

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Mercer-Oliver Counties, ND, Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held regarding the updated draft of the Mercer-Oliver Counties, ND, Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) on Monday, July 06, 2026, at the Oliver County Courthouse in Center, North Dakota.  
The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments regarding the draft mitigation plan update, which identifies hazards, risks, and proposed mitigation strategies for Mercer and Oliver Counties.

Following the public hearing, the Mercer-Oliver Mitigation Plan Steering Committee will hold its final planning committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Information:  
Date: Monday, July 06, 2026  
Location: Oliver County Courthouse, Center, North Dakota  
Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m.  
Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Dated this 20th day of May, 2026.  
Alice Grinsteiner  
Mercer-Oliver Counties Emergency Manager  
(05-28-2026)(06-04-2026)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning & Zoning Subcommittee will meet Tuesday June 2nd, 2026 beginning at 9:00am, 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 zoning ordinances.  
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 jneumiller@nd.gov  
Jen Neumiller  
Mercer County Land Use Administrator  
(05-28-2026)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN THE MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT

ZONING CASE NO. 26-06-01  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, June 10, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, at the Beulah Civic Center in Beulah. The Planning Commission will review and consider an application from Kale Rorvik for approval of a Conditional Use for a Non-Farm Residence within the Agricultural Zone of the Mercer County Zoning District Map. The subject parcel is located approximately 6 miles east and 1 mile south of Hazen. The subject parcel is 2.30 acres in size and is described as Tract A in the SE4SE4 located in Section 18 T144N R85W of the Fifth Prin-

ciple Meridian, Mercer County, North Dakota.  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on the proposed conditional use application at this public hearing or forward written comments prior to this hearing to: Mercer County Auditor – PO Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571. A copy of the application, location map and other documents is available to the public for inspection and copying in the Office of the County Auditor on Monday through Friday during regular office hours.  
Jen Neumiller  
Mercer County Land Use Administrator  
(05-28-2026)(05-04-2026)

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026-2027 Deer Hunting Proclamation.

Apply online at [gnd.gov](http://gnd.gov). The deadline for submitting online applications is June 3, 2026.

SEASON	OPENS	CLOSES	AREAS	RESTRICTIONS
DEER GUN	September 4 12:00 noon (CT)	January 3	Statewide	Law State - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Nonresident - Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters during regular gun season.
DEER GUN	November 6 12:00 noon (CT) 15-19 Day Season	November 22	All units	Restricted to type of deer and unit described on license. Type of deer and unit species and whether antelope or unit and all laws on deer are strict. Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in units 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required.
BULLHEAD/BLINDER	November 27 12:00 noon (CT)	December 13	Statewide	Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required.
YOUTH DEER	September 15 12:00 noon (CT)	September 27	Statewide	16, 17 and 18-year-olds - Any antelope deer is legal. No unit restrictions. 14- and 15-year-olds - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. * Hunting unit is 4A-4F. A special license is required to hunt these deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license. Orange clothing required.
SPECIAL NEEDS/DEFERRED HUNTING	September 4 12:00 noon (CT)	January 3	See Proclamation	Restricted to any antelope deer as described on license.

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR**

- The 2026 North Dakota deer hunting season is set with 38,500 licenses available, 3,200 less than last year.
- A total of 700 nonresident licenses will be available in 2026, 65 less than last year.
- A total of 240 nonresident antelope licenses will be available, 50 less than last year.

A complete 2026 deer hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, 300 North March Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58005-6096, (701) 328-6300 or online at [gnd.gov](http://gnd.gov).

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION-HAZEN SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

Notice is hereby given that on June 9, 2026, the Annual School Election will be held for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the School Board for Hazen Public School District No. 3. The position is a three-year term. Persons that have filed for this position that will appear on the ballot are: Stephanie Huber, Laura Zingg, and April Mettler.  
Mercer County Residents of the Hazen Public School District:  
The school election is being held in conjunction with the primary election administered by

Mercer County. Poll options are: Vote by mail or vote in-person. Please refer to the Mercer County polling sites and times at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov). Absentee ballot applications for the School Board Member election are included in the vote by mail application through the Mercer County Auditor's Office.  
Oliver County Residents of the Hazen Public School District: The school election is being held in conjunction with the primary election administered by Oliver County. Poll options are: Vote by mail or vote in-person. Please

refer to the Oliver County polling sites and times at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov). Absentee ballot applications for the School Board Member election are included in the vote by mail application through the Oliver County Auditor's Office.  
Billie Jo Peterson  
Business Manager  
Hazen Public School District #3  
PO Box 487  
Hazen, ND 58545  
(05-28-2026)(06-04-2026)

