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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NELSON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONNIE L. SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONSTANCE L. SCHMIDT, Deceased.

Probate No. 32-2026-PR-00001  
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 TANYA MADSON, personal representative of the estate, at 2525 Elk Drive, PO Box 1000, Minot, ND 58702-1000, or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 4th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Tanya Madson  
Tanya Madson

Debra L. Hoffarth - #05668  
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National Suicide Lifeline phone number is 9-8-8

The National Suicide Lifeline has officially changed its number to 9-8-8 and has been renamed to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. All conversations and interactions with 9-8-8 crisis workers are free, confidential and non-judgmental.

There is now the ability to text or chat online with a crisis worker. To text, someone in crisis can text any message to 9-8-8 in order to start a conversation. A follow-up text will be sent to gather some more information about the individual and the situation they are facing. For the online chat, someone in crisis can go to [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) to connect with a crisis worker.

There is a pre-chat survey for the individual to fill out in order to provide the crisis worker with more information on the situation they are going through. These new ways of reaching out for help increase the availability of 9-8-8 services for people in



crisis to get the help they need.

Along with the texting and chatting resource availability, there is also the Veterans Crisis Line. If a veteran is in crisis or if someone is concerned for a veteran, they can call 9-8-8 and press 1 to be connected with a trained peer supporter. There is also an option to text at 838255, as well as the online chat option for veteran specific crisis intervention and support at [www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/).

To learn more about the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, please visit [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org) to explore all the information and resources provided.

Sudoku answers

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD January 14, 2026

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with no addition(s) to the agenda. Board members Trent Matejcek, Travis Schmidt, Kris Rainsberry and Derrick Marquart were present.

A motion by Derrick Marquart, seconded by Trent Matejcek, to approve the December 3 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Audience: Beau Snyder, Sam Preble.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snyder, high school principal, reported the current high school enrollment of 72 students, teacher in-service, Infinite Campus meetings, end of semester and curriculum meeting.

Mr. Preble, elementary principal, reported on current elementary enrollment of 121 students, staff development student activities, team meetings and STAR360.

Dr. Kelly Peters, superintendent, reported on community center usage and is very grateful for Josh Ulland and his crew for any help that has been needed in the building. Dr. Peters reported on bus routes, technology position, continued updates as needed and Superintendent of ND Mr. Levi Bachmeier to visit Lakota school on Feb. 13, 2026. The ADA project bid opening will be held on Jan. 15, 2026.

Curriculum Committee -- Discussed the 2026-27 school calendar and math series for the upcoming school year.

Community Center Committee -- Discussed the daycare center lease and the community center lease.

Old and Unfinished Business -- No action was taken on Lakota Daycare lease agreement.

New Business -- A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to approve the 2026 school board election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 held at the Lakota Fire Hall from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Derrick Marquart, to approve the State Bank of Lakota pledge of assets in the amount of \$2,500,000. The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the transfer of funds from money market to ADA project.

A motion by Kris Rainsberry, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to

approve the 2026-27 school calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the resignation of 6th grade teacher Thomas Nybo at the end of the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Lakota High School.

A motion by Trent Matejcek, seconded by Kris Rainsberry, to approve the January bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Advanced Business	
Methods .....	\$1,899.50
Amazon Capital	
Services .....	1,670.04
B & H Photo-Video .....	2,439.60
City of Lakota .....	240.00
Cole Papers .....	772.80
Connecting Point .....	194.00
Dakota Prairie School	
District .....	20,408.83
DRN Read/Teach .....	1,571.50
Farmers Union Oil Co. ...	3,955.25
Haugland Trucking .....	13,066.24
Hobart Sales and	
Service .....	905.46
Lakota American .....	132.60
Lakota Auto Truck &	
Repair a.k.a. Farm	
Equip. Assembly .....	30.00
Lakota Hardware Store .	50.99
Lakota Municipal	
Utilities .....	3,334.41
Stephanie Matejcek .....	53.70
Mayville State Univ. ....	75.00
Menards--GF .....	524.97
Miller Repair .....	2,877.60
ND Counselors Assn. ...	175.00
Nelson Electrical	
Solutions .....	985.08
NE Education Services	
Cooperative .....	4,500.00
Pitney Bowes Global	
Financial Services .....	156.00
Polar Communications ...	455.80
Premium Waters, Inc. ...	131.67
Radisson Inn .....	265.00
Rysavy Plumbing .....	230.00
SDI Innovations .....	72.40
Beau Snyder .....	31.67
Solberg Motor Co. ....	1,942.75
William Solberg .....	60.00
Brundie Ulland .....	50.00
Unum Life Insurance	
Co. of America .....	54.78
Tessa Varnson .....	399.80
Total .....	\$63,712.44

A motion by Derrick Marquart, seconded by Travis Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sorlien adjourned the meeting.

Tessa Varnson  
Business Manager

Jason Sorlien  
Board President



The nicknames of all 50 states

The United States is the fourth largest country in the world in terms of total area. According to The World Factbook, the U.S. features more than 9.8 million square kilometers (roughly 3.8 million square miles), and the country's terrain is as diverse as the people who call the nation home.

There may be no better way to gain a feel for America and its inhabitants than getting behind the wheel and taking a road trip, but there's many other ways to gain insight into what makes each state unique.

Each state in the United States has at least one nickname, and those monikers can be a fun way to spark discussions and learn more about each of the 50 states that make up the country.

