

# Legals: Your Right to Know

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MOHALL CITY COUNCIL**  
**10/23/2025**  
**THE MOHALL PLAZA**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM with Mayor Witteman presiding. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mayor Tom Witteman, Council Members Rick Haman, Mike Duckett and John Nilsen.  
ABSENT: Dana McIntyre, Mike Lamb and Alex Cook.  
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None.

Mayor Witteman opened the meeting explaining the purpose of the meeting being the need to authorize setting up a temporary checking account for the Mohall 125th Year Celebration Committee revenues and expenses.

Moved by Nilsen and seconded by Duckett to open a temporary checking account with online banking at Citizens State Bank specifically for the Mohall 125th Year Celebration Committee revenues and expenses. With the checking account requiring two signatures. Individuals authorized on the account being Mayor Tom Witteman, Auditor Cheryl Overby and Committee Member Jennifer Becker. Revenues deposited with either Jennifer Becker or Mohall City Auditor's office. All voted "aye". None voted "nay". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by call of Mayor Witteman.

**Tuesday, October 14th, 2025-7:00 am STEM/Board Room**  
**MLS School Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Matt Undlin, Andy Grondahl, Nathaniel Buynak, Jake Kaufmann, Thurstan Johnson, Drake Vendsel, Ben Ethan, Heidi Newgard, Kelsea Bowers, Cody Beck, Trevor Savelkoul, and Kim Strand  
Community Members Present: Cheryl Ackerson

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM, and the pledge was recited. Public comment:

- Cheryl Ackerson requested to speak on behalf of her resignation to the board.
- Nathaniel motioned to pull Cheryl's resignation out of the consent agenda and add it to today's meeting agenda. Drake seconded the motion. Roll call of votes; Andy-yay, Nathaniel-yay, Thurstan-yay, Jake-yay, Ben-yay, and Drake-yay. M/C
- Cheryl was given three minutes to speak in front of the board about her potential resignation and the reasons why.

Consent Agenda:  
• Nathaniel motioned to approve the consent agenda, Thurstan seconded. M/C

- Administration Reports:
- Elementary Principal-Mrs. Bowers presented the NDA State Assessment results for the elementary students.
  - Dean of Students-Mr. Beck reported on the NDA State Assessment results for junior high and high school. Hel also explained how the ICU programs works.
  - High School Principal-Mrs. Newgard expanded on the NDA State Assessment results.
  - Athletic Director-Mr. Savelkoul recapped how the football, volleyball, and cross country teams are doing.
  - Superintendent-Mrs. Newgard talked about Vital Network. She also stated she reopened the high school boys' basketball assistant coach position. Defensive driving for bus drivers will be virtual this year. Mrs. Newgard presented a new teacher evaluation form that they will be implementing.
- Committee and other reports:
- Building Committee-Andy reported the girls bathroom floor will be redone. Todd is coming up with a solution to fix the run off problem by the multi doors. It was discussed to get a covering for the office window to meet security requirements. The apartment building needs new lower windows, and also looking into replacing the flooring in the entry way to something more durable. Andy stated that they

are looking for quotes to do the flooring in the band room, library, and high school hallway. The committee is also looking into fixing the lights at the football field.

Old Business: None New Business:  
• Mrs. Newgard presented the quote for the lower windows on the apartment building to be replaced.

A bid was obtained from Jack Pung. Nathaniel motioned to approve the bid to replace the lower windows at the apartment building with Jack Pung doing the work. Drake seconded the motion. MIC

• Mrs. Newgard presented the quote for the decal for the front office windows. The quote was from Signs Today. Andy motioned to approve the quote for the decal for the front office window, using Signs Today. Jake seconded. MIC

• Nathaniel motioned to accept Cheryl Ackerson's resignation. Andy seconded. Upon further discussion, it was decided to have an athletic committee meeting to further discuss the guidelines on the athletic program.

o Thurstan amended the motion to table the resignation by Cheryl to allow for the athletic committee to meet. Ben seconded the amendment.

o Cheryl spoke about the program and her plans. Board members also stated their thoughts on the subject.

o Roll call vote to table Cheryl's resignation until the athletic committee meets. Drake-yay, Ben-yay, Thurstan-yay, Nathaniel-nay, Andy-nay, Jake-nay, and Matt-yay. MIC

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 AM, however that is a holiday. Thurstan motioned for the next regular board meeting to be Monday, November 10 at 7:00 AM. Drake seconded. MIC

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Drake seconded. MIC

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO**  
**N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 33-39-01**  
**LODGING ESTABLISHMENT SANITATION STANDARDS**  
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-39-01, Lodging Establishment Sanitation Standards, relating to definitions, general requirements, personnel, ice and ice dispensing, guest rooms, utensil and equipment warewashing, single-service and single-use articles, beds and linen, housekeeping and laundry facilities, water recreation facilities, submission of plans, fire safety, food establishment license requirements, toilets, poisonous or toxic materials, pests, grounds maintenance, and imminent health hazards at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.  
Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2025.  
ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Dated this 7th day of November, 2025.

