

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY  
WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01**  
WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Walsh County Water Resource District (the "District") owns and operates a legal assessment drain known as WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A ("DRAIN 4A") in portions of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 in St. Andrews Township, Walsh County, North Dakota; the District previously created, and currently administers, an assessment district for purposes of funding and financing the original construction of Drain 4A and for ongoing operation and maintenance expenses.

WHEREAS, the District has examined and developed a project to finance, design, construct, improve, operate, and maintain portions of DRAIN 4A, a project the District refers to as WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 (the "Project"), a project the District will administer in accordance with Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, described more specifically as follows:

The Project will consist of improvements and maintenance of WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A in Sections 9, 10, and 11 of St. Andrews Township in Walsh County to increase drainage capacity and to permit additional agricultural acreage to drain into DRAIN 4A. More specifically, the Project will include installation of an additional 36" steel culvert at the intersection of DRAIN 4A with BNSF Railway's right of way, to supplement the existing 24" corrugated metal pipe; erosion repair downstream of the existing BNSF culvert; and installation of riprap downstream of both BNSF culverts; a cleanout of the DRAIN 4A channel and sediment removal in Sections 10 and 11, to return the channel to the original grade line; installation of side inlet culverts with flap gates in Section 11; and other miscellaneous items as necessary. The Project will also include topographic surveys, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses, and culvert crossing and channel design; installation of riprap erosion control; utility relocations; and other miscellaneous items as necessary. The Project will restore hydraulic efficiency and address structural deficiencies regarding DRAIN 4A; improve agricultural drainage for properties in the Project watershed; reduce long-term maintenance needs regarding DRAIN 4A; and reduce crop loss within the Project watershed. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

WHEREAS, the District is prepared to conduct the legal proceedings necessary to replace the current DRAIN 4A assessment district with a new assessment district that reflects the benefits that WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 will provide to the properties in the Project watershed; the new assessment district will be a legal assessment district under Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, created by a vote of landowners in the DRAIN 4A water-

shed to finance and fund construction of the Project; the District will conduct a vote of the landowners that will benefit from the Project to determine if the District should ultimately proceed with the Project and with creation of the new DRAIN 4A assessment district.

WHEREAS, the District believes further assessment vote proceedings are warranted and necessary to create the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district for purposes of financing and funding the Project, and to ultimately construct the Project for the benefit of the properties in the Project watershed.

WHEREAS, while the Project will include improvements through BNSF Railway's crossing, the District previously engaged BNSF and the parties have agreed that BNSF will not be responsible for the costs of the BNSF crossing improvements; therefore, the District's engagement with BNSF satisfies the requirements under N.D. Cent. Code §§ 61-16.1-2 and 61-16.1-43.  
WHEREAS, the Project will not include any road crossing improvements and, therefore, the District need not conduct any additional proceedings under Sections 61-16.1-42 and 61-16.1-43; the District may now proceed with the requisite assessment proceedings for the Project, including approval of a final Engineer's Report under Section 61-16.1-17 and commencement of an assessment vote under Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

WHEREAS, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project will not require acquisition of any additional right of way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District approves WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01, as depicted in the map attached as **Exhibit A**, for purposes of conducting an assessment vote for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District concludes the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and ownership of the Project is necessary for the benefit of the Project watershed, and concludes further proceedings are warranted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Project will provide more effective and efficient drainage through DRAIN 4A; increased drainage capacity through DRAIN 4A; enhanced control over the DRAIN 4A watershed area; enhanced breakout protection for adjacent properties; erosion prevention; more effective and efficient operation and maintenance of DRAIN 4A; and reduce crop loss within the Project watershed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District finds, determines, and declares the necessity to create the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district for purposes of financing and funding the design,

construction, operation, maintenance, and ownership of the Project in accordance with Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District designates and authorizes Houston Engineering, Inc., and Ohmstad Twichell, P.C., respectively, to assist the District and to perform the following tasks on behalf of the District, along with the District's staff, regarding the design, construction, financing, operation, management, ownership, and maintenance of WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01:

