

Endless fields of corn and soybeans rippled in rhythm to the breeze. Occasional stands of trees in the distance betrayed the locations of farms. This was rural North Dakota in the last days of summer. The fields were still green. But soon, the arctic winds would blast through this part of North America with nothing to block their sting.

As we drove along I thought about why we were here. We were on a quest: a quest to find something here on the plains of North Dakota. We were searching for my mother.

Well, not literally. We were searching for an old building: the one-room schoolhouse in which my mother taught before moving to Illinois in 1945. It was out here somewhere on the prairie waiting.

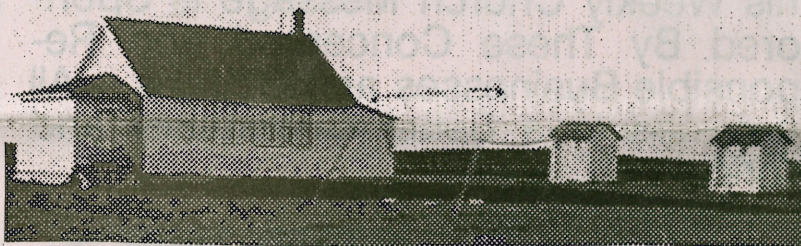
My mother passed away recently. Sorting through her things shortly after I found old pay stubs from her teaching days. In an album I found a photo of what looked like a small school building. On the back of the photo was penciled, "This is the school where I taught. Using the information on the pay stubs I contacted Sharon Young, the current Nelson County Superintendent of Schools in Lakota.

I asked Sharon for any information available regarding the school and my mother's teaching days. She sent me a plat of the township showing the location of the school. She also sent a copy of

How had my mother been able to work as a teacher without a certificate? Sharon Young provided information about a government plan called the War Emergency Teacher Certification program. The goal of the program was to put teachers into classrooms as quickly as possible.

During WWII, the American manufacturing juggernaut had drawn thousands of teachers away from classrooms. Rural schools were the hardest hit by the resulting teacher shortage. In response, the government created the WETC Program. It gave graduating high school seniors the opportunity to attend teachers college in summers exchange for their services as teachers during the school year.

After graduating from Lakota High School in 1944, Mom took up the government's offer. She spent that first summer at Mayville State Teachers College in Mayville, ND. For the 1944-45 school year, her teaching assignment was School Number 2, Illinois township, and Nelson County, ND.



Illinois Township School No. 2

warmly. Bob gave us a little history of the old school adding that it was last used as a school in the 1960s. I wanted to see the classroom, so Bob unlocked the door and allowed us in.

Once inside, we found the single classroom bright. It seemed larger than it appeared from the outside. Ancient light fixtures still hung from the ceiling. Some of the windows had been changed. The green chalkboards still on the walls spoke of its use as a school up to the 1960s. Still hanging tenaciously were two old black slate boards, and a bulletin board that would have been there when Mom was there.

Standing at the front of that room was familiar territory to this old teacher. Yet I couldn't help thinking how difficult it must have been out here on the endless prairie. The only modern concessions were the electric lights. There was no phone. Communication was by mail. Heat was from a wood-burning stove. But I have learned that North Dakotans are tough. My mother was from North Dakota.

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Lakota-Adams-Edmore: Eric Haugland 17, Brady Pesek 14, Garrett Skorheim 13, Thomas Boe 4, Zac Sundre 3, Chris Miller.

Harvey-Wells County Defeat Raiders 61-50

Harvey-Wells County defeated the Lakota-Adams-Edmore Raiders 61-50 in Class B boys basketball Friday night.

The winners led 15-13 after the first quarter and they built their lead to 32-17 at the half and led 48-30 after three quarters.

Harvey-Wells County had three players in double figures. Randy Marchus scored 22 points, Koby Houchin had 18 and Tucker Nordby 10.

The Raiders had two players in double figures. Eric Haugland scored 21 points and Garrett Skorheim had 12.

Harvey-Wells County: Tucker Nordby 10, Todd Selzier 4, Riley Hovland 4, Koby Houchin 18, Randy Marchus 22, Andrew Alveshere 3.

Lakota-Adams-Edmore: Eric Haugland 21, Zac Sundre 2, Chris Miller 2, Garrett Skorheim 12, Brady Pesek 9, Thomas Boe 4.

Midkota Defeats Raiders 52-40

Midkota defeated the Lakota-Adams-Edmore girls basketball team 52-40 at Binford last Thursday night.

The Raiders led 15-7 after the first quarter and the score was tied 22-22 at the half. Midkota had a one point lead 31-30 after three quarters. Midkota outscored the Raiders 21-10 in the fourth quarter to pick up the win.

Midkota had two players in double figures. Shaye Ronningen scored 18 points and Kallie Frappier had 15.

Fallyn Freije scored 11 points for the Raiders.

Midkota: Saddle Harding 4, Emily Berge 8, Shaye Ronningen 18, Brooke Ronningen 1, Kallie Frappier 15, Callie Harding 6.

