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The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment No. 1 of the 2025-2026 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation.

The 2026 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect Feb. 21 - May 10, 2026. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or possession limit on light geese during the conservation order.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov. A complete proclamation along with amendment No. 1 that contains regulations for the 2026 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: 701-328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

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Statewide program to improve ND's soil health and wildlife habitat



On January 29, Gov. Kelly Armstrong rolled out the Governor's Legacy Soil Health and Habitat Program, a cooperative effort to improve soil health and wildlife habitat on marginally productive cropland across North Dakota's rural landscape.

Joining Armstrong at a capitol press conference to unveil the program were state Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, Game and Fish Director Jeb Williams and ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts Executive Director Rhonda Kelsch, along with roughly 50 partners and supporters of the pilot project.

The goal of the voluntary working lands program is to help North Dakota farmers strengthen cropland productivity and resilience with perennial grass cover, while improving soil health and water retention and creating much-needed wildlife habitat and access for hunters.

The Game and Fish Department partnered with the Association of Soil Conservation Districts to secure \$4.3 million from the state's Outdoor Heritage Fund, along with \$2.2 million in matching contributions from partners, for the two-year, \$6.5 million pilot project.

"This joint effort will help preserve and promote our rich heritage of farming and hunting for generations to come, while also showcasing the spirit of cooperation that makes North Dakota special," Armstrong said. "Healthy soils and wild-

life habitat are essential to our strong economy and the unmatched quality of life that makes North Dakota the best place to live, work and raise a family."

"This gives us the ability to look at planting some perennial grasses in a short period -- I love that flexibility about it," Goehring said, adding, "There's a lot of value in this . . . It's going to do more to change the landscape and help landowners and sportsmen out there."

Williams said the additional grassland will provide much-needed cover for deer and grassland birds. Access is not a requirement of the program, but producers can elect to receive additional incentives for access if they enroll in the state's existing Private Lands Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) program.

The program could be used to enhance habitat on existing PLOTS land, Williams said, noting the program has received input and broad support from ag, conservation and energy partners.

"This program is designed to be simple, locally led and producer-friendly," Williams said. "Our goal is to create a soil health and habitat program with strong support from all partners to build a lasting legacy of healthy soils, thriving habitats and resilient communities."

The Association of Soil Conservation Districts will administer the program, with local delivery through soil conservation districts and partners.

"This working lands program will encompass environmental stewardship, an economic return on investment,

and increased development of wildlife habitat. Through these tools we will continue to build upon a legacy North Dakota can be proud of," Kelsch said.

The pilot program will cover approximately 10,000 acres, with the goal of eventually seeking dedicated funding to execute the program on a larger scale. All types of cropland are eligible for the program, which offers annual payments on five-year agreements for producers to establish perennial grasses. Producers are also eligible to receive a crop insurance premium reduction in coordination with USDA's Risk Management Agency, on acres seeded to perennial grasses.

The "Legacy" title of the program is an acronym for Land stewardship, Ecology and energy, Growth and governance, Agriculture and access, Conservation and collaboration, and Yield and your future.

Landowners interested in this effort to improve soil health and wildlife habitat can contact their local soil conservation district at NDASCD.com. Enrollment is open as of February 2.

The Outdoor Heritage Fund was created during the 2013 legislative session and receives a portion of the state's oil and gas gross production tax. The Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board recommended approval of the program to the ND Industrial Commission, which approved the program December 17.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL

December 8, 2025 - 5 p.m.

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order.

Members present: Daniel Reineke, Nathan Flom, Jay Vasichek, Jay Gilbertson via Teams online. Others present: Scott Gilbertson, city superintendent; Jason Flom, auditor. Community members present: Maria Vasichek, Jay Buhr, Bernie Linstad, Renee Anderson, Allen Orwick.

