

Unique additions to home parties

Hosting at home has become a go-to option when looking to spend time with family and friends. While a night out on the town still has its appeal, more and more people prefer to host at home. A 2025 survey conducted by Talker Research on behalf of Air Wick found that more than seven in 10 respondents prefer staying in over going out, with nearly half of those in favor of staying in indicating they only recently shifted to hosting at home over heading out on the town. Hosts who prefer welcoming friends and family into their homes can consider these unique additions to home parties that can make such celebrations stand out.



lose their bearings or get a little overexcited or anxious when wearing a VR headset.

Virtual reality area: Virtual reality is increasingly being utilized in public spaces, including museums, to make local attractions more interactive and engaging. So why not embrace that trend when hosting at home? Designate a room or corner of a large, open entertaining space as a virtual reality zone. Offer a headset and a range of experiences guests can enjoy. Just be sure to designate one of the hosts or a guest as a monitor, as some people can

Silent disco: Silent discos made a big splash in the early years of the twentieth century at the music festival Bonnaroo, itself now a cultural phenomenon. Hosts can bring a touch of that beloved festival's history into their own homes by designating a portion of their festivities as a silent disco time. During a silent disco, guests let loose on the dance floor but keep the noise down, as the music is listened to via a set of wireless headphones donned by each participating dancer.

"Murder" mystery: Hosts really looking for a change of pace can make their next party a murder mystery dinner. Pick a theme and encourage guests to dress up in costume. A host or enthusiastic guest can play the victim. Assign guests roles upon their arrival and encourage everyone to remain in character until the whodunnit is solved. Reward the first to solve the mystery with a prize.

Story time: If hosts and their friends are a literary lot, then turn the party into a chance to collaborate on a story. Hosts can get the ball rolling by writing the opening sentence(s), and then pass the baton, or pen, to the next guest. Consider the season when starting the story. A scary story is ideal around Halloween, while a mystery might make the ideal genre to explore if the weather outside is a little dark and dreary.

-metrocreativeconnection

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
Case No. 32-2025-CV-00086
IN DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHEAST CENTRAL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF NELSON, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON F/K/A THE BANK
OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR
TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT
OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS
OF POPULAR ABS, INC.
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-D,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

RONALD L. TUFTE, AMERICAN
EXPRESS NATIONAL BANK,
CITIBANK, N.A., DISCOVER
BANK, BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., LNNV FUNDING, LLC, AND
OCCUPANTS OF 4945 104TH
AVE. NE, LAKOTA, ND 58344,
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a Special Execution issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the County of Nelson, North Dakota, Northeast Central, I will sell the real property described in the Judgment entered and docketed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court on February 20, 2026, and hereafter described to the highest bidder for cash at public auction at the Nelson County Courthouse located in Lakota, North Dakota, on April 28, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM of that day to satisfy the amount due and owing the Plaintiff from the Defendant(s) in the sum of \$130,028.83, plus accrued costs and interest to the date of sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of said sale applicable thereto will satisfy.

The premises to be sold as aforesaid are situated in the County of Nelson, State of North Dakota, and are more particularly described as follows:
The North 541.65 feet of the East 942.31 feet of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 29, Township 154 North, Range 60 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Nelson, State of North Dakota.
Street Address: 4945 104th Ave. NE, Lakota, ND 58344

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 9th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Kurt Schwind

Kurt Schwind

Sheriff of Nelson County, North Dakota

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& April 2, 2026)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM GROUND WATER

TAKE NOTICE THAT SCHINDELE, MICHAEL, TOLNA, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7451 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from ground water.

The application requests an annual appropriation of 204.6 acre-feet of water for irrigation use at a pumping rate of 700 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the S1/2 NW1/4 and of N1/2 SW1/4 both of Sec. 36, T. 151 N., R. 061 W., Nelson County, for the purpose of irrigating 68.14 acres in the S1/2 NW1/4 and 68.14 acres in the N1/2 SW1/4 all of Sec. 36, T. 151 N., R. 061 W., Nelson County.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 20th day of April 2026. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 3, 2026.

/s/ John Paczkowski, P.E.

State Engineer

Department of Water Resources

1200 Memorial Highway

Bismarck, ND 58504-5262

(Publish March 19 & 26, 2026)

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

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

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb. 2, 2026 regular meeting, seconded by Member Haugland. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Matejcek made a motion to provide Amie Vasichек with a 5% wage increase, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor except Member Vasichек who abstained. Motion carried.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the annual software program for the utility billing system of \$2,914.60/year, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve 1/2 the community share of the BND Flex Pace application for Lakota Carwash, seconded by Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Haugland made a motion to approve the Storefront Improvement application from Lakota Legion for \$1,501.25, seconded by Member Vasichек. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichек made a motion to approve the bid of \$229,500 to chip seal the remaining streets this summer if bidding requirements were in order, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Ferguson made a motion to approve the purchase of the Lakota American building for \$60,000 for the Lakota Clinic project, 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 Member Vasichек to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Matejcek seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote of 4-0.
ABM Equipment \$2,279.77
Acme Tools 154.38
Advanced Business
Methods 261.64
America Waterworks 25,245.21

Nelson County

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First Day Circulation of Petitions

Primary: January 1st 2026
General: April 3rd 2026

Petition Filing Date

Primary: 4:00pm April 6th 2026
General: 4:00pm August 31st 2026

Office	Minimum	Maximum
Nelson County District 1 County Commissioner Lakota City north of the railroad crossing	29	300
Nelson County District 3 County Commissioner Nash, Petersburg, Adler, Rugh and Ora Townships including Petersburg and Aneta Cities	26	300
Nelson County District 5 County Commissioner Central, Melvin, Hamlin, Field, Nesheim and Lee Townships including McVilleville City	28	300
Nelson County State's Attorney	25	300
Nelson County Sheriff	30	300
Supervisor, Nelson County Soil Conservation District	25	300

