

## DAKOTA GARDENER FROM PAGE 4

I don’t sow my seeds indoors, choosing instead to sow early ripening varieties directly in the garden. In late May, I sow two seeds every 36 to 72 inches in rows spaced 10 to 12 feet apart. The larger the space, the larger the pumpkins will be. If both seeds germinate, thin out the weakest one.

My pumpkin plants do not receive special care. I deeply irrigate my garden once and no more than twice a week. I sidedress the plants with fertilizer once in summer. For bigger pumpkins, you can water and sidedress the vines more

often.

It is important to avoid overhead sprinkling. Wet leaves, especially during the evening, create humidity that powdery mildew and other diseases thrive in. These diseases will weaken the vines particularly late in the summer when the fruits need energy to grow.

That’s why I always sow modern, F1 hybrid pumpkins that resist powdery mildew. In contrast, most non-hybrids are very susceptible to diseases.

For bigger pumpkins, you can thin the fruits down to one or two per vine. I don’t

bother doing that, but I will remove any pumpkin fruits that are set after mid-August. These late fruits will not ripen before frost and will rob energy from the other fruits.

I can’t wait to grow pumpkins with my kids this summer. The expressions on their faces when they see the big, beautiful fruits will be priceless.

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at [ndsu.ag/countyoffice](https://ndsu.ag/countyoffice).

## SAVVY FROM PAGE 4

bureaus.

- Equifax: 800-685-1111 or [Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services](https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)
- Experian: 888-397-3742 or [Experian.com/help](https://www.experian.com/help)
- TransUnion: 888-909-8872 or [TransUnion.com/credit-help](https://www.transunion.com/credit-help)

If you haven’t been a victim of identity theft, you’ll need to set up an “initial fraud alert,” which lasts for one year, although you can renew it for additional one-year periods.

To set up a credit freeze you’ll need to contact each of the three previously listed credit reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. A credit freeze lasts until you unfreeze it.

But remember, before you apply for new credit card or loan, you’ll need to temporarily lift the security freeze by following the procedures from each of the credit reporting bureaus where you placed the freeze.

If, however, you don’t want to set up a fraud alert or credit freeze, you can still keep an eye on your credit file by reviewing your credit report regularly. You can get a free credit report each week from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion by going to [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://AnnualCreditReport.com).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

### CITY OF EDINBURG EQUALIZATION MEETING

#### EQUALIZATION MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mayor Thomas Hall.

Present at meeting: Thomas Hall (Mayor), Dennis Hammer, Michael Paulson, Michael Evenson and Taylor Hall, City Council persons, Katherine Hall,

auditor, Ann Berg, assessor

Ann presented the council with background information regarding Edinburg and with the information provided, there was an assessment increase of .67%.

Hall motioned to approve the assessor’s

report and increase in valuation. Evenson seconded the motion. MC

Since no citizens appeared, Michael Evenson moved to close the Equalization meeting at 8pm.

Katherine Hall, Auditor  
(4/30/2025)

### CITY OF EDINBURG COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - APRIL

#### Council Proceedings

April 15, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor TJ Hall  
Present: Michael Paulson, Taylor Hall, Michael Evenson, Dennis Hammer

Absent:

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Evenson. The motion was seconded by Paulson. MC.

Paulson motioned to approve the payment of all general bills beginning with check #8900 through #8920 for a total of \$14789.14 and approve the monthly financial statements and payments for sewer and garbage. The general balance after bills is \$16207.66. Motion was seconded by Hammer. MC.

EFT US Treasury 1262.16  
8900 WC Treas 298.50  
Salaries 2262.58

NE Reg Water 66.75  
Ottertail 826.28  
Park District 148.16  
Polar 122.79  
WC Press 48.16  
Earth Planter 4404.00  
Display Sales 725.00  
No. States Ins. 3209.00  
Kringstad Drain 350.00  
Langdon Fire Eqmt 100.00  
Jenson AC & Heat 365.00  
A Berg (as motioned) 600.76  
Total \$14789.14

Old Business  
Community center sewer issue is done and fixed so no need to dig.  
New hanging baskets are here  
New banners are up

New Business  
Hammer made a motion to pay Ann Berg for her assessment services. Hall seconded. MC

Other discussions -

Mower for watering flowers needs to be fixed and probably a bigger water tank  
Mikey talked to DuWayne and that would work but \$120/gallon  
Market roof - need to contact some possible contractors soon  
Contacted Park River to come and sweep the streets  
Sand spreader for streets in the winter.  
Check prices and make decision next month  
CITY AUDITOR - still looking and replacement soon.

