

STATE OF ) OFFICE OF THE  
 WYOMING ) BOARD OF  
 OF ) COUNTY  
 COUNTY OF ) COMMISSIONERS  
 HOT SPRINGS ) March 19, 2024

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Becky Kersten, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert's Rules of Order were suspended so business might be conducted in the pre-planned absence of Vice-Chairman Scheel.

**Approval of Agenda** – The Commissioners approved the Agenda with the following changes:

**ADD**  
 1. Ratification of Rawhide Mechanical Inc. Payment in the Amount of \$157,684.50, for the Law Enforcement Center

2. Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant Register

**Approval of the Minutes** – The Commissioners approved the minutes from March 5, 2024 meeting.

**Approval of Revenue and Expenditures Report** – The County Clerk stated this is a new report that will be presented to the Commissioners. The Commissioners approved the Revenue and Expenditure Report.

**Ratification of Rawhide Mechanical Inc. Payment** – The Commissioners ratified the payment to Rawhide Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$157,684.50 for the plumbing at the Law Enforcement Center.

**Approval of Account Payable Warrant Register** – The Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register for bills totaling \$63,903.70 was submitted for approval, payments are from the general fund and airport fund (see end for listing). The Commissioners approved the AP Warrant Register. Chairman Ryan stated the biggest expense in the AP warrant is the new Road and Bridge truck.

**United States Forest Services Management of Old Growth Forest Discussion** – A request was received from Micah Christenson with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association, regarding the United States Forest Service Old Growth Plan Amendment. Mr. Christenson's email asked if the County wanted to be involved. Both Commissioner Ryan and Galovich agreed Hot Springs County should be involved as a cooperating agency. Commissioner Galovich volunteered to be the representative for the County. The Commissioners approved submission of a letter of interest to be involved with the US Forest Service Amendment for the Old Growth Plan as a Cooperating Agency.

**Confirmation of Official Bond for County Elected Official** – Since Kristina McNeff's appointment as the new Clerk of District Court a position bond was issued, instead of an individual bond, to keep the position bonded. Mrs. Logan stated the bond is legal and per statute. No memo was presented.

**Other Business** – 1) **Ratification of Support Letter for the Long Distance Rail Study for Amtrak** – An email notification was on the March 5, 2024, Agenda under Correspondence, for the Amtrak study requesting comments by March 8th. A support letter was submitted and needs ratification. The Commissioners ratified the Support Letter for the Long Distance Rail Study for Amtrak. 2) **Ratification of Support Letter for the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization to Representative Hageman** – The Wyoming County Commissioners Association reached out to the Counties requesting a support letter addressed to Representative Hageman informing her of the importance of this funding. Chairman Ryan stated this funding assists with County road projects, and the public schools. The Commissioners ratified the support letter to Representative Hageman for the Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act. 3) **Request for Approval of Interagency Agreement with the Wyoming Office of the Secretary of State** – County Clerk Kersten stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in regards to voter registration. This equipment is already budgeted for, if implemented. The electronic pollbook allows real-time verification of a new voter registering at the polls which helps prevent voter fraud before a ballot is cast. This verification is performed in the Clerk's office for voters registering at the polls, but not until after election day and a ballot has already been cast. This verification is a requirement of the federal law HAVA "Help America Vote Act." This system does not have anything to do with the ballots, only allows real-time communications with the State voter registration system, which is currently running in the Clerk's office, this is not a new system. County Clerk Kersten stated there will be support on site on election day. The Commissioners approved the Interagency Agreement with the Wyoming Secretary of State and the County. 4) **Request for Approval of Request for Reimbursement #1 for the 2024 NAVAID Maintenance in the Amount of \$4,754.40** – The Commissioners approved Request for Reimbursement #1 in the Amount of \$4,754.40 for the 2024 NAVAID Maintenance. 5) **Request for Approval of Facility Use Application, Annex Meeting Room, Hot Springs County Predatory Animal Management** –

The Commissioners approved the Facility Use Agreement for the Hot Springs County Predatory Animal Management District, for March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Correspondence** – 1) **Hot Springs County Fair Board Agenda and Minutes** – March and February 2024; 2) **Bureau of Land Management News Release** – BLM to Conduct Spring Prescribed Fire Projects in the Bighorn Basin; 3) **National Association of Counties** – Annual Conference July 2024; 4) **Bureau of Reclamation** – Issues Snowmelt Forecast for Bighorn River Basin; 5) **Wyoming Aeronautics Commission** – Business Meeting Agenda; 6) **Nancy Brown** – Thank you Card (Basket)

The Commissioners reviewed the forgoing correspondence. No further action was required.

