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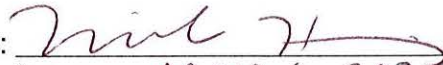
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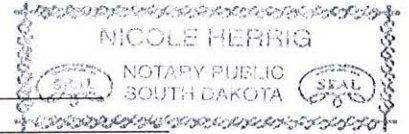
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**CELEBRATING THE GOAL . . .** Hyde County Parks and Recreation Foundation committee members (Beth Simonson, Carrie Stephenson, Mary Knox, Danika Busse and Kris Rittel) are shown with the student body and staff of the Highmore-Harrold School District. They all came to the new swimming pool in Highmore to celebrate the Foundation's goal of one million dollars. The Foundation had received a \$2,000.00 donation from FFA and then with its half of the Chase the Ace funds, it reached the one million dollar goal that had been set in July of 2022. A public meeting was held March 2, 2022 to present plans concerning the construction of a new pool in Highmore, replacing the 1960 pool that was leaking a substantial amount of water. Two building concepts were shared at the meeting, as well as information about a soil survey, a site survey, drainage system, pump system, warranties, etc. As a result of the public meeting, it was determined the project would move forward. After that meeting, Hyde County Parks and Rec Foundation president Mary Knox met with the City Council to discuss financing. The City committed to \$500,000.00 and plans were to ask the Hyde County Commissioners to also commit to \$500,000.00, which was done and approved the day after the City Council meeting. During the City Council meeting, Mary Knox was asked how much her committee intended to raise for the project and she responded, without a pause, "We will raise one million dollars" and that is exactly what the committee has done through a wide variety of donations from businesses, individuals, organizations, kids selling concessions at school and alumni of Highmore High School. Mary Knox commented after the final Chase the Ace drawing on Sunday, April 28, "In July of 2022, we embarked on a journey with Chase the Ace to support our fundraising efforts. Our initial goal was ambitious - reaching the million dollar mark - but what we truly aimed for was to bring our community together through weekly drawings, good food, camaraderie, and joy. And, we achieved just that. Today, on week 44 of round 4, we held our final drawing. The lucky winner of this last round is Amy Robb! Congratulations to Amy on this well-deserved win. As we reflect on this journey, we can't help but feel a sense of bittersweetness. While our fundraising goals were met, we also created memorable community events that brought us all closer together. Our fundraising committee may have completed its active efforts, we continue to accept donations for the pool and encourage our community to keep the momentum and continue to build on the bond we have created. Let's keep the spirit alive and thriving!" Aerial view provided by Flightfield Drone Services of Holabird.



**CHECKING IT OUT . . .** Several high school kids (above) spent some time taking a look at the new swimming pool prior to the celebration. At the left, upper and lower, several elementary students walked past the pool and looked it over, excited and discussing their opportunity to use the pool. Watch for ribbon cutting and grand opening information in upcoming issues of the Highmore Herald.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**WHAT: Permit for East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. to Construct a 230kV transmission line from WAPA North Bend Substation to Pratt Substation in Sections 15/16, T110N, R73W, Hyde County, South Dakota**

**WHEN AND WHERE: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., CDT, in Room 413 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, South Dakota**

Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public input meeting at the above time and place on an application to construct a 500-foot 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities (Project) in Sections 15 and 16 of T110N, R73W, Hyde County, SD. The Project will connect the North Bend Substation owned by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) with the Pratt Substation owned by East River. The Project will be located on land owned by WAPA or East River, with the exception of the crossing of the public road Right of Way for County Road 649.

The purpose of the public input hearing will be to hear public comments regarding the Application and the Project. At the hearing, East River will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Hyde County Auditor and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the docket, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's web site at [puc.sd.gov](http://puc.sd.gov) under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2024 Electric Dockets, EL24-011 or by contacting the Commission in person at the Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, or by phone at (605) 773-3201.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22-40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input hearing or may be obtained from the Commission's web site or by contacting the Commission. Applications for party status must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, May 21, 2024. The Commission will also accept comments in writing from anyone, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by putting on actual testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider issues raised by any party or the Commission itself. At such a formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, these hearings will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at (605) 773-3201 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

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