour

Presenters and Topics for the Agronomy Tour

- Increasing Corn Profits Via Seeding Rate - Claire Keene, NDSU agronomist, and Kayla Ehlis, corn agronomy researcher
- Soil Amendments for Corn Production - Sudip Chhetri, graduate research assistant at the Dickinson Research Extension Center
- Crafting Cover Crop Cocktails - Alexis Correia, conservation agronomist at the Dickinson Research Extension Center
- Herbicide-resistant Weed Management - Brian Jenks, weed scientist at NDSU's North Central Research Extension Center
- Lentil Production - Krishna Katuwal, research agronomist at the Dickinson Research Extension Center

4-H YOUTH EVENT

- Will feature various STEM activities and participants will make root beer - Marilyn Larson, NDSU Extension family and community wellness agent, Stark-Billings County

Presenters and Topics for the Horticulture Tour

- So You Want to Plant a Pollinator Garden - Emily How, NDSU Extension horticulture agent in Ward County
- Fruits to Grow in North Dakota - Elizabeth Krause, fruit project manager at NDSU's Carrington Research Extension Center

**For more information, visit NDSU.ag/DRECfieldday26 or contact
Chris Augustin at 701-456-1103 or chris.augustin@ndsu.edu.**

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UPCOMING MOVIES & EVENTS

7/3 - 7/5 CLOSED - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

7/10 - 7/12 Minions & Monsters
Comedy/Adventure
PG

7/17 - 7/19 Minions & Monsters
Comedy/Adventure
PG

7/24 - 7/26 Young Washington
War/Adventure
PG-13

7/31 - 8/02 The Odyssey
Action/Fantasy
R

SHOWTIMES: FRI 7PM SAT 7PM SUN 5PM
ADULT \$8 STUDENT/SENIOR \$6 KID \$5
CASH/CHECK/CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED
MOVIES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE