

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL February 2, 2026

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on Feb. 2, 2026 at the city hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All council members were present, except Member Vasichek who was absent.

The council stood and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 6, 2026 regular meeting, seconded by Member Haugland. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the proposed three-year community center lease agreement with the Lakota school for a \$20,000/year lease with the terms specified and to keep the land lease from the Lakota school for the Lakota Child Care Center at \$1/year for a three-year term, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor except Member Fahey who opposed. Motion carried.

Member Ferguson made a motion to provide a 3.5% pay increase for all permanent employees who have been employed for over one year, seconded by Member Nelson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

2026 Approved Wages
 Josh Ulland -- \$84,623.05 annual
 Amie Vasichek -- \$57,400.83 annual

William Ross -- \$25.74/hr.
 David Ogren -- \$23/hr.
 Nancy Skogen -- \$21.27/hr.
 Hayley Ross -- \$18,688.32 annual

Member Ferguson made a motion to allow for a community garden run by the Nelson County Extension Office at the city property at 3rd St. East and A Ave. East, seconded by Member Matejcek. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to apply to the Destination Development Grants for an RV park, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to make the golf cart storage fee \$175/gas carts and \$200/electric carts for 2026, seconded by Member Matejcek. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Fahey made a motion to have Wildseth survey Lot 2 of Block 1 of Sundeen's Second Addition and not to exceed \$1,700, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the 2026 liquor license for the Bins Coffee & Spirits at a prorated rate effective May 1, 2026, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the quote from IXOM for a submersible electric mixer for the water tower of \$9,574, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by

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Member Nelson to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0.	701 Tax Solutions	\$10,200.00
	ABM Equipment	69.46
	Acme Tools	484.99
	Advanced Business	
	Methods	261.64
	Auto Valve	386.94
	BCBS	12,564.07
	Computer Express	499.95
	Dacotah Paper	250.11
	Dept. of Environmental	111.94
	EFTPS	1,901.63
	EFTPS	1,970.16
	Elan	668.00
	Farmers Union Oil	14,752.05
	GF Utility Billing	169.00
	Hawkins	633.37
	Hoffarth, Anthony	200.00
	Interstate Billing	80.88
	Knife River	628,546.83
	Lake Region Pest	435.00
	Lakota American	74.88
	Lakota Auto	114.38
	Lakota Drug	1,104.23
	Lakota Hardware	911.95
	Lakota Municipal	
	Utilities	370.00
	Lakota Municipal	
	Utilities	739.15
	Lakota Municipal	
	Utilities	9,870.43
	Lakota Sanitation	11,545.31
	Mead & Hunt	143,385.00
	MRES	87,257.26
	NDPERS	3,221.27
	NC Sheriff	3,415.00
	NC Treasurer	20,761.58
	Nelson Electrical	142.29
	Nodak	1,680.35
	ND Telephone	49.64
	Polar	1,524.86
	Quill	231.98
	Renewed State	1,855.64
	Rock Creek Clubhouse	243.57
	Sateren, Lorne	700.00
	Schuh, Kenneth	300.00
	United Laboratories	1,018.45
	Verizon	126.57
	Vestis	74.82
	City Salaries	11,477.23
	City Salaries	12,098.24
	Total	\$988,480.10

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Member Fahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Nelson. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Amie Vasichek
City Auditor

Bill Solberg
Mayor

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL February 11, 2026

The Lakota City Council held a special meeting on Feb. 11, 2026 at the city hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. All council members were present, except Member Nelson and Haugland who were absent.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the proposal from American Waterworks of \$126,226.06 for improvements in the city library basement, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Matejcek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Ferguson. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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Giving Hearts Day a success for NCHSF

The Nelson County Health Services Foundation (NCHSF) is proud to announce a record-breaking success during this year's Giving Hearts Day on Feb. 12, 2026.

Through the incredible generosity of community members, local businesses, and friends near and far NCHSF raised an outstanding \$75,000 -- the highest total in the Foundation's Giving Hearts Day history.

Of this amount, \$39,300 was secured through matching funds provided by local businesses and private donors who pledged to help amplify community contributions. Matching sponsors include:

- McVile American Legion
- Tolna American Legion
- Duane & Becky Flaagan
- Stein Seed Company
- Farmers & Merchants Bank of ND
- Merle & Michelle Forde
- Michigan American Legion
- Bernice Engen
- Dr. Tom Dunham
- Polar Communications
- Jensen Pioneer Seed - Pe- kin, ND
- Lundeby Evergreens
- State Bank of Lakota
- Tronson Grain
- Ohnstad Electric
- Pekin Elevator
- LFS Professional Services, Inc.
- Anonymous Donors

Every dollar raised will directly benefit Nelson County Health System's new hospital lab chemistry analyzer. The new analyzer modernizes testing capabilities, reduces turnaround times and strengthens the hospital's ability to provide timely and accurate results for patients close to home.