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**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO**  
**N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 75-03-44**  
**CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC CERTIFICATION**  
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed creation of N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-03-44 relating to the certified community behavioral health clinic process and operations including eligibility, application and certification process, and services and treatment requirements at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2025, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.  
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**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UTILIZATION COMMISSION, ANIMAL HEALTH, DAIRY, EGGS, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION, PESTICIDES, AND POULTRY BOARD**  
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and the State Board of Animal Health will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 AM on December 17, 2025, at the 6th floor conference room in the State Capitol in Bismarck.  
A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Department of Agriculture or calling 701-328-4764. Also, written comments may be submitted to North Dakota Department of Agriculture Attn: Rules Coordinator, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 602 Bismarck, ND 58505-0020 until December 30, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at the above telephone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.  
Dated this 7th day of November 2025.  
Doug Goehring  
Agriculture Commissioner

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**Notice to Public Board Applications**  
Members of the public are invited to participate in local Government by serving on various appointed boards and commissions. Applications are available online at [www.ndcf.net](http://www.ndcf.net) or the Renville County Auditor's Office.  
Please submit application to the Renville County Auditor's Office by December 5, 2025 for consideration of open seats available for 1/1/2026:  

Renville County Board	Seats Available	Term
Job Development Authority	3	3 years
Park Board	2	2 years
School Reorganization	1	3 years
Water Resource Board	1	3 years
Weed Board	1	4 years

  
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# NDSU Extension to Host Virtual Income Tax Management Program for Ag Producers

North Dakota State University Extension will offer a tax management program to agricultural producers and tax preparers from 1 to 4 p.m. CST on Monday, Dec. 1, via Zoom.

The program will be moderated by Ron Haugen, NDSU Extension farm management specialist.

“This program provides an excellent opportunity for agricultural producers and tax preparers to learn and ask questions about tax management alternatives while there is still time to implement year-end tax management decisions,” says Haugen.

The program will feature presentations by Mercean Lam, Internal Revenue Service; Russ Tweiten, Ag Country Farm Credit Services; Rob Holcomb, University of Minnesota Extension and JC Hobbs, Oklahoma State University Extension. Program topics include the following:

- Federal income tax updates
- Lease and easement income reporting
- IRS updates
- Identity theft and breaches
- Tax management upon retirement
- Depreciation, like-kind exchanges
- Disaster provisions and reporting

# NDSU Extension Partnering to Deliver Agricultural Safety Program

Adopting safety practices on most farm and ranch operations is voluntary, underscoring the importance of working with community members to help producers identify hazards and take steps to reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities. In North Dakota, a large network of trusted community support exists to address the growing concern of agricultural injuries and fatalities.

To address farm and ranch safety prevention efforts, North Dakota State University Extension has partnered with the National Farm Medicine Center to offer the Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety and Health (RF-DASH) train-the-trainer program in North Dakota.

The RF-DASH program will be offered in person on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Killdeer Saddle Club in Killdeer, North Dakota, and Thursday, Dec. 4, at Webster Farms near Penn, North Dakota.

“In North Dakota, we have a fantastic network of Extension agents, rural firefighters, ambulance squads and county emergency managers,” says Angie Johnson, NDSU Extension farm and ranch safety specialist. “These professionals are community members and trusted sources of information that farmers, ranchers and their families listen to when it comes to addressing hazards regarding health and safety on their farm operation.”



IRS updates, retirement and disaster provisions are some of the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming tax planning virtual event.

- Qualified business income
  - Tax planning
- Preregistration is required by Nov. 25. The cost for the virtual program and materials is \$25. To register, visit [ndsu.ag/incometax](http://ndsu.ag/incometax). An email address is required to register for the meeting, and a connection to Zoom is required to participate. Registered attendees will receive the Zoom link and materials link by email

on Wednesday, Nov. 26. All participants will have the opportunity to ask questions via the chat box.

All program materials will be posted for downloading prior to the meeting. Continuing education credits will not be offered.

For additional information or questions, contact Paulann Haakenson at [paulann.haakenson@ndsu.edu](mailto:paulann.haakenson@ndsu.edu) or 701-231-7393.



Angie Johnson, NDSU Extension farm and ranch safety specialist, explains safety procedures around an auger.

and asks, ‘How do we prevent this from becoming a rescue situation in the first place?’”

- Tim Zehnder, RF-DASH lead trainer, says RF-DASH aims to leverage the bonds between rural fire departments, farmers/ranchers and agricultural community members to reduce rates of agricultural injury and property loss in rural communities.
- Introduction to Agricultural Emergencies
  - Preplanning and Mapping Farms with Farm MAPPER
  - Farm Hazard Analysis with Saferfarm.org
  - Farm First Aid
  - Approaching the Farm Community

“RF-DASH really forced me to take off my firefighter hat and focus on identifying farm-related hazards first,” says Cale Woodhouse, past RF-DASH participant and firefighter for the Bismarck Rural Fire Department.

“I had to change my mindset to identify the potential safety hazards on the farm that could possibly end up bringing me here as a firefighter in an emergency response situation,” says Woodhouse. “Instead of focusing on what the rescue process would look like, RF-DASH takes it a step further

“Thanks to grant support from the CHS Foundation, we are able to train new leaders in North Dakota and work on getting our first cohort of trainers established in the state — an identified need that North Dakota firefighters and Extension professionals expressed to us,” says Zehnder.

To learn more about the RF-DASH program, contact Angie Johnson at [angela.b.johnson@ndsu.edu](mailto:angela.b.johnson@ndsu.edu). For more details about the RF-DASH program, including online resources, visit <http://rfdash.org/>.

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