- a) conduct surveys as necessary for purposes of designing the Project;
- b) prepare preliminary plans and estimates of the total costs of the Project;
- c) prepare hydraulic reports regarding any road or railroad crossing improvements necessary to accommodate the Project;
- d) prepare an Engineer's Report for the District's consideration as required under N.D. Cent. Code §§ 61-16.1-17;
- e) conduct benefit analysis for the District's consideration as required under N.D. Cent. Code §§ 61-16.1-18 and 61-16.1-21;
- f) prepare a preliminary assessment list for the District's consideration as required under N.D. Cent. Code §§ 61-16.1-17 through 61-16.1-21;
- g) administer an assessment vote regarding the Project;
- h) if the assessment vote is successful, prepare final profiles, plans, and specifications for purposes of constructing the Project;
- i) coordinate any utility relocations as necessary to accommodate the Project;
- j) advertise for bids regarding construction of the Project, as required under North Dakota law;
- k) administer bidding and construction contract administration;
- l) administer a bond issue to finance the Project;
- m) apply for and secure all necessary permits and approvals from all applicable federal and state entities, including the North Dakota Department of Water Resources, regarding the Project; and
- n) otherwise perform all other tasks necessary, on the District's behalf, to finance, fund, develop, design, construct, operate, manage, own, and maintain the Project.

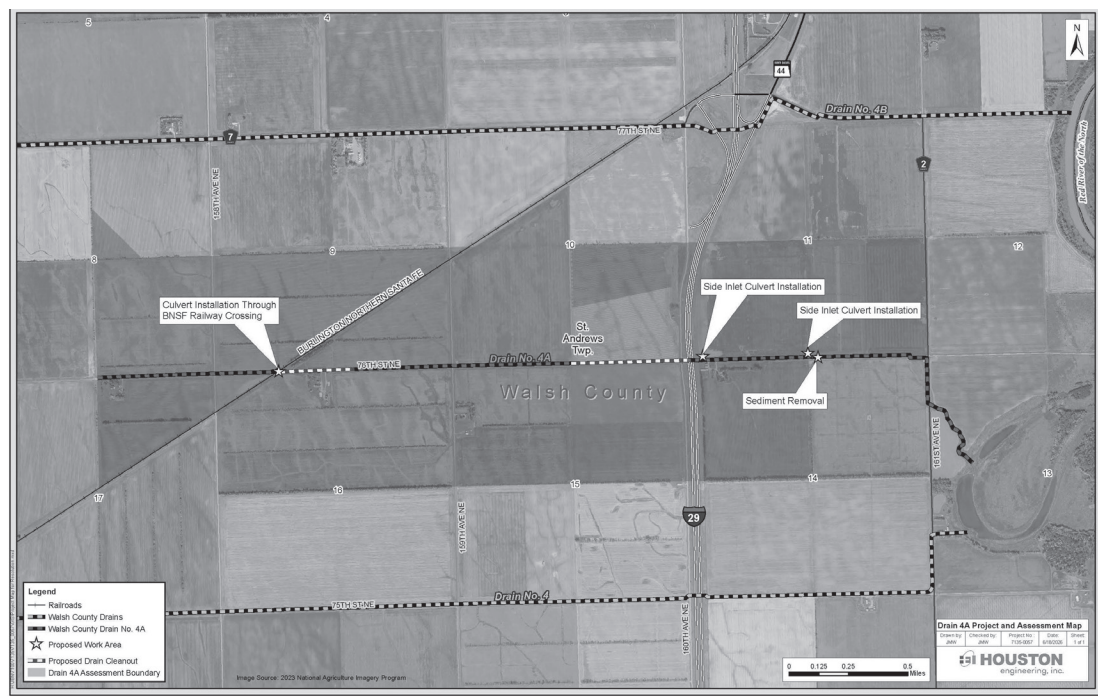
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will proceed with the assessment district process for the creation of WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 in accordance with Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

APPROVED:  
Daryl Campbell, Chair

ATTEST:  
Sarah Johnston  
Secretary-Treasurer

Date Approved: June 23, 2026

**MAP - WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01**



**WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

Borrowing/Financing \$10,000.00  
Construction \$22,500.00  
**Total Estimated Project Cost \$288,000.00**  
Estimated Project Cost to Assess \$288,000.00

The District will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district to finance and fund the design and construction of the Project. The hearing will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Walsh County Water Resource District, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota. All landowners who will benefit from the Project will have until 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2026, to file written votes in favor of or in opposition to the creation of the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district. Return all ballots to the Walsh County Water Resource District, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota 58237.

