

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) SS
 COUNTY OF Mercer)

I Rhonda Iglehart, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the Beulah Beacon weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Beulah, that the advertisement attached:

COTEAU PROPERTIES/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BH-FINAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND MAP/LEGAL

A printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in a regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

4 consecutive week 05/21/2020 to wit:

Column Inches 14	\$6.71	\$108.50	04/30/2020
Column Inches 14	\$6.71	\$108.50	05/07/2020
Column Inches 14	\$6.71	\$108.50	05/14/2020
Column Inches 14	\$6.71	\$108.50	05/21/2020

Notary Fee \$1.00 Total Cost of Legal \$435.00

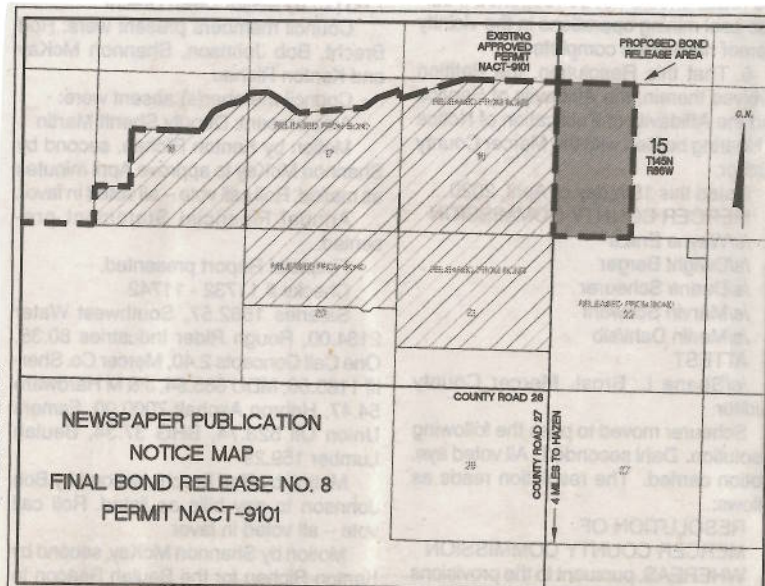
Rhonda Iglehart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of May A.D. 2020

Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires

DARLA J MAUTZ
 Notary Public
 State of North Dakota
 My commission expires July 22, 2022



NOTICE OF FILING FOR FINAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND

The Coteau Properties Company, as applicant, has filed an application for final bond release on 318.628 acres of land located in the W½ Section 15, T145N, R86W, as shown on the map. This land is included in Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9101, approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on June 30, 1992. This permit area is bonded in consolidation with adjacent mining permits for an amount totaling \$146 million. Upon approval of this bond release application, The Coteau Properties Company will be released from reclamation liability for all stages (backfilling and grading, soil respreading, vegetation establishment, and final release), but the bond amount will not be reduced due to continued mining and reclamation operations within this permit.

Following permit approval, initial mining disturbance commenced with sediment pond construction and soil stripping in 1993. Coal removal began in 1994. Reclamation began in 1997 on the 259.934 acres that were disturbed

from mining or considered to be associated disturbance, and continued until 2001. The county roads to the west and north were disturbed by mining and were reclaimed in accordance with county cross sections and standards. This area is privately owned and has been successfully reclaimed to cropland, paved, and gravel roadways.

Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference or public hearing on this bond release may be submitted by any person having a valid legal interest which is or may be adversely affected by this action, to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference or hearing should be in writing to the Commission, and must state specifically the issues or objections that an affected party has regarding this bond release.

The Coteau Properties Company
 204 County Road 15
 Beulah, North Dakota 58523
 (4-30-20)(5-7-20)(5-14-20)(5-21-20)