Mayor Rysavy acknowledged the community group present and asked for comments/concerns from each. Maria Vasichek started with her follow-up on Ordinance #144 and complaint submitted last month. Mayor Rysavy and Auditor Flom both stated that the letter used in the past that was written by a prior sheriff and our ordinance were given to the sheriff's department and they were going to review. Daniel Reineke spoke on his finding within town. Questions were asked by different ones in the group present. It was explained that some of the cars listed were used and licensed. Member Flom had texted Petersburg mayor and she had sent over their new ordinance on dilapidated vehicles. Copies of this ordinance, along with Michigan City current ordinance, were distributed to the group for review. Discussion was held that Michigan City ordinance was solid but for enforcement we would need to work with NCSO.

Discussion was also held on the old school building, nursing home and three houses that need to come down. It was asked of the council to please share an update to the group. Auditor Flom stated he will contact Sheriff Schwind to attend our next meeting.

Group left the meeting. Minutes from Nov. 10, 2025 meeting were presented. Jay Vasichek made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Nathan Flom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Bills were presented as follows: 1st United Bank \$1,704.93 MHF 27.95 Brager 2,000.25 Otter Tail 2,002.20 Nodak 150.00 Polar 185.33 NCSO 1,315.00 One Call 3.00 Card Member Services 1,267.22 ND Water Users Assn. .. 125.00 John Deere Financial 9,167.56 Verizon 41.53 Hamster Oil 123.05 Farmers Union 150.00 Ferguson Waterworks ... 1,250.00 Lakota Hardware 15.56 Nelson Co. Water 2,824.98 Motion made by Jay Vasichek to approve. Daniel Reineke seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Reineke--yes, Jay Gilbertson--yes, Jay Vasichek--yes. Motion carried.

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Superintendent Report -- Scott Gilbertson presented. Water loss for the month was within normal range. Civic Center has had 40 lights changed over to LED. There are about that many left to complete. Working on being winter-ready; bulk water station has been closed for the season. Fire hydrants have been flushed and working on a couple replacing parts. Burnt tree pile at the reservoir. Need to contact Brian Johnson to push them back and push back the concrete pile. Mixer for the water tower is in and waiting for Ohnstad Electric to come and wire it. Will be taking vacation the next few afternoons this week.

Auditor Report -- Jason Flom presented. Water shut off notices were presented. Bank statement, profit/loss and balance sheets given. USDA report was given and amounts left with them. All special assessments have been turned in to the Nelson County auditor. Discussed new policy for new construction houses and the setback rule. Will have examples next meeting; this will not be an ordinance but a policy. The new accounting and utility billing system was discussed, and auditor hopes to have it all in place by year's end.

Old Business --

Spar Housing was discussed and Lisa from RRRC stated through an email that construction will begin in the spring. Motion was made by Jay Vasichek to abate the taxes during construction. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dan Reineke--yes, Jay Gilbertson--yes, Jay Vasichek--yes. Motion carried.

Second reading of Ordinance 146 (Pets in City Limits) was done. Jay Vasichek made a motion to approve the changes made to Ordinance 146. Daniel Reineke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dan Reineke--yes, Jay Gilbertson--yes, Jay Vasichek--yes. Motion carried.

New Business --

2026 beer license for Hamster Oil and 2026 beer and liquor license for Horseshoe Bar and Grill were presented.

Daniel Reineke made a motion to approve the Hamster Oil beer license. Jay Vasichek seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dan Reineke--yes, Jay Gilbertson--yes, Jay Vasichek--yes. Motion carried.

Jay Vasichek made a motion to approve the Horseshoe Bar and Grill 2026 liquor and beer license. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dan Reineke--yes, Jay Gilbertson--yes, Jay Vasichek--yes. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be Dec. 8, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Jay Gilbertson made motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Reineke seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Flom Auditor

Amendment Dec. 8, 2025: Jay Vasichek made a motion to approve as presented. Nathan Flom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Jay Vasichek submitted his resignation effective immediately.

Mayor Rysavy and the rest of the council thanked him for his time. Jay stated that the two different councils he served on through the years have been great!

Auditor Flom reminded all the next meeting is Jan. 12, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Nathan Flom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Vasichek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Flom Auditor

Amendment Jan. 12, 2026 at 5:35 p.m.: Nathan Flom made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote.

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