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Randy Dietz

**City Council Meeting Agenda
City Hall – 153 E. Main Street
Monday, April 7, 2025 - 7:00PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order, stand as able for Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda & Approval
4. Recognize Visitors & Public Participation
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Approval of Vouchers
7. Engineer's Report
 - Written Report
 - Resolution 2025-10 SRF Improvement Bond Financing for Street Improvement District 2024-04
 - Resolution 2025-11 SRF Improvement Bond Financing for Utility Improvement District 2024-05
 - Resolution 2025-12 Creating City of Beach Street Improvement District No. 2025-01
 - Resolution 2025-13 Accepting Preliminary Report & Directing Preparation of Engineer's Detailed Report and Cost Estimate
 - Resolution 2025-14 Declaring the Necessity of the City of Beach Street Improvement District No. 2025-01
8. Public Works Report
 - Written Report
9. Auditor's Report
 - Written Report
10. Committee Report(s)
 - Personnel – Annual Benefit Review
 - Zoning Board – Proposed Ordinance 397
11. Unfinished Business
 - Public Nuisance Properties/Animals
12. New Business
 - City Council to meet as the Board of Equalization at 7:30
 - Correspondence from ND Insurance Reserve Fund regarding a conferment check for 2024 and Notice of Annual Meeting on May 8th
 - Correspondence from Federal Emergency Management Agency and ND Water Resources regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map 380215
 - Correspondence from Southwest Water Authority regarding the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report
13. Adjourn

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 21st

Landfill winter hours (November 1st-April 30th): first and third Saturdays of the month: 9 am - 2 pm (be sure to check www.beachnd.com and the City's app for any changes/updates to the landfill hours)



See details about events on the Community Postings page of the city app!



CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
PUBLISHED SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING BODY'S REVIEW AND REVISION

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by Mayor Walter Losinski on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross, Lynn Swanson-Puckett, John Stonehocker, Bev Wolff, Andy Zachmann, Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Administrative Assistant Lea Massado, Sheriff Dey Muckle, Engineers Zac Ranisate, and Jasper Klein, guests Corlene Olson, Jenna Vine, Vanessa Ueckert, Gloria Ueckert, and Gary Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. All members were present.

Mayor Losinski called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Zachmann moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on March 3, 2025 were presented. Zachmann moved to approve the minutes, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Engineers' Ranisate and Klein reviewed the written report. **2025 Street and Utility Project** – the pre-construction meeting was held today. A baseline construction schedule was provided. Tentative start date is April 14th. **DOT Flex Fund Project** - (Main Street and Central Avenue Reconstruction) – Updated opinion of total project cost is \$7,741,980. Grant funds available are \$4,328,400. Beach received the second highest grant funding amount in the State of ND, following the City of Fargo. The City's obligation for the project is \$3,413,580. The project scope and proposed schedule were reviewed. There was discussion on having the engineers prepare two options for assessment districts; one city wide assessment district and one direct benefit assessment district. Marman moved to focus only on the direct benefit assessment at this time, second by Zachmann. Roll call vote: Marman-yes, Wolff-yes, Zachmann-yes, Ross-no, Swanson-Puckett-no, Stonehocker-no. Mayor Losinski voted yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Muckle reviewed his written report for the month of February which consisted of 45 city calls, 1 written citation and 2 warning citations.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reviewed his written report. Sanitary sewer pump 2 is being repaired by Dakota Pump Control. Estimated cost of the repair is \$6,130.00.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. Gaugler reviewed the financial report for the month of February. Zachmann moved to approve the financial report, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Personnel – Ross and Zachmann completed the annual benefit review of health insurance plans. Their recommendation is to stay on the Classic Blue 250 plan.

Community Liaison – Stonehocker asked if there was support from City Council to establish a Community Garden west of the ice skating rink. Mayor Losinski recommended bringing a detailed plan for consideration.

Zoning – Marman reported the Zoning Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18th at 8 am.

Unfinished Business

Public Nuisance Complaints are being handled by Attorney Bouray and the Golden Valley County Sheriff's Department.

New Business

Correspondence was read from Center Stage requesting the city be the fiscal sponsor for a grant application to be submitted to the Golden Valley County Community Foundation.

Correspondence was read from USDA RD stating the annual loan payment in the amount of \$10,145.00 for the 6th Street S Water Improvement Project is due April 15th.

Correspondence was read from Golden Valley County Director of Tax Equalization, Carla Beeler, regarding the Board of Equalization Meeting set for April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Environmental Quality Division of Municipal Services regarding the Annual Drinking Water Report that must be delivered to customers by July 1, 2025.

Correspondence was read from USDA RD stating the annual financial water and sewer reports for the year ending December 31, 2024 have been reviewed and accepted. A recommendation was given to work with Midwest Assistance Program to complete a rate study for both utilities.

There being no other business, Swanson-Puckett moved to adjourn, second by Ross. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor



April 7, 2025 Council Meeting – Engineer’s Report

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Engineer is planning to attend the meeting. Below is a summary of the status of current engineering projects and tasks. Please feel free to reach out if you have any specific questions.

1. Beach 2025 Street and Utility Project

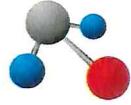
Status: BEK is expected to begin laying temporary water and milling the streets the 3rd week of April

- **Summary of Work**
 - As construction begins, BEK will soon develop/deliver public notifications.
- **Council Action Items:**

Please consider motions to approve the following:
(see table below for document summary)

 1. Resolution Approving Street Financing Bond
 2. Resolution Approving Utility Financing Bond

Action Item Document	Description
Resolution 2025-10	Street Improvement District No. 2024-04 Improvement Bond
Resolution 2025-11	Utility Improvement District No. 2024-05 Improvement Bond



2. Beach DOT Flex Fund Project (Main Street and Central Avenue Street Reconstruction)

Status: Design is ready to proceed. We are initiating work on Main and Central Street reconstruction and seeking council approval for three key steps to move forward.