Chairman Ryan read aloud a public statement Commissioner Scheel asked to be read in his absence:

In regards to information presented in the Independent Record about the Republican County Convention, resolutions passed by the committee in convention do not represent my views as an elected Hot Springs County Commissioner. I am not in favor of hand counts for all elections, nor am I supportive of "republic review" or any action taken as an elected county commissioner to identify constitutional violations. I encourage members of the public to engage in the process in order to be informed and help shape the message coming from our local political party organizations to the state level.

**Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on April 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person or stream online. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie.guntly@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516 (f), County information can be obtained at the County website <https://hscounty.com/> or by requesting a Public Records form from the County Clerk's office.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman  
 Becky Kersten, County Clerk

**Accounts Payable Warrants**

Vendor/Description	Amount
City Service Valcon/Aviation Gasoline Airport/Fund 30/\$9,207.96	
Engineering Design Assoc./Bal Owing Inv 14278-LEC plumbing/\$75.00	
Fremont Motor Comp./2023 Ford F350 PU – R&B Dept LATC/\$53,526.64	
Mortimore Funeral Home/Bal Owing - mlg & labor/\$300.00	
Pinnacle Bank (Visa Card 5)/A-41-A Repair Kits & Solid St Relays/\$180.80	
Pinnacle Bank (Visa Card 8)/Proportional Modulating Actuator/\$613.30	

**Total Warrants \$63,903.70**

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**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND  
 FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
 HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **S & L Industrial**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **B235025 in Washakie County**, consisting of **guardrail, grading and miscellaneous work**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick  
 Senior Budget Analyst  
 Budget Program  
 Wyoming Department of Transportation

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1584

**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND  
 FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
 HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **Croell, Inc.**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **N361068 in Washakie County**, consisting of **grading, milling, HPM, chip seal, bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the

Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick  
 Senior Budget Analyst  
 Budget Program  
 Wyoming Department of Transportation

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1583

STATE OF ) IN THE  
 WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
 ) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
 HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

No. CV2024-7

IN THE MATTER OF )  
 THE ESTATE OF )

DENNIS CLYDE WICKENHAUSER, )

Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of March, 2024, the estate of the above named Decedent was admitted to probate by the above named court, and that Leigh Vigil was appointed Administrator and Rexford Wickenhauser was appointed Co-Administrator thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Dennis Clyde Wickenhauser, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2024.

Leigh Vigil  
 Personal Representative

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1585

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
 JAN CARMEN GIPSON, a/k/a  
 JAN C. GIPSON, a/k/a  
 JAN GIPSON, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are notified that, under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205, Pamela Sue Goodrich, as a distributee of the above-captioned Estate ("Petitioner"), pursuant to the terms of the Last Will of Jan Carmen Gipson dated June 20, 2017 ("Will"), has filed a sworn Verified Application for Summary Decree of Distribution of Real Property ("Application") in the above-entitled court wherein she prays the real property and mineral interests herein described are set over to the distributees under the Will. Petitioner seeks to distribute all rights, titles, and interest held by the above-captioned Estate in and to the following real property and mineral interests, described, to-wit as follows:

**a.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon division order #5140247 (Hot Springs), located in Township 44 North, Range 96 West, Section 2 - ALL, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

**b.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon division order #5140229 (Big Horn), located in Lot 47-C (NW/4 NW/4 original survey) Section 26, Twp. 56 North, Rg. 97 West, 6th P.M., Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**c.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Phillips division order #812878 (Big Horn), located in the North 17 acres of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 26, Twp. 56 N. Range 97 W, Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**d.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon division order #5100075 (Big Horn), located in the north portion of the Southwest quarter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section twenty-six (26), Township fifty-six (56) North, Range ninety-seven (97) West, 6th P.M., containing seventeen (17) acres, more or less, situated in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**e.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon division order #5100517 (Big Horn), located in the Southwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/4 NE/4) of Section 23 (23), according to the original survey, also described as a part, or the Southwest quarter of the North Half (SW/4 N/2) of Lot 46, according to the resurvey, which Lot 46 embraces the E/2 of old Sec. 23, Twp. 56 N., R 97 W., Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**f.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon division order #5100272 (Big Horn), located in the north portion of the Southwest quarter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section twenty-six (26), township fifty-six (56) North, Range ninety-seven (97) West, 6th P.M., containing seventeen (17) acres, more or less, situated in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**g.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Wind River Exploration, located on Lot 96 G, Section 32, Township 56 North, Range 96 West (Keele Lease of the south Byron Field) Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**h.** One per cent (1%) of all oil and gas produced and saved from Lot 47-C (NE/4 NW/4 original survey) Section 26, Twp. 56 North, Rg. 97 West, 6th P. M., Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W.O. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged June 21, 1930, and recorded November 13, 1930, in Book 59, Warranty Deeds, on page 147, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**i.** One per cent (1%) of all oil and gas lying in and under and which may be produced and saved from the following described land: Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW/4 NE/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), according to the original survey, also described as a part, or the Southwest quarter of the North Half (SW/4 N/2) of Lot 46, according to the resurvey, which Lot 46 embraces the E/2 of old Sec. 23, Twp. 56 N., R. 97 W., Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W.O. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged June 7, 1930, and recorded June 9, 1930, in Book 57 W. D., on page 568, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**j.** An undivided three-fourths (3/4ths) of one percent (1%) of all oil and/or gas lying in and under or produced and sold from the following described lands:

The north portion of the Southwest quarter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Fifty-six (56) North, Range Ninety-seven (97) West, 6th P. M., containing seventeen (17) acres, more or less, situated in Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from John D. Lindsay and Florence Lindsay, his wife, to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged December 30, 1946, and recorded January 13, 1947, in Book 72 on page 639, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**k.** Three-fourths of one percent (3/4ths of 1%) of all oil and gas lying in and under and which may be produced and saved from the following described land:

Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter (SE/4 NE/4) and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Thirty-one (31); Lots 2 and 96 F of Section Thirty-two (32) Township Fifty-six (56) North of Range Ninety-six (96) West of the 6th P. M., containing 177.57 acres, in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W. O. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged May 26, 1930, and recorded June 9, 1930, in Book 57 W. Deeds, on page 567, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**l.** One-fourth of one per cent (1/4 of 1%) royalty interest in all oil and gas produced and sold from the following described land: W/2 Lot 96 G (SW/4 SW/4) Section 32, Township 56 North, Range 96 West, 6th P. M., Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

**m.** One-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%) royalty interest in all oil and gas produced and sold from the following described land: E/2 lot 96 G (SW/4 SW/4) Sec. 32, Twp. 56 N., Rg. 96 W., 6th P. M., Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

**n.** Two per cent (2%) of all the oil and gas lying in and under and which may be produced and saved from the following real estate and real property in Big Horn County, Wyoming: South half of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (S/2 SW/4 NW/4) Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West, containing twenty acres.

Held under two warranty deeds (each covering a one per cent (1%) interest from James William Harston and Mary E. Harston (grantee blank), dated and acknowledged March 7, 1929 (unrecorded).

**o.** Five-eighths of one per cent (5/8ths of 1%) of the oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances produced and marketed out of the two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) overriding royalty reserved by the assignor covering: Township 54 North, Range 93 West 6th P. M., Big Horn County, Wyoming:

Sec. 5, S/2 SW/4, W/2 SE/4; Sec. 6, NW/4 SE/4; Sec. 7, NE/4; Sec. 8, W/2 NE/4, NW/4; Sec. 19, NE/4, E/2 NW/4, Lots 1, 2, 3, NE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, containing 1079.74 acres more or less.

Held under assignment of oil royalty from Geraldine Louise Esch (holder of oil and gas lease from the United States, being Buffalo, Wyoming, Serial No. 037986 covering above-described land) to Louis M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged November 29, 1947 (unrecorded).

**p.** One and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%) royalty of all oil and gas produced and saved from the following described lands located in the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming: The South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S/2 NE/4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West of the 6th P. M.

Held under assignment of royalty from S. C. Ferdig to L. M. Nelson, dated and ac-

# Ten conservation groups sue to protect wolves

by David Velazquez  
Casper Star-Tribune  
Via Wyoming News  
Exchange

play and delayed killing of the wolf last week sparked outrage online.

Daniel resident Cody Roberts allegedly ran the wolf down with a snowmobile — which is legal in Wyoming — and later brought the wolf into Green River Bar with its mouth taped shut before killing the wolf behind the bar.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department fined Roberts \$250 for possessing a live wolf. Further charges are unclear, as the wolf was caught in an area where little regulation is needed to kill wolves, and animal cruelty statutes don't apply to hunting predatory animals.

"The current killing regimes in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming put wolves at obvious risk of extinction in the foreseeable future, and this core population is key to wolf survival in the West," Erik Molva, Executive Director of Western Watersheds Project, said in a press release. "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is playing politics, pretending that the anti-wolf agendas of state governments con-

stitute adequate conservation regulations and that the small and vulnerable condition of fledgling wolf populations elsewhere in the West somehow protect the species from extinction."

Gray wolves in Wyoming were delisted from the endangered species list in April 2017.

