



Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 12:00 PM

1400 31st Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701 (Badlands Restaurant)

Any person needing special accommodation for the meeting is requested to notify the City Clerk's office at 857-4752.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 19, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

It is recommended the Liaison Committee approve the minutes from the 1st Quarter Liaison Committee meeting on February 19, 2026.

3. JUNE ELECTION DETAILS

4. LIBRARY MERGER COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

6. ADJOURNMENT

On February 19, 2026, a Liaison Committee Meeting of the Minot City Council was held in the 1400 31st Ave SW, Minot, ND 58701 (Badlands Restaurant).

Members Present: Ron Merritt, Miranda Schuler, Scott Louser, Mike Schmitt, Mike Hayes

Members Absent: Perry Olson, Mitch Kraft, Lisa Olson

Others Present: Elly Deslauries, Mikayla McWilliams, Tom Joyce, Ryan Kamrowski, Brian Billingsley, Laura Dokken, Marisa Haman, Dave Lakefield, Christina Wolf, Jill Schramm, Noreen Wilkie, Dana Larsen, Doug Diedrichsen, and Hannah Hornberger

CALL TO ORDER

The City/County/Park/School Liaison Committee meeting was called to order at 12:09 pm, by Chairman Schuler.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Ron Merritt moved to nominate Lisa Olson as the chairperson for 2026, Mike Hayes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVE THE MINUTES - OCTOBER 30, 2025, COMMITTEE MEETING

Scott Louser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting dated October 30, 2025, Ron Merritt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

STATE LEGISLATURE - LUNCH BILLS AND IMPACT ON SCHOOLS

Scott Louser discussed the lunch bill and the impact on the school. The free lunch bill failed in the regular session and was in the special session as a response to the initiated measure. It would include the hot meal for breakfast and lunch. The cost would be approximately \$65 million in the first year. The bill passed in the house, but failed in the senate. It would take 34,000 signatures to be on the ballot in November 2026. Discussion was held.

WARD COUNTY FORCLOSED PROPERTIES: STONY RIDGE CONDOS UNITS 17-40

Ryan Kamrowski opened the conversation on the Stony Ridge Condos Units 17-40, which is a property on the Ward County foreclosure list. The property owes approximately \$750,000 in back taxes with a large portion of that amount being a special assessment paving district. Two of the five condo buildings have been built, and those condos have a current HOA. Discussion was held. This could be a potential item at an upcoming Commission meeting and could eventually be discussed at a joint meeting of the Ward County Commissioners and City Council.

SW CONNECTOR CORRIDOR AND ROUNDABOUT UPDATE - DANA LARSON

Dana Larsen provided a presentation, which has been attached to the agenda and is included in the packet. This was a presentation on the SW corridor and roundabout update.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minot Public School mentioned the one "M" branding.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Merritt moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 pm, Mike Hayes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.