

Ray School Board Minutes

APPROVED ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES August 20, 2025
Present: Foss, Johnsrud, Bingham, and Schmitt
Also present: Matthew Heier, HS Principal; Rob Pedersen, Elementary Principal; Jordan Rusche, Divide County Journal; Ashley Elsworth, Teacher Representative; Myia Knox, Avery Littlefield, Hal Hickel, Paula Lankford, Courtney Smith
President Foss called the regular August meeting of the Board of Nesson School District #2 to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
Public Comment: Hal Hickel gave handouts to the board pertaining to Building Committee Report. His concern is about the possible location of a football/track complex and/or school additions. He would propose expanding to the north of town, not to the west side of Ray.
Additions/Corrections to the agenda: None
Delegations/Special guests: None
Bills were presented and reviewed. A motion made by Bingham second by Johnsrud to pay the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.
Ace Hardware & Flooring ... 161.92
Acra, Jema 600.00
Adobe Systems..... 479.88
Amazon Capital Services 10,875.00
Apple Inc..... 100.00
Basin Health
And Spine Center 600.00
Beckman, Jenna 600.00
Boren, Amanda 400.00
Cengage Learning Inc 9,336.80
Circle Sanitation Service Inc. 1,833.00

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00082
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Glenn Douglas Isaacson
Deceased.
AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: The heirs, devisees, and other interested persons in the Estate of Glenn Douglas Isaacson.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Penny Arnson, Petitioner, has filed a Petition with the Clerk of District Court in and for Divide County, North Dakota, appointing her as Personal Representative of the estate and for an order authorizing and directing her to distribute the property belonging to the estate of the decedent, consisting of certain mineral interests.
The real property in question is located in Divide County, North Dakota.
The Court has set the following date for the hearing of said Petition at the Williams County Courthouse in Williston, North Dakota:
October 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that papers with respect to said Petition are on file with the Divide County Clerk of District Court and you may contact the undersigned with your response or any questions.
Dated this 17th, day of September, 2025.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Park District
The Preliminary Budget Statement of the Park District of the City of Ray, ND for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Ray City Auditor. The statement is open to inspection and may be examined by any person. The Park District Commission will be meeting on October 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ray Park District Concession Building to adopt the Final Budget for the annual tax levy. Any taxpayer may appear and discuss with the commission or object to any item or amount.
By order of the Commissioners for the Ray Park District
City of Ray
Ray, North Dakota

City Of Ray 693.41
Computer Store, The 2,574.31
Dakota Square Arco 42.97
Detp Of Career & Technical Education..... 100.00
Dollywood Foundation 47.11
Easy Time Clock, Inc. 76.00
Educatorshandbook.Com..... 798.00
Farmers Union
Service Associat..... 16,822.00
Flying J/Minot..... 64.57
Gibbs Towing 525.00
Goodheart
Willcox Publisher..... 3,729.93
Horizon Resources 786.74
I-State Truck Center..... 124,500.00
Innova
Integrated Solutions 2,557.01
IXL Learning 435.00
Jamf Software, LLC & Jamf School..... 437.50
Journal Publishing Inc..... 223.51
La Quinta By Wyndham Bismarck..... 198.00
Learning A-Z..... 248.00
Liminex, Inc. 5,028.84
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc 120.25
Mackin
Educational Resources 2,102.27
Magic-Wrighter, Inc. 350.00
Marco Technologies LLC. 1,950.08
Menards - Williston..... 88.70
Midwest Bus Parts 572.11
Montana-Dakota
Utilities Co..... 6,572.15
NDCEL..... 1,204.00
Nelson, Justin 208
North Dakota
Attorney General..... 40.00
North Dakota School Boards Association..... 58.50
Northwest Tire Inc 79.96
NW Communications Coop..... 671.50
Olson, Kristen 400.00
Popp Binding

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-0008
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Marie Isaacson
a/k/a Marie L. Isaacson
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: The heirs, devisees, and other interested persons in the Estate of Marie Isaacson, a/k/a Marie L. Isaacson.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Copies of the proposed rules will be available September 30, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Oil and Gas Division at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0840, or by calling (701) 328-8020. View changes at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas. Comment in writing by 5pm October 31, 2025. Submit written comments to the Oil and Gas Division (see address above) or oilandgasinfo@nd.gov. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Oil and Gas Division at the above address or phone number by October 6, 2025.

& Laminating, Inc. 351.28
Popplers Music Inc 14.94
Potteiger, Patricia 400.00
Ptr Literacy Programs LLC . 614.00
Pye-Barker Fire Safety..... 975.00
Quill Corporation 124.16
Radisson Hotel- Bismarck ... 102.50
Ramada Bismarck Hotel 198.00
Ray Service Center 686.52
Redrock Ford 2.16
Rolloff, Mary 200.00
Rosco Vision 30.00
Scholastic Inc 2,226.99
School Specialty, LLC 45.75
Sheldon, Nichole 600.00
Sherwin-Williams 388.74
SLP Now..... 249.00
Spaces Inc 4,840.00
Stein's Inc..... 4,250.96
Stratton, Melissa 600.00
Summit Fire Protection 2,114.51
Swanston
Equipment Corporation..... 310.13
Tioga Hardware..... 702.12
Tioga Medical Center..... 208.00
Top Gun Carwash 18.00
United States Postal Service 4.34
Walmart-Williston..... 378.00
Western Dakota
Energy Association 4,000.00
Wex Health, Inc..... 50.00
Wilmac Multidistrict
Special Ed Unit 50,892.03
Workforce
Safety & Insurance..... 11,896.95
Zoro Tools, Inc..... 547.12
Total 287,475.07
A motion made by Johnsrud second by Schmitt to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.
The Building Committee reported that they took a tour of the school building with Steve Magnuson and looked at the condi-

