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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PERMITTING SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE OUTSIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County Commissioners requesting that the Commissioners permit and approve the conducting of surface coal mining operations within 100 feet of the outside right-of-way line of the following public roads:

a. Both sides of the relocated 28th Ave NW located in the N2 of Section 8, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

b. The north and south sides of the section line trail located between the S2 of Section 30 and the N2 of Section 31, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

c. The north and south sides of the section line trail located between the SW4 of Section 29 and the NW4 of Section 32, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

d. The east side of the section line trail located between the W2 of Section 32 and the E2 of Section 31, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

e. The north side of the section line trail located between the SW4 of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West and Lots 2 & 3 in Section 2, Township 144 North,

Range 84 West

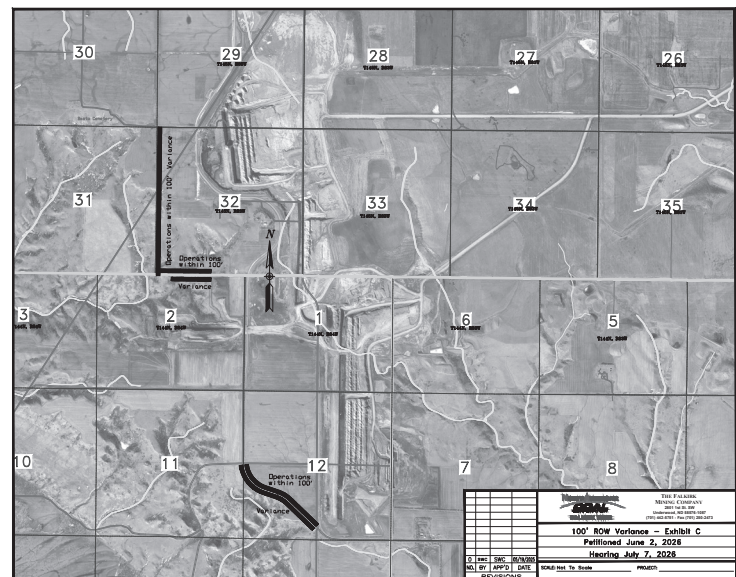
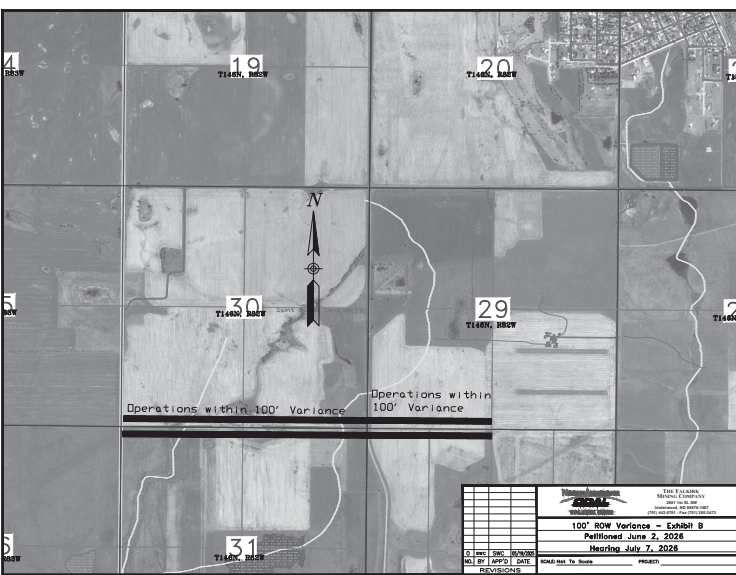
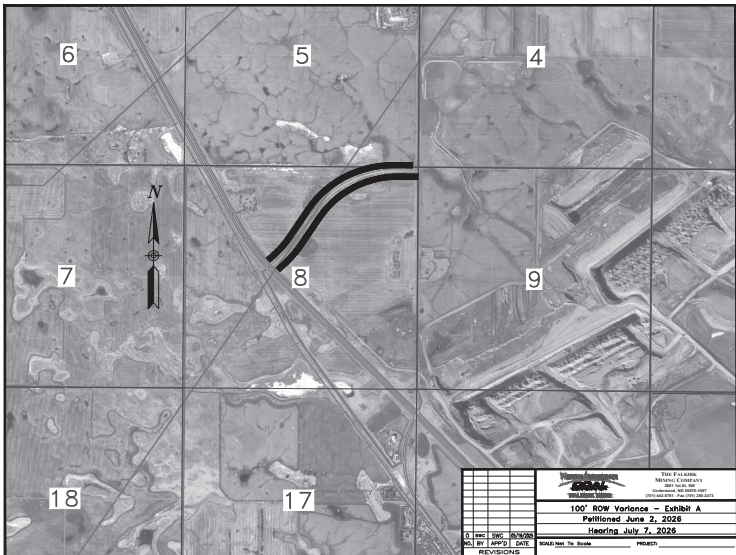
f. The south side of the section line trail located between the SW4 of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West and Lot 2 in Section 2, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