Please note that each ballot will help determine whether or not the District should proceed with construction of the Project, and whether or not the District should create the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district to finance and fund the Project. If the vote is successful, the District will hold a separate hearing in accordance with North Dakota law at a later date to discuss the proposed assessments. At that assessment hearing, the District may revise the proposed assessment list, if the District concludes revisions are necessary and appropriate. However, the District will only conduct an assessment hearing if the assessment vote is successful, as required by statute, the Project hearing described in this NOTICE is an initial hearing, solely to discuss the Project and the potential creation of the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district, and not to discuss assessments.

Date: July 8, 2026.

WALSH COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
Daryl Campbell, Chair  
Larry Tanke  
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**RESOLUTION DETERMINING BENEFITTED PROPERTY AND SETTING HEARING  
WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01**

WHEREAS, the Walsh County Water Resource District (the "District") owns and operates a legal assessment drain known as WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A ("DRAIN 4A"), in portions of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 in St. Andrews Township, Walsh County, North Dakota; the District previously created, and currently administers, an assessment district for purposes of funding and financing the original construction of Drain 4A and for ongoing operation and maintenance expenses.

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WHEREAS, in a RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, the District found, determined, and declared the necessity to create the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district under Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, created by a vote of landowners in the DRAIN 4A watershed to finance and fund construction of the Project.

WHEREAS, the District is prepared to conduct the legal proceedings necessary to replace the current Drain 4A assessment district with a new assessment district that reflects the benefits that WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 will provide to the properties in the Project watershed; the new assessment district will be a legal assessment district under chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, created by a vote of landowners in the DRAIN 4A watershed to finance and fund construction of the Project.

WHEREAS, under North Dakota law, the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district must include all parcels that will benefit directly from the Project, as well as all political subdivisions that will benefit in their corporate capacity, directly or indirectly.

WHEREAS, the District will conduct an assessment vote to determine if the District should ultimately proceed with the Project and with creation of the new DRAIN 4A assessment district.

WHEREAS, the District conducted a thorough study of the benefits of the proposed Project to each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project, and the percentage share of total Project costs to be assessed against each of the landowners and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project, and the percentage assessments regarding each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the proposed Project.

of the benefits of the proposed Project to each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project; the District's benefit analysis included, among several other factors, property values, degree of improvement of properties, and productivity of each parcel, all as required by North Dakota law.

WHEREAS, the District approved an Engineer's Report, as required under N.D. Cent. Code § 61-16.1-17.

WHEREAS, the Project cost estimate included in the Engineer's Report identifies the estimated construction costs and the total Project costs; identifies the total amount to assess to the proposed WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district; and is sufficiently detailed to permit the District to determine the probable share of total Project costs to be assessed against each of the landowners and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project in the proposed WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district.

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a preliminary assessment list of the parcels and political subdivisions that will benefit from the Project; the preliminary assessment list includes and identifies the estimated amount of benefit to each parcel and each political subdivision as a result of the proposed Project, the probable share of total Project costs to be assessed against each of the landowners and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project, and the percentage assessments regarding each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the proposed Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby adopts and approves the preliminary assessment list regarding the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district, on file with the District's Secretary-Treasurer on this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the benefits of the Project to each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project will exceed the proposed assessments against each parcel and each political subdivision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the assessment vote is successful, the District will proceed with the assessment hearing and other proceedings required to finance and fund the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district. The District will proceed with final design and construction of the assessment drain known as WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district, on file with the District's Secretary-Treasurer on this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the assessment vote is successful and the District constructs the Project, once the Project is operational and once the Project is in need of maintenance, cleaning out, and repairs, the District may levy a maintenance levy against the benefitted parcels and political subdivisions within the WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district, from time to time as necessary in accordance with N.D. Cent. Code § 61-16.1-45.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will conduct a hearing regarding the Project and the proposed creation of the proposed WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01 assessment district, and, at least 10 days before the hearing, the District will file with the Walsh County Auditor a list showing the percentage assessments against each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project and the estimated assessments for each parcel and each political subdivision that will benefit from the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will mail, file, and publish the assessment list and notice as required by law in advance of the Project hearing for WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01, and the District sets August 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Walsh County Water Resource District, 600 Cooper Avenue, Grafton, North Dakota 58237.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Secretary-Treasurer will prepare, mail, file, and arrange for publication of the requisite notices and documents in advance of and regarding the Project hearing for WALSH COUNTY DRAIN NO. 4A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-01, as required under Chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

