

Launches state legislative curriculum

Recognizing a critical need for enhanced civic education, the League of Women Voters of North Dakota (LWVND) announced the launch of the new "Guide to the State Legislative Branch" to engage junior high and high school students and the general public in the state lawmaking process. This initiative aims to bridge the civic knowledge gap and foster a deeper understanding of our state government.

Along with the guide, LWVND also released a companion guide for North Dakota teachers

with classroom activities, discussion questions, and worksheets. This classroom guide will equip educators to teach about the state lawmaking process, so students can engage along the way during the legislative session and understand how they can take part in the lawmaking process.

The curriculum can be accessed and downloaded at www.lwvnd.org/curriculum.

"At the League, we're passionate about making it easier for North Dakotans to engage in all levels of government," said Kathy

Tweeten, LWVND president. "By engaging students in the law-making process, we're investing in their civic knowledge for a lifetime of participation."

"A year ago a rural high school social studies teacher told me they didn't have access to lesson plans about the legislative session and had to create their own," said Whitney Oxendahl, LWVND voter engagement volunteer, who developed the curriculum. "These North Dakota-specific resour-

ces will prepare students and the general public to contact their legislators, track bills, and take action on issues they care about."

These guides are first in the installment of curriculum for North Dakota classrooms.

MEETING NOTICE

The annual Golden Valley County/Township meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at the Golden Valley County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 1 p.m.

Tamra Sperry
County Auditor

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The League of Women Voters aims to create more resources that can assist educators in teaching about the state government, including guides and videos.

The League of

Women Voters of North Dakota is a nonpartisan, grassroots political organization working to empower voters and future voters across the state. Learn more at lwvnd.org.

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Unofficial Minutes Subject to Council Approval January 12, 2026

Mayor Jason Lee called the meeting to order January 12, 2026, at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Jason Lee, Auditor Jodi Ridenhower, Alderpersons Jennifer Morlock, Roger Clemens, Burt Cook and Denise Dietz and guests Faith Van Horn, Sue Feldman and Gary Howard.

Meeting minutes from December 8, 2025, were read and approved with corrections noted.

Department Reports

Lagoon/Landfill/Streets: Landfill has been burned. Lagoon - Nothing to report. Streets - Received a quote on the street signs.

Grounds: Nothing new to report.

Water/Sewer: Nothing to report.

Buildings: Nothing to report.

Discussion

- Letter read by Jodi from WSI in regards to contractors
- Contracts for contractors - Roger Clemens will talk to the contractors. (Dean, Rick and Vending machine)

Burt motioned to have the two signatures on checks. Denise is going to talk to the banks.

- Auditors' new business hours are posted stating the hours are on Thursdays from 3-6 p.m.

New Business

- Denise motioned to approve Olson Service Station an

off-sale beer and wine license. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

- Denise motioned to approve the temporary liquor license to the Golden Valley Fair Board for the date of October 10, 2026. Burt seconded. Motion passes

- Burt motioned to have the 2025 taxes done in Dickinson at Hoerner Rodakowski, PC. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

- Roger motioned to raise the monthly pay for Rick Olson to \$350.00/month. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Jennifer motioned to purchase City Hall sign from Keith Signs. Denise seconded. Motion passes.

Bills:

MDU	.....	\$1,389.96
City of Beach	.....	\$141.00
Olson Service	.....	\$150.00
SW District Health	.....	\$50.00
GS Publishing	.....	\$74.55
ND Chem Lab	.....	\$398.92
One Call Concepts	.....	\$10.50
Jodi Ridenhower	wages	\$369.40
Faith Van Horn	wages	\$452.51
City of Sentinel Butte	.....	\$50.00
DAK Insurance	.....	\$269.00
GV County Treasurer	.....	\$209.56
RTC Networks	.....	\$294.00

Roger motioned to approve payment of bills. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

Denise motioned to adjourn meeting. Burt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Ridenhower,
Auditor

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SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING November 24, 2025

Sentinel Butte City Council held a special meeting on November 24, 2025. Mayor Jason Lee called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Jason Lee, Alderpersons Jennifer Morlock, Denise Dietz, Roger Clemens and Burt Cook, and guest Jodi Ridenhower.

