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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,  
COUNTY OF OLIVER, ss.

I, Jenna Cowan, being first duly sworn, on oath says, that she is the bookkeeper of the CENTER REPUBLICAN, a weekly newspaper published in Center, County of Oliver, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of at least two hundred copies weekly, and has been published within said county for fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned; that the

Not of Application for a renewal permit PO 251398

BNI-Center Mine

a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which same was published, is attached to this sheet, and is made a part of this Affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once each week for 4 successive week, on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published to-wit:

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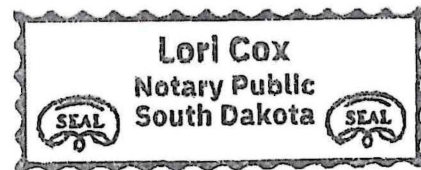
That the full amount of the fees for  
the publication of the annexed notice is: \$ 1320.00

Jenna Cowan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5/6/2025

Lori Cox

Lori Cox, Notary Public  
State of South Dakota  
My commission expires January 2, 2031



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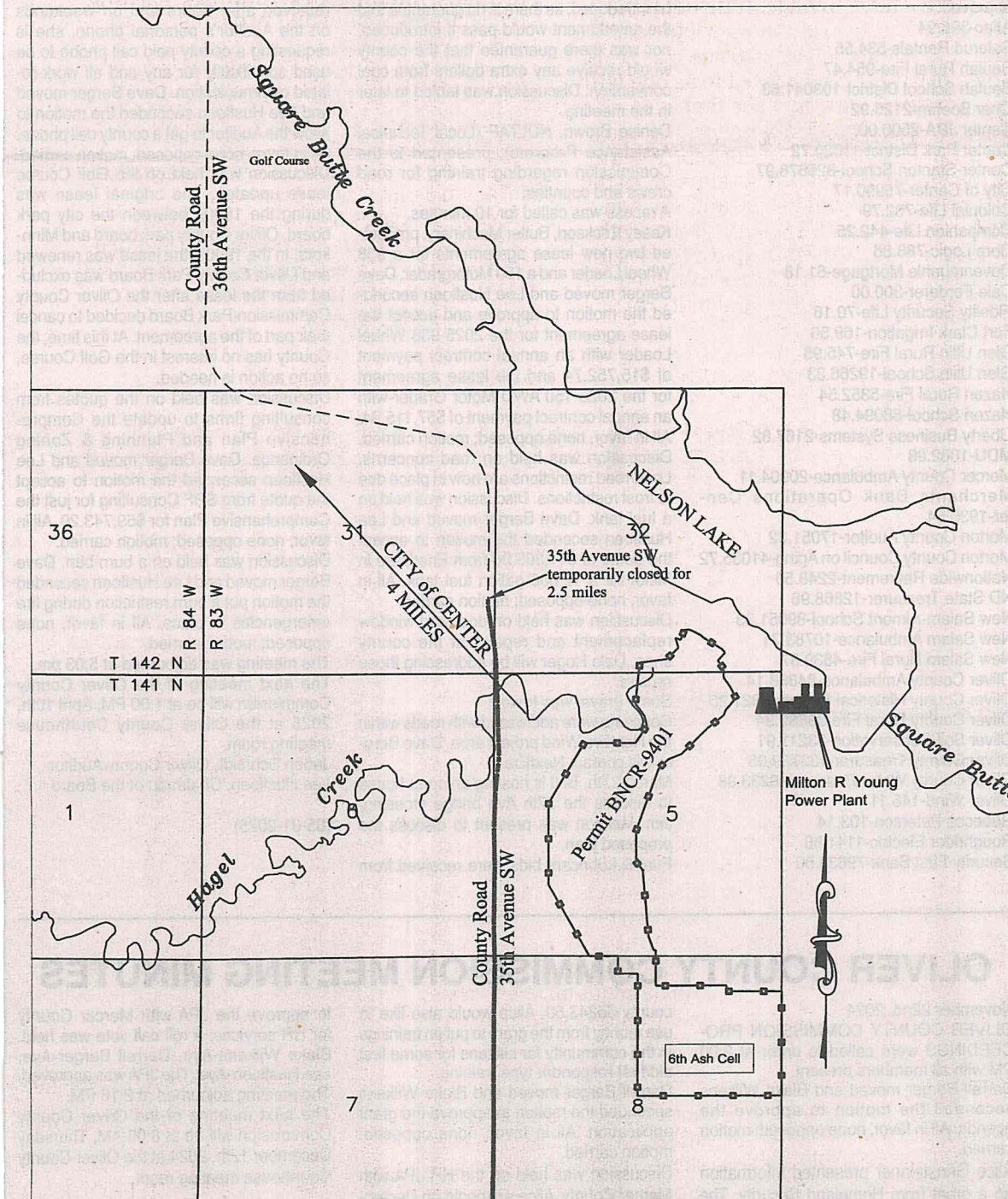
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# CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

