

BEACH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BEACH SCHOOL BOARD  
PROCEEDS OF  
REGULAR MEETING  
Unofficial Minutes Subject  
to Review and Revision  
of the Board  
May 14, 2025

A regular meeting of the Beach School Board was held at 6 p.m. on May 14, 2025 in the high school library. Present were Robert Sperry, Mark Lund, Carrie Zachmann, Landon Lechler, Misty Farnstrom, Jessica Geis, Taryn Sveet, Lynn Swanson and Mike Zier. Absent was Alan Muckle. Visitors present were JessiKay Noll, Sawyer Noll, Kirstyn Bohn, Denise Dietz, Linda Bacon, Shea Sveet, Sawyer Farstveet, Gavin Farstveet, Zoey Zook, Rhiannon Herrod, Loni Thilmony, Amanda Stoltz, Carol Bartz and Karen Hinch from Elliott and McMahon via Teams.

President Sperry called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Sperry recognized visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sperry reviewed the agenda. Geis indicated the agenda is set and ready.

Lund read public comments on agenda only speaker policy. No routine board items required further discussion.

Sperry reviewed the items on the consent agenda which included:

- April 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- April 23, 2025 special meeting minutes
- May 6, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Bills and payroll
- Finance reports
- Committee reports
- Administrative reports

Motion by Zachmann, second by Lechler to approve the consent agenda which includes all agenda items listed in sections A, B, C, D and E. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Bills and payroll were as follows:  
Advanced Business Methods Corp.....\$1,800.94  
The Agency Insurance LLC.....2.00  
Allard Trophy Company.....102.00  
Amazon Capital Services.....1,990.10

Apple Inc.....3,948.00  
BACC.....10.00  
Baymont Inn and Suites of Mandan.....550.00  
Beach Medical Clinic Payments.....375.00  
Beulah School District No. 27.....144.00  
Emalyne Bieber.....120.00  
Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center.....440.00  
Bismarck Power Center.....100.00  
Blick Art Materials Payments.....344.64  
BSN Sports, LLC.....3,258.63  
Lindsay Buckman.....171.52  
Cenex Fleetcard/CHS Inc.....825.01  
City of Beach.....670.81  
Cognia Inc.....250.00  
Comfort Inn and Suites of Watford City.....297.00  
Comfort Inn of Bismarck.....495.00  
Consolidated Communications Inc.....1,014.00  
Country Inn and Suites of Bismarck.....630.00  
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc.....371.75  
Demco Inc.....97.22  
Dickinson High School.....250.00  
Chelsey Erdmann.....59.00  
Farmers Union Oil Corp.....2,246.73  
Forum Communications Company.....38.00  
Four Seasons Trophies.....1,177.08  
Grube, William.....2,520.00  
GS Publishing, LLC.....424.92  
Hartleys School Buses, Inc.....267.77  
Hawthorn Suites of Minot.....770.00  
Hazleton-Moffit-Braddock Public School.....182.00  
Angela Helsper.....58.00  
Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Bismarck.....803.40  
Horace Mann.....45.00  
Innovative Office Solutions LLC.....15.24  
Jandt Plumbing and Heating LLC.....2,532.69  
Master Teacher Inc.....99.90  
Karen Maus.....59.00  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.....5,987.41  
Don and Desiree Murphy.....200.00  
ND Council of Educational Leaders.....300.00  
ND Roughrider.....222.00  
ND School Boards Association, Inc.....1,677.00  
NDSAA.....400.00