Absentee Applications will be sent to all active voters in Nelson County

2026 Primary Election - June 9th 2026 • 2026 General Election - November 3rd 2026

Polls will be open 7:00am - 7:00pm

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR PETITIONS IN 2026 ELECTIONS
NDCC 16.1-11-11 & 4.1-20-16

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL February 9, 2026

Apex Engineering 1,690.00
BND 4,438.13
BCBS 9,555.97
Border States 4,672.37
Computer Express 428.37
City of Lakota 450.00
Dacotah Paper 495.65
EFTPS 2,396.86
EFTPS 2,351.69
Elan 1,623.19
Farmers Union Oil 1,816.74
Ferguson Waterworks ... 1,085.41
Ferry, Mark 560.00
GF Utility Billing 144.00
GF Welding 291.55
Hawkins 10.00
Interstate Billing 523.85
IXOM Watercare 9,574.00
Lakota American 241.85
Lakota Hardware 578.65
Lakota Municipal
Utilities 370.00
Lakota Municipal
Utilities 806.18
Lakota Municipal
Utilities 12,655.36
Lakota Sanitation 11,531.76
Locators & Supplies 1,441.73
Menards 402.46
MARC 9,174.00
MRES 93,884.47
NC Sheriff 3,415.00
Neonlink 55.60
Nodak 1,037.11
ND One Call 1.50
ND Telephone 49.69
Quill 14.05
Renewed State 1,449.61
Rysavy Plumbing 285.00
Ramos, Ariel 19.72
Thein Well 13,965.72
United Laboratories 2,242.21
USABluebook 153.93
Vasichек, Amie 40.00
VCI 28.70
Verizon 126.57
Vestis 74.82
Widseth 1,700.00
Zion 83,026.27
City Salaries 13,420.95
City Salaries 14,039.60
Total \$336,096.29

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6 p.m. Tax equalization meeting is scheduled for the same day at 5:30 p.m.

Member Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Vasichек. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Amie Vasichек

Auditor

Bill Solberg
Mayor

*Full meeting minutes are available upon request at the Lakota City Hall.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL February 9, 2026

Members present: Lauri Rysavy, Daniel Reineke, Nathan Flom, Jay Gilbertson via Teams. Others present: Scott Gilbertson, Jason Flom, Brandon Lulay.

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order.

Mayor Rysavy introduced Brandon Lulay. He will be filling the vacancy left by Jay Vasichек in December 2025. Mayor Rysavy explained council meetings and happenings. Brandon filled in his oath of office form. Jill Kroke entered the meeting to notarize the oath. Mayor Rysavy thanked Jill for coming to do that. Jill left the meeting.

Mayor Rysavy called for presentation of Jan. 12, 2026 meeting minutes. Jay Gilbertson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Monthly bills were presented:

First United Bank \$1,704.93
First United Bank 20,274.34
Brager 2,000.25
Ottetail 2,356.94
Nodak 96.00
Polar 239.00
NCSCO 1,315.00
Deb Anderson,
L. Rysavy 1,286.00
Card Member Services 1,674.30
Farmers Union 390.03
Verizon 41.53
Hamster Oil 361.62
BND 1,800.00
GF Utility Billing 26.00
Banyon 14,757.25
Total \$48,323.19

Nathan Flom made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Dan Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Superintendent Report by Scott Gilbertson --

Water loss for the month of January was 2.2%.

He has shown council members Flom and Reineke where things are in case he is gone. He will be taking the entire council around this spring to be shown.

Civic Center: New faucets in the kitchen and bathrooms have been installed. All-new LED lights have been installed throughout the upstairs.

Rod Wagner from Larimore has placed a bid of \$8,792.05 to run new wire up the water tower and wire in the

new mixer that H&H Coating installed. The prior electrician had backed out. Nathan Flom made a motion to accept the bid. Brandon Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Auditor Report by Jason Flom --
Water bills were discussed and council stated to send letter to four properties with shut off Feb. 25, 2026.

Financials were discussed. The new Banyon fund accounting chart of accounts was gone over and Auditor Flom asked if there were any more to add.

Statements from USDA were discussed.

Printing minutes in the newspaper was discussed and Auditor Flom stated that we must print them until the next election.

Old Business --

Letters with the sheriff department are being formed on violation of Ordinance 144. Council will give the go-ahead on who will be receiving them at next meeting.

We are in an election year. Those up for election are Mayor Lauri Rysavy, council members Jay Gilbertson and Brandon Lulay, and park board members Sarah Anderson, Chris Anderson and Ethan Hendrickson. Paperwork must be filed with the city auditor by April 6, 2026 at 4 p.m. A notice will be going in the Lakota American as well as the michigannd.com website and bulletin boards throughout town.

Official government Facebook page was discussed; there were issues as the current city email is linked on a different page. Council instructed the auditor to set an official Gmail email to use with Facebook.

New Business --

Brian Day from Midwest Assistance Program was in to complete the USDA year-end reports. They were presented to the council for questions. Nathan Flom made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

An example of a citizen comment and public meeting decorum policy was presented to council. We are currently missing such policy in our books, and it is required by the state. Council is going to go through the example and review. This was tabled until the March regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Flom

Auditor

These are unofficial minutes.



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