- Alabama: Cotton State, Yellowhammer State
- Alaska: The Last Frontier
- Arizona: Grand Canyon State
- Arkansas: Natural State
- California: Golden State
- Colorado: Centennial State
- Connecticut: Nutmeg State, Constitution State
- Delaware: The First State, Diamond State
- Florida: Sunshine State
- Georgia: Peach State, Empire State of the South
- Hawaii: Aloha State
- Idaho: Gem State
- Illinois: Prairie State, Land of Lincoln
- Indiana: Hoosier State
- Iowa: Hawkeye State, Corn State
- Kansas: Sunflower State
- Kentucky: Bluegrass State
- Louisiana: Pelican State, Creole State, Sugar State
- Maine: Pine Tree State
- Maryland: Free State, Old Line State
- Massachusetts: Bay State, Old Colony State
- Michigan: Wolverine State, Great Lake State
- Minnesota: North Star State, Gopher State, Land of 10,000 Lakes, Land of Sky-Blue Waters
- Mississippi: Magnolia State
- Missouri: Show Me State
- Montana: Treasure State,

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, City of McVile (Nelson County), North Dakota  
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3200636-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed water treatment plant rehabilitation project for the City of McVile in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The process components in the 35-year-old water treatment plant are near the end of their useful life and are in need of rehabilitation and improvements.

The proposed project includes filter system rehabilitation; upgrades to the control system, process instrumentation, and high service pumps; and chemical storage area modifications. After completion of the project, the water treatment plant will operate more efficiently with improved operator engagement.

The City of McVile has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,006,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the structure with some sanitary service line underground work within the plant lot. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0358). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts on the population or area of McVile and Nelson County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01405-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Hristo Papalichev, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated Feb. 12, 2026.  
David J. Bruschwein, P.E.  
Director  
Division of Municipal Facilities

Big Sky Country

- Nebraska: Cornhusker State, Beef State
- Nevada: Silver State, Sagebrush State, Battle Born State
- New Hampshire: Granite State
- New Jersey: Garden State
- New Mexico: Land of Enchantment
- New York: Empire State
- North Carolina: Tar Heel State, Old North State
- North Dakota: Flickertail State, Sioux State, Peace Garden State
- Ohio: Buckeye State
- Oklahoma: Sooner State
- Oregon: Beaver State
- Pennsylvania: Keystone State
- Rhode Island: Ocean State, Little Rhody
- South Carolina: Palmetto State
- South Dakota: The Mount Rushmore State
- Tennessee: Volunteer State
- Texas: Lone Star State
- Utah: Beehive State
- Vermont: Green Mountain State
- Virginia: The Old Dominion, Mother of Presidents
- Washington: Evergreen State, Chinook State
- West Virginia: Mountain State
- Wisconsin: Badger State, America's Dairyland
- Wyoming: Equality State

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Did You Know?



Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the White House serves as the official residence for the President of the United States as well as the primary place where he or she conducts official business. The building was designed by Irish-born architect James Hoban, who was instrumental in creating many official buildings after emigrating to the United States. In June 1792, Hoban was summoned to the temporary U.S. capital in Philadelphia to compete in a design competition for the White House. George Washington, the first President of the United States, was fond of Hoban after admiring some of his work while touring the southern United States. Washington never got a chance to live in the White House, however. He is the only President never to live in the White House, as the building was not completed before the end of his second term. Washington's successor, President John Adams, moved into the residence in 1801. Since its inception, the White House has been changed a few times. In the building's infancy, it was set ablaze during the War of 1812 and had to undergo significant reconstruction. It also was expanded during Theodore Roosevelt's time in office to include a West Wing to house work offices. William Howard Taft added the first Oval Office. Although an official residence, the White House is a National Heritage Site and is owned by the National Park Service.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL February 2, 2026

Petersburg City Council met Feb. 2, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the community center. Members present were Amber Vickaryous, Susan Dahl and Brian Johnson; and Tricia Johnson. David Galloway and Katelyn Bechtold with Otter Tail Power Company were present. James Schmidt and Kevin Sundre were not present.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Susan, to approve the City Ordinance #302-05, 20-year agreement between the city of Petersburg and Otter Tail Power Company, second reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Susan, seconded by Brian, to approve Jan. 12, 2026 minutes and the current financial report, and bills to be paid. Motion carried.  
Otter Tail Power ..... \$905.65  
Tri-County ..... 59.00  
David Galloway ..... 221.64  
Tricia Johnson ..... 507.92  
Erwin Schmidt ..... 304.75  
Lakota American ..... 46.80  
Hamster Oil ..... 70.39  
Polar Communications .. 48.21  
Nelson Co. Sheriff's ..  
Dept. .... 810.00  
Otter Tail Power ..... 57.13  
BND ..... 6,650.00

Motion by Susan, seconded by Brian, to approve Petersburg Rural Fire Protection District raffle permit, with guns as prizes, on 06/13/2026 at Town Pump II. Motion carried.

City council combined city maintenance positions into one position; David Galloway's services are no longer required. The city council would like to thank David Galloway for his years of dedicated service to the city of Petersburg.

City residents can renew their annual pet license at the city council meetings.

Next regular city council meeting will be March 2, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the community center, with the second reading of the Floodplain Ordinance #15-01-202-E.

Motion by Susan, seconded by Brian, to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.  
Tricia Johnson  
City Auditor

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