- **Summary of Work**

- Full street reconstruction including subgrade, surfacing, curb & gutter, and sidewalk where necessary.
- Coordination with public and business access is priority in design.

- **Council Action Items:**

Please consider motions to approve the following:
(see table below for document summary)

1. Engineering Task Order for Design and Bidding Services
2. Agreement for Geotechnical Engineering Services
3. Three Resolutions:
 - a. Resolution Creating Street Improvement District
 - b. Resolution Accepting PER and Direction Preparation of Plans and Specs.
 - c. Resolution Declaring Necessity

Action Item Document	Description
AE2S Task Order #10	Design and Bidding Services: \$427,000
Terracon Agreement	Geotechnical Engineering Services: \$13,300
Resolution 2025-12	Creating City of Beach Street Improvement District No 2025-01
Resolution 2025-13	Accepting Preliminary Engineering Report and Directing Preparation of Engineer's Detailed Report and Cost Estimate
Resolution 2025-14	Declaring Necessity of Beach Street Improvement District

- Discussion Items:
 - Assessments

ACTION ITEMS:

- Tony Wanner will be working landfill this summer. I would like to give him a \$1/hr raise to \$15/hr.
- I would like to contract Rob Curl to mow our primary ditches at \$40/hr. Contract attached.
 - Cemetery, along walking paths, Groomed areas.
- Purchase Like New LT Patch heater:
 - Original Price \$8645 plus \$1600 Shipping, less \$2700 Discount, less \$2700 Ergonomics grant. Total Cost to us \$\$4845. Quote attached.

NOTES: Spoke to City of Fargo as well as another purchaser both said they would buy them again. They work well and as described. It's possible this machine could allow us to use the mini paver with cold mix.

WATER/SEWER:

- Water Supplies: \$17,200
- Water Repair Parts: \$24,311
 - Water Samples Apr WPI 1.1 mg
- Sewer Supplies: \$14,518
- Sewer Repair Parts: \$25,000
 - DMR & Quarterly reports done.

STREETS:

- Gen Fund - Repair & Maintenance (Equipment): 29,729
- Gen Fund - Street and Alley: \$48,999
- Hwy Fund - Repair & Maintenance (Equipment): 7,139
- Hwy Fund - Street and Alley: \$10,809
- Total Sales Tax Fund Remaining Budget \$114,929
- Total Remaining Snow Removal: \$702
 - Scoria in some alleys in prep for use during water project.
 - Cleared trees from alleys in project area.
 - Dura-Patcher emulsion (6 totes) ordered \$1450/Tote. No Tariffs.

SHOP/EQUIPMENT/BUILDING/PROPERTY:

- Hydraulic tank fell off Orange Dump Truck. Parts ordered. Plan to take to Mint Machine to repair tank due to this being the second time this has happened.
- C120 Tractor throwing codes for Thermo-protection on the turbo. WPI reset.
- Started cutting weed/grass at golf course in prep for spraying.
 - Note: this is going to an ongoing project with a lot of blown down trees and old growth that needs cut out and removed.

LANDFILL/Garbage/Cardboard:

- Supplies: -\$902
- Repair & Parts: \$6,884
 - Bumped up landfill opening to Apr 1st due to nice weather.
 - Due to the number of unknown customers at the landfill, customers are asked to bring a copy of their water bill to prove residency.
 - Out of county, chargeable waste is not accepted.

Lawn Service Contract

This Lawn Service Contract (this "Contract" is made effective as of April 1, 2025, by and between Rob Curl, of Beach, ND and City of Beach, ND.

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, City of Beach hires Rob Curl and Rob Curl agrees to provide Lawn Service to the City of Beach locations under the terms and conditions hereby agreed upon by the parties:

1. **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**, Beginning on April 1, 2025, Service Provider will provide the following services (collectively, the "Services"):
 - a. Rob Curl shall mow in a competent and professional manner. The parties shall consult from time to time concerning the length and appearance of the lawn,
2. **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**, City of Beach will pay compensation to Rob Curl in the amount of \$40.00 per hour. This compensation shall be payable in a lump sum upon completion of the Services per month.
3. **TERM**, This contract will terminate automatically on 12/31/25.
4. **RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES**, It is understood by the parties Rob Curl is an independent contractor with respect to, City of Beach and not an employee of City of Beach

Rob Curl

Date

Date

Date

Date

Date

Five D Industries LLC
P.O. BOX 258
Tomahawk, WI 54487



Advanced Green Solutions for Asphalt Patch Mix Heating

Phone: 715-453-4999
Fax: 715-453-4942
www.hotpatchheater.com

2025 SALES QUOTATION for LT Plus HOT PATCH HEATER

Quote Date:	03/06/25	Contact Name:	Randy Dietz
Customer Name:	City of Beach	Phone Number:	
Billing Address:		E-mail:	cityofbeach@midsstate.net cobpws@outlook.com
Shipping Address:		Quote#:	25-007
		Purchase Order #:	
		Tax Exempt/Resale #:	

(Copy of Tax Exempt Certificate Required if Applicable)

LT Hot Patch Heater to include the following:

- * Heated Truck/Trailer LT Plus Hot Patch Unit
- * Fabricated material is high quality grade 50 steel
- * Powder coated black in color
- * Includes insulated asphalt tarp
- * Unit is charged with ethylene glycol coolant
- * 17,000 BTU/hr Diesel heater with fuel tank
- * 120 volt pre-Heater
- * Tarp Roller
- * 4 amp trickle charger
- * Integrated forklift lifting pockets
- * Deep Cycle Battery and Case

LT Hot Patch Heater base pricing: Per Unit: \$8,495.00

Optional Features (Please check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bow fixture	Add \$150.00	Per Unit: \$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Request to have Unit Shipped		Freight Per Unit: TBD
Used Demo discount: Includes 1 year warranty		Sub Total \$8,645.00
		-\$2,700.00
		TOTAL \$5,945.00

If units do not have the same optional equipment you must fill out separate orders

Terms & Conditions: Pricing excludes all sales/use tax. F.O.B. Five D Industries, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

Quote is valid for 120 days. Payment Terms: Net 30 An interest charge of 1.5% per month will be applied to unpaid balances after 30 days.

