

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A REZONING APPLICATION

ZONING CASE 26-07-01
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday evening, July 8th 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, in the Civic Center at Beulah. The Planning Commission will review and consider an application from Jeff Hafner/Pirate Properties LLC for approval of an application to rezone a parcel of land from Agricultural District to Commercial District. The proposed application is to construct a 60X144 storage unit building. The subject parcel is located approximately 13 miles North of Beulah. It consists of 5 acres and is described as Outlot A, located w/in the

SE4SE4 of Section 9 T146N R87W of the 5th Principle Meridian, Mercer County ND. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to comment on this rezoning 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

(06-25-2026)(07-02-2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mercer County is looking to fill a vacant Weed Board seat for a term that will be expiring at the end of July. If you are interested in being appointed to any of this board, please contact Carmen Reed, Mercer County Auditor, at (701) 745-3292 or careed@nd.gov for an Application of Interest or find the application at www.mercercountynnd.com on the home page. Appointments will be

made at the July 15th commission meeting. Deadline for the application is July 14, 2026. The following are the boards that have seats expiring:
Weed Board—4-year term- District 6
Carmen Reed, Auditor

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NOTICE OF PERMIT REVISION APPROVAL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC
Case No. RC-25-213
Revision 36, Permit KR5B-8603
Application
NOTICE OF PERMIT REVISION APPROVAL
June 24, 2026
Preliminary Statement
On May 10, 2024, the Reclamation Division received Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC's application for Revision 36 to Surface Coal Mining Permit KR5B-8603 to modify the post-mining land use, the post-mining topography, and to revise the reclamation timeline schedule. Revision 36 also updates the surface ownership and corporate management lists, surface and ground water hydrology information, threatened and endangered species list, pit layout and facilities map, surface water management plan, and the revegetation plan in the permit.

The Commission has completed its review of the application and approved the permit revision. The revision will give Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC the right to modify the mining and reclamation plans in Permit KR5B-8603 as described in Revision 36. Notice
Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by this revision approval may request a formal hearing with the Commission within thirty days of the publication of this notice. The request should be addressed to the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480. You may contact the Commission at the following telephone numbers: 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner
Randy Christmann, Chair
Jill Kringstad, Commissioner

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CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2026

Chairman Richard Schmidt called the regular board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order on June 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Chairman Schmidt were Shiloh Becher, Jesse Krieger, John Schwab, and Kelly Erhardt. Administrator present was Superintendent Adam Hill and Elementary Principal Ashley Tietz. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Set Agenda. K. Erhardt made a motion to add visitors to the agenda. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried (M/C). Approval of Minutes. Krieger moved to approve the minutes from May 13, 2026 board meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Reports consisting of the General Fund, Activity Fund, Building Fund, Hot Lunch Fund and May payroll totals were presented to the Board. Schwab moved to accept the financial reports (consent agenda) until audited. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Bills: Becher moved to approve payment of the following bills: BOUND 1,149.00; BSN SPORTS 3,549.19; CAHOON, DEBRA 150.00; CENTER REPUBLICAN 676.37; CDLN 1,245.77; CREA 2,485.00; CITY OF CENTER 219.00; COLE PAPERS 417.48; CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES 3,600.00; DACOTAH PAPER 1,612.80; ERHARDT, AVA 45.00; FESSENDEN-BOWDON PUBLIC SCHOOL 125.00; FROSETH-SORGE, MELISSA 136.11; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER 1,088.64; HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 140.00; HUBER, CRYSTAL 181.86; JOSTENS INC 23.45; LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT 313.65; MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 42,823.59; MDU 3,632.98; MYS-

TERY SCIENCE 499.00; NASCO 222.82; ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 229.00; NDCEL 495.00; NETWORK CENTER 683.00; NORHTERN TROPHY & SILK SCREENING 319.00; OMSPED 25,923.72; PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL 241.66; POPPLERS MUSIC 292.92; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES 60.00; ROUGHRIDER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 80.70; RUD PROPANE 6,154.18; SCHMIDT, RENAE 635.26; SCHOLASTIC 59.12; SECURITY FIRST AGENCY OF ND 1,965.00; SFBND-VISA 3,846.73; SFBND 10,000.00; STEINS 1,442.52; UNDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL 130.00; USPS 162.00; WARD'S SCIENCE 1,129.53; WETTELS, MICHELLE 300.00; WIGTON, ANNETTE 300.00; WRT 510.19. General Fund Total: \$119,296.24. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Administrative Reports: Elementary Principal Report: Mrs. Tietz reported on Pre-K and Kindergarten Graduations; Field Day; NDA+ Data Work Session; PTO School Supplies; Mentors: Summer Sports Camps; Summer Cleaning; and Projected Enrollment. Superintendent Report: Mr. Hill reported on Transportation; ICON; Teacher Retainment; Infinite Campus; Job Openings; and a Thank you. Visitors: None. Committee Reports: • Policy Committee Meetings (6/3/2026 & 6/8/2026). The policy committee met and reviewed 129 policies needing to be amended. New Business: A. Policy Amendments. K. Erhardt moved to amend the 129 listed policy documents on the first reading and waive the second reading to expedite the policy adoption pro-