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(04-03-2025)(04-10-2025)

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Deb Clarys and Rob Berger-Hazel Miner Addition Block 6, Lot 3-Variance to allow their garage to be built at a 51ft of a setback instead of the standard 40ft at the physical

address of 127 Hazel Miner Ave. For additional information contact the Center City Office. Anyone wishing to respond to the applicant's request may do so at the time of the hearing.

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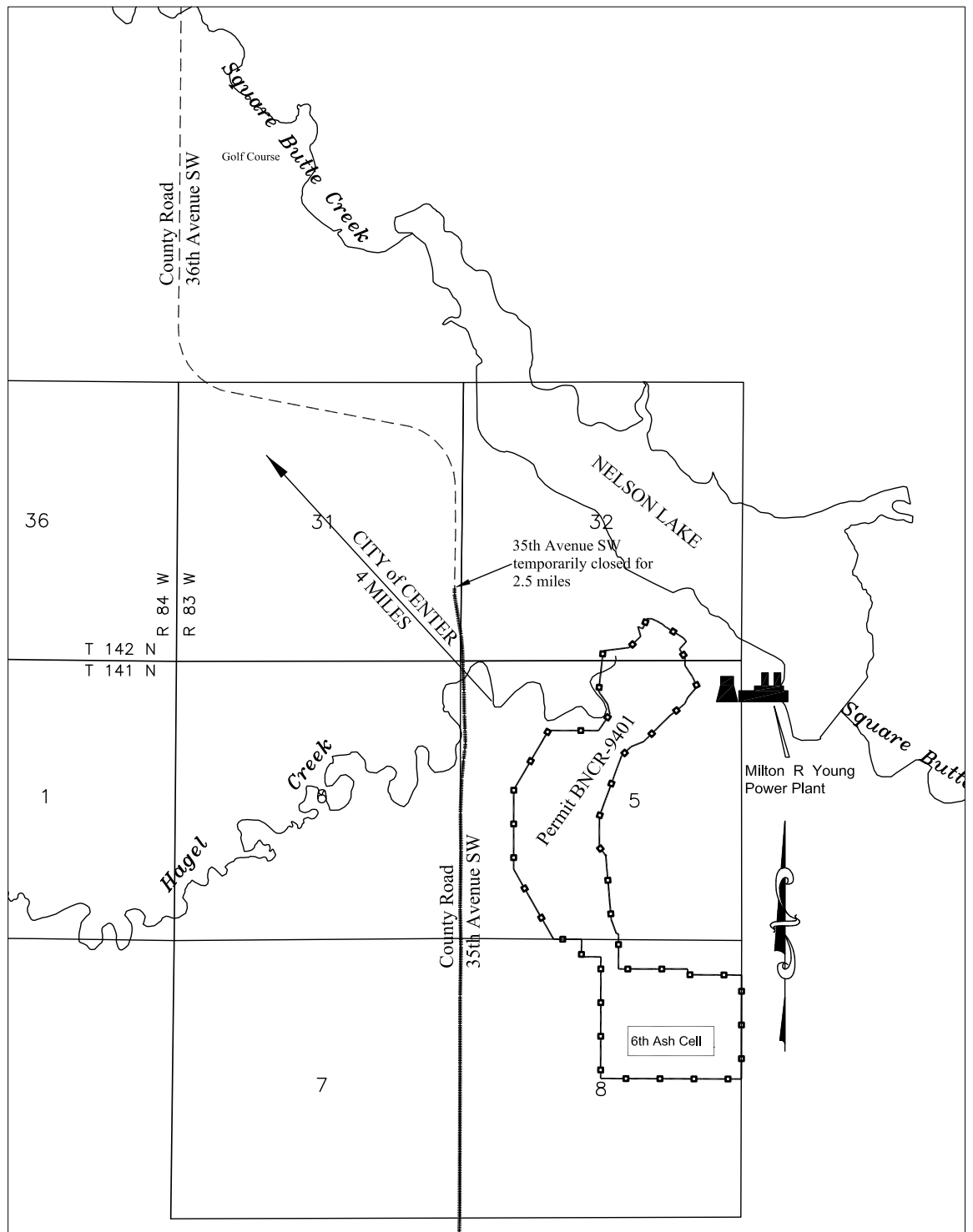
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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING

April 07, 2025

Equalization meeting of the Center City Council was called to order by Mayor Lee, at 6:30 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center. Council members present: Casson, Hatzenbihler by phone, City Auditor and City Assessor Koapke. Koapke updated Council on tax increases and the process moving forward. Koapke then asked for a motion to approve

the values as presented. Casson moved to approve the 2025 assessments as presented, seconded by Hatzenbihler, all voting aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm Mayor, John Lee RaShell Simenson, Auditor

(04-17-2025)

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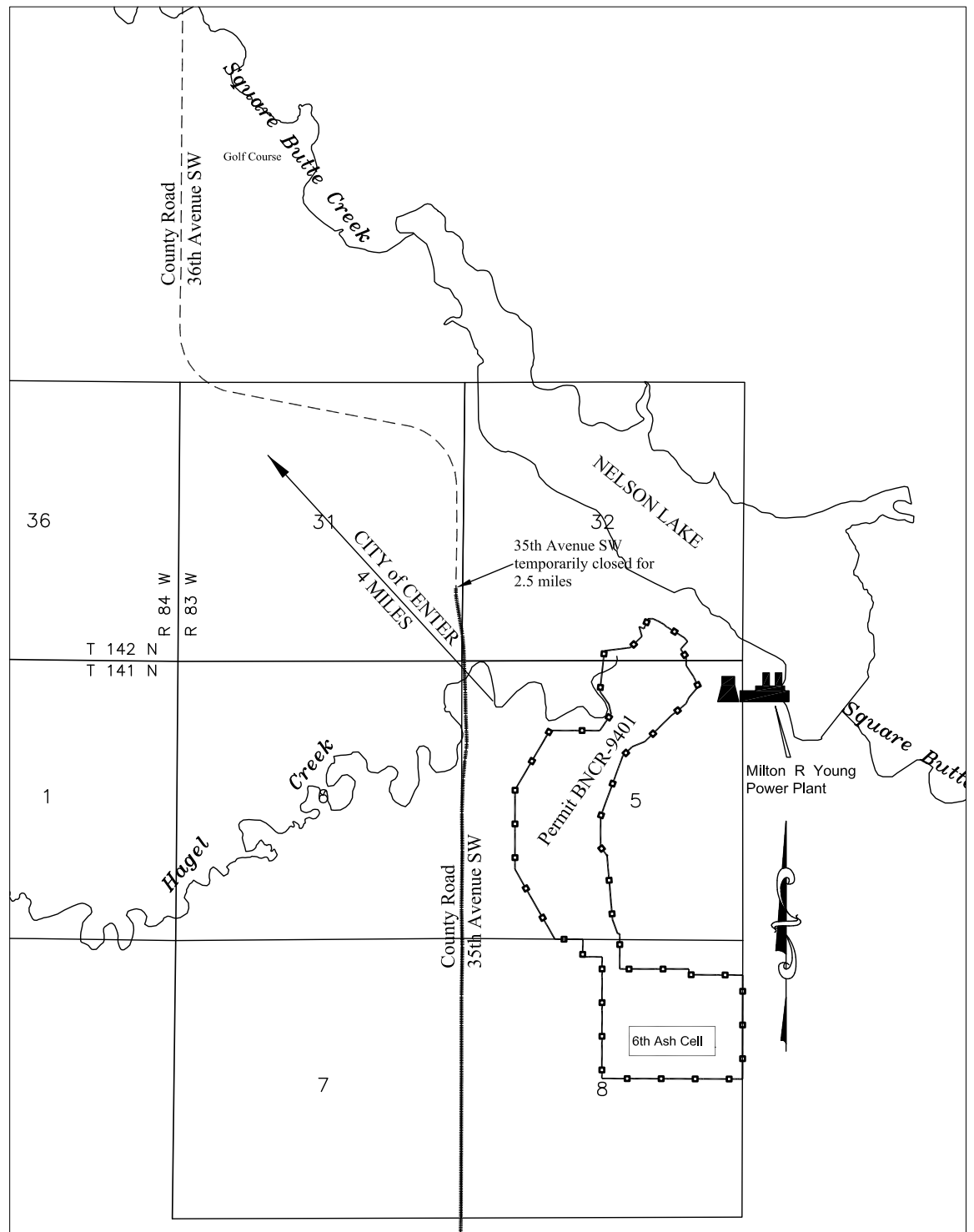
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(04-17-2025) (04-24-2025)(05-01-2025)