g. Both sides of the relocated portion of County Road 17 running diagonally through the SW4 of Section 12, Township 144 North, Range 84 West

Falkirk asserts that the interests of the public and the interests of affected landowners will be protected from the proposed surface coal mining operations.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 7th day of July, 2026, at 9:05 a.m. CDT for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.
Beth Knutson, County Auditor



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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN SECTION LINE ROADS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by The Falkirk Mining Company, P.O. Box 1087, Underwood, North Dakota 58576, with the Board of McLean County Commissioners requesting that the following section line roads be temporarily closed in order to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations:

a. The section line trail located between Lots 1, 2 and the easternmost 570' of Lot 3 of Section 2, Township 144 North, Range 84 West and the westernmost 3,220' of Section 32, Township 145 North, Range 83 West

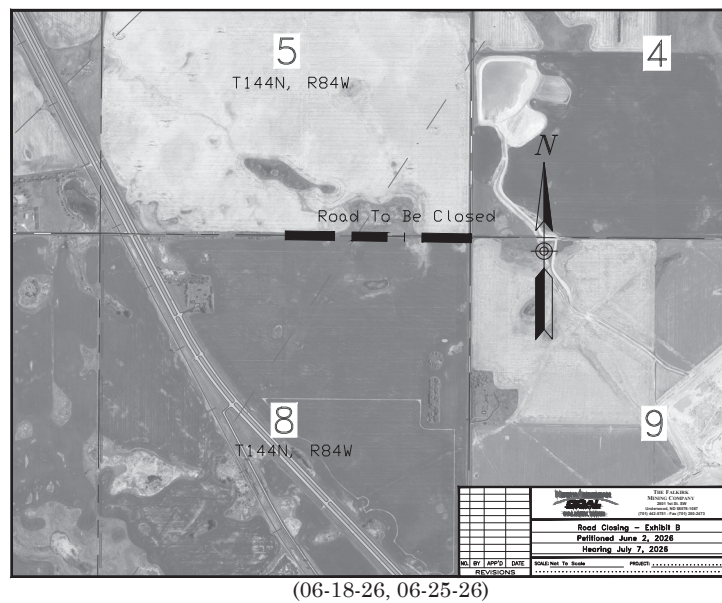
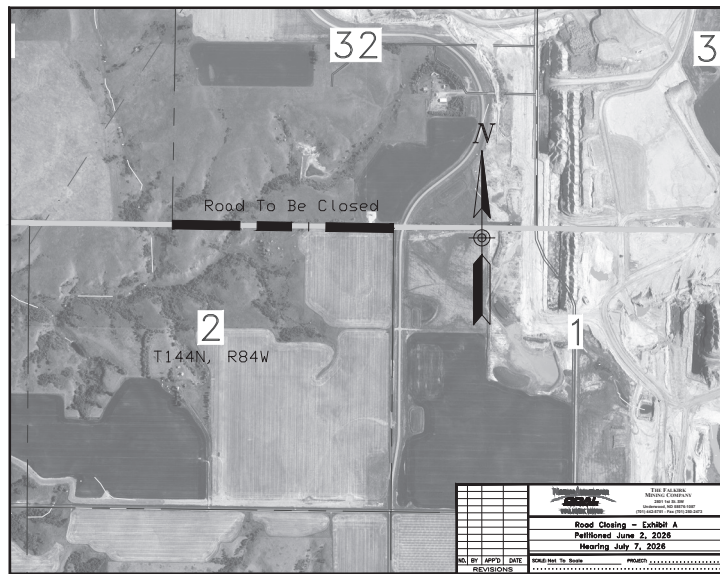
b. The section line trail located between the SE4 of Section 5 and the NE4 of Section 8, Township 146 North, Range 82 West

