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Katie Foiles, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibit.

A. Exhibit Attached (Overview):

NDNA Order Number: **26053NNO**

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Description: **Notice of Filing and Notice of Consolidated Public Hearing, Minnesota Power, Case Nos. PU25-304 and PU-25-305**

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2. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Dated: May 19, 2026

Signed: [Handwritten Signature]

Print Name/Title: Katie Foiles, Advertising Placement Coordinator

Notary Public: [Handwritten Signature]

My commission expires: May 4, 2027



ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 33-44-01 MEDICAL MARIJUANA

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code chapter 33-44-01, related to definitions, expiration of registry identification cards, compassion center certification fees, dispensary premises, manufacturing facility labeling, and standards for concentration compliance testing, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in AV Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

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, June 29, 2026.

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 30th day of April, 2026.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTH CENTAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA Probate No. 29-2026-PR-00014 In the Matter of the Estate of Robert A. Barfield, 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 or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Vera A. Barfield, personal

representative of the estate, P.O. Box 488, Hazen, ND 58545, or filed with the Court. Dated this 7th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Vera A. Barfield
Personal Representative
10 5th Street NW, Hazen, ND 58545
Address
Donovan & Kaffar PLLP
Mark A. Kaffar #06745
P.O. Box 488
Hazen, ND 58545
(701) 748-2206
hazenlaw@westriv.com
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
(05-14-2026)(05-21-2026)(05-28-2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mercer County Planning & Zoning Subcommittee will meet Tuesday May 19th, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM, Central Time, at the Mercer County Courthouse in Stanton. The subcommittee consists of 3 board members and SRF Consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss wind, solar & sand/gravel ordinances and if time allows battery processing and manufacturing and lake development.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public is hereby invited to attend the above public meeting or forward written comments prior to the meeting to: Land Use Administrator – Box 39 – Stanton, ND 58571 or email jlneumiller@nd.gov
Jen Neumiller
Mercer County Land Use Administrator
(05-14-2026)

TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

April 13th, 2026
Mayor Saylor called the city regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Neumiller, Cole and Kelly. Absent was council member, Babb. Also, present were Auditor Braithwaite, Public Works Supervisor, Chapman, Tax Assessor J. Neumiller, and Guests Thieling, Thernes, Summers, and Owens. Assessor Neumiller reviewed the tax assessment process with the council. Assessor Neumiller and the council reviewed building permits and indicated that there were 5 sales. Assessor Neumiller explained the stating statistics for the City of Stanton from 2025. Final Statistics for the median was at 94%. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Neumiller giving the Homestead Credit tax exemptions to submitted twenty-one applicants. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole to

accept the assessment values and building permits for the City of Stanton as submitted by the assessor. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Moved by Neumiller, seconded by Cole giving three property tax exemptions for the Assembly of God Church and Parsonage, and the Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Roll call vote: All members voted aye, carried. Thieling requested Tax Assessor Neumiller to review her properties on Block 5 as she believed that it may have been incorrect. She also submitted a petition on the certified specials. Tax Assessor Neumiller informed Thieling that she will review her properties, but tax equalization has nothing to do with the certified specials. Being no further business, the Tax Equalization meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Mayor: Tom Saylor
Auditor: Chonny Braithwaite
(05-14-2026)

HAZEN STAR
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
OF MERCER COUNTY

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnesota Power
Case No. PU-25-304
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty
Siting Application**

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Case No. PU-25-305
Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln - Morton & Mercer Cty
Siting Application**

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Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission is consolidating these cases for hearing under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facilities' locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: March 5, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner; Randy Christmann, Chair; Jill Kringstad, Commissioner

HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2026
HS Theatre
Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Laura Zingg, Jen Wallender. Steph Huber and Marti Raad were absent. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Paul Richter, Principal Jacob Kraft, and AD Bret Johnsrud. Principal Trevor Sinclair was absent. The guest present was Dan Arens, Dan Frei, and Chris Harvey. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Minutes for the regular March monthly meeting and the Special March board meeting were presented. Zingg moved to approve, seconded by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C Financial Reports: a.) March Financial Statement; b.) April Bills totaling \$ 154,330.63; JP Morgan, 19,864.19; Deborah Dub, 222.15; Farmers Union Oil, 126.95; Harlow's School Bus Service, 78,767.63; The Hub, 294.61; MDU, 11,278.65; ND Attorney General, 40.00; Pitney Bowes, 400.00; Shayla Sinclair, 59.96; Hazen Golf Course, 250.00; ABM, 3,033.94; Kourtney Baasch, 100.00; Bill Zingg, 353.73; Center Coal Company, 7,647.92; City of Hazen, 1,685.57; D&E Supply, 4,807.50; David Mittelsteadt, 165.00;

East West Library Books, 125.95; Eggers Electric Motor, 341.51; Farmers Union Oil, 106.05; Fastenal, 86.62; Hazen Motors, 75.00; Hazen Star, 173.77; Hazen Welding, 884.00; Hot Lunch, 1,214.85; John Flemmer, 4,471.10; Jostens, 782.04; JW Pepper, 685.49; Menards, 171.84; Mercer Co. Landfill, 308.00; MDU, 10,717.30; NDSBA, 675.00; Record Keepers, 52.50; Alison Smith, 76.00; Stein's Inc., 1,174.85; West Dakota Lumber, 19.96; Western Lighting, 598.50; Western Steel Builders, 2,475.00; Trisha Wolff, 17.50.;c.) Expenditure Report; d.) Revenue Report; e.) Food Service Report; f.) Activities Report; g.) Transportation Report; h.) Pledge of Securities; i.) Investments; Wallender moved to approve a-i; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C Committee Reports:
a. Building and Grounds: Supt Miller will present the board with a list of projects at the May meeting
b. Curriculum: Principal Richter and Principal Kraft presented the board with some different ideas they have been looking at.
c. Activities: There has been a request from the Hazen Winter Sports for girl's hockey. Old Business:

New Business:
Hazen Winter Sports Girl's Hockey Request: Zingg moved to approve as presented; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C Approve Teacher Contracts: Wallender moved to approve; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C List of Potential Summer Building Projects: Superintendent Miller presented the board with some information and quotes on the different projects. The building and grounds committee will have a list to present at the May board meeting. 2026-2027 Technology Budget Request: Wallender moved to approve as presented; second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C Administrative Reports:
The Principals and Superintendent presented their reports.
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on May 11th, 2026, at 5:30 pm. With no further business, President Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.
Brian S. Nolan, School Board President
Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager
Date Approved 11 May 2026
(05-14-2026)

Armstrong endorses legislative candidates

GRANT COURSEY
Bismarck Tribune

Gov. Kelly Armstrong has released a list of his endorsements for legislative primaries. At least one lawmaker maintains the governor using his influence in the primary election is "illegal."

Armstrong said this month that, in March, he had more than \$1 million in cash on hand that he would use to support candidates in the primary and general elections.

He said he is only putting his money and endorsements behind candidates in contested races, whether legislative or statewide. He had donated just under \$100,000 to endorsed candidates as of May 8, according to pre-primary campaign finance filings.

"We're not endorsing people who are unopposed, and we're not writing \$1,000 checks to every member of the Legislature, whether they have an opponent or not," Armstrong said. "We want to be helpful for people who we support that are in a competitive race."

He said that every person he has endorsed has also received financial support.

Candidates must file a 48-hour campaign finance report for any campaign contribution exceeding \$500 made within 39 days of a primary or general election.

Armstrong said his strategy is mostly to donate directly to candidates and let them use the money as they see fit, rather than using a political action committee or independent expenditure



committee to advertise on their behalf.

"I would rather they have the money and run their race," he said.

He is still available to provide campaign advice and structure for candidates who want it, something several have taken advantage of, according to Armstrong.

Greg Vetter, who is running for the state House in District 7 and has been endorsed by Armstrong, told the Tribune the governor's advice and financial support has been "very helpful" as a first-time candidate.