# HAZEN CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2026  
Hazen City Hall  
Present: President Schiferl, Commissioner Folkerts, Commissioner Haack, Commissioner Stern and Commissioner Wiedrich  
Others Present: Jo Neuberger, Myra & Jerry Schinke, Wayne & Debbie Rahn, Robbin & Larry Foss, Transit Director Brennan, PW Director Brousseau, Jerod Klabunde (Moore Eng), Buster Langowski, Michelle Maas, Christy Mindt, Walton & Andrea VanDyke, Jordan & Sue Wegner, Bob & Liz Johnson, Attorney Donovan, and Auditor Erhardt.  
President Schiferl called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.  
President Schiferl led the pledge of allegiance and said the prayer.  
Minutes: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to suspend the reading and approve the minutes of the April 20th meeting, as presented, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Motion unanimously approved.  
Agenda: Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the agenda, as presented, second by Commissioner Stern. Motion unanimously approved.  
CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER  
Expedition Estates Discussion: President Schiferl opened discussion clarifying that "technically" there is no moratorium on issuing building permits within the subdivision, however the motion of April 6th to permit three (3) building permits to be issued as a plan to resolve the sewer issues on 11th Ave SW are addressed which failed on a three to two vote, inferring that building will not be allowed. Mr. Schiferl asked about cost information for different repair options and Jerod Klabunde, Moore Engineering, stated they have not received anything more than the previously submitted estimates of \$800,000 and \$400,00. President Schiferl then reviewed options for the board including, adoption of a moratorium on issuing building permits, allowing building permits but withholding certificates of occupancy until a repair plan is in place, or start the process to make the repairs and special assess the costs to property owners. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to establish a moratorium on the issuance of all building permits for properties located on Otter Creek Loop, 11th Ave W, and the commercial lot owned by Mr. Williams. This moratorium shall remain in effect until the first commission meeting of May 2027, unless terminated earlier upon verification that the sewer system on 11th Ave SW has been fully repaired, has passed all applicable federal and state testing requirements, and Moore Engineering has provided written confirmation of the adequacy of such repairs. Alternatively, the

moratorium may be lifted upon submission and approval of a repair plan by Mr. Williams accompanied by the posting of a \$200,000 bond to guarantee completion of the sewer system repairs. Second by Commissioner Stern. Upon discussion, President Schiferl commented that the bond requirement for Williams Building Company in making the repairs is a start. President Schiferl also stated that Mr. Williams was contacted regarding any additional information on making the repairs and the response was, "We can't move forward without being able to build. No revenue, no process." On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Nay", Schiferl, "Nay", motion carried.  
Engineer's Report: Jerod Klabunde, Moore Engineering, stated the engineers are still seeking options for the repairs in Expedition Estates. Bob Johnson asked how the proposed bond compares to the bids and was advised that the bond is roughly half the cost of the lower bid. Regarding the sewer project, manhole rehab should be completed by month end, and asphalt patching is tentatively scheduled for June with anticipated close out of the project in June. Regarding the water service line inventory, the project is ongoing with less than 100 of 1800 services to be identified. Mr. Klabunde received cost proposals from two (2) companies for the nine (9) street locations requiring patching/repairs from Keller Paving (\$54,452) and Bechtold Paving (\$67,510). Mr. Klabunde indicated both companies have work in the area. Commissioner Wiedrich stated that more areas in need of repair have appeared on Highway Drive and asked if these could be addressed under the project. Mr. Klabunde stated this should be possible and stated that once the size of the areas is determined he can calculate the costs based on the unit prices provided. President Schiferl asked if repairs had been budgeted and was informed that this amount was not budgeted but that ND DOT Flex Funds could be used to offset the unbudgeted costs. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to proceed with the patching of the nine (9) identified locations by Keller Paving at a cost of \$54,452, second by Commissioner Folkerts. Upon discussion, it was indicated that this work will be done at the time the sewer patching work is done and Mr. Klabunde will measure the additional areas and bring that to the next meeting. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried. Mr. Klabunde would like to review the capital improvement plan with the board sometime in July.  
REQUEST OF CITIZENS  
Community Garden – M. Schinke: Myra Schinke addressed the commission regard-

ing a community garden grant received by the Hazen Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to place the garden beds in an area of the arboretum near Antelope Creek. Ms. Schinke indicated the idea started after a conversation with the TSC manager and this could serve to empower residents by growing their own food and, if successful, seek future grants to expand the educational aspects through school programs. The grant received is from Basin Electric Power Cooperative in the amount of \$1400. The plan is to install ten (10) beds, each measuring 6'x3' and it was also explained these are not raised beds but are approximately 12" high and volunteers will get them set up and could even address condition of the fruit trees in the arboretum. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve use of an area within the arboretum and to match the \$1400 grant with city funds, second by Commissioner Haack. Upon discussion, the volunteers will likely do seeding this year, but future years could provide opportunities for residents to request a bed for individual use. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.  
APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND BUILDING PERMITS  
Hazen Winter Sports – Site Authorizations: Jo Neuberger, HWS Gaming Director, met with the commission regarding annual site authorization for area locations to conduct gaming. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the site authorizations as requested by Hazen Winter Sports for Box's Bar, Bison Sports Bar, Jimmy's Lounge, and Long Shots Bar, second by Commissioner Folkerts. President Schiferl, who serves on the HWS Board indicated he would abstain from voting. On roll call vote, Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", motion carried.  
Building Permit-USB Remodel – MNC Contracting LLC: The commission reviewed a building permit application to remodel a portion of the basement of Union State Bank to create a wellness suite for bank staff presented by MNC Contracting LLC. Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the building permit, as presented, second by Commissioner Haack. Motion unanimously approved.  
REPORTS  
Water/Sewer/Garbage: Commissioner Stern informed the board that clean-up week started and PW Director Brousseau indicated they have a good start on the process.  
Street/Cemetery: Commissioner Haack informed the board that crack sealing has been completed and the cart was refilled if needed for any patching.