cess per board policy BDA. This list of policy documents to adopt will be attached to the official board minutes. Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. B. Gym Rental. The board discussed rental of gym and other school property. Schwab made a motion to table gym rental until after the building/grounds committee meets and comes with a proposal for rental of school property. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. C. Ancillary Work Agreements. K. Erhardt made a motion to approve the work agreement of Jacob Erhardt (\$29.88/hr.). Krieger seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. D. Bus on Bids. The board discussed placing a large bus on bids or trade in for a 14-passenger bus/van. Becher made a motion to place Bus #2 on bids or trade-in and also purchase the purchase of a 14-passenger bus/van. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. E. Housing Incentives. Erhardt presented housing incentives for Shanna Meier and Janolyn Aichele. Schwab made a motion to approve the housing incentives for Shanna Meier and Janolyn Aichele. Becher seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Meeting Dates. Special Board Meeting – June 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager
(07-02-2026)

CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2025

Board Chair Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 22, 2026. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were John Schwab, Jesse Krieger, Shiloh Becher (via teams), and Kelly Erhardt. Also, present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt. Business: End of Fiscal Year Budget Review/Revisions. Erhardt reviewed the 2025-2026 revenue report and expenditure report with the Board. K. Erhardt made a motion to transfer \$65,000.00 from the Food Services account to the General Fund, and \$40,000.00 from the special reserve fund to the general fund. Krieger seconded the motion. Roll call vote: K. Erhardt-yes, Schwab-yes, Krieger-yes, Becher-yes, Schmidt-yes. Motion carried (M/C). End of Fiscal Year Bills. Krieger moved to approve the following bills as presented: ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 2,791.81; BSN SPORTS 4,006.08; CENTER COAL COMPANY 1,241.67; CDLN 70.93; COLE PAPERS 1,300.16; ETR 314.71; ETSYSTEMS 320.00; GERRELLS SPORTS

CENTER 157.00; MENARDS 20.98; NASCO 28.80; NDCEL 350.00; NDSBA 994.50; NETWORK CENTER 316.00; SANDERS, REBECCA 99.00; SFNBD-VISA 1,791.13; STARFALL EDUCATION FOUNDATION 70.00; WARD'S SCIENCE 127.43; WESTERN LIGHTING TECHNOLOGY 499.50; YOUNG, DANIEL 29.85. General Fund Total: 14,529.55. Becher seconded the motion to pay the bills. All in favor. M/C. Official Election Results. Erhardt presented the official election results from Mercer County to the board. Once Oliver County results are received, Erhardt will contact the winners. Ancillary Work Agreements. Erhardt presented work agreements for board approval. K. Erhardt made a motion to accept the summer custodial work agreements for Dinah Hilliard \$20.00/hr., Pauline Wettels, \$18.00; Aidan Motes Foot \$13.00/hr. and Kasper Wettels \$13.00/hr. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Pupil Membership Report Approval. Erhardt presented the 2025-2026 pupil membership report. Krieger moved to approve the 2025-2026 Pupil Membership Report. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Transportation Report Approval. Erhardt pre-

sented the 2025-2026 Transportation Report. Schwab moved to approve the 2025-2026 Transportation Report. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Bus Bids. Hill informed the board that they could get \$900.00 for the trade in of bus #2 for the white van at Harlow's. Krieger made a motion to trade in bus #2 and purchase the white van from Harlow's for \$54,000.00. Schwab seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Wall of Honor. Krieger made a motion to move Bonnie and Henry Bieber pictures over to the wall of honor. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Meeting Dates Annual Board Meeting – July 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. CT Schwab moved to adjourn meeting. K. Erhardt seconded the motion. All in favor. M/C. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. CT. These published proceedings are subject to review and revision by the Board. Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager
(07-02-2026)

CITY OF STANTON MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2026

Mayor Saylor called the city regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Neumiller, Cole, Babb and Kelly. Present were Auditor Braithwaite and Public Works Supervisor, Chapman. Also present were Summers, K. Petti, H Moore, L Beyer with the Civic Club, and S Solem with Solem Law Office. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Cole approving the minutes of April 13th, 2026 City Council Tax Equalization meeting. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Babb approving the minutes of April 13th, 2026 City Council regular meeting. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Kelly approving the March 2026 Financial Reports submitted by Auditor Braithwaite. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Kelly approving the Gaming Site Authorization Renewal submitted by Hazen Winter Sports ASSN Inc. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Babb, seconded by Neumiller approving the building permit #26-02 submitted by A. Brown to place a fence on the North side of his property on Block 39, Lot 9-10. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried.