## CENTER-STANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Richard Schmidt called the special board meeting of the Center-Stanton School Board to order at 6:31 p.m. on March 31, 2025. Roll call was taken, and board members present in addition to Schmidt were Kelly Erhardt, Jesse Krieger, John Schwab, and Shiloh Becher. Administrators were High School Principal Alicia Nitschke and Elementary Principal Mark Sondag. Also present was Business Manager Jacob Erhardt.

Business:  
Motion to move into executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. Legal Authority: NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). K. Erhardt made a motion to move into executive session

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Jacob Erhardt, Business Manager  
(04-24-2025)

### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO ACCREDITATION: PROCEDURES, STANDARDS, AND CRITERIA; AND COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes of N.D. Admin. Code 67-19, Accreditation: Procedures, Standards, and Criteria; and 67-23, Special Education; at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in the Peace Garden Room at the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the NDDPI Office of School Approval and Opportunity, ND State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to the above address, to the attention of Jim Upgren, emailing jimupgren@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-2244. Written and oral comments may be sent to the above address or telephone number until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025.

For individuals seeking to attend who will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the NDDPI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2025.  
Jim Upgren, Assistant Director  
Office of School Approval and Opportunity  
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Your right to know...

### SECTION 324 NOTICE

In compliance with federal law, the Oliver County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) gives notice that the Oliver County Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which includes the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports have been received and reviewed by the Oliver County LEPC.

