

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To Whom It May Concern,  
I want to take a moment to acknowledge the city's effort in snow and ice removal. Most municipalities treat snow removal as a responsibility, and they have the roads clear before morning coffee. Not here, it feels like an optional hobby.

The road conditions in Beach are horrendous, distressing and legally concerning, and even emergency routes are not being properly maintained. These should be the most dependable, most consistently maintained streets in town. Yet these very routes are currently covered in ice, deep ruts, and compacted snow that makes safe travel nearly impossible. Emergency routes are being treated with the same level of neglect as residential backroads, which is alarming and unacceptable.

The city is responsible for maintaining public roads in reasonably safe conditions.

Residents are forced into deep ruts that make steering difficult and cause vehicles to bottom out, potentially damaging tires, suspension and undercarriages, damage that raises understandable questions about the city's responsibility when road conditions are preventable.

Even when ice softens into slush the roads remain unclear and dangerous. Residents should not have to question whether their vehicle or their insurance deductible will make it home. No one should need a helmet, a prayer, and a miracle just to run errands or access necessities.

If the concern is that plowing "may scrape the roads" it's difficult to understand the hesitation when the streets are already covered in potholes and large ruts and supposedly scheduled to be redone this upcoming summer. If that is true, then there is no reason

not to maintain them properly now.

Residents are asking what they ask every winter, "why hasn't the city learned from previous winters?" The same complaints, frustrations and avoidable hazards. At this point, it is fair to ask why more effort isn't being made and why the crew is not out early enough to ensure safe travel.

This represents a failure to uphold basic public responsibility.

I find myself wondering what the plan is, waiting for spring? Divine intervention? The sun to feel sorry for us? This is not an acceptable winter maintenance strategy.

The conditions in Beach are dangerous and disappointing. The community deserves safe passable roads and a city that takes its responsibility seriously.

I urge immediate action, clear the roads, salt the ice, sand the intersections, and prioritize your community.

With deep disbelief and the faintest sliver of hope,

Karen Smith  
701-203-8771

**BEACH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BEACH SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDS OF REGULAR MEETING Unofficial Minutes Subject to Review and Revision of the Board December 10, 2025**

Beach School Board held its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2025 in the high school library. Present were Robert Sperry, Carrie Zachmann, Landon Lechler, Heather Dykins, Misty Farnstrom, Jessica Geis and Taryn Sveet. Absent were Alan Muckle and Lynn Swanson. Visitors were Amanda Stoltz, Loni Thilmony, Jordanna Garland and Kirstyn Bohn.

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

Sperry reviewed the agenda. Consensus of the board is to approve agenda as presented. Sperry 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:

- November 12, 2025 regular 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 approved are as follows:

Admin Partners LLC	\$100.00
Amazon Capital Services	2,077.97
American Welding and Gas Inc.	243.41
Badlands Barista And Boutique	55.34
Beach Cooperative Grain Co.	25.50
Beach FBLA	10.00
Beach Food Center	28.18
Beach Student Council	6.00
Boss Office and Computer Products	452.85
Marty Campbell	29.74
Capital One-Menards	62.41
Capital One-Walmart	140.57
Genex Fleetcard/CHS Inc.	208.00
City of Beach	1,036.63
CNH Industrial Accounts	2,898.25
Travis Hauck	20,405.48
Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc.	266.65
Discount School Supply	19.90
Dollar General	39.70
Farmers Union Oil Corp	1,876.10
Four Seasons Trophies	613.12
GS Publishing, LLC	253.41
Harbor Freight	7.99
Horace Mann	20.25
Jadah Kerr	14.79
MDU Resources Group, Inc.	6,724.32
ND Center for Distance Education	229.00
NDACS Spelling Bee	198.00
New England School District	250.00
North Dakota FFA Association	20.00
Olsons Service LLC	816.38
Prairie Lumber Corp.	237.35
ReadiTech, C-Corp	4,060.00
Region X Music, Speech and Drama	150.00
Rohan Hardware	239.46
Roughrider North Human Service Zone	1,042.52
Dustin Hausauer	1,090.00
RTC Networks	669.00
Rudy's Lock & Key LLC	40.00
Runnings Supply, Inc.	113.93
Savvas Learning Company LLC	15,316.79
School Specialty LLC	134.62
Robert Sperry	750.40
Wells Fargo	1,575.16
West River Student Services	6,339.39
WEX Bank	39.95
WEX of Fargo	1,020.00
Win At Social Inc.	5,000.00
Beach Food Center	302.95
Jessica Braden	228.16
Braun Distributing-Queen City Candy	670.45
Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Dickinson	718.20
Corner Market/NFL Associates	112.24
Dollar General	37.12
Lindsay Dykins	633.43
Farmers Union Oil Corp	1,350.71
Image Market	60.85
Logo Magic	752.00
Minntex Citrus Inc.	11,412.20
North Dakota FFA Association	1,600.00
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company	498.00
Sew What Custom Embroidery	1,026.00
Sysco Montana, Inc.	301.06
US Foodservice, Inc.	81.46
Wibaux Pioneer Gazette	550.00
Wild Vines Market LLC	6,555.36
Tamara Fricke	56.64
Sysco Montana, Inc.	7,354.07
United Refrigeration, Inc.	354.17
US Foodservice, Inc.	3,701.74
ND BCI	40.00
John Abrahamson	992.74
Jonathan Kohler	1,126.18
Rachelle Schroeder	839.46
Jodi Bosch	726.84
Phil Weldele	175.00
Janine Susag-Olson	175.00
Douglas Kuske	105.00
Haley Dschaak	245.00
Keith Witte	385.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen	75.00
Mitchell Strand	148.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen	75.00
ND BCI	40.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen	50.00
Justin Mosbrucker	316.60
Mitchell Strand	156.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen	100.00
Jeffrey Bertelsen	75.00
Ava Zachmann	27.00
November Payroll	405,688.37

