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Sunrise Coal Wins a Reversal on Water



Plans of the Sunrise Coal Company to place a new mine in southwestern Vermillion County have taken a big step forward. The Homer Village Board has reversed a decision it made last month, and now says it will supply up to 20,000 gallons of treated water a day and sewer services for the mine.

Jonathan Ashbrook of rural Homer was disappointed, but adds the fight against the mine is not over....

Charles Goodall of rural Sidell says he was not surprised by the reversal....



But Homer Mayor David Lucas says the Village can meet the mine's demands...

Sunrise Coal had no immediate reaction to the vote, but a company spokesman said there will likely be a statement later.

Last night's vote approving the water and sewer ordinance with Sunrise Coal passed by a four to three vote. Last month's vote was also four to three, but at that time four members voted against the agreement.

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