These documents are available for public inspection at the Mercer-Oliver County Emergency Manager's Office within the Mercer County Courthouse at 410 Van Slyck Ave, Stanton, ND between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays.  
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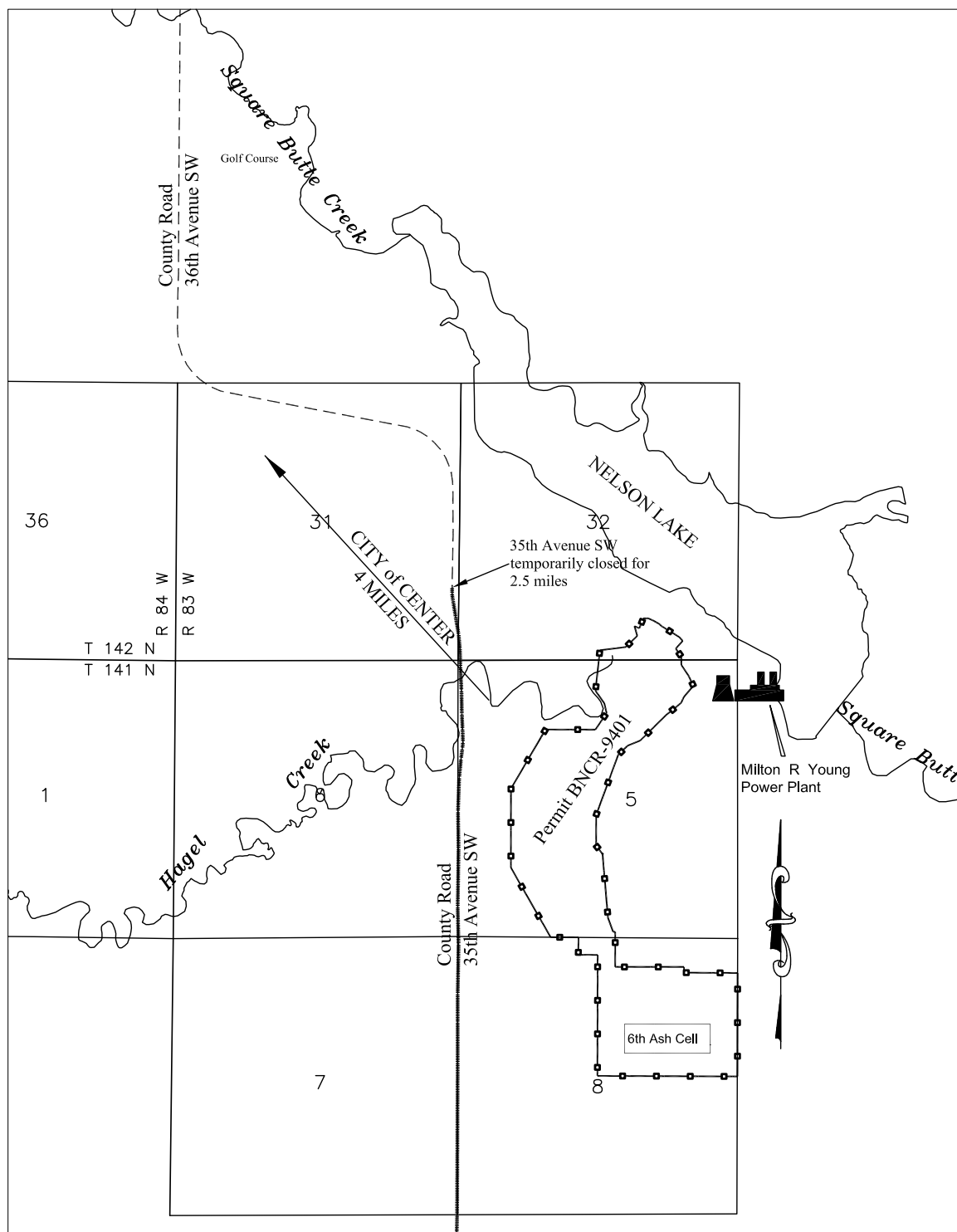
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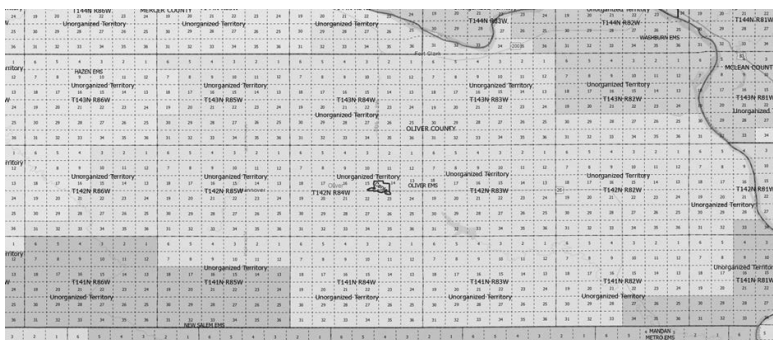
Notice is hereby given to all qualified electors living within the boundaries of the district, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Oliver County Ambulance Facility, 208 Market Street East, Center, ND 58530 an organizational meeting will be held to elect Oliver County Ambulance District Board of Directors. Immediately following the organizational meeting, the District's Board of Directors will hold a public meeting with the following agenda.