The FWS in a press release announcing their delisting said that Wyoming's "annual wolf numbers reveal an enduring healthy population, with approximately 377 wolves in 52 packs with 25 breeding pairs."

A Wyoming Game and Fish study from Dec. 2022 found that at least 338 wolves in more than 41 packs, including at least 23 breeding pairs, inhabited Wyoming statewide.

The conservation groups allege that some of the studies used to determine the stability of the wolf population included a "deeply flawed modeling exercise," and that other studies found that the Montana wolf population model was biased, overestimating total wolf

populations by as much as 50%.

"The service's finding seems to give the green light for states hostile to wolves to follow suit with Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming's aggressive killing regimes if they are eventually delisted and transferred to state management West wide," Western Environmental Law Center attorney Kelly Nokes said. "But wolves have yet to recover across vast portions of the West, and they exist in only small populations in the West Coast. In Colorado habitats, they are slowly rehabilitating. This legal challenge asks only for the protections needed for this iconic species to be rightfully restored across the West's wild landscapes—protections that some states have shown only the Endangered Species Act can really provide."

Independent Cattleman of Wyoming Secretary Judy McCullough told the Star-Tribune the statewide protection of the wolf would cause problems for ranchers.

She told the Star-Tribune when the wolf was federally protected in Wyoming "it became a desperate situation, which is why the governor at the time and the legislature worked hard to get what we got."

Wyoming has management areas for wolves. Wolves can be hunted as a trophy animal in the northwest part of the state with regulations and with a license.

No wolf hunting is allowed in Yellowstone National Park.

Wolves can be killed with

little regulation — no license is required — in any other portion of the state as wolves are defined as predators.

"One thing about ranchers is we do have respect for life — I don't think that there's a rancher out there who wasn't sickened by the idea of what that guy did," McCullough said. "They're more angry about what that might do to them if they (relist that predator.)"

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**HSC School District**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thurs., April 11**  
HS Spring Festival Band and Choir Showcase, auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Fri., April 12**  
Golf at Sheridan HS Track at Rawlins

**Sat., April 13**  
TMS Track at Riverton

**INDEPENDENT RECORD**

**SCHOOL MENU**

**What's For Lunch?**

**MON., APRIL 15**  
Cheeseburger with Garnish, Carrots, Baked Beans, Apples

**TUES., APRIL 16**  
Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Carrots, Pineapple

**WED., APRIL 17**  
Chicken Nuggets, Carrots, Broccoli, Oranges

**THURS., APRIL 18**  
Spaghetti and Meatballs, Bread Stick, Cucumbers, Carrots, Mangos

**FRI., APRIL 19**  
Turkey and Cheese Wrap, Cucumbers, Apples

All meals include vegetable, fruit and milk. (Menu subject to changes.)

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## Public notices

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knowledge July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

q. One and one-fourth per cent (1-1/4%) royalty of all oil and gas produced and saved from the following described lands located in the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming:

Southwest quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), and the South half of the South half of the Northwest Quarter (S/2 S/2 NW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West of the 6th P. M., and containing 198 acres, more or less, according to the Government survey thereof.

Held under assignment of royalty from S. C. Ferdig to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

r. A two per cent (2%) royalty of all the oil or gas or kindred substance produced and saved from the following described lands in the County of Big Horn and State of Wyoming:

Northwest quarter of Southwest quarter (NW/4 SE/4) of Section Seventeen (17); Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-seven (97) West of the 6th P. M., containing 80 acres, more or less, according to the Government survey.

Held under assignment of royalty from J. N. Thelen to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

s. A two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) royalty of all the oil or gas or kindred substance produced and saved from the following described lands located in the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming:

Southwest quarter of Southwest quarter (SW/4 SW/4) of Section Seventeen (17); South half of Southeast quarter (S/2 SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-seven (97) West of the 6th P. M., Wyoming, containing 130 acres.

Held under assignment of royalty from J. N. Thelen to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

t. A one per cent (1%) royalty of all the oil or gas produced from the following described lands:

SE/4 SE/4 (RES. PT. Lot 37) Section 16, Twp. 56, Rg. 97, Big Horn County, Wyoming, containing 40.00 acres, more or less.

Reserved in assignment of oil and gas lease on above-described lands given by

Louis M. Nelson to Bessie B. Osborne, dated and acknowledged April 24, 1944.

u. A two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) royalty interest in and to all the oil or gas located in or under or hereafter found or discovered and produced or marketed from the following described land situated in Big Horn County, Wyoming:

Lots One Hundred Eighteen-A (118-A), Township Fifty-five (55) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West, and One Hundred Eighteen-I (118-I) and Ninety-six-H (96-H), Township Fifty-six (56) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian., Wyoming.