Armstrong has also appeared at campaign events for endorsed candidates, including Vetter's kickoff event. He told the Tribune he also planned to attend an event in support of Sen. Don Schaible, a candidate he has endorsed in District 31, in May.

While most contributions come directly from Armstrong's campaign fund, he told the Tribune that a political action committee associated with him — United ND — will likely also spend money during the campaign season.

How did Armstrong choose whom to endorse?

Armstrong said he is focused on the June primary election and will deal with the November general election "after everything shakes out."

The governor said the state has

thrived under strong, reasonable, conservative leadership — the kind of leadership he said he wants to ensure continues.

While he said he has spoken with every candidate he has endorsed, he said he has had very few specific policy conversations with those he is supporting. What he said he is looking for are candidates who want to represent their district and engage in the governing process, not chase "some semblance of social media fame."

"I really only have two requirements," Armstrong said. "Are you coming here for the right reasons? And, 'Are you going to run a campaign like you're three points behind and try and win it?'"

He told the Tribune he is not targeting specific candidates to oust from the Legislature.

"It's politics, so if you're supporting one person (it's) at the expense of somebody else — but we're not really interested in necessarily taking people out so much as we are interested in supporting people who are running," Armstrong said.

Unendorsed candidates respond

Even if Armstrong's endorsements were not targeted, there are multiple districts where he backed newcomers over incumbents seeking reelection.

One such incumbent, Rep. Eric Murphy, R-Grand Forks, is in a three-way primary race for two Republican spots on the general election ballot in District 43. He said he understood why Armstrong chose to endorse Mike Holmes in the race but was "mystified" as to why the governor

chose not to endorse him.

Rep. Jeff Hoverson, R-Minot, another incumbent whose primary opponents were endorsed by Armstrong, said he was out door-knocking when he received the Tribune's call Thursday afternoon, May 7. He said the lack of an endorsement has energized his base.

"He's probably done more to motivate our base towards us than we could do. You got so many people (mad)," Hoverson said.

He told the Tribune that he felt Armstrong's endorsements in his District 3 race were disrespectful.

"I think he's thumbing his nose at the district, because the district made a choice," Hoverson said. "The opponents that he is endorsing boycotted their own District 3 endorsing convention."

Hoverson received the district's endorsement. He noted that Armstrong skipped the state Republican convention in March and said choosing to do so while endorsing candidates who bypassed their district endorsing conventions sent a "statement."

Armstrong has said he did not attend the state convention because he was the best man at a wedding that weekend and that he was never contacted by the NDGOP about scheduling the convention on dates he was available.

Hoverson also took issue with Armstrong's assertion that he is supporting candidates who will provide strong, conservative leadership.

"I hope you don't believe that," Hoverson said. "Why is he boycotting the conservatives if he claims to be conservative?"

Hoverson maintains Armstrong's campaigning for

candidates violates Article 5, Section 10 of the North Dakota Constitution by using his position as governor to influence members of the Legislative Assembly who could be in a voting capacity.

Armstrong said he is using his position as a Republican leader to help elect Republicans.

"When it comes to constitutional interpretation, I am only responsible for what the constitution says, not what Hoverson understands," Armstrong said.

Hoverson's criticism mirrors criticism lawmakers brought forward in a similar press conference outside the governor's office in 2022 when then-Gov. Doug Burgum gave more than \$1.2 million of his own money to the Dakota Leadership PAC, which then targeted Republican incumbents he had clashed with in the primary. Lawmakers at the time called Burgum's actions borderline unconstitutional and pushed him to stop.

Burgum continued his efforts to oust certain members of the Legislature during the primary, but was only partially successful in removing the incumbents he targeted.

Hoverson said voters were already tired of Burgum "meddling" in districts, and now Armstrong is doing the same.

"So Kelly's going to inherit a lot of anger that was already there from Burgum," Hoverson said.

He said he believes whatever gap already exists in the North Dakota Republican Party will be widened by Armstrong's actions.

Reach Grant Coursey at 701-250-8225 or grant.coursey@bismarcktribune.com.

