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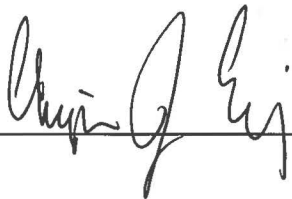
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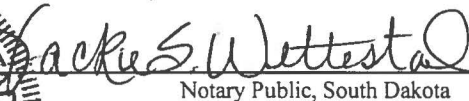
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that the full amount of the fee charged for publishing the same, including a \$5.00 affidavit fee, to-wit, the sum of \$532.10 inures solely to the benefit of the publisher of said newspaper; that no agreement or understanding for the division of the fee has been made with any person, and that no part of the fee has been agreed to be paid to any other person.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February A.D. 2018.




Notary Public, South Dakota

My commission expires October 20, 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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WHEN: Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. CDT

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That \$ 285.00, being the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of said Notice, inures to the benefit of the publisher of the Grant County Review; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any person, and that no part has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Ashlie Schweitzer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Feb 2018

Debra Hemmer

Notary Public, Grant County, South Dakota



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County of Codington

GLENN ELMORE, of said county being duly sworn on oath say, that he is the Publisher of the **SOUTH SHORE GAZETTE**, a weekly newspaper printed and published in South Shore, in said County of Codington, and have full and personal knowledge of all facts herein stated: that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bonafide 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 this notice herein mentioned at said place of publication, that the notice

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a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and is made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper at least once in each week for 2 successive weeks on the day of each week on which said newspaper was regularly published, to-wit:

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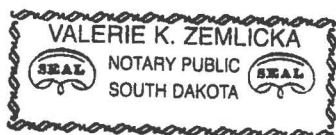
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Glenn E. Elmore
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 2018

Valerie K. Zemlicka
Notary Public
Codington County, SD.

My commission expires 11/6/2020



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