New Salem School District #7.....297.00  
JessiKay Noll.....200.00  
Prairie Lumber Corp.....153.64  
ReadiTech.....5,060.00  
Really Good Stuff, LLC.....189.99  
Reynolds Market.....96.74  
Rohan Hardware.....115.39  
Roughrider North Human Service Zone.....1,042.52  
RTC Networks.....677.00  
Runnings Supply, Inc.....5.49  
School Specialty LLC.....86.73  
South Heart Public School.....350.00  
Sweet Water Sound.....761.09  
Teach2Learn.....1,000.00  
Trinity High School.....450.00  
University of North Dakota.....180.00  
Wells Fargo.....308.86  
West River Student Services.....3,549.31  
Westlie Truck Center Corp. of Minot.....8,382.76  
Westlie Truck Center of Dickinson.....232.93  
WEX Bank.....140.78  
Amazon Capital Services.....710.69  
Badlands Barista and Boutique.....110.00  
Beach Food Center.....489.67  
Beach Junior Class.....104.00  
Braun Distributing-Queen City Candy.....1,014.42  
Capital One-Walmart.....75.60  
Chieftain Conference Center.....594.00  
Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Dickinson.....448.80  
Corner Market/NFL Associates, Inc.....35.94  
Dakota Assemblies.....500.00  
Dollar General.....82.58  
Farmers Union Oil Corp.....216.00  
Four Seasons Trophies.....63.58  
Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Bismarck.....1,540.00  
Logo Magic.....618.00  
National FFA Organization.....937.25  
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.....637.60  
Prairie Lumber Corp.....261.76  
Reynolds Market.....428.33  
US Foodservice, Inc.....974.31  
Wells Fargo.....2,198.17  
Wild Vines Market LLC.....604.88  
Beach Food Center.....71.49  
Dollar General.....68.20  
DPI-Food Distribution.....196.02  
US Foodservice, Inc.....15,213.32

Wells Fargo.....220.00  
Region X Music, Speech and Drama.....390.00  
Travel World of Crosby.....3,490.00  
Chelsey Erdmann.....273.00  
Angela Helsper.....227.50  
Travel World of Crosby.....11,650.00  
April Payroll.....384,006.13

Sperry called for communications and recognition of students and staff.

• Geis presented recognition of all students and staff for their work and their progress with the end of the year only a few days away.

• Swanson presented a thank you to Kirstyn Bohn for the spring music concert, thank you to the kitchen staff and all the staff that helped with the Father's lunch day and the Mother's lunch day, and a thank you to the board for the Blue-Ribbon celebration.

• Sveet presented recognition to all students and staff for a great end to the school year.

• Zier presented recognition of Justus Baker and Zoey Zook who have qualified for the state track meet, and other track athletes still have an opportunity to qualify. Zier also recognized students' great organization and end of year scheduling.

• Thank you from Post Prom was read.

• Thank you from Denise Dietz was read.

• Mrs. Bacon and the Applied Communications class discussed projects from this school year.

• Sawyer Noll thanked the board for the contribution to attend the ND Freshman/Sophomore Dual in Des Moines, IA.

• Post Graduation Committee letter was read and discussed. Motion by Lund, second by Lechler to contribute \$500 to post graduation. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

• FBLA students presented a request for financial support for their national trip to Anaheim, CA. Administrative guidelines are \$250 per student with a maximum of \$3,000 per organization. The total request for the three students would be \$750 with the administrative guideline. Motion by Zachmann, second by Lund to follow

the administrative guideline of \$250 per student, and contribute a total of \$750 for three students. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Geis presented North Dakota Be Legendary K-2 Reading Monitoring Report. Discussion. Geis read the school board quarterly progress tracker. Karen Hinch discussed the board's progress. Discussion. Motion by Zachmann, second by Lechler to approve the updated quarterly progress tracker. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Geis presented old business.

• No new information was available regarding the possible sports co-op with Wibaux. Discussion.

Geis presented new business.

• Policy ICCB - Disposal of School Equipment and Supplies was discussed. The district will have items for sale at the BACC city-wide rummage sale on June 14, 2025. Larger items were discussed to possibly sell on bids at the rummage sale. Discussion. Consensus of the board is to sell the 2007 Ford Taurus on bids, with a minimum bid of \$200; sell the six saddles with a minimum bid of \$100 per saddle. Geis will advertise the two kilns on the North Dakota superintendent listserv, and the shop cherry picker equipment item and shop engine stand equipment item moved to the storage unit.

• Unpaid leave requests from Pam Popiel, Kelly Gorrell and Sonja Groll have been received. Geis read unpaid leave requests. Policy DDC - Unpaid Leave was reviewed. Discussion. Motion by Lund, second by Lechler to approve the unpaid leave requests. Motion carries unanimously.

• Sperry indicated the next item on the agenda is executive session to discuss unpaid leave based on exempt information. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-18.1. Board retired into executive session at 6:41 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Sperry called the regular meeting back to order at 6:43

p.m. Motion by Zachmann, second by Lund to approve the unpaid leave based on exempt information. Motion carries unanimously.