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order
- 2 Nomination and Election of officers
- 3 Current ambulance service overview to District Board
- 4 Present draft governance bylaws for board review
- 5 Mill Levy authority - consideration and resolution
- 6 Set next meeting date
- 7 Adjourn

### TERRITORY OF THE OLIVER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT – 438 SQUARE MILES

County	Township	Township/Range	Sections
Mercer	144	84	25-29, 32-36
Oliver	144	83	22, 27, 30-35
	143	85	1-6, 8-17, 20-36
	143	84	1-36
	143	83	1-36
	143	82	25-36
	143	81	30-32
	142	86	1-3, 10-15, E ½ of 21, 22-28, 31-36
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Treavor & Jayme Hendrickson of Center, ND have applied for a conditional use permit to build a house within the SW ¼ of Section 18, Township 142, Range 85 of Oliver County, North Dakota. Take further notice that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to the provision of Section 17.3 of the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance will hold a public hearing on the request. The hearing will be held

at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 9th, 2025, in the Meeting Room of the Oliver County Courthouse, in Center, North Dakota. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A RENEWAL AND REVISION OF A PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES

Please take notice that BNI Coal Ltd., 2360 35th Avenue SW, Center, ND 58530-9499 has submitted applications to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Renewal No.6 and Revision No. 19 to Permit BNCR-9401, approved on August 16, 1995, to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations. The area for which a permit renewal is sought includes 338.28 acres in Sections 5 and 8, T141N, R83W and Section 32, T142N, R83W. This area is in Oliver County, North Dakota and is shown on the accompanying map. Renewal No. 6 will extend the permit term another five years. The next five-year permit term will be from August 16, 2025 to August 16, 2030. The permit revision updates the Legal and Financial Section, Extended Mine Plan, Environmental Resources, and

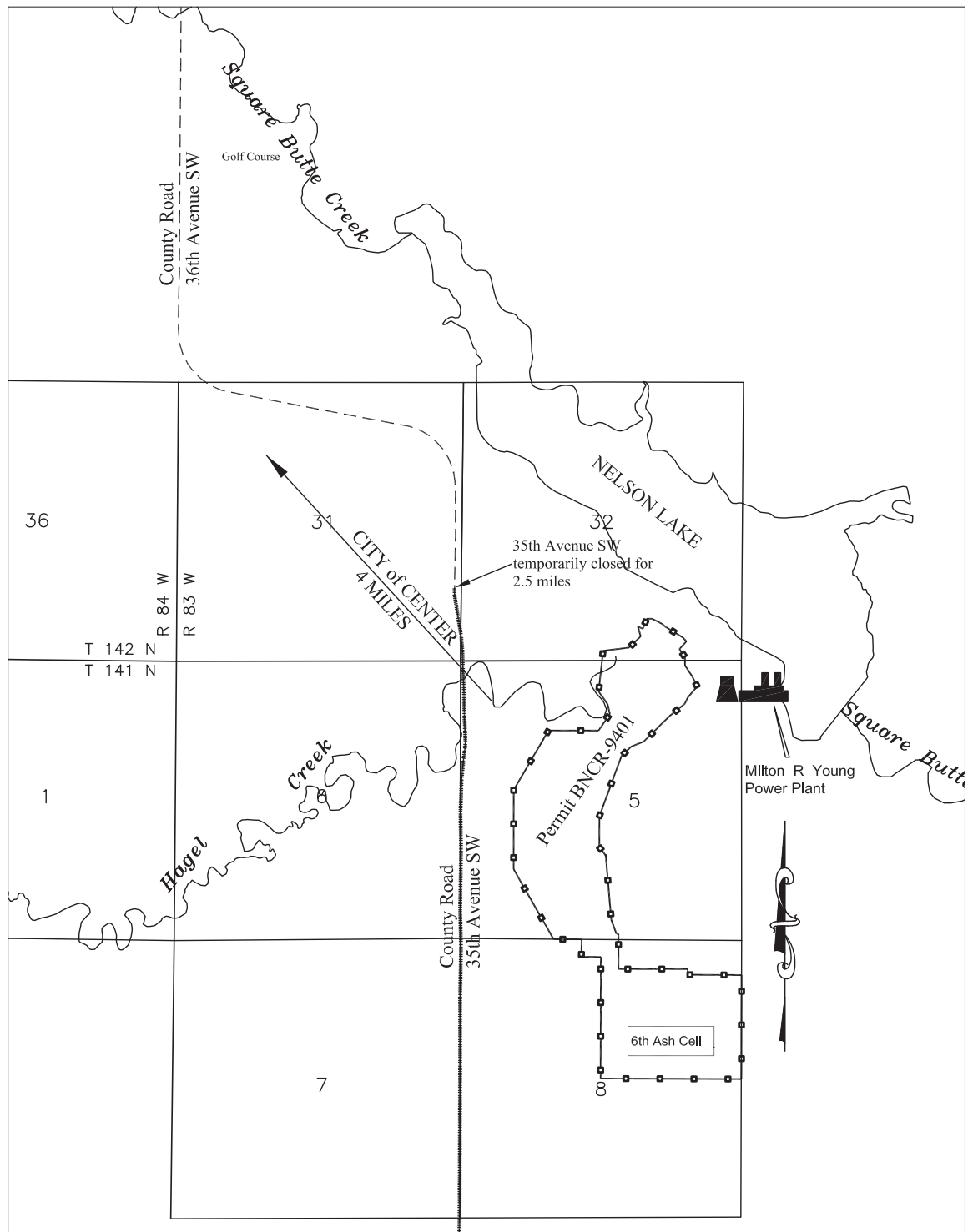
Operations Section. The updates within the Operations Section include the Coal Removal and Waste Disposal Cells, Pit Layout and Facilities Map, Equipment List, Blasting Plan, Surface Water Management Plan, Water Monitoring and Drill Hole Reclamation, Re-Vegetation and Post-Mining Land Use, Fish Wildlife Resource Protection, Enhancement, and Monitoring, Reclamation Cost Estimate for Bonding, Worst Case Bond Map and Cost Estimate for a permit renewal.