To place an order, please sign and return this quote via e-mail to sales@hotpatchheater.com or fax 715-453-4942

Auditor's Report

Monday, April 7th, 2025

1. On March 19th, Lea and I attended the NDLC Spring Workshop in Bismarck. Sessions attended include; NDIRF Liability Incidents and Reporting, Does This Raffle Need a Permit?, From Application to Approval for Infrastructure Financing, Auditor Organizational Processes, What Can be Learned from a Natural Disaster, and 2025 Legislative Update. Lea received recognition for completing the Innovator Level (30 credits) of the Leadership Training Program.
2. I've worked with the City Engineer, Bond Counsel and City Attorney to prepare resolutions required for the 2025 Street & Utility Improvement Project as well as next year's DOT Flex Project. All resolutions will be included in the Engineer's Report.
3. On Tuesday, March 25th, the Final Project Report was submitted to the Golden Valley County Community Foundation for the grant funds awarded to purchase Christmas decorations in Gazebo Park.
4. On Wednesday, March 26, staff from Roosevelt Custer Regional Council invited residents throughout the County to participate in a regional Tourism Strategic Vision Plan. Data gathered at the meeting will be made available once all counties in the region have completed their meetings.
5. The annual report on Transportation Project Funding and Expenditure Report was submitted to the Tax Commissioner on March 27th. (NDCC 54-27-26) It is very important this report not get overlooked. Eleven cities in the State did not receive Municipal Infrastructure Funds this year because the previous year report wasn't submitted. Their funds are distributed among the other cities in the State.
6. The Golden Valley County Flood Insurance Study has now been finalized, per the Letter of Final Determination, issued by FEMA dated March 19th. On Monday, March 31st I attended a webinar outlining the ordinance update requirements necessary to be in compliance for the National Flood Insurance Program. I will provide Attorney Bouray with the updates needed so he can draft a new Floodplains Ordinance. The new ordinance needs to be adopted before September 19th.
7. Point CPA, is tentatively planning to present the audit review for year ending December 31, 2022 at the first meeting in May. I was asked to provide a reminder to all elected, appointed and hired staff that city checks are void after 90 days and when the check is not reissued, it must be submitted to Unclaimed Property as required by NDCC 47-30.2-23, and 47-30.2-27.
8. National Walking Day was Wednesday, April 2nd. This was an opportune time to bring awareness to our City's walking trails and the physical, mental and emotional health benefits of walking 30-60 minutes a day. Thanks to everyone that participated. A special thanks AE2S, and RTC for graciously sponsoring a healthy snack bag for all participants and CHI for sponsoring a travel bag filled with snacks for a drawing!
9. As of March 31st, expenses for the year are \$449,577.69 and revenues collected are \$736,149.48. Twenty-one percent (21%) of the expense budget has been spent and thirty-four percent (34%) of the revenue budget collected.
10. The Annual Report for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was completed and submitted to the US Department of the Treasury on April 3rd.

11. City Government Week is April 7 – 11. This is a special time for city leaders and staff to enhance public awareness of the role local government plays in the lives of citizen's every day. Community building activities planned thus far include; Monday, April 7st at 8:30 am, the GV County FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team will host a parliamentary procedure meeting in the Community Center, followed by breakfast and Q&A. Please join us and witness these young leaders in action. Later that evening, the City Council will meet as the Board of Equalization at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 8th, at 5:30 pm, Tonya Hetzler, Investigator with the Consumer Protection & Antitrust Division of the Office of Attorney General will present a session on “Don’t Get Scammed”. On Wednesday, April 9th, from 2:15 - 2:45pm Lincoln Elementary Student Council will be holding a mock City Council meeting. Please join the fun and see what type of issues these future leaders will be solving! FREE pet licensing will be offered on Thursday, April 10th from 8 am-3:30 pm at City Hall. Please bring your pet’s current vaccination record with you to receive the free license. City Government Week will conclude on Friday, April 5th. Mayor Losinski is hosting “Coffee with the Mayor” from 8-9:30 am in the Community Center.
12. City offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday.
13. Please be sure to stay connected by checking our City social media sites for community messages.



ORDINANCE NO. 397

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 19.0407 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA, REGARDING USE OF STORAGE CONTAINERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BEACH, AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 19.0407 entitled “STORAGE CONTAINERS” is hereby added and enacted as follows:

19.0407 STORAGE CONTAINERS – Storage Containers shall be defined as container units that are used for storage purposes, also known as shipping containers, cargo containers, cargo-trailer containers, metal freight containers, metal containers designed for freight and cargo, and the like. This definition does not include dumpsters actively used for solid waste or recycling collection, construction trailers, containers being used at an active job site, or trailers normally associated with private use such as stock car trailers, boat trailers, utility trailers, campers, or other similar equipment. Containers defined herein may be utilized as permitted uses in the following types of zones: C-1 Commercial, C-2 Highway Commercial, Industrial, as well as a Conditionally Permitted Use in PUD zones in accordance with the requirements of PUD zones. Storage containers, as defined herein, may be permitted in R-1 and R-2 zones as a temporary use, so long as the required temporary use permit is obtained. Any person violating any portion of this Section shall be subject to the penalties described in this Chapter, including 19.0605-2.