APPROVED:  
Daryl Campbell, Chair

ATTEST:  
Sarah Johnston  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Date Approved: June 23, 2026

Walsh County Water Resource District Auditor's Assessment List - DRAIN 4A								
Special # 444.00								
Parcel Number	Legal Description	Parcel Acreage	Acres Assessed	Benefit Factor		Benefit		Amount Assessed (\$)
				(%)	Factored Area	Percentage		
<b>ST ANDREWS TOWNSHIP</b>								
04 0000 00865 000	W1/2NE1/4/LESS TR 8-158-51	78.88	14,000	100%	14,000	0.00721		\$2,077.82
04 0000 00867 000	SE 1/4 less Tr 8-158-51	156.40	152,800	100%	152,800	0.07874		\$22,677.87
04 0000 00871 000	SW 1/4 less tr & RY R of W 9-158-51	152.90	149,300	100%	149,300	0.07694		\$22,158.41
04 0000 00872 000	SE1/4 less tr & RY R of W 9-158-51	149.28	145,680	100%	145,680	0.07507		\$21,621.15
04 0000 00876 000	NW1/4 LESS RY R OF W 10-158-51	151.73	32,000	100%	32,000	0.01649		\$4,749.29
04 0000 00878 000	SW1/4 less RY R of W & Drain 10-158-51	155.260	151,610	100%	151,610	0.07813		\$22,501.25
04 0000 00879 000	N1/2 SE1/4 less Hwy 72-425	72.425	72,425	100%	72,425	0.03732		\$10,748.98
04 0000 00880 000	S1/2SE1/4 less Hwy & Tr 10-158-51	69.075	65,725	100%	65,725	0.03387		\$9,754.60
04 0000 00883 000	SW3/4 less 10.18A Hwy & Drain 11-158-51	145.770	142,420	100%	142,420	0.07339		\$21,137.32
04 0000 00884 000	W 1/2 SE 1/4 Less Tract 11-158-51	78.20	76,400	100%	76,400	0.03937		\$11,338.93
04 0000 00885 000	E 1/2 SE 1/4 Less Tract 11-158-51	78.70	77,400	100%	77,400	0.03989		\$11,487.35
04 0000 00897 000	W1/2 NW1/4 less Hwy & Trs 80-92	80.920	80,920	100%	80,920	0.04170		\$12,009.77
04 0000 00897 010	145x175' Tr in NW1/4 NW1/4 14-158-51	0.61	0.610	100%	0.610	0.00031		\$90.53
04 0000 00897 020	E1/2 NW1/4 14-158-51	65.78	65,780	100%	65,780	0.03390		\$9,762.76
04 0000 00900 000	S1/2 NE1/4 less Hwy 75-05	75.05	75,050	100%	75,050	0.03868		\$11,138.57
04 0000 00901 000	N1/2 NE1/4 less Hwy 15-158-51	75.05	75,050	100%	75,050	0.03868		\$11,138.57
04 0000 00902 000	S1/2 NW1/4 15-158-51	80.00	80,000	100%	80,000	0.04123		\$11,873.23
04 0000 00903 000	N1/2 NW1/4 less 500x500' 15-158-51	74.26	74,260	100%	74,260	0.03827		\$11,021.32
04 0000 00904 000	500x500' in N1/2NW1/4 15-158-51	5.74	5,740	100%	5,740	0.00296		\$851.91
04 0000 00907 000	NE 1/4 16-158-51	160.00	160,000	100%	160,000	0.08245		\$23,746.46
04 0000 00908 000	NW 1/4 Ex NP R of W 3.65A & 10A Tr 16-158-51	146.35	146,350	100%	146,350	0.07542		\$21,720.59
04 0000 00908 010	Tr in N1/2 NW1/4 16-158-51	10.00	10,000	100%	10,000	0.00515		\$1,484.15
04 0000 00910 000	SE1/4 & NE1/4 less Tr 17-158-57	300.02	80,000	100%	80,000	0.04123		\$11,873.23
04 0000 00910 010	483X630' Tr in NW1/4 NE1/4 17-158-51	6.98	6,980	100%	6,980	0.00360		\$1,035.94
<b>ST ANDREWS TOWNSHIP</b>		<b>2369.38</b>	<b>1940.50</b>		<b>1940.50</b>	<b>1.000</b>		<b>\$288,000.00</b>
<b>Total Parcels</b>		<b>24</b>						
<b>Acreage 100%</b>		<b>2369.38</b>						
<b>Total Parcel Acreage assessed</b>			<b>1940.50</b>					
<b>Total Assessments</b>								<b>\$288,000.00</b>

