

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE COAL LEASE SALE – FREEDOM MINE IN MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas State Office will hold a competitive coal lease sale by sealed bid for federal coal reserves at Freedom Mine in Mercer County, North Dakota on Sept. 3, 2025. The lease sale will be conducted in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. The Notice of Availability announcing the lease sale was published in the Federal Register Aug. 4, 2025. The lease tract, identified as NDM 111186, was submitted by Coteau Properties Company under a lease-by-application. It includes approximately 1,070 acres containing an estimated 18.3 million tons of recoverable federal coal. If approved, the lease would support continued operations at the Freedom Mine through 2045, contributing to domestic energy security, job creation, and regional economic development. The BLM and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed lease and related mining plan. The public comment period for the Draft EA was held April 1 – May 2, 2025,

and a public meeting occurred on April 24, 2025. The Notice of Availability for the Draft EA was published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2025. The Draft EA, project documents, and more information is available at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2039132/510>. The Sales Notice is available on the BLM's ePlanning website and has detailed instructions for potential bidders on how to submit bids and the lease sale process. For additional information, contact Tessa Wallace, Solid Minerals Branch Chief, at tlwallace@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Wallace. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES 71-02 & 71-08

REGARDING ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS PARTICIPATION IN NDPERS RETIREMENT PLANS

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 Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The rules relate to the participation of elected county officials in North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) retirement plans. These rules are emergency rules with an effective date of July 31, 2025. 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 September 22, 2025, 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 31st day of July, 2025. Rebecca Fricke Executive Director

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO BUSINESS REGISTRATION NAME AVAILABILITY STANDARDS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10 am on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Office of the Secretary of State conference room at the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at sos.nd.gov, by writing the Office of the Secretary of State, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, or calling 701-328-3660. Written comments may be submitted to the address above or by email at sos@nd.gov until the comment period closes at 12 noon on September 28, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State by calling 701-328-3660 at least four days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 1st day of August, 2025 Sandra McMerty Deputy Secretary of State

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations & changes for the 2025-2026 Small Game, Furbearer and Waterfowl Seasons.