Adjourn: Hall motioned at 8:18pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm in Community Center

Minutes are being published subject to the governing body’s review and revision.  
Respectfully submitted  
Katherine Hall, Auditor

(4/30/2025)

### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES LONG-RANGE FINANCE AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT - APRIL

#### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Long-range Finance and Facility Management Committee APRIL 10, 2025

A Special Board Meeting was held April 10, 2025. Members present: Brad Brummond, Michael Helt, Jenna Midgarden, Erika Miller, Sydney Bata, and Amanda Goll, teacher. Absent: Jacqi Zikmund and Kelly Houser.

President Brummond called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. and provided the opportunity for members to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Committee reviewed previously categorized timeline goals.

Discussed the following items:  
Security and safety system - Electro Watchman, upgrade of the entire system and should not need an upgrade for five years.  
Technology access points and switches - eligible for Homeland Security Grant.

Boiler - no issues since cleaning and new ignitor; eligible for Energy Efficiency Grant if/when needed.  
Bus replacement  
Minibus - new \$115,000, used \$25-30,000, act when used bus is available.  
Bus #2 & #4 - consider pairing when eligible for Clean Diesel Grant.  
Bus #6 - replacement in 1-3 years

Supt. Schramm stated that in the process of reassigning classrooms for next school year due to the grade reconfiguration to Pre-K-Grade 5 and Grade 6-12, Room 136 (ITV) will need a remodel.

Committee categorized the timeline goals for future needs as follows:  
Short-range (1-3 years):

Boiler  
Security  
Bus  
Pressbox windows  
Agriculture Class shop ceiling fan  
Remodel Room 136 (ITV)

Mid-range (3-5 years):

Boiler  
Bus #10, minibus  
Classroom flooring (Rooms 134, 146)  
Elementary east windows  
ActivPanels  
High School gym floor  
Alumni building shingles

Long-range (5-10 years):

Bus, minibus  
Suburban  
ActivPanels  
Mowers, tractor  
Parking lot  
Track

Discussed legislative bills regarding property tax relief and per pupil aid.

M: Bata S: Miller to adjourn at 6:43 P.M.

/s/Brad Brummond, President  
/s/Roberta Hinkel, Business Manager

(4/30/2025)

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 8 - JUNE 10

#### NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION Park River Area School District 8 June 10, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the annual school district election of the Park River Area School District 8 will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for the purpose of electing three board members. Polls will be open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at Commons Area (Door 12), Park River Area School, Park River, North

Dakota.

The following officials will be elected: School Board Member (each three year term) - Adams, Park River City, and Park River Rural. Candidates that requested their name on the ballot: Sydney Bata and Brandon Mathiason - Adams, Brad Brummond - City, and Jacqueline Zikmund and Louis A. Kadlec - Rural. The publication of minutes will also be voted on.

Absentee ballot applications are available online at [www.parkriverk12.com](https://www.parkriverk12.com) or at the Park River Area School Office. Ballots must be postmarked the day before the election.

Roberta Hinkel  
Business Manager

Publish by May 27, 2025

(4/30/2025)

### CITY OF PARK RIVER NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION - CITY MAYOR

#### CITY OF PARK RIVER NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION CITY MAYOR

A Special Election will be held to fill the City Mayor’s vacancy (un-expired term until June 23, 2026) in the City of Park River. The Special Election will be Tuesday, June10, 2025 in the Community Room at the City Office building, 514 Briggs Avenue South. The polls will be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 PM.