PUBLIC NOTICE
ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
relating to ND Oil and Gas Conservation and Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.
North Dakota Oil and Gas Division
will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.
Oil and Gas Division
8:30 am CDT
Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
1000 E Calgary Ave
Bismarck, ND
Dickinson Field Office
1:30 pm MDT
Mon., Oct. 20, 2025
926 E Industrial Drive
Dickinson, ND
Bakken Airport Hotel
8:30 am CDT
Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
5813 Jefferson Ln
Williston, ND
Minot Field Office
2:00 pm CDT
Tue., Oct. 21, 2025
7 Third St SE, Suite 107
Minot, ND
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tion of the current building. They talked about the perspectives of a football/track complex. Another discussion was the possibility of developing an elementary addition with the Bison Generation station being constructed by Epping in the next 5 years. Mr. Kuehn will be researching the possibility of the impact.
Mr. Pedersen reported that the school year is off to a great start. The elementary open house was well attended by parents and students. We integrated health enhancement this year with Mr. Schell in elementary physical education. We are integrating an accelerating program with grades 3-6. The elementary transitioned grade 5 to Big Ideas Math which is the Math curriculum for grade 6th-11th. We are starting a new social studies curriculum from Cengage Learning. The ND A+ state assessment results should be available in September. The elementary lunch time now starts at 10:45 with two groups of kids in the lunchroom at one time, K-3 then grades 4-6.
Mr. Heier reported that registration for 7-12 went well. Students have until next Friday, August 29th, to make any changes to their schedules. The Ray School has the same SRO as last year; the kids are very comfortable with her. Some adjustments were made on Monday; many classes are capped at 25 students already. We went from 115 in high school last year to 135 students in high school. Elective classes are needing to double up with the number of interested students. Our MTSS-Academics, Universal Screener will be integrated into classes. The first day went well with the students

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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00115
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
OF DIVIDE COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Lester Anderson
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID RONNING, of P.O. Box 193, Columbus, North Dakota 58727, has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of LESTER ANDERSON. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court.
Hearing upon said Petition will be held in said Court at the Courtroom of the Divide County Courthouse, Crosby, North Dakota, on the 24th day of October, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.
Dated this 17th, day of September, 2025.
Karell Kimmet Beddow PLLP
/s/Patrick G.N. Beddow
Patrick G.N. Beddow, #07456

complying with the cell phone policy.
Mr. Kuehn attended the NDCEL Boot Camp workshop which was a good training. He welcomed the new staff to the Ray School, Trent Hunskor, Tenlee Canade, Gabi Thoreson and Mandy Haggin. The school enrollment is up 16 from last year.
Mr. Kuehn explained the procedure for filling the open school board position which is by roll call vote. An applicant needs three votes to be appointed. First Roll Call Vote: Bingham-Taryn Bergstrom, Johnsrud-Stephen Lang, Schmitt-Cortney Smith, Foss-Cortney Smith. Third Roll Call Vote: Bingham-Taryn Bergstrom, Johnsrud-Taryn Bergstrom, Schmitt-Cortney Smith, Foss-Taryn Bergstrom. Taryn Bergstrom has been appointed to fill the open position.
A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve the contract addendum for Nichole Sheldon. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Bingham second by Schmitt to approve the contract addendum for Samantha Vejtasas. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve the contract addendum for Jenna Beckman. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Schmitt second by Johnsrud to approve the

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Raymond Anderson
Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID RONNING, of P.O. Box 193, Columbus, North Dakota 58727, has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of RAYMOND ANDERSON. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court.
Hearing upon said Petition will be held in said Court at the Courtroom of the Divide County Courthouse, Crosby, North Dakota, on the 24th day of October, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.
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tuition agreement #26-002 for an employee's child. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve the tuition agreement #26-003 for an employee's children. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve the tuition agreement as presented for Nesson resident students to attend schools in Williston Basin School District #7. Carried unanimously.
Myia Knox and Avery Littlefield presented a proposal for senior privileges for the class of 2026. A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Bingham to approve senior privileges for the class of 2026. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Johnsrud second by Schmitt to approve the purchase of a 2027 School Bus for next year. Carried unanimously.
A motion was made by Bingham second by Schmitt to offer Dave Madison \$20,000 for the purchase of all the shop tools and equipment in the school bus barn. Carried unanimously.
The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Central Office Meeting Room #29, with the Budget Hearing meeting held prior at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m..
Benjie Foss
President
Kellie Heier,
Business Manager

NOTICE OF HEARING
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Probate No. 12-2025-PR-00116
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
NORTHWEST
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF DIVIDE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of
Larry R. DeJardine
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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 of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to MARILYN J. BINDE, Personal Representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 506, Crosby, ND 58730, or filed with the Court.
Dated this 18th, day of September, 2025.
/s/ Marilyn J. Binde
Marilyn J. Binde
Personal Representative

NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF BRAND RENEWAL
North Dakota livestock brands will expire on Jan. 1, 2026, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code 4.1-73-12. Present brand owners have the right to rerecord their brands. If a brand is allowed to expire, ownership interest of the brand will be lost and the brand may no longer be used.
In August, a renewal notice for each recording was mailed to the address on file in the brand recording office. If you have not received your notice or have questions about renewing a brand, contact the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at (701) 223-2522 or visit www.ndstockmen.org.

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Crosby, ND
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NE, SE 14-163N-98W
Bids Due
October 18, 2025
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