Held under royalty deed from W. O. Taylor and Florence B. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged September 30, 1944, and recorded November 1, 1944, in Book 70 Deeds, at page 224, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

v. One and one-quarter per cent (1-1/4%) of all oil or gas produced and saved from the following described lands, located in the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming, to-wit:

Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (SE/4 NW/4) and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW/4 NE/4) of Section Twenty-six, Township Fifty-six, North of Range Ninety-seven, West of the 6th P. M.

Held under assignment of royalty from W. O. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged June 21, 1930 (unrecorded).

w. A one and one-fourth per cent (1-1/4%) overriding royalty interest in all oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances produced and marketed from the following described lands situated in the County of Weston, State of Wyoming:

The East Half (E/2) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Forty-six (46) North, Range Sixty-five (65) West, Weston County, Wyoming, being State of Wyoming lease No. 0-4596, dated October 2, 1947, and containing 320 acres, more or less.

Held under assignment of oil royalty from A. T. Arthur to L. M. Nelson dated and acknowledged October 19, 1948, and recorded November 28, 1949, in Block 38 of Placer, page 380, Weston County, Wyoming, records.

x. An undivided one-eighth of one per cent (1/8th of 1%) in all oil, gas and other minerals lying under or which may be produced from the following described land:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SE/4) of Section Six (6), Township Fifty-seven (57) North of Range One Hundred One (101), West, in Park County, Wyoming, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Held under assignment of royalty deed of interest in mineral reservations from W. W. Gail to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged September 18, 1946, and recorded September 25, 1946, in Book 128 on page 387, Park County, Wyoming, records.

y. A five per cent (5%) royalty of all the oil, gas and kindred substances produced and saved from the following described land located in the County of Park, State of Wyoming:

SE/4 Section 8; S/2 of the SE/4 Section 17; NE/4, E/2 of the SE/4 Section 20; all of Section 21; SW/4 Section 22; S/2, SW/4 of the NE/4 Section 27; and the NE/4; Section 28; all in Township 57 North, Range 98 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Park County, Wyoming, containing 1800 acres, more or less, according to the Government survey thereof.

Held under two assignments of royalty (each covering 2-1/2% royalty) from Cody Petroleum Company to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged July 10, 1929, and recorded July 22, 1929, in Book 79 on page 124, and Book 79 on Page 125, of the records of Park County, Wyoming.

Also, additional royalty interest in the last above-described lands, as follows:

Assignment of seven-eighths of one per cent (7/8ths of 1%) royalty from S. A. Mikalson to L. M. Nelson dated and acknowledged March 5, 1930 (unrecorded).

Assignment of one-eighth of one per cent (1/8th of 1%) royalty from W. W. Gail as managing trustee for Gail's Associated Royalties, dated and acknowledged August 15, 1930.

z. An undivided one-twenty-fifth (1/25th) of the mineral royalty (coal excepted) which may be produced from the South Half (1/2) of Section 29, Twp. 34 N., Range 76 West - Converse County, Wyoming, containing 320 acres, more or less.

Held under assignment from E. M. Cooper to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged June 8, 1943, and recorded June 10, 1948, in Book 217 at page 271, Converse County, Wyoming, records.

Subject, as to E/2 SE/4 said Section 29-34N-76W, to oil and gas lease from L. M. Nelson and Genevieve S. Nelson to Ed. F. Kolacny for a term of five years, dated July 14, 1950, and acknowledged August 22, 1950,

and by the said Ed. F. Kolacny assigned to Phillips Petroleum Co.

aa. An undivided two and one-half per cent (2-1/2%) overriding royalty of all oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances produced, saved and sold from the following described land:

The East Half of the East Half (E/2 E/2) of Section 16, Township 32 North, Range 95 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, containing 160 acres, more or less, Fremont County, Wyoming, reserved by the said Louis M. Nelson in written assignment dated July 9, 1947 to R. S. Shannon covering State of Wyoming Oil and Gas lease No. 0-2511.

If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first day of publication, to wit April 11, 2024, the Court shall enter a Decree of Summary Distribution vesting title to the aforementioned real property and mineral interests in the name of the distributes under the Will. Any other personal property belonging to the Deceased in Wyoming, if any, that could be distributed in this ancillary summary probate proceeding will be collected by the Petitioner via small estate affidavit procedures as allowed pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205(h).

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2024.

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Public Notice

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 at 7:00pm. At Town Hall to review the Home Occupation of Julie Mathews, to operate a Buying, Selling, and Transfer of Firearms, at 118 S. 8th St., in the LDR. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285.

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