

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Abandoned Mine Lands Division
Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Haugen-Hoffart
Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary
John Schuh, General Counsel

From: Zanna Brinkman, Joan Breiner, Mike Howe

Date: November 30, 2022

Subject: Request to close 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project, PSC Case No. AM-22-25

On January 18, 2022, Case Number AM-22-25 was initiated by the Commission for the 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project. This project eliminated 3,390 feet of dangerous highwall at the Youngtown Mine, an abandoned surface coal mine about 10 miles northwest of New Salem, ND.

On February 28, 2022, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-862-22 with Advanced Tree Service, Inc. to remove 68 trees from the site. The original contract was for \$25,000. A March 11, 2022 amendment increased the contract to \$45,250. Tree removal began on March 15, 2022 and was completed by March 31, 2022. The final cost of Contract AM-862-22 was \$41,750. The contract was closed on May 16th, 2022

On June 13, 2022, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-866-22 with Wilson Construction Inc. for construction services for the 2022 Morton County Phase 3 Project. The original contract was for \$273,154.55. Five change orders were authorized by staff. The final cost of the contract was \$239,636.06. Work began June 22, 2022. All work was completed satisfactorily by September 22, 2022. The contract was closed on October 17, 2022.

The AML Division recommends that PSC Case No. AM-22-25 be closed.