The only thing that may be discussed at this meeting is the resignation of the Auditor.

Denise read the resignation letter of the current Auditor. Jason held discussion. Jodi Ridenhower talked a little about her qualifications. Roger made a motion to hire Jodi at \$25.00/hr. Jennifer seconded the motion.

Discussion was held. Roll call vote was Roger - Yes; Jennifer, Burt and Denise - No.

Burt motioned that Jodi be hired at the rate of \$20.00/hr with a six-month probation period, at which time pay will be evaluated. Denise seconded. Roll call vote was Denise, Burt and Jennifer - Yes; Roger - Abstained.

Roger suggested we get a job description in place for the Auditor position.

Burt Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger Clemens. Motion passed. Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Ridenhower, Auditor

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ATTENTION BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Golden Valley County will take place on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (MT) at the Golva Bar, 407 Terrell Ave. in Golva, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information contact the North Dakota Barley Council at 701-929-0123.

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CITY OF BEACH RESOLUTIONS 2026-10 & 2026-11

CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA RESOLUTION 2025 - 11

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE CITY OF BEACH STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2025-04, CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Beach, North Dakota (the "City"), as follows:

1. The governing body of the City of Beach has hereby found, determined, and declared it to be necessary and desirable for the City to improve streets and incidentals as described in Resolution 2025-22, and the detailed plans and specifications discussed therein, concerning the City of Beach Street Improvement District No. 2025-04.

2. The Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by the City Engineer recommends roadway and utility improvements consisting of approximately 8,300 LF of full roadway reconstruction, 1,520 LF of mill

and overlay, along with chip sealing, intermittent curb and gutter, sidewalk, valley gutter, and driveway improvements and replacements and related work. The streets within this district either exceeded their useable life and need to be reconstructed or the asphalt pavement is at a critical point where the proposed maintenance application can extend the life of the pavement. The estimated project cost is \$8,818,280 and one approximately \$4,489,880, or Fifty one percent (51%) of the project cost will be paid with special assessments levied to the benefitted property owners, and the remainder of the cost being funded through grant funding. The Improvement District includes all properties located within the District boundaries, as shown on the attached map.

3. The owners of the property liable to be specially assessed for said improvements may file written protests with the City Auditor, PO Box 278, Beach, ND 58621, against the said improvements within thirty (30) days after the first publica-

tion of this resolution. The City Council shall at its next meeting after the expiration of said period, on February 23, 2026, or such other date as determined by the City Council, to meet at Beach City Hall, for the purpose of hearing and determining the sufficiency of any protests so filed and of taking any such further action with respect to said improvements as may then be deemed necessary and expedient.

4. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cause this resolution, including a map of the Improvement District boundaries, showing the proposed improvement district, to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the City.

Dated and adopted this 20th day of January 2026.

CITY OF BEACH,
NORTH DAKOTA
ATTEST:
Walter Losinski, Mayor,
City of Beach
Lea Massado,
Deputy City Auditor

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CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA RESOLUTION 2026 - 10

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE CITY OF BEACH STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2025-03, CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Beach, North Dakota (the "City"), as follows:

1. The governing body of the City of Beach has hereby found, determined, and declared it to be necessary and desirable for the City to improve streets and incidentals as described in Resolution 2025-21, and the detailed plans and specifications discussed therein, concerning the City of Beach Stormwater Drainage Improvement District No. 2025-03.

2. The Preliminary Engineering Report prepared by the City Engineer recommends roadway and utility improve-

ments consisting of utility work, drainage improvements, grading, repairing soft spots, in the project area. The purpose of this project is for new installation of storm sewer infrastructure to alleviate flooding near Main Street. The estimated project cost is \$1,259,000 and one approximately \$59,000, or Four and seven tenths percent (4.7%) of the project cost will be paid with special assessments levied to the benefitted property owners, and the remainder of the cost being funded through grant and/or City funding. The Improvement District includes all properties located within the District boundaries, as shown on the attached map.

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