We would also like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the Dakota Prairie and Lakota Elementary students who helped with the "Giving Hearts Day Kind Kid" project.

Each student was asked to write a brief response to how they like to help people in their home or community. We chose 10 student winners and donated to their favorite non-profit for Giving Hearts Day.

Their responses are truly heartwarming and the future of Nelson County is in good hands thanks to their kindness.

Following are the student winners:

- Eddy, Dakota Prairie
- Lydia, Dakota Prairie
- Levi, Lakota
- Aria, Lakota
- Danielle, Lakota
- Aubrielle, Dakota Prairie
- Kaleb, Dakota Prairie
- Rosina, Dakota Prairie
- Alias, Lakota
- Edyn, Dakota Prairie

NCHSF extends its deepest gratitude to the businesses, families, and individuals who participated in this year's Giving Hearts Day campaign. Your generosity allows Nelson County Health System to meet the healthcare needs of the community with excellence and compassion.



I like to help my dad with the flag. It shows respect and freedom. Thers more I help with but I like this the most. I like taking out the trash, shoveling the sidewalk, sweeping without my mom knowing to make her happy. I like seeing her happy.



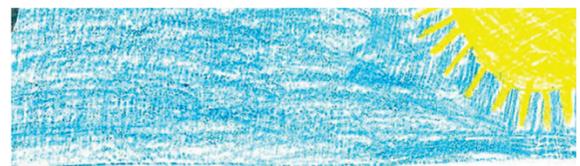
By doing pictures, making cards and writing notes to send to the residents in nursing homes to brighten their day. I love to brighten up the residents it fills me up with joy and happiness in my heart.



Me and my grandma make lemonade every year and donate to feed my starving children.

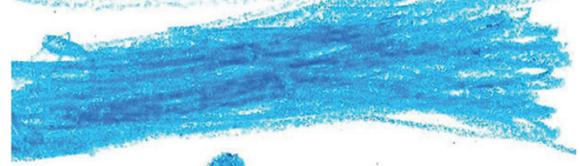


I help people move from a chair to their wheelchair.

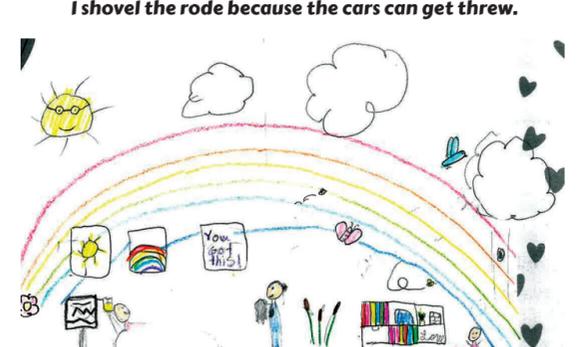


"HOW DO YOU LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE IN YOUR HOME OR COMMUNITY?"

I like to help by giving them company when they are lonely. It is important to help others if their husband dies or if they get really sick.



I shovel the rode because the cars can get threw.



I like to help the people who are in need like the people with cancer so they can have hair like us and they can get help to pay for all the bills.



I like to help people in my community be giving them cookies. I like to give people baked goods because I like to see them smile and be happy.



I would donate blood at the local blood drive!

I like to help my mom by shoveling snow. It's important to help others because my mom dose a lot for me. Helping others is good because it makes you and others fell good.



Construction scholarships for high school seniors

The Associated General Contractors of ND has scholarships available for high school seniors pursuing a career in the field of Construction. These scholarships are for the 2026-27 school year. The deadline is April 22, 2026. Scholarship details and applications are available at www.agcnd.org/scholarship

- \$1,500 scholarships available at North Dakota State University and University of Mary for construction management or construction engineering
- \$1,500 scholarships available at Minnesota State University Moorhead for construction

- management
- \$1,500 scholarship available at Bismarck State College for heavy equipment operator
- \$750 scholarships available at Bismarck State College for construction technology, welding technology, heavy equipment operator, engineering technology, HVAC, diesel technology or other construction related majors
- \$750 scholarships available at ND State College of Science for construction management technology, civil engineering and land surveying technology, building construction technology,

- architectural drafting and estimating technology, diesel technology or welding technology
- "The AGC of ND is continually looking to partner with the next generation of industry professionals and is proud to assist with the financial aspect with our scholarship program" states AGC of ND Executive Vice President Russ Hanson.
- The AGC of ND, an association of more than 400 contractors, suppliers and construction-related companies, has awarded more than \$1.4 million in scholarships since 1964.

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