Sperry indicated the next item on the agenda is executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). Board retired into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sperry called the regular meeting back to order at 7:06 p.m. Motion by Zachmann, second by Lechler to approve the Negotiated Agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Sperry read the following raises for staff:

- Misty Farnstrom, Business Manager 4.25% raise; Jessica Geis, Superintendent 4.25% raise; Taryn Sveet, High School Principal 4.25% raise; Lynn Swanson, Elementary Principal salary will remain the same as the 2024-2025 salary;
- 84¢ per hour raise for all hourly staff, which is 4.25% of the average wage;
- Jim Muckle route 4.25% raise, Tiffany Lee route 4.25% raise, Lindsay Buckman route 4.25% raise with routes being evaluated for the 2025-2026 school year;
- Activity bus driving per mile increase 2¢ which is 4.25% raise;
- Hourly base pay will increase to \$14.75 per hour;
- Hourly staff personal leave will be allowed to accumulate from one fiscal year to another up to three days.

• Substitute teacher pay will remain at \$150 per day.

Motion by Lechler, second by Lund to approve the recommended raises for staff. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

The next regular school board meeting will be held June 11, 2025 at 6 p.m. Sperry called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lund, second by Zachmann to adjourn. Sperry adjourned 7:09 p.m.

Robert Sperry, President  
Misty Farnstrom,  
Business Manager  
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BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BEACH CITY  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Published Subject to  
the Governing Body's  
Review and Revision  
May 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on May 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, Sarah Ross, John Stonehocker (via telephone), Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Mas-sado, Engineer Zac Ranisate (via telephone), and guests Gary Howard, Holden Ham-merlund and Mechelle McFarland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present.

Additions or Corrections to  
the Agenda and Approval

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Gaugler request adding thank you correspondence from Golden Valley County Library, and the Second Reading of Ordinance 397 regarding use of storage containers within the city. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda with the additional items, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on April 21, 2025 were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes presented, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed for payment. Swanson-Puckett moved to approve the vouchers presented, second by Zach-

mann. Motion carried unani-mously.  
Advanced Engineering & Environmental Services.....\$18,708.10  
Arstson Stewart Wegner PC.....10,044.54  
Badlands Cleaning Services.....100.00  
Beach Park Board.....5,748.76  
BEK Consulting, LLC.....445,092.66  
BOSS Office Products.....59.95  
CNH Industrial Accounts.....6,878.04  
CNH Industrial Capital Productivity Plus.....1.03  
Cooperative Legal Services, PLLC.....220.00  
Coral Creek Landfill.....1,841.70  
Core & Main LP.....186.56  
Dakota Dust-Tex.....111.80  
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc.....7,392.85  
Farmers Union Oil.....1,533.12  
First State Bank of Golva.....1,085.06  
Four Seasons Trophies.....1,322.49  
G & G Garbage, LLC.....1,200.00  
Golden Valley County.....9,945.46  
Jill Schatz.....45.00  
Kimberly Gaugler.....132.50  
Montana Dakota Utilities.....6,058.04  
Morrison Majerle Systems Corp.....1,080.00  
North Central International LLC.....507.30  
Olympic Sales Inc.....150.96  
One Call Concepts.....168.00  
Prairie Lumber Co.....245.88  
Randall Dietz.....62.61  
Rohan's Hardware.....226.55  
RTC Networks.....503.00  
S & R Interiors.....16,186.36  
Scott Trotter.....100.00  
Southwest Water Authority.....12,244.24  
Southwestern District Health Unit.....25.00  
Stockwell Cleaning Nancy Stockwell.....218.75  
Swanston Equipment Corp.....8,700.00

Team Laboratory Chemical, LLC.....269.50  
Thomas Littlecreek.....45.00  
Valli Information Systems.....25.00  
X Food's.....58.14  
April Payroll.....33,010.70  
City of Beach.....370.30  
Unum Life Insurance.....63.90  
First State Bank of Golva.....3,061.67  
First State Bank of Golva.....149.12  
City of Beach.....702.36  
Blue Cross Blue Shield ND.....8,083.30  
First State Bank of Golva.....3,624.39  
ND PERS.....4,542.08