Sperry called for recognition of students and staff.
• Geis presented recognition of the Beach American Legion for the donation of new flags for both the high school and the elementary. Many activities and athletic events have occurred the past month, including FFA that did well.
• Sveet presented recognition of the news article for the Pelican Project back pack program with Leah Davidson and Ava Zachmann's contributions, and recognition of the news article on Lori Knight and the Applied Communications Class and their achievements.
• Geis also presented recognition of Kirstyn Bohn for a wonderful high school music concert last week.
• Thank you from Avery Olstad for supporting the FFA trip to Indianapolis, IN.
• Thank you from Arielle Schneider for the funding for counseling courses.
Geis presented ND Be Legendary progress measure goal #2 monitoring report for Math.
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Misty Farnstrom,  
Business Manager

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**GOLVA BOARD**

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Everyone is welcome to attend. It's a chance to celebrate together as a school family.

The board further discussed the proposed roof repairs on the school. Two bids have been received so far and another interested contractor is scheduled to look at the roof on Dec. 11.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

**Museum open house**

The Golden Valley County Museum is hosting a Christmas open house from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, Dec. 20.


Everyone is welcome to enjoy Christmas goodies while they tour the museum and check out all the displays.

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Golden Valley County Commissioners will have a special meeting to approve the final bills for 2025, to review the 2025 budgets and to finish up with 2025 business on **Monday, Dec. 29, 2025 at 2 p.m.** in the Commissioner's Room at the Golden Valley County Courthouse.

Tamra Smith  
County Auditor

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**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS**  
by Librarian Joanne Tescher  
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**New Adult Books**  
*The Lies We Leave Behind* by Noelle Salazar  
*While the Windmill Watched* by Jackie Pfeiffer McGregor  
*The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom

**New Kids' Books**  
*The Final Scroll* by M.J. Thomas  
*What is Alcatraz?* by Nico Medina  
*The Fight for the Future* by Becky Ross Michael

**Christmas Week Hours**  
Tuesday, Dec. 23: 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 24: 10 a.m. Noon, closed in the afternoon  
Closed: Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. Merry Christmas!  
Open: Saturday, Dec. 27: 9 a.m. to Noon

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES 71-02, 71-03, 71-04, 71-05, 71-06, & 71-08 REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM, DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT, AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposed rules relate to the Public Employees Retirement System, Uniform Group Insurance Program, Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Employees, Highway Patrol Retirement System, Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and Defined Contribution Plan. The proposed rules implement statutory changes made during the 2025 legislative session, clarify current administrative processes, and ensure consistency in administration within the various plans administered by NDPERS.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing NDPERS-info@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to NDPERS-info@nd.gov. Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2025.  
Rebecca Fricke, Executive Director

**Public Comments**

**Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation**

Allo Towers proposes the construction of a guyed style telecommunications tower within a 50' x 50' lease area approximately 0.17 miles northwest of Hwy. 16 & 163 rd Ave. SW, Beach, Golden Valley County, ND.

The height of the tower will be 115.8-meters above ground level (380-feet above ground level) and 117.3-meters above ground level including appurtenances (385-feet above ground level with appurtenances). Proposed project will include ground disturbance.

Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting for Golva Repair will be held Mon., January 7, 2026 in the Golva Bar meeting room.

Supper is at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting.

Justin Maus  
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