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Limit	Poss. Limit
Crows (Fall)	Aug. 16	Nov. 03	There is no limit on crows	
Crows (Spring)	Mar. 14	Apr. 26		
Early Canada Geese (Missouri River Zone)	Aug. 15	Sept. 07	15	45
Early Canada Geese (Western Zone)	Aug. 15	Sept. 15		
Early Canada Geese (Eastern Zone)	Aug. 15	Sept. 22		
Doves	Sept. 01	Nov. 29	15	45
Hungarian Partridge	Sept. 13	Jan. 04	3	12
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept. 13	Jan. 04	3	12
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 13	Jan. 04	3	12
Tree Squirrels	Sept. 13	Feb. 28	4	12
Sage Grouse	Season closed			
Snipe	Sept. 13	Nov. 30	8	24
Woodcock	Sept. 20	Nov. 03	3	9
Sandhill Cranes (Unit 1)	Sept. 20	Nov. 16	3	9
Sandhill Cranes (Unit 2)	Sept. 20	Nov. 16	2	6
Tundra Swan	Oct. 04	Jan. 04	Season limit one swan - must be tagged	
2,200 licenses issued by lottery (deadline – Aug. 20)				
Pinnated Grouse (prairie chicken)	Season closed			
Male Pheasant (youth season)	Oct. 04	Oct. 05	3	12
Male Pheasant (regular season)	Oct. 11	Jan. 04		
Mountain Lion (Zone 1 Early) (hunting)	Aug. 29	Nov. 23	One per season - restricted	
Mountain Lion (Zone 1 Late) (hunting)	Nov. 24	Mar. 31	One per season - restricted	
Mountain Lion (Zone 2) (hunting)	Aug. 29	Mar. 31	One per season - restricted	
Fisher (trapping or cable devices)	Nov. 24	Nov. 30	One per season - restricted	
River Otter (trapping or cable devices)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Beaver and Raccoon (hunting, trapping or underwater cable devices)	Year-round			
Beaver and Raccoon (cable devices on land) (type and placement restricted from Mar. 16 – May 10)	Nov. 24	May 10		
Weasel (trapping)	Oct. 25	Mar. 15		
Muskrat and Mink (trapping)	Oct. 25	May 10		
Weasel (cable devices)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Muskrat and Mink (cable devices)	Nov. 24	May 10		
Weasel (hunting)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Muskrat and Mink (hunting)	Nov. 24	May 10		
Muskrat and Mink (restricted trapping and cable devices season)	Mar. 16	May 10		
Muskrat and Mink (protective covering over float sets)	May 01	May 10		
Red Fox, Gray Fox, Coyote, and Badger (day hunting or trapping)	Year-round			
Red Fox, Gray Fox, Coyote, and Badger (cable devices)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Red Fox, Gray Fox, and Coyote (night hunting)	Nov. 24	May 31		
Bobcat (Zone 1) (hunting or trapping)	Nov. 08	Mar. 15		
Bobcat (Zone 1) (cable devices and dogs)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Bobcat (Zone 2) (hunting, trapping, cable devices, dogs)	Nov. 24	Mar. 15		
Special Veteran and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Season	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	* Limits same except no bonus BWT may be taken	
Special Youth Waterfowl Season	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	* Limits same except no bonus BWT may be taken	
Ducks including Mergansers	Low Plains Unit - Sept. 27 thru Dec. 07 High Plains Unit - Sept. 27 thru Dec. 07 & Dec. 13 thru Jan. 04		6 (see restrictions below)	18
Coots			15	45
White-Fronted Geese	Sept. 27	Dec. 07	3	9
Canada Geese (Missouri River Zone)	Sept. 27	Jan. 02	5	15
Canada Geese (Western Zone)	Sept. 27	Dec. 25	8	24
Canada Geese (Eastern Zone)	Sept. 27	Dec. 20	8	24
Light Geese	Sept. 27	Jan. 04	50	No Limit
DUCKS AND MERGANSERS: SPECIES/SEX RESTRICTIONS				
The daily bag limit of 6 ducks including mergansers may include no more than 5 mallards of which only 2 may be female mallards, 1 scaup, 3 wood ducks, 3 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasbacks. <i>* In addition to the daily bag limit of ducks listed above, an additional 2 blue-winged teal may be taken from Sept. 27 - Oct. 05.</i> The possession limit for duck including mergansers shall be three times the daily bag limit.				
SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonresident waterfowl zones increased to 6• A waterfowl habitat restoration stamp is required to hunt waterfowl• Fridays will be include in extended shooting hours for geese, beginning Nov. 28• Nonresidents are not allowed to hunt on Department wildlife management areas or on PLOTS areas from Oct. 11-17. Exception: nonresidents hunting on PLOTS land that they own.				
A complete 2025-2026 Small Game, Furbearer and Waterfowl proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-5095 (701) 328-6300.				

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HAZEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025
HS Room 102
Present at the meeting were board members Brian Nolan, Jen Wallender, Stephanie Huber, Laura Zingg and Marti Raad. Also present were Supt. Ken Miller, Bus. Mgr. Billie Jo Peterson, Principal Trevor Sinclair, AD Bret Johnsrud, Principal Paul Richter. Principal Jacob Kraft was absent. Guests present were Dan Arens and Sydney Didier. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Minutes for the regular June monthly meeting were presented. Raad moved to approve, second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C Organization of the School Board:
a. Election of President: Meeting turned over to Supt. Miller. Miller called for nominations for school board president. Zingg nominated Brian Nolan. Miller moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Brian Nolan as president. Wallender second. All voted aye. M/C
b. Election of Vice-President: Nolan called for nominations for vice-president. Huber nominated Jen Wallender. Nolan moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Jen Wallender as VicePresident. Raad second. All voted aye. M/C
c. Committees: President Nolan appointed committee assignments.
d. Establish Day/Time of Regular Board