**Engineer's Report**  
Engineer Ranisate re-viewed his written report via telephone.

2nd Street SW Culvert Crossing - Culverts and flared end sections have been installed, and the surface has temporary gravel on it until the paving crew arrives. The construction crew will be feathering out the grades in the ditch from 2nd Street SW to 1st Street SW. Paving will be in the near future. Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$75,914.80 was presented. Marman moved to approve Application for Pay-ment #1, second by Zachmann. Motion carried unanimously. Marman moved to approve amending the agreement with BEK Consulting to include \$12,928 for cleaning out the ditch, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

2025 Street & Utility Improvement Project - Work completed to date includes installed watermain and service connec-tions along 2nd Ave, between Main Street and 2nd Street SE. Service line verification is be-ing completed on Main Street. Watermain pressures test have all passed. Installation of wa-

termain on the Avenues is pro-gressing quickly. Application for Payment #1 in the amount of \$369,177.86 was presented for review. Ross moved to approve Application for Payment #1, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously. Eight water service lines on Main Street be-tween 2nd Ave SE and Central Avenue need to be determined as to the type of line. Zac will talk to property owners to see if they would like to opt in to the water project so that 60% of the cost is paid through State funding. The following Miscella-neous Service Line Pricing was presented for consideration:

Item 1. Mainline Crew - In-stall saddle and corp and re-connect in the ditch: \$1,510.00/each

Item 2. Service Crew - Re-place the corp only: \$385.00/each

Item 3. Service Crew - Re-place the curb stop and box: \$1,044.00/each

Item 4. Service Crew - Re-place the curb box: \$330.00/each

Item 5. Service Crew - Re-place the saddle, and corp: \$1,230.00/each

Zachmann moved to ap-prove the Miscellaneous Ser-vice Line Pricing, second by Wolff. Motion carried unani-mously.

2026 Main Street and Cen-tral Avenue Street Reconstruc-tion - A Public Input meeting was held on Monday, July 28 at 6 pm. Approximately 20 peo-ple attended to learn about the project and have questions an-swered.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. Three fire hy-drants are in need of replace-ment. If we supply the materi-als, BEK Consulting would be able to replace the hydrants an estimated cost of \$500/hr. Total

cost per hydrant is estimated at \$3,500. Additional interviews were conducted for the Solid Waste Manager position. Mar-man moved to offer the position to Greyson Stedman, second by Wolff. Motion carried unani-mously. Marman moved to set the hourly rate at \$20 and have the City Attorney develop an Agreement for Repayment on Training and Testing of CDL li-censing, second by Wolff. Mo-tion carried unanimously.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her writ-ten report. Ross moved to ap-prove transferring \$21,281 from the sewer operating account to the sewer reserve account for the annual loan payment, sec-ond by Swanson-Puckett. Mo-tion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Zoning - Ordinance 397 - Use of Storage Containers within the City Limits. General consensus was before a sec-ond reading can occur there needs to be clarification on the definition of "temporary use" of storage containers in residen-tial zoning.

New Business

Zachmann moved to ap-point *Golden Valley News* as the official newspaper for the City of Beach, second by Wolff.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mechelle McFarland repre-senting Prairie West Develop-ment Foundation (PWDF) intro-duced herself as a new Board Member for PWDF. Mechelle extended an invitation to the next PWDF board meeting on May 13th at 11 a.m. PWDF is seeking to fill a couple board positions. City Council John Stonehocker volunteered to fill one of the openings.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Envi-ronmental Quality congratulat-ing the City of Beach on meet-ing requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Correspondence was read from Home On The Range re-garding the Champion's Ride Match on August 2, 2025.

Thank you correspondence was read from Beach High School Post Prom.

Thank you correspondence was read from the Golden Val-ley County Library

No other business was brought forward. Swan-son-Puckett moved to adjourn, second by Zachmann. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor  
Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor  
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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners within the City of Beach are responsible for keeping their property mowed and noxious weeds controlled.

When property is not mowed or weeds become a nuisance, the City will mow and/or spray the property at a cost of \$300.00 per lot as allowed by City Ordinance 366 Section 12.0101-12.0105.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor  
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