Finance/Busing/Library: Commissioner Folkerts had nothing to report at this time.  
Transit Director Brennan reported that Midwest Doors has been contacted to make the approved repairs but have not provided a date this will be completed.  
Police/Fire/Forestry: Commissioner Wiedrich had nothing to report at this time. Chief Wolff had nothing to report.  
HCD: Antoinette Heier, HCD Director, absent. No report.  
President: President Schiferl had nothing to report at this time.  
The commission reviewed cost information to replace a pole and light that was damaged along the shared use path in west Hazen. The pole was damaged when the city was removing snow and, now that replacement cost is determined, will be reported to the city insurance carrier. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to approve the purchase of one (1) pole and light at a cost of \$4,297.65 (not including electrician labor), second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.  
CORRESPONDENCE  
Pocket Park Donation Request – Hazen Chamber of Commerce: The commission reviewed a request of the Hazen Chamber for funding to maintain and beautify Main Street and the Paul Weiser Pocket Park. Commissioner Wiedrich moved to provide \$3000 to support the project, second by Commissioner Folkerts. On roll call vote: Wiedrich, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.  
SMC Foundation Golf Tournament Sponsorship Request: The commission reviewed a request from the SMC Foundation to sponsor the 21st Annual SMC Foundation Golf Tournament. Commissioner Haack moved to provide a \$300 general sponsorship for the tournament, second by Commissioner Stern. On roll call vote: Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Folkerts, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.  
NEW BUSINESS  
Propane Bid Notice and Board Appointment Notice: Auditor Erhardt informed the commission that notices for bidding of propane fuel and board appointments will be published in the official paper. No further action taken.  
Designate Official Newspaper – Hazen Star (NDCC 40-01-09): Commissioner Folkerts moved to designate the Hazen Star as the official newspaper for the City of Hazen pursuant to NDCC 40-01-09, second by Commissioner Haack. Motion unanimously approved.  
PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Christy Mindt addressed the commission

concerned about the lack of notice to residents regarding the change in placement of the stop signs near the hospital at the intersection of 8th Ave/7th St NE. There have been some near misses at the intersection and Chief Wolff said one of the biggest issues now is driver's that are stopping, out of habit, where there is no longer a stop sign and being struck from the back. There was discussion about Class A emergency vehicles following traffic laws and liability concerns of these vehicles. Michelle Maas was also concerned about near misses at the intersection and asked that future changes be communicated more effectively through the newspaper, social media and the city app. Buster Langowski questioned the traffic laws and Commissioner Folkerts explained that emergency vehicles with flashing lights do not have to obey traffic laws but they are not relieved of liability should there be an incident for not obeying them. There was discussion about enforcement at this location and the changes proposed at 1st Ave/1st St SW when the four-way stop signs are installed and the need to make the public aware of the changes.  
Approval of Bills and Financial Statements: Commissioner Folkerts moved to approve the bills, as presented, second by Commissioner Wiedrich. Pre-paid and bills approved for payment are as follows: Brandon Grabau, 35.00; Chamber of Commerce, 3400.00; CVB, 2882.59; Cory Beery, 300.00; Elan Financial Services, 2061.33; Fastenal, 61.95; Frontier Floral, 95.00; HCD, 4164.09; Hazen Mercantile Inc, 77.78; Hazen Motor Co, 157.69; Industrial Chem Labs, 456.74; KDKT Sports Radio, 125.00; Matthew Bender & Co Inc, 96.81; Menards, 43.13; Mercer Co Treasurer, 6923.00; Moore Engineering Inc, 5729.00; ND Dept of Health, 54.00; NAPA, 187.31; Nicholas Eckroth, 148.8; ND One Call Inc, 48.90; Northern Safety Co, 221.94; Rough Rider Industries, 1751.42; Roughrider Electric Coop Inc, 55.00; SMC Foundation, 300.00; Stein's Inc, 90.32; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, 6.79; Verizon Wireless, 522.54; Vestis, 465.17; West River Telecommunications, 924.58. On roll call vote: Folkerts, "Aye", Wiedrich, "Aye", Haack, "Aye", Stern, "Aye", Schiferl, "Aye", motion carried.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM CT. The next regular meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM CT in the Commission Room of the Hazen City Hall.  
Approved: Jesse Schiferl, President  
Attest: Monte J. Erhardt, Auditor  
(05-28-2026)