Meetings: Raad moved to keep the regular board meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Zingg second. All voted aye. M/C
e. Board Member Pay: Raad moved to keep pay at the current rate of \$2,000 per year, Wallender second. All voted aye. M/C There were no additions to the agenda and the agenda was set.
Financial Reports: a.) June Financial Statement; b.) Investments; c.) General/Special Fund Revenues d.) General/Special Fund Expenditures; e.) Food Service; f.) Activities; g.) Transportation; h.) Bills; June Bills totaling \$485,925.42; Raad moved to approve financial reports a through h, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C.
Designation of Program Authorized Representatives:
a. Huber moved to designate Supt. Ken Miller to be the district Title I, Title 11, Title IV authorized representative, and the district-authorized representative for surplus property, food service, institutional immunizations, and the ADA coordinator; second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
b. Zingg moved to designate Trevor Sinclair as the 504 Coordinator for grades K-5, second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
c. Zingg moved to designate Paul Richter as the 504 Coordinator for grades 6-8,

second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C
d. Huber moved to designate Bret Johnsrud as the Title IX Coordinator, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
e. Zingg moved to designate Jacob Kraft as the 504 Coordinator for grades 9-12, second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
Designate the following:
a. Raad moved to designate the following as depositories for Hazen Public School: Union State Bank, Union Bank, US Bancorp, Piper Sandler & Co., Capital Credit Union, US Bank, Cetera, and Bank of North Dakota. The motion was seconded by Wallender; All voted aye. M/C
b. Raad moved to designate the Hazen Star as the official newspaper for Hazen Public School District, second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
c. Wallender moved to authorize Billie Jo Peterson to invest funds on behalf of the Hazen School District, second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
d. Huber moved to authorize Ken Miller to be the hearing official for the hot lunch program and Lily Ward to be the determining official for the hot lunch program, second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
e. Huber moved to publish the non-discrimination policy in the Hazen Star back-to-school ad. Zingg second. All voted aye. M/C
Committee Reports:

There is none to report at this time.
New Business:
Fees: Supt Miller made a recommendation for student and adult meal price increases. Raad moved to approve the fee recommendations, second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C
Policies - 2nd Readings: Raad moved to approve including to rescind #6 management of student activities fund(HEAC); second by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
Policies -1st Reading: Wallender moved to approve; second by Raad. All voted aye. M/C
Continuity of Service Plan Review: The Department of Public Instruction requires the district's Continuity of Service Plan to be reviewed twice a year. Huber moved to approve, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
Tax Meeting - Date and Time: Supt. Miller recommends having the tax hearing on Sept 8th at 6pm in the business manager's office. Raad moved to approve; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C
Elementary Gym Entrance Restroom Proposal: The building and grounds committee got a proposal from Western Steel Builders for the women's restroom leading into the elementary gym and is asking for approval from the board. Raad moved to approve the presented tuition agreements, second

by Huber. All voted aye. M/C
Contract Revision: The business manager presented the board with three contract revisions. Huber moved to approve; second by Wallender. All voted aye. M/C
Coal Price per Ton: Coal pricing for the 2025-26 school year will be \$48.75/ per ton, an increase of \$4.50 a ton from last year. Raad moved to approve, second by Zingg. All voted aye. M/C
National Insurance Services(NIS) Proposal: Business Manager Billie Jo Peterson presented the board a proposal from NIS regarding Long Term Disability, Life and AD&D. The district is currently through UNUM. NIS is a Horace Mann product and would save the district roughly \$2400 a year. The teachers and administrators would get the same coverage as UNUM.
Administrative Reports:
The Principals, Superintendent, and AD presented their reports.
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on August 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
Brian Nolan, School Board President
Billie Jo Peterson, Business Manager
Date Approved 8/11/25
(08-14-2025)

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