(July 8 & 15, 2026)

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**Project:** Walsh County Correctional Center Bid Package #2 Grafton, ND

**Bid Date, Time, & Location:** Tuesday, July 21st, 2026 at 2:00 PM CDT (Public Opening)  
Construction Engineers  
ATTN: Jarrod Skoog  
200 North 69th Street,  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

This project consists of approximately 18,200 SF addition for a new correctional facility in Grafton, ND. Scopes for Bid Package #2 include landscaping, masonry, miscellaneous metals supply and install, roof carpentry, siding, roofing, sealants, coiling doors, glass and glazing, skylights, casework, HM doors and frames, gypsum assemblies, acoustical ceilings, acoustical wall panels, resilient flooring, painting, specialties, laundry equipment, kitchen equipment, detention equipment, security electronics, elevator, fire protection, mechanical, and electrical systems. The existing courthouse mechanical upgrades will be bid out in Bid Package #3.

The construction of the project shall begin in August 2026 and will be completed in February 2028. A preliminary schedule can be found in spec section 01 3500.

Construction Engineers is soliciting competitive "Lump Sum Bids" for **All Contract Categories listed in Bid Package #2.**

A Pre-bid Meeting is scheduled for July 8th, at 10:30 AM. Attendees will meet at the front entrance of the Walsh County Courthouse located at 600 Cooper Avenue in Grafton ND. Attendance is not mandatory.

**Bidding Documents**  
Digital project bidding documents will be available for download on June 24th, 2026. Email TinaH@ConstructionEngineers.com for instructions on how to download a set of bid documents (include the project name in the subject line). You must provide a monitored email address upon request for bid documents.

(June 24, July 1 and 8, 2026)

**GRAFTON CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE**  
**Thursday, July 16**

**Ray's Garage**  
**1420 Griggs Ave.**  
Grafton (in back alley)  
**Thur, July 17 8 AM - 5 PM**  
Archery & fishing items

**Multi-Party Sale**  
**110 Adamsen Dr.**  
July 16 - 18  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Thursday, July 16  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
1307 Eastview Drive  
**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE  
TOO MUCH TO LIST!**

**Garage Sale**  
**1432 Lessard Ave.**  
July 16 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
KitchenAid mixer (10 speed), purses, shoes, Rapala fishing lures, rods and reels, 2 HOM file cabinets (new), Lots of misc.

**GARAGE SALE**  
**536 Summit Ave.**  
July 16 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
July 17 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Multi-party, household items, kitchen items, men's, women's and kid's clothes, toys and more!

**Huge Multi-Party Sale**  
**1467 Western Avenue**  
**Wednesday, July 15**  
**Thursday, July 16**  
**Starting at 8 a.m.**  
We've cleaned out Grandma's closets and found she had some really nice things and we added some of our own: Kitchen and household; décor including seasonal; small furniture including end tables; jewelry and purses; kitchenware including dishes; books; picture frames and photo albums; young men's suits and suit shirts; men's jackets and UND clothing; name brand young men's clothes sizes youth XL to men's medium; men's and women's clothes sizes large to 2XL, plant/flower pots; **and MUCH MORE!**

**Garage Sale**  
**633 East 6th St.**  
July 16  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Women's and kid's clothes, collectibles, toys, household items, bikes and more!

**Multi-Party Garage Sale**  
**1530 Western Ave.**  
Across from St. John's Catholic Church  
July 16 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Desks, outdoor furniture, dining chairs, adult clothing & shoes, kids clothes (boys and girls), toys and housewares.

Total Construction \$150,500.00  
Design and Construction Engineering \$80,000.00  
Permitting (Federal & State) \$10,000.00  
Legal and Administrative \$15,000.00

WHEREAS, the District conducted a thorough study