Section 3: Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: Severability. In the event any section of this Ordinance is held invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend only to the section affected, and other sections of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after final passage.

ATTEST:

Walter Losinski, Mayor

Kimberly Gaugler

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Final Passage: _____

2025 Sales Ratio Analysis

Throughout the year, assessment officials analyze and submit sales information to the State Tax Department to be entered into the Sales Ratio Study. This study monitors the relationship between the assessed values and the selling prices of properties within the county. A large variation in values indicates that the assessments are not uniform, and a reappraisal may be needed for the classification of property.

The Sales Ratio Study consists of many calculations to make determinations from the real estate market. The previous year's sales are used to determine if the current assessments are within market value for the year. The primary statistic is the Median Ratio, which measures the central tendencies of the values. The state allows an acceptable tolerance of minus 10% of market value. This means that when the median, or middle, ratio is above 100%, the study indicates that on average the assessed values are higher than market value and need to be lowered. When the median is below 90%, the assessed values are too low, and need to be raised.

Sales Ratio Study for the 2025 Assessments

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	RESIDENTIAL
Total Sales Included in Study	17	20	30
Median Sale Ratio	28.5%	100.1%	90.2%
Average Sale Ratio	42.2%	104.6%	101.9%
Aggregate Mean	27.0%	97.6%	91.6%
Uniformity Index (COD)	42.2%	34.7%	28.5%
Price Related Differential (PRD)	1.56	1.07	1.11
Total Sale Price	\$ 3,541,089	\$ 2,153,454	\$ 6,433,725
Average Price/Acre	\$1,186/AC	---	---
Total Assessed Value	\$ 955,200	\$ 2,102,108	\$ 5,894,381

Formulas

Sales Ratio

$$= \frac{\text{Assessment}}{\text{Sale Price}}$$

Median Ratio

Sales are arrayed in order from high to low, the middle ratio is selected.

Goal: between 95% - 100%

Arithmetic Mean

$$= \frac{\text{Sum of the Ratios}}{\text{Number of Ratios}}$$

Aggregate Mean

$$= \frac{\text{Sum of the Assessments}}{\text{Sum of Sale Prices}}$$

Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)

Measures uniformity of assessments.

10% or less - excellent

10% - 20% - good

20% - 30% - acceptable

Greater than 30% indicates reappraisal could be necessary

$$= \frac{\text{Average Deviation from the median}}{\text{Median Ratio}}$$

Price Related Differential (PRD)

Indicated progressive or regressive assessments. Goal: between .98 - 1.03

$$= \frac{\text{Arithmetic Mean}}{\text{Aggregate Mean}}$$

2025 ASSESSMENTS

Proposed Changes to Agricultural Valuations in Golden Valley County

This year the NDSU county average was increased to 319.58/acre. The valuations from 2024 are below the tolerance range. For 2025, I recommend an 8% increase to the cropland soil assessments and non-cropland soils.

Soil Types	Change
Crop Land	+8%
Non-Crop Land	+8%
All Agricultural Land	+8%

The following tables outline the agricultural averages for 2025:

	Without Changes (out of tolerance)	With Changes (within tolerance)
2025 Average Value per Acre as Calculated by NDSU	319.58	319.58
Average Value per Acre as Equalized by County	271.17	292.89
Difference	48.41	26.69
County Average compared to NDSU Average	84.9%	91.6%
Indicated Change Needed by County to Reach NDSU Ag Value	17.9%	9.1%

County Average Compared to NDSU Capitalized Average Annual Gross Return from 2020 to 2025	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	+8% Change from 2024
County Average	290.93	294.13	277.40	271.27	271.17	292.89	292.89/271.28
NDSU Average	303.38	303.38	294.13	285.36	278.81	319.58	+14.6%
NDSU Cropland Average	597.02	596.29	563.89	569.58	557.18	577.40	+3.6%
NDSU Non-Cropland Average	124.31	125.29	124.54	126.89	123.61	124.83	+1.0%
County Avg compared to NDSU Avg	96%	97%	94.4%	95.1%	97.3%	91.6%	
Capitalization Rate Used in NDSU Avg	4.4%	4.3%	4.4%	4.24%	4.32%	4.47%	

Proposed Changes to Residential Valuations

The sales ratio study has a median value of **90.2%**. This is within state tolerances. The appraisal manual was updated this year. This resulted in some parcels changing. Overall the change was about 3%.

Proposed Changes to Commercial Valuations

The sales ratio study has a median value of **100.1%**. This is just over state tolerance so with the typical depreciation schedule, values were reduced to within the 90%-100% tolerance level. The mass appraisal manual was also updated for commercial properties. The values are not exactly the same, but similar to 2024.