Moved by Babb, seconded by Neumiller approving the building permit #26-03 submitted by A. Brown to place a shed building on his property on Block 39, Lot 7-8. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Babb, seconded by Neumiller approving the building permit #26-04 submitted by S. Foster to replace flooring in unit 8 to a building located on Block 47, S 50' lot 9, 75' x105', All lots 10-11. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Babb, seconded by Neumiller approving the building permit #26-05 submitted by C Santos on Block 39, Lot 1, E 25' of Lot 2. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole approving the building permit #26-06 submitted by H. Moore to replace the existing fence with a 6' wood fence on his property on Block 28, Lots 7, 8 + W 1/2 of Lot 9. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Council held a discussion regarding residents planting trees/plants in the boulevard. Residents are required an approval from the council prior to planting due to safety concerns as well as slow removal issue. Council advised Auditor Braithwaite to send out letters to those residents to remove the trees/plants out of the boulevard. Council reviewed the disconnection list for May 18th if the payment is not made and directed

Chapman to disconnect the electric meter and turn off the curb stop at following properties due to non-payment: 112 Lamborn Avenue 515 Main Street 923 Main Street 1030 Arthur Street. Each service will be charged \$125.00 for a disconnection fee per updated ordinance 26-01. Kelly asked about the sink remodeling situation at the Civic Center. Discussion was held to see if replacing just the counter would be more feasible per budget wise. No action was taken at this time. Babb questioned how much funds would be transferred within the funds as stated per ND century code with the max of 20% in "profits". Auditor Braithwaite and Attorney Solem also explained that funds could only be used for what they were associated with that fund. Example, you cannot use the money in the electric fund to purchase or cover expenses for water or vice versa. It seems that there is a larger amount of money invested from Electric funding for future expenses as electric issues can be very costly. Mayor Saylor updated the council members that a big banner sign for Knife River Indian Village will be placed along the highway outside of Stanton in hope to attract more visitors. A discussion was held regarding the extra

expenses on unfinished projects or/and maintenance that need to be done soon such as Civic Center roof, the leak in the water plant building, welcome to Stanton signs, etc. Council, Neumiller, requested Chapman to make a priority list of those projects to be reviewed at the next city meeting. Summers asked about the roll off containers. Auditor Braithwaite and Chapman explained that those roll off containers get filled within 24-48 hours. Per contract with Circle Sanitations, City is provided with 1 roll off container for garbage and 1 for metal only twice a year with one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Auditor Braithwaite explained that since the city had its own roll off container for metal only, Circle Sanitation was able to allow 2 roll off containers for garbage twice a year. She also stated that she had mistakenly provided an end date on the notices when it could only be here until filled. With no one monitoring, it seemed like anyone could dump anything and everything even with the signs stating what items were allowed. A discussion was held regarding summer helpers. Each council member voted for the 4 applicants to hire this Summer not including T. Binder who was hired for park duties. Moved by Cole, seconded by Neumiller approving the temporary full-time summer job to following applicants with a wage of \$18.00 per hour: T. Brost, B. Braithwaite, M. Schmidt, and R.

Chapman. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Babb approving the payment of the following bills submitted: Wages \$ 7534.16, One Call Concepts \$ 27.00, Solem Law Office \$ 207.88, WRT \$ 2344.45, ND Dept of Health \$ 27.00, Roughrider Electric \$ 19067.50, Franklin Templeton \$ 1069.90, Dakota Dust-Tex \$ 140.35, Cardmember services \$ 3915.14, Krause's \$ 44.86, City of Stanton \$ 313.98, City of Stanton \$ 58.48, Old National Bank \$ 128761.66, Fastenal \$ 25.38, US Treasury \$ 2118.73, Southwest Water Authority \$ 3835.57, 1718.86, Circle Sanitation Inc. \$ 4654.75, Ideal Energy LLC \$ 74900.00, Mutual of Omaha \$ 25.20, Donovan & Kaffar, PPLP \$ 150.00, Railroad Management Co. \$ 458.76, US Treasury \$ 2056.70, WAPA \$ 4201.00, City of Stanton \$ 3038.13, J. Neumiller \$ 3000.00, BCBS of North Dakota \$ 7120.00. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. President: Joseph Neumiller Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite
(07-02-2026)