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 Affidavit of Publication – electronic only  
 Coteau Properties Company

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

COTEAU PROPERTIES/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BH-NOTICE OF FILING WITH MAP/LEGAL

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the 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,

for 4 consecutive week 09/24/2020 to wit:

Column Inches 14.5	\$6.71	\$112.38	09/03/2020
Column Inches 14.5	\$6.71	\$112.38	09/10/2020
Column Inches 14.5	\$6.71	\$112.38	09/17/2020
Column Inches 14.5	\$6.71	\$112.38	09/24/2020

Notary Fee \$1.00 Total Cost of Legal \$450.52

*Rhonda Iglehart*

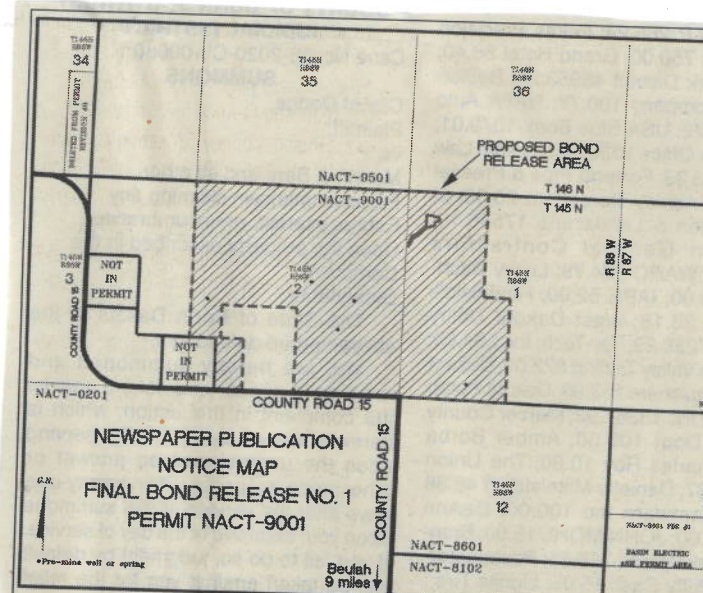
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 2020

(Seal) *Darla J Mautz*

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 approximately 812 acres of land located in Section 1, T145N, R88W and Section 2, T145N, R88W as indicated on the map. This land is included in Surface Coal Mining Permit NACT-9001, approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on April 16, 1991. 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 revegetation success), 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 1991. Within the tract, six pre-mining wells and springs existed. Coal removal began in 1992 and continued through 1998. Reclamation began after coal removal and continued until 2014 when reclamation of the approximately 683 acres that were disturbed

from mining or considered to associated disturbance was completed. The bond release tract was given a variance from the ten-year revegetation responsibility period on 132.9 acres on September 9, 2019. The county established to meet the standards set forth by Mercer County. The entire release tract is owned by The Coteau Properties Company, and the area has been successfully reclaimed to grassland, developed water resources, a wetland, Mercer County Road 15, a section line right-of-way.

Written comments, objections, 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 A, Department 408, Bismarck, ND 58104, within 30 days after the 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 regarding this bond release.

The Coteau Properties Company  
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 Beulah, North Dakota 58523