**2025 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY**

New or Expanding Business Exemption (5 yr) PAYMENT IN LIE OF TAXTS (PILT)

APPLICANTS	CITY	IMPROVEMENT	PARCEL #	EXP DATE
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Improvements to Residential or Commercial Structures (5 yr)

APPLICANTS	CITY	IMPROVEMENT	PARCEL #	EXP DATE
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New Single Family Residence (2 yr)

APPLICANTS	CITY	IMPROVEMENT	PARCEL #	EXP DATE
NIELSEN, BOBBI JO NOVOTNY, CHRISTOPHER	BEACH BEACH	NEW HOME RENOVATION	04976500 04668000	2026 2026

Renaissance Zone Projects (5 yr)

APPLICANTS	CITY	IMPROVEMENT	PARCEL #	EXP DATE
UTGAARD, CLARICE	BEACH	NEW GARAGE	04785000	2030

HOMESTEAD CREDIT EXEMPTIONS (AS OF 3-31-2025)

APPLICANTS	CITY
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50	CITY OF BEACH
2	CITY OF GOLVA
5	CITY OF SENTINEL BUTTE
1	LONE TREE TWP
1	BEACH CIVIL TWP

DISABLED VETERANS CREDIT EXEMPTIONS (AS OF 3-31-2025)

APPLICANTS	CITY
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11	CITY OF BEACH
1	CITY OF GOLVA
1	CITY OF SENTINEL BUTTE
1	DELHI

2025 NON PROFIT EXEMPTIONS

NAME	CONTACT	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP	PARCEL	PROPERTY ADDRESS	CITY/TWP	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	LAND VALUE	STRUCTURE VALUE	MARKET VALUE	DATE ACQUIRED	NDCC	# On App
AMERICAN LEGION POST #6	JOSH BATTLE	PO BOX 543	BEACH ND 56621	04466000 281 MAIN ST E	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 8-12 BLOCK 4, ORIGINAL BEACH	Used for meetings of non-profit organizations, i.e. American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, etc.	18,400	75,100	93,500	Lots 81937	\$57-02-08(11)	3	
BEACH FIREARM & TRAP CLUB	MIKE BRADEN RYAN THOMPSON	260 6TH ST NE	BEACH ND 56621	05770000 02841000 02940000	CITY OF BEACH SADDLE BUTTE TWP SADDLE BUTTE TWP	TRACT IN NW 1/4 SEC 16-141-105 LOTS 1-2,3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24 BLOCK 12, RICHARDSS HEIGHTS	Trap, Shooting, Range	11,900	6,260	18,160	—	\$57-02-08(11)	3	
CHI ST ALEXUS HEALTH DICKINSON	FINANCE	2500 FAIRWAY ST	DICKINSON ND 56601	04616100 0552ND ST NW	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 15 & 16 BLOCK 4, HUNTER'S 1ST	Medical Clinic	6,200	255,000	281,200	—	\$57-02-08(8)	2	
COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE	JESSIKAY NOLL	PO BOX 718	BEACH ND 56621	04456000 0552ND AVE SW	CITY OF BEACH	LOT 13 BLOCK 3, ORIGINAL BEACH	Ambulance Garage Training	—	—	—	—	1982	\$57-02-08(8)	2
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH	JENNIFER ERICKSON	PO BOX 747	BEACH ND 56621	04768000 2282ND AVE SE	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 6-10 BLOCK 10, HUNTER'S 2ND	Church	5,000	205,000	209,000	—	\$57-02-08(9)	1	
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS	GERMAINE UECERT	PO BOX 143	BEACH ND 56621	04778000 235 CENTRAL AVE S	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 6 & 8 1/2 OF LOT 4 BLOCK 4, HUNTER'S 1ST	—	—	—	—	30852	\$57-02-08(11)	3	
GOLDEN VALLEY MANOR	TIFFANY CONAWAY	280 5TH ST SW	BEACH ND 56621	05070000 05326500 05605100	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 3-12 BLOCK 3, MIKKELSONS 1ST 13.53 ACRE TRACT IN SE1/4, SEC 28-140-106	Assisted Living	13,800	114,056	127,856	—	\$57-02-08(8)	2	
GRACE CHURCH	PO BOX 835	BEACH ND 56621	05078000 05326500 05605100	05284000 05605100 04922000	CITY OF BEACH	PARCEL IN SE1/4, 28-137-104 LIGHTHOUSE ADD PT OF TR-A-60, A-61, A-62, A-63 IN SE1/4 LOT 13.54' OF Block: 2, ORIGINAL BEACH	Cemetery, Church, Children's Center, & Parsonage	31,500	4,548,650	4,580,460	350-10	\$57-02-08(9)	1	
HOME ON THE RANGE	Laura Feldmann	16351 1/2	SENTINEL BUTTE ND 56654	02320500 02333500 02336500	CITY OF BEACH	ALL, SEC 11, N1/2 NORTH OF 1-84 & TRACT IN SW 1/4 SEC 13, LESS RAW 104 (CEMETERY ADD PT OF TR-A-60, A-61, A-62, A-63 IN SE1/4 LOT 13.54' OF Block: 2, ORIGINAL BEACH	Qualified Residential Treatment Facility for Children 12-17	—	—	—	1946-1980	\$57-02-08(6)	2	
NEW LIFE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	ROBERT SIMONS	186 2ND ST SE	BEACH ND 56621	04462000 1862ND ST SE	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 7-8 LESS W 56' BLOCK 6, ORIGINAL BEACH	Blind Person	11,200	121,400	132,600	43563	\$57-02-08(22)	5	
ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH	FR NICHOLAS BETTER	PO BOX 337	BEACH ND 56621	04476000 1622ND AVE SE	CITY OF BEACH	PART OF LOT 6 & ALL OF LOT BLOCK 3, RICHARDS 1ST	Church	11,300	68,800	110,100	2020	57-02-08(9)	1	
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH	FR NICHOLAS BETTER	PO BOX 337	BEACH ND 56621	05690000 06560000 01366000	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 2 & BLOCK 5, ORIGINAL BEACH	Church & Parsonage	14,000	10,386,840	1,052,840	1913	\$57-02-08(9)	1	
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH	PO BOX 549	BEACH ND 56621	06431000 06522000 06833000	06560000 06833000 05926100 & 394 1ST ST SW	CITY OF BEACH	CITY OF GOVIA TR 82-83 IN NW 1/4, SEC 9-137-105, TR IN SE 1/4, SEC 25-38-105, ALL BLOCK 2, GASS-VETSCH 2ND	Church & Parsonage	10,000	195,632	205,632	—	\$57-02-08(9)	1	
STATE LINE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION	WARREN MAXTED	PO BOX 535	BEACH ND 56621	04498000 04501000	CITY OF BEACH	LOTS 8-16, BLOCK 1, HUNTER'S 4TH & TRACT IN SE1/4, SEC 26-140-106, BEACH CITY ACREAGE	32 X 82' TRACT IN LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 7, ORIGINAL BEACH	—	—	—	36133	\$57-02-08(8)	2	
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	SUE FELDMAN, TREASURER	402 E GROVE ST	SENTINEL BUTTE ND 56654	05594000 110 ELLIOTT ST	CITY OF SENTINEL BUTTE	LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 1, ROBINSONS 1ST	Church	600	56,520	57,120	1935	\$57-02-08(9)	1	
UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH	JOANN LOWMAN, TREASURER	PO BOX 627	BEACH ND 56621	04681000 335 CENTRAL AVE N	CITY OF BEACH	LOT 1 BLOCK 12, HUNTER'S 1ST	Church	5,000	109,240	114,240	—	\$57-02-08(9)	1	