(4/30/2025)

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#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA  
MAYOR  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
JUNE 10, 2025

A qualified resident of the City of Park River will be elected to fill the unexpired term of City Mayor. The term will expire June 23, 2026.

To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must mark the box next to the name of the candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person’s name in the blank space provided for that purpose and mark the box next to the space provided.

MAYOR  
(vote for no more than one name)

☐ Robert H Lundquist III (Bob Lundquist)

☐ Kyle Halvorson

☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Write- in

All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF FORDVILLE REGULAR MEETING - MARCH

Proceedings of the City of Fordville  
Regular meeting March 12, 2025  
Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Attendance included Mayor Cameron Korynta, Michael Gemmill, Nick Smestad, Grant Skibicki, Monty Hendrickson, and Auditor Augusta Ramsey. Public comment included a citizen asking about hatching and keeping quail within city

limits. A motion to approve M: Skibicki, S: Gemmill, roll call vote was taken, Skibicki – No, Hendrickson – No, Smestad – Yes, Gemmill – Yes, Korynta – Yes. MSC. The city was asked to support the Park Board and purchase a labeled banner for the street posts, a motion to not move forward with using tax dollars for a banner, M: Smestad, S: Hendrickson,

MSC. A motion to approve the financial reports, M: Gemmill, S: Hendrickson, MSC. Next meeting, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm with Ed Sevigny and the Regular meeting to follow. Adjourn at 6:23 pm.

(4/30/2025)

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORDVILLE-LANKIN SCHOOL BOARD - MARCH

The regular meeting of the Fordville-Lankin School Board was held in the library on Monday March 10th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Attendance included President Grant Skibicki, Gary Brintnell, Jacy Whaley, Jen Carlson, Superintendent Mitch Jorgensen, High School Principal Albert Irvine, and Business Manager Augusta Ramsey. Kylie Moen was absent. President Skibicki called the meeting to order at 7:07 a.m. Motion to approve the agenda with Tax Evaluation and negotiations as additions, M: Brintnell, S: Carlson, all in favor, MSC. Motion to approve February minutes with

clarification added to the agenda additions, the “home games” is referring to the custodian being present in the building during game nights, M: Carlson, S: Whaley, all in favor, MSC. The board welcomed any guests present. The Principal report highlighted Boys Basketball Regionals, the ending of Q3, current HS teacher evaluations are underway, and some students will be attending the State E-Sports competition at the end of the month. The Superintendent report highlighted school related House Bills, Upper Valley Special Education updates, and the upcoming Crucial Conversations staff book study

that has been started. Jorgensen presented a Tax Evaluation letter that will be sent out. The board noted that the Fordville Lankin negotiating unit has not yet presented the first offer. The Superintendent Evaluation was discussed and a motion made for approval, M: Brintnell, S: Carlson, all in favor, MSC. A motion to approve the deposits and bills for the month, M: Carlson, S: Whaley, all in favor, MSC. School Board Election Ballot wording will be tabled until the April meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

(4/30/2025)

### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MARCH

#### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2025

A Regular Board Meeting was held March 12, 2025. Members present: Brad Brummond, Erika Miller, Michael Helt, Kelly Houser, Jenna Midgarden, Jacqi Zikmund, and Sydney Bata.

President Brummond called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and offered members the opportunity to recite the pledge of allegiance.

M: Miller S: Helt to finalize the agenda, All in favor, M.C.

M: Bata S: Midgarden to approve the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes, All in favor, M.C.

M: Zikmund S: Bata to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 26, 2025, All in favor, M.C.

M: Houser S: Zikmund to approve the February 26, 2025 Board Retreat minutes, All in favor, M.C.

M: Miller S: Midgarden to approve the expenditures as follows: General Fund #7105-7140, \$377,564.86; Payroll and Benefits #7098-7104 and #14323-14406, \$346,419.87; Special Activities #5604-5646, \$36,334.59, All in favor, M.C.