After the completion of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, Falkirk will restore the

closed sections line roads to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of such roads to the extent required by the Board of McLean County Commissioners.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of McLean County Commissioners in the McLean County Courthouse at Washburn, North Dakota, on the 7th day of July, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by Falkirk. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing. The Petition, along with the map showing the effected section lines, is on file in the office of the McLean County Auditor and may be viewed by interested persons during regular office hours.

By order of the Board of McLean County Commissioners.
Beth Knutson, County Auditor



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FAIR

mixing and matching,” she said. “We tried to keep it orderly — park here, park there — and I think that turned out great.”

Schell credited those improvements to a dedicated group working behind the scenes.

The fair board consists of 12 members, supported by a large number of volunteers.

“We had a lot of good help,” she said. “The volunteers were a great help. It makes you feel good that people are willing to step up and help out.”

Sponsors also play a critical role in making the fair possible, she added.

“We couldn’t do it without the volunteers and the

sponsors,” Schell said.

While attendance and entertainment were strong, the fair did see some areas dip slightly, including beef exhibits and some school and home economics projects.

Still, Schell views those as opportunities moving forward.

“We can see where we can do even better,” she said. “There are already lots of plans for next year.”

That forward-looking approach is something Schell said happens even before the fair wraps up each year.

“As the fair is happening, you’re building on that foundation for future years,” she said.

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ballots declines to accept the seat, it does not automatically go to the person with the second highest write-in ballots.

Recounts

During the canvassing, Knutson said she expects two seats in McLean County to be recounted due to unofficial results showing a tie in votes or because there was a one-vote spread in the results.

On the county end, once the votes are recounted, they are sent back to the entity to determine a winner.

According to ND Century Code, the entities will meet with the candidates and determine a winner either by a candidate bowing out of a race or some sort of a draw in names.

McLean County canvassing will take place at 9 a.m. June 22, with the state of North Dakota canvass to take place June 26.

Southern McLean primary election results – Unofficial Washburn commission (vote for 2)

104 write-in candidates
Washburn park board (vote for 3)

Brock Treybig, 225 votes
Lacey Feist-Young, 221 votes

Kit Baumann, 201 votes
13 write-in candidates

Wilton president
Dustin Clausen, 68 votes
Leeann Domonoske-Kellar, 63 votes

5 write-in candidates
Wilton Commission (vote for 2)

James Tooke, 119 votes
Mike Schmit, 115 votes
3 write-in candidates

Wilton sales and use tax admin (vote for 3)
Robert Ell, 124 votes
35 write-in candidates

Wilton 1% additional sales tax
Yes, 110 votes
No, 33 votes

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Part of that foundation is rooted in long-standing traditions that continue to draw families back each year.

The petting zoo marked its 35th year at the fair, while the racing pigs celebrated their 39th appearance — just two examples of attractions that have become fixtures over time.

“It’s good to know going in that you can count on some of those,” Schell said. “People look forward to it.”

Events for younger participants remain especially popular, including the always-entertaining kiddie tractor pull.

Fair cont. on 16