The renewal application and the application for revision of the surface coal mining permit is available for public inspection at the offices of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58505-0480, and the County Auditor, Oliver County Courthouse, Center, ND, 58530.

Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the renewal and revision applications has the right to file written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Written comments, objections, and requests for an informal conference should be filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND, 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. The written request should state the concerns or objections regarding the revision.

The legal description and names of the apparent surface and mineral (coal) owners of the land in the permit area that will be affected by the revised plans are as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	SURFACE OWNER	COAL OWNER
Section 5 T141N R83W N 1/2 and SW 1/4	Minnkota Power Cooperative	Great Northern Properties
SE 1/4	Minnkota Power Cooperative	Minnkota Power Cooperative
Section 8 T141N R83W NW 1/4	BNI Coal, LTD	Larry & Virginia Schmidt, Daryl & Loretta Tabor, Linda Borlaug, John Kautzman, Donna Barnhardt, Randy Titsworth, Ronnie Titsworth, Marita Bishop, Lucille Gardner, PEC Minerals, LP, BNI Coal, Ltd., Clay Hedrick, Jr., Charles Hamilton, Jr., M. Ellen Emley, Barbara Endres, Richard Files, Robert Files, Erika Hilliard, Penelope Files, Blackstone Minerals, Walter Duncan, Inc., Kurt Files, Georgianne Hedrick Mercer, John Hedrick, Barbara Hager, Donald Hager, Joyce Hager Giles, James Hager, Mary McGarity, Alexis Bochko, Dean Stucky, Jean Clift, Susan Koehn, Julia & Donald Gregory, Patsy McGehee, Jack Horn, Donald R. Posey
Section 8 T141N R83W NE1/4NE1/4	Minnkota Power Cooperative	USA
NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4	Minnkota Power Cooperative	Minnkota Power Cooperative
Section 32 T142N R83W SE1/4	Minnkota Power Cooperative	Minnkota Power Cooperative



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