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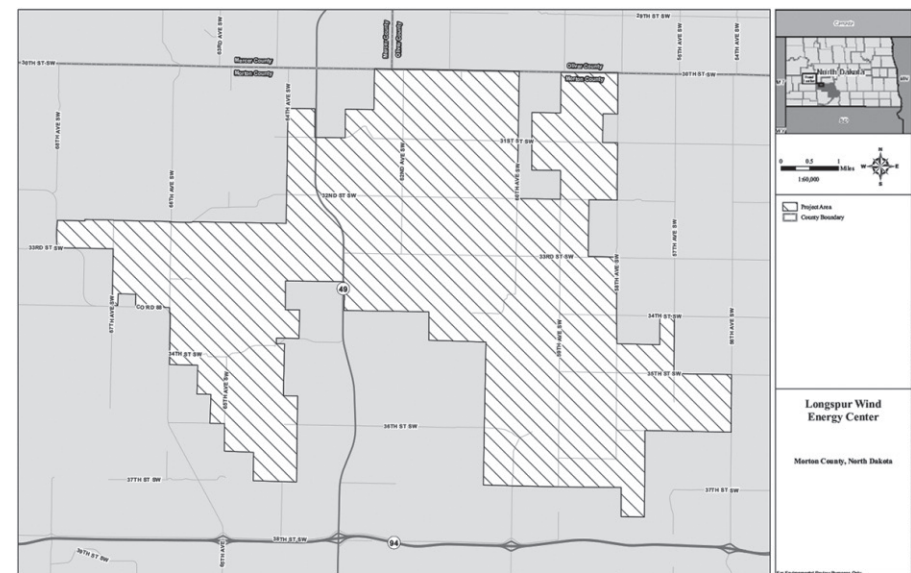
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Public Notices

Morton County Park Board: The Park Board members are responsible for managing the Morton County Parks and meets with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Morton County School Reorganization Board: The School Reorganization Board is responsible for hearing any requests, and providing a recommendation, from county patrons and/or school districts, requesting a change in the boundaries of a school district in which their property lies. After approval and recommendation by the County Reorganization Board, the County petition is sent to State officials for final action. Appointment is for a term of 3 years expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Three River Human Service Zone: formerly known as Morton County Social Services. Interested candidates must reside in Morton County.

The 65th Legislative Assembly passed a bill known as Senate Bill 2124 which allows regions to work collaboratively with each other and the ND Department of Human Services in meeting the needs of North Dakota citizens through programs and services. The programs being delivered include federal, state, and local programs to citizens, including food stamps, health care assistance, housing and home energy assistance, foster care, child/daycare licensing, abuse and neglect intervention with the goal of helping people reach their maximum level of self-sufficiency. In an effort to meet regional needs, Morton, Grant, and Sioux County joined forces to create Three Rivers Human Service Zone.

This board is seeking qualified individuals to apply for the opening. The primary requirement is Morton County residency, over the age of 18, and have the ability to meet with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

Morton County Planning & Zoning Board: The Planning & Zoning Board members are responsible for making recommendations to the County Commission regarding development and land uses in the county. The appointment includes:

- Review of master plans, preliminary and final plans.
- Zone change request
- Zoning Violations
- Other items as instructed by the County Commission

The appointment is for a 4-year term expiring 06/30/2030. Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Morton County Courthouse. Please complete the application for consideration, which can be found on our website at www.co.morton.nd.us/employment. Deadline for applications is June 18, 2026.

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Dawn Rhone, County Auditor or Wendy Bent, Human Resources Director. 05/16, 05/23 81633

ANALYSIS OF THE STATEWIDE MEASURES APPEARING ON THE ELECTION BALLOT JUNE 9, 2026

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at sosselect@nd.gov, or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

Analysis of Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject. The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none. Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above. 5/16, 5/23

Notice of County Board of Tax Equalization Meeting Morton County North Dakota

Notice is hereby given that the Morton County Board of Tax Equalization will meet at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND, at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 4th, 2026.

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the County board of equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment for the year 2026. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause for having such assessments corrected.

Dawn R Rhone, CPA
Morton County Auditor
05/09, 05/16 81541

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