Agricultural Land		Residential Property		Commercial Property		Total Real Property	
BEACH CITY		0 -0					
1 Woodlands Acres	0.00	7 Land Value	6,791,200	12 Land Value	4,819,100	17 Total Tax Value	4,131,847
2 Ag Land Acres	83.00	8 Building Value	58,702,900	13 Building Value	18,687,300	No. Homesteads	0
3 Land Value	183,100	9 Total Value	65,494,100	14 Total Value	23,506,400	No. Other Cr	0
4 Avg Value/Acre	2,206.02	10 50.00% Assessed	32,747,050	15 50.00% Assessed	11,753,200	18 HSTD Credit	0
5 50.00% Assessed	91,550	11 9.00% Taxable	2,947,372	16 10.00% Taxable	1,175,320	Other Credit	0
6 10.00% Taxable	9,155					19 Taxable Value	4,131,847

GOLVA CITY		0 -0					
1 Woodlands Acres	0.00	7 Land Value	435,692	12 Land Value	389,704	17 Total Tax Value	236,682
2 Ag Land Acres	0.00	8 Building Value	3,116,400	13 Building Value	1,146,700	No. Homesteads	0
3 Land Value	0	9 Total Value	3,552,092	14 Total Value	1,536,404	No. Other Cr	0
4 Avg Value/Acre	0.00	10 50.00% Assessed	1,776,046	15 50.00% Assessed	768,203	18 HSTD Credit	0
5 50.00% Assessed	0	11 9.00% Taxable	159,861	16 10.00% Taxable	76,821	Other Credit	0
6 10.00% Taxable	0					19 Taxable Value	236,682
SENTINEL BUTTE CITY		0 -0					
1 Woodlands Acres	0.00	7 Land Value	502,135	12 Land Value	434,765	17 Total Tax Value	232,594
2 Ag Land Acres	0.00	8 Building Value	4,021,200	13 Building Value	145,800	No. Homesteads	0
3 Land Value	0	9 Total Value	4,523,335	14 Total Value	580,565	No. Other Cr	0
4 Avg Value/Acre	0.00	10 50.00% Assessed	2,261,668	15 50.00% Assessed	290,283	18 HSTD Credit	0
5 50.00% Assessed	0	11 9.00% Taxable	203,566	16 10.00% Taxable	29,028	Other Credit	0
6 10.00% Taxable	0					19 Taxable Value	232,594
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1 Woodlands Acres	0.00	7 Land Value	7,729,027	12 Land Value	5,643,569	17 Total Tax Value	4,601,123
2 Ag Land Acres	83.00	8 Building Value	65,840,500	13 Building Value	19,979,800	No. Homesteads	0
3 Land Value	183,100	9 Total Value	73,569,527	14 Total Value	25,623,369	No. Other Cr	0
4 Avg Value/Acre	2,206.02	10 50.00% Assessed	36,784,764	15 50.00% Assessed	12,811,686	18 HSTD Credit	0
5 50.00% Assessed	91,550	11 9.00% Taxable	3,310,799	16 10.00% Taxable	1,281,169	Other Credit	0
6 10.00% Taxable	9,155					19 Taxable Value	4,601,123



PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCESS

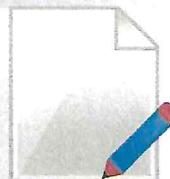
1 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

- All real property subject to taxation is assessed according to its value on February 1 of each year. When the value of property changes there should be corresponding changes in the property's valuation for tax purposes.
- All valid exemptions and/or credits are applied to determine each taxpayer's tax burden. The assessor does not determine the property tax rate or the amount of tax levied.



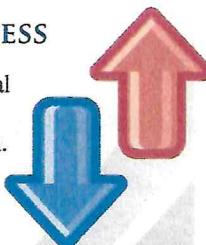
2 ASSESSMENT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

- Written notice must be sent to a property owner in certain situations when the true and full value of a property has increased since the previous year's assessment at certain levels. Proper notice procedures can be found online at: www.nd.gov/tax/localgovt/property/forms



3 ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCESS

- A property owner may appeal the local assessor's valuation for the current year to the local board of equalization. Township boards and city boards meet within the first 15 days of April. The assessment may be reduced upon presentation of evidence to support the appeal.
- The property owner may continue the appeal to the county board of equalization, which meets during the first 10 days in June. The assessment may be reduced upon presentation of evidence to support the appeal.