Lakota-Adams-Edmore: Erica Anderson 6, Mary Haman 7, Ashlyn Nelson 2, Katie Hoime 2, Holli Lee 7, Ashtin Freije 5, Fallyn Freije 11.

Certainty? In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

—Benjamin Franklin

Plan to attend the
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Minnkota Power Coop, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line - Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application
Case No. PU-09-670
NOTICE OF FILING
AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS
January 18, 2011

On September 7, 2011 the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 121 to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) designating a transmission facility corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota.

On December 2, 2011 Minnkota filed applications for a modification to the designated corridor, a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and a transmission facility route to be designated within the modified corridor as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission waive requirements under N.D.C.C. chapter 49-22 that

separate hearings be held concerning the waiver request, the corridor modification and the route permit.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. A Public Hearing on the application will be held:

February 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 805 Main Ave. Washburn, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

February 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in the Baker Courtroom at the UND School of Law, 215 Centennial Drive Stop 9003, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties.

March 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at the Chieftain Conference Center Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave. S, Carrington, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties.

The issues to be considered are:

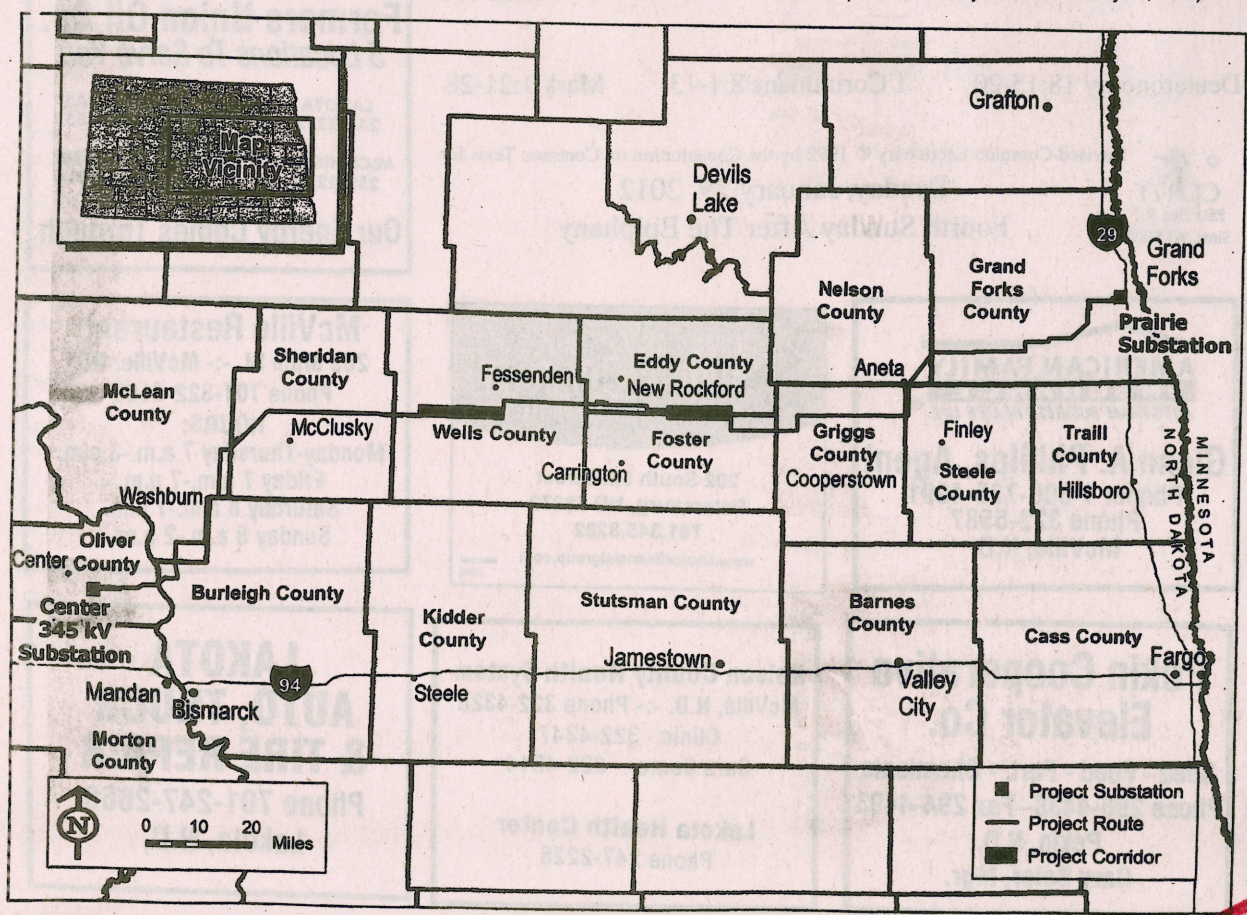
1. Will the location, construction, and opera-

tion 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 facility 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?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

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.

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