Lively 11,969.52; NDPHIT 42,528.10; JP Morgan 28,680.49; Lively 259.60; Unum Life Ins 1,371.26; Walsh Pembina Admin 100.00; Attorney General 40.00; Lane Bell 19.91; Cenex Fleetcard 64.48; East Side Jersey Dairy 3,159.86; Fargo Freightliner 337.41; Foss Arch 1,629.36; Grafton School 53.70; Hahn's Bakery 652.00; Frank Justin 48.53; Patricia Kouba 50.92; Roman Latyshev 487.63; Leon's Bldg Ctr 17.98; Light & Water Dept 12,877.78; MAK Const 153,043.51; Richard Wedel 280.00; Marco Tech 1,235.00; Mary Martin 14.00; MDU 6,183.30; ND Univ Sys 1,036.25; North Star Coop 1,095.01; NVCTC 35,528.21; Northdale Oil 3,811.78; Pearce Durick 1,068.75; Polar Comm 669.87; Samson Lopez 70.00; Avery Goll 70.00; Tracy Laaveg 70.00; Art Shutt 70.00; Lindsey Sveen 70.00; John Sveen 70.00; Jeffrey

Manley 210.40; Shawn Hanson 160.00; Isaiah Hylden 160.00; Northwood School 208.00; Grand Forks Schools Speech 192.00; Brian Fike 222.40; Robert Goll 500.00; Daniel Grande 915.00; Isaiah Hylden 600.00; Grant Skibicki 584.00; Kyle McConnell 809.90; Jaden Pfeifer 729.00; Avery Goll 70.00; Drayton School 213.00; Coca-Cola 3,304.00; Dakota East 205.75; Empire Arts Ctr 270.00; Fenworks 700.00; Donna Galloway 312.00; Reeves Jorgensen 105.00; Kindra Magnusson 20.00; ND FCCLA 1,342.00; NDCLE 200.00; Park River Area School 7,542.85; Polar Comm 86.90; Region 3 Music 308.00; Stage Right 14,195.00; Walsh County Record 775.00; Wayne's Variety 29.99; Loren Zavalney 80.00; Park River Area School 264.00.

Financial Report: Received \$463,000 in property tax.

Administration Reports: Elementary Principal, Mrs. Martin - Pony Pride, state assessment, Grade 4 Iditread, presentation by Gerald Byron on Grandpa's White Cane; Secondary Principal, Mr. Justin - State FFA, Acalympics, Citizenship grades, Senior Class trip.

Discussed Excessive Student Absence Policy. Board referred the review of the policy to the Policies and Procedures, Personnel Committee for a recommendation.

Reviewed School Calendar options to end first semester before Christmas break and eliminate quarters which would result in no quarter honor roll. Board members agreed to table until the April meeting.

Sandy Pifer, FCCLA Advisor gave a presentation on FCCLA.

Administration Reports, continued: Supt. Schramm - Bus repairs, staff openings, building maintenance dishwasher/sanitizer, greenhouse, HVAC, and hosting of the Boys Basketball District Tournament.

Library Report: Miller - Digital citizenship.

Vocational Center Report: Brummond - Director's evaluation.

Early Learning Center (ELC) Report: Supt. Schramm - Building almost entirely enclosed, plumbing and electrical installation, T-Mobile Grant closes March 31, playground donations received, and scheduled child care director interview.

to order at 7:34 A.M. and provided the opportunity for members to recite the pledge of allegiance.

M: Helt S: Bata to approve the Electro Watchman door access quotes for the school building and the Early Learning Center (ELC) of approximately \$50,000 total, Roll call vote, Miller-aye, Bata-aye, Helt-aye, Brummond-aye, M.C.

M: Miller S: Helt to approve the purchase

of three bus radios (activity bus, base in office, and an extra) at approximately \$3,000 per unit, All in favor, M.C.

M: Helt S: Bata to adjourn at 7:39 A.M.

/s/Brad Brummond, President  
/s/Roberta Hinkel, Business Manager

(4/30/2025)

### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - MARCH

#### PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2025

A Special Board Meeting was held March 26, 2025. Members present: Brad Brummond, Michael Helt, and via Zoom Meeting, Erika Miller and Sydney Bata. Absent: Kelly Houser, Jenna Midgarden, and Jacqi Zikmund.

President Brummond called the meeting

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