

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-44-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-44-01, related to definitions, expiration of registry identification cards, compassion center certification fees, dispensary premises, manufacturing facility labeling, and standards for concentration compliance testing, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2026.

# NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00014 In the Matter of the Estate of Robert A. Barfield, Deceased.

**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 or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Vera A. Barfield, personal

representative of the estate, P.O. Box 488, Hazen, ND 58545, or filed with the Court. Dated this 7th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Vera A. Barfield  
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Attorneys for the Personal Representative

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning & Zoning Subcommittee will meet Tuesday May 19th, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM, Central Time, at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton. The subcommittee consists of 3 board members and SRF Consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss wind, solar & sand/gravel ordinances and if time allows battery processing and manufacturing and lake development.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to attend the above public meeting or forward written comments prior to the meeting to: Land Use Administrator – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571 or email jlnuemiller@nd.gov  
Jen Neumiller  
Mercer County Land Use Administrator

(05-14-2026)

# TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

April 13th, 2026  
Mayor Saylor called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Neumiller, Cole and Kelly. Absent was council member, Babb. Also, present were Auditor Braithwaite, Public Works Supervisor, Chapman, Tax Assessor J. Neumiller, and Guests Thieling, Thernes, Summers, and Owens. Assessor Neumiller reviewed the tax assessment process with the council. Assessor Neumiller and the council reviewed building permits and indicated that there were 5 sales. Assessor Neumiller explained the stating statistics for the City of Stanton from 2025. Final Statistics for the median was at 94%. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Neumiller giving the Homestead Credit tax exemptions to submitted twenty-one applicants. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole to

accept the assessment values and building permits for the City of Stanton as submitted by the assessor. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole giving three property tax exemptions for the Assembly of God Church and Parsonage, and the Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Thieling requested Tax Assessor Neumiller to review her properties on Block 5 as she believed that it may have been incorrect. She also submitted a petition on the certified specials. Tax Assessor Neumiller informed Thieling that she will review her properties, but tax equalization has nothing to do with the certified specials. Being no further business, the Tax Equalization meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Mayor: Tom Saylor  
Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite  
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OF MERCER COUNTY

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnesota Power  
Case No. PU-25-304  
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty  
Siting Application**

**Minnesota Power  
Case No. PU-25-305  
Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln - Morton & Mercer Cty  
Siting Application**

**NOTICE OF FILINGS AND NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC HEARING**

**A Consolidated Public Hearing on the applications in Case Nos. PU-25-304 and PU-25-305 is scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at the Glen Ullin City Auditorium, 119 Main Street North, Glen Ullin, ND 58631.**

On December 30, 2025, in Case No. PU-25-304, Minnesota Power filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project consisting of up to 45 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Morton County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Also on December 30, 2025, in Case No. PU-25-305, Minnesota Power filed a combined application for a corridor certificate and route permit to construct an approximately 2.5 mile-long 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Morton and Mercer Counties, North Dakota, extending from the proposed Longspur Wind Project to Minnesota Power's Tri-County Substation in Mercer County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission is consolidating these cases for hearing under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facilities' locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: March 5, 2026  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner; Randy Christmann, Chair; Jill Kringstad, Commissioner

# HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2026  
HS Theatre  
Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender. Steph Huber and Marti Raad were absent. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Paul Richter, Principal Jacob Kraft, and AD Bret Johnsrud. Principal Trevor Sinclair was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens, Dan Frei, and Chris Harvey.  
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Minutes for the regular March monthly meeting and the Special March board meeting were presented. Zingg moved to approve, seconded by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C Financial Reports: a.) March Financial Statement; b.) April Bills totaling \$ 154,330.63; JP Morgan, 19,864.19; Deborah Dub, 222.15; Farmers Union Oil, 126.95; Harlow's School Bus Service, 78,767.63; The Hub, 294.61; MDU, 11,278.65; ND Attorney General, 40.00; Pitney Bowes, 400.00; Shayla Sinclair, 59.96; Hazen Golf Course, 250.00; ABM, 3,033.94; Kourtney Baasch, 100.00; Bill Zingg, 353.73; Center Coal Company, 7,647.92; City of Hazen, 1,685.57; D&E Supply, 4,807.50; David Mittelsteadt, 165.00;

East West Library Books, 125.95; Eggers Electric Motor, 341.51; Farmers Union Oil, 106.05; Fastenal, 86.62; Hazen Motors, 75.00; Hazen Star, 173.77; Hazen Welding, 884.00; Hot Lunch, 1,214.85; John Flemmer, 4,471.10; Jostens, 782.04; JW Pepper, 685.49; Menards, 171.84; Mercer Co. Landfill, 308.00; MDU, 10,717.30; NDSBA, 675.00; Record Keepers, 52.50; Alison Smith, 76.00; Stein's Inc., 1,174.85; West Dakota Lumber, 19.96; Western Lighting, 598.50; Western Steel Builders, 2,475.00; Trisha Wolff, 17.50.;c.) Expenditure Report; d.) Revenue Report; e.) Food Service Report; f.) Activities Report; g.) Transportation Report; h.) Pledge of Securities; i.) Investments; Wallender moved to approve a-i; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C Committee Reports:  
a. Building and Grounds: Supt Miller will present the board with a list of projects at the May meeting  
b. Curriculum: Principal Richter and Principal Kraft presented the board with some different ideas they have been looking at.  
c. Activities: There has been a request from the Hazen Winter Sports for girl's hockey.  
Old Business:

New Business:  
Hazen Winter Sports Girl's Hockey Request: Zingg moved to approve as presented; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C Approve Teacher Contracts: Wallender moved to approve; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C List of Potential Summer Building Projects: Superintendent Miller presented the board with some information and quotes on the different projects. The building and grounds committee will have a list to present at the May board meeting. 2026-2027 Technology Budget Request: Wallender moved to approve as presented; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C Administrative Reports:  
The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports.  
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on May 11th, 2026, at 5:30 pm. With no further business, President Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.  
Brian S. Nolan, School Board President  
Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager  
Date Approved 11 May 2026  
(05-14-2026)