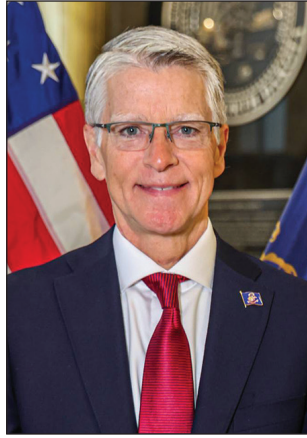




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The business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the agenda including an update on JMHCC's strategic plan and a fiscal update.

As the keynote speaker, Traynor will share information

on the Rural Health Transformation Program and its impact on health care in North Dakota.

During this annual meeting, shareholders will elect directors to fill three positions. Nominees are

incumbent JoAnn Schatz, along with Aaron Levorsen and Lauren Meier.

### Meet the nominees

JoAnn Schatz and her husband, Kirby, farm south of Lake Tschida. An Elgin native, JoAnn is currently semi-retired and works on her home-based business, The Table. JoAnn serves on the board of directors for the Country Community Cupboard food pantry and manages delivery and distribution. Aside from her passion for cooking and hosting events, she enjoys riding horse and spending time with her grandchildren.

"Serving on the board of directors for JMHCC has been both a privilege and a challenge. The struggles have been overwhelming, but a new future and new opportunities for growth are ahead of us. I am committed to doing what I can to continue this progress and look toward unlimited potential for this facility and the people it employs and patients it will serve," she says.

Aaron Levorsen is a lifelong Elgin resident. After graduating from North Dakota State University, he returned home and started his banking career. He has been employed in the banking industry for 36 years and continues to work as branch manager at First International Bank and Trust. He and his wife, Julie, have three grown children, four grandchildren and two

more grandchildren on the way. For fun, the family owns a small herd of cattle.

"I have a great desire to see our community thrive and succeed and have spent my working career doing what I can to build our community. The hospital is a cornerstone of our area and by serving on the board of directors, I hope I can provide guidance to assure it is here to serve the members of our communities for years to come," he says. "As a member of the New Leipzig-Elgin ambulance squad, I see the absolute need for medical care in our rural area. I see firsthand the need to do all we can to support all levels of medical care."

Lauren Meier has lived in Mott for the past six years, and has been a physical therapist for five years. In 2023, she opened an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Mott. In 2024, she began a contract with JMHCC to be the physical therapist for the facility. Starting in 2025, she also contracted with the Southwest Multi-District Special Education Unit to see students across the region, including in Mott, Elgin, Carson and

Flasher school districts.

Her passion is providing accessible physical therapy and health care to the local communities.

"I feel that it is important to give back to the community that has helped support my professional growth," she says.

Outside of work, she stays busy doing house projects with her husband, playing with their 11-month-old son, hunting, cooking, fishing and a variety of crafts.

"I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the Jacobson Memorial Hospital board, and I look forward to serving the community in a new capacity. I want to serve on the board to bring a clinical perspective into the mix. I believe that the best boards have a variety of backgrounds, and I feel I could expand our variety. I also have a passion for the hospital after working alongside community members and seeing the need with every patient that walks through the door. It isn't realistic for our communities to drive to the larger hospitals, so we need to protect this asset to our community, and I am excited to help do just that," she says.

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### Notice

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) will receive bids for the construction

of the following project(s):  
 Job No.: 23748  
 Project No(s): SS-1-024(027)015  
 Length: 0  
 Type: DECK OVERLAY, BRIDGE RAIL RETROFIT, GUARDRAIL, SPALL REPAIRS  
 County(s): SIOUX Co  
 Location: ND 24, NEAR JCT CMC 4316 (PORCUPINE CREEK)

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) until 9:30 a.m., May 8, 2026. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:  
 Ronald J. Henke, P.E.,  
 Director  
 North Dakota Department of Transportation  
 NDNA Published April 16, 2026

#### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 33.1-21-01 regarding rules for licensing of current and future onsite wastewater treatment system installers at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room  
 North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324  
 May 14, 2026  
 1:30 PM CDT

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Deputy Director, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5210. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address and received by May 25, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least five days prior to the public hearing. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or [deqEJ@nd.gov](mailto:deqEJ@nd.gov). TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5210 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.  
 Karl Rockeman, P.E.  
 Deputy Director  
 Department of Environmental Quality

## SIoux COUNTY Section 324 Notice

In compliance with federal law, the Sioux County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), gives notice that the Sioux County Emergency Operations Plan, which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports and Safety Data Sheets (SDS's), have been received and reviewed by the Sioux County, North Dakota, LEPC.

These documents, along with the hazardous materials response plan for Sioux County, North Dakota, are available for public inspection at the Sioux County Courthouse – Emergency Manager's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding certain holidays.

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