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Public Hearing on State Animal Feeding Operation Draft Permit for Blackhawk Farms

Date: November 19, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CST

Place: Barnes County Courthouse
230 4th St. NW
Valley City, ND 58072

PURPOSE: Public hearing to provide all interested persons an opportunity to present oral or written comments on issuance of a state animal feeding operation permit to Blackhawk Farms.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The permit application is for a proposed swine barn located 14 miles north and 7 miles east of Valley City, ND. The site is in the NW ¼ of Section 13, Township 142 N, Range 57 W, 5th Prime Meridian. The application indicates the facility would have a maximum of 8,461 head of swine, equivalent to 3,161 animal units.

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