4 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

- The final step is an appeal to the State Board of Equalization (SBOE). The SBOE meets the second Tuesday in August and may reduce an assessment only if the property owner has appealed to both the local and county boards. The decision of the SBOE is final.



5 APPLICATIONS FOR ABATEMENT PROCESS

- A taxpayer may file an application for abatement of the current year's assessment after the SBOE finalizes valuations following the August meeting if he/she disagrees with the SBOE's final decision.
- The application must be filed by November 1 of the year following the year in which the tax becomes payable. Specific instructions and information can be found in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights documents online at: www.nd.gov/tax/majorpublications



6 PROPERTY TAX RATES

- There are three variables involved in determining property taxes: the tax rate, taxable value and taxing entities. Property tax rates depend on home values, local economies, as well as budget demands. The tax rate or mills levied may vary year to year, but do not necessarily correlate with an increase or decrease in total tax due.



7 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS

- By August 31, the owner of each taxable property with a total estimated tax of \$100 or more shall be provided written notice of the estimated tax and information regarding the required public budget hearings. The notice shall also include the value of the property available at the time of the notice, the preceding taxable year information, proposed taxes, and identification if an increase from the prior year tax is proposed. Citizens have opportunity to provide comments regarding the budgets and property tax levy at the hearings as noted on the statement.



8 PAYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES

- When mill rates are finalized, county/city officials send annual property tax statements. Statements must be postmarked by December 26. Payment is due on January 1 of the following year for which the taxes were levied. A discount of 5 percent is available if taxes are paid in full by February 15. When collection is complete, the dollars are distributed to several taxing entities or authorities including, local government, school districts, park boards and any other entity that is authorized to levy property taxes.





TO: NDIRF Member Officials
FROM: Keith Pic, CEO
DATE: March 20, 2025
RE: 2024 NDIRF Conferment of Benefits

TP

It is an honor for me to announce the NDIRF Board of Directors has declared a Conferment of Benefits for 2024!

The NDIRF is returning over \$2.8 million to its members due to last year's strong underwriting results, favorable investment returns, and continued responsible stewardship.

In addition to enjoying coverage rates lower than the traditional insurance marketplace, the Conferment of Benefits Program is your entity's opportunity to share in the success of the Fund. Including the 2024 conferment, the NDIRF has returned over \$79 million to its members since the inception of the Conferment of Benefits Program. A NDIRF's financial performance last year will be presented in the 2024 NDIRF Annual Report, to be distributed in May.

The NDIRF will mail Conferment checks in April, so your entity should receive its share of the Conferment of Benefits very soon. This share is based on your entity's proportion of NDIRF membership.

On behalf of the NDIRF Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for your membership in the NDIRF. The NDIRF is *the* source of risk services for North Dakota policyholders forward to providing exceptional coverage and service to NDIRF members in the years ahead!

March 14, 2025

KIMBERLY GAUGLER, CITY AUDITOR
BEACH, CITY OF
PO BOX 278
BEACH ND 58621

Votes = 13268

RE: NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Dear NDIRF Member Representative:

As a representative of a member of the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, you are cordially invited to attend its annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 8, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m. CDT, at the North Dakota Heritage Center, 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND.**

The purpose of the 2025 Annual Meeting is to review 2024 business, discuss current and future business and elect representatives in the **“Cities”, and “Counties” categories** to the NDIRF Board of Directors. A copy of the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting is enclosed.

The number of votes to which your entity is entitled is indicated at the top of this page. You may cast votes regarding NDIRF business and/or election of directors at the Annual Meeting or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy. **If your entity is represented by a NDIRF Board Member whose term expires as of the end of the 2025 annual meeting, your proxy includes directions regarding the NDIRF Board Member election.**

If you will not be able to attend the 2025 NDIRF Annual Meeting, please sign and return your proxy. For your proxy to be effective, it must be received by the NDIRF no later than May 7, 2025.

The NDIRF will serve pastries, coffee, and other beverages for those attending the meeting. To assist in the planning of the meeting, complete and return the enclosed RSVP by May 7.

The NDIRF Board of Directors looks forward to meeting with you on May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,

Tyler Jacobson
Chairperson, NDIRF Board of Directors



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

March 19, 2025

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
19P**

The Honorable Walter Losinski
Mayor, City of Beach
P.O. Box 278
Beach, North Dakota 58621

Community Name: City of Beach,
Golden Valley County,
North Dakota
Community No.: 380215
Map Panels See FIRM Index
Affected:

Dear Mayor Losinski:

This is to notify you of the final flood hazard determination for Golden Valley County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas, in compliance with Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67, Section 67.11, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This section requires that notice of final flood hazards shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the community, all individual appellants, and the State Coordinating Agency, and shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated for your community when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations for your community in the local newspaper has elapsed. FEMA did not receive any appeals of the proposed flood hazard determinations or submittals regarding the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) during that time.

Accordingly, the flood hazard determinations for your community are considered final. The final notice for flood hazard determinations will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The FIS report and FIRM for your community will become effective on September 19, 2025. Before the effective date, we will send your community final printed copies of the FIS report and FIRM. For insurance purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated on the FIRM and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

Because the FIS report for your community has been completed, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document.

Map of the neighborhood of Washington, D. C.
July 17, 1898.



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This includes adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply and other modifications made by this map revision. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community in order to establish initial eligibility in the NFIP. Your community can meet any additional requirements by taking one of the following actions in this Paragraph of the NFIP regulations:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d);
2. Adopting all the standards of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d).

Also, prior to the effective date, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt or show evidence of adoption of the floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations by the effective date of the FIRM. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

Many states and communities have adopted building codes based on the International Codes (I-Codes); the model I-Codes (2009 and more recent editions) contain flood provisions that either meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP for buildings and structures. The model codes also contain provisions, currently found in an appendix to the International Building Code, that apply to other types of development and NFIP requirements. In these cases, communities should request review by the NFIP State Coordinator to ensure that local floodplain management regulations are coordinated (not duplicative or inconsistent) with the State or Local building code. FEMA's resource, *Reducing Flood Losses through the International Code: Coordinating Building Codes and Floodplain Management Regulations, 5th Edition (2019)*, provides some guidance on this subject and is available at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/building-codes/flood>.

Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) as amended, and 44 CFR Part 59.24.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we reviewed our records to determine if any previous Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment, Letters of Map Revision) will be superseded when the revised FIRM becomes effective. According to our records, no LOMCs were issued previously.

Once the FIS report and FIRM are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes,

insurance requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by visiting the Map Service Center at <https://www.msc.fema.gov>. In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

For assistance with your floodplain management ordinance or enacting the floodplain management regulations, please contact Tyler Spomer, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator for North Dakota by telephone at (701) 328-2750. If you should require any additional information, we suggest that you contact the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA, Region 8 at (303) 235-4975 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general, please call our FMIX at the telephone number shown above. Additional information and resources you may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management can be found on our website at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps>. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis Rodriguez".

Luis Rodriguez, P.E.
Director, Engineering and Modeling Division
Risk Management Directorate | Resilience

cc: Community Map Repository
Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor, City of Beach

March 31, 2025

City of Beach
Walter Losinski, Mayor
PO Box 278
Beach, ND 58621

RE: LFD - Community Responsibilities

Dear Mayor Losinski:

As you are aware, the City of Beach is being re-mapped to reflect flood risk more accurately. The new FIRM Panels will become effective on September 19, 2025.

A Letter of Final Determination was issued on March 19, 2025. The City of Beach will have until September 19, 2025, to update their ordinance to reflect the new Flood Insurance Study date, the new/updated FIRM Panels, and to ensure the ordinance meets Federal and State minimum requirements. Failure to update the ordinance by September 19, 2025, will result in the community being suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) on September 20, 2025. Suspension from the NFIP will result in the following:

- No new flood insurance policies can be written while the community is suspended.
- Existing policies outside the SFHA will not be renewed.
- Any new mortgage transaction for properties in the SFHA may not be approved.
- Existing policies in the SFHA will not be renewed, possibly leading to lenders force placing insurance or recalling the loan.

General technical assistance and model ordinances are available by contacting me at the email address below.

Should you have any questions regarding the ordinance update, please contact me at 701-328-2452 or by email at tlspomer@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

Tyler Spomer

Tyler Spomer, CFM
NFIP State Coordinator

cc: Kim Gaugler, Floodplain Administrator (email)



Our Vision: People and Business Succeeding with Quality Water

Our Mission: Quality Water for Southwest North Dakota

March 17, 2025

City of Beach
Mayor Walter Losinski
PO Box 278
Beach, ND 58621-0278

Dear Walter:

Enclosed is the information Southwest Water Authority (SWA) is required to deliver to you in order for you to prepare the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). We have provided this information in table format and it contains the test results from SWA's water system. If you have test results for your water system, you may want to contact your primacy agency for assistance on where this information should be placed. You will also want to include any other necessary information that will help you meet your CCR requirements.

SWA takes Missouri River Water from Lake Sakakawea. This is a surface water source. The intake is about 86 miles northeast of Dickinson. From the intake, the water is pumped to the Zap reservoirs and then flows by gravity to the Dodge pump station where chlorine and ammonia are added to form chloramines. The job of chloramines is to kill disease producing bacteria and viruses in the water. The water then travels to the Richardton reservoir and pump station then is pumped to the Dickinson reservoir. From there it flows by gravity to the Southwest Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) where Ozone is added for taste and odor. Taste and odor events can be attributed to lake turnover, variations in lake level, spring runoff, algae, and other factors. The raw water is then treated at the SWTP and Dickinson Water Treatment Plant (DWTP) using the following processes:

- *Clarifying and softening*, where quicklime is added to the water to change dissolved calcium and magnesium (hardness) into undissolved particles. Alum and a flocculant are then added to collect those particles into heavier pieces that will settle out of the water.
- *Stabilization*, where carbon dioxide is added to bring pH down to acceptable levels. Phosphate is added to limit scale and corrosion. Fluoride is also added for dental health.
- *Filtration*, at the SWTP six primary and two secondary Ultra Filtration membrane filters and at the DWTP where seven sand and anthracite coal filters remove suspended particles not removed in the clarifying and softening process. Filtration can also be effective in the physical removal of the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*.
- *Disinfection*, where chloramines are once again added to reduce bacteria to a safe level and provide a residual that protects against contamination.

As part of a nationwide program, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality recently completed an assessment of SWA's source water and determined that our water system is moderately susceptible to potential contaminant sources. They also noted that "historically, SWA has effectively treated this source water to meet drinking water standards." Information about the Source Water Assessment can be obtained by calling 701-483-2979 or 1-888-425-0241, or e-mail us at swa@swwater.com.

SWA conducts regularly scheduled meetings that may pertain to your drinking water. You are welcome to attend any of these meetings, which are held on the first Monday of each month. If you are interested in attending or would like to request agenda time, please call 1-888-425-0241 or e-mail us at swa@swwater.com for more information on time and location of meetings.

If you have any questions about the CCR or SWA, please feel free to contact Grace Rixen, Water Treatment Manager (701-483-2979) or myself at the SWA office (1-888-425-0241).

Sincerely,

Jenifer Murray
Manager/CEO
Southwest Water Authority
Enclosure

