

January 19, 2024 Minutes of Crofte Township Special Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kurtis. All Board members present. The purpose of the meeting is to vote whether the Township supports the CO2 pipeline and what action should be taken based on the voting.

Curtis Juntz Gibbs Township was the first speaker. He has 40 years+ experience with natural gas pipelines and spoke of the dangers of CO2. Low concentrations of CO2 can cause quick death. CO2 has no odor and can't be seen. It was recommended the Township adopt Burleigh County Ordinances. Beware of the misinformation that is out there. There are stories about underhanded tactics used by Summit to secure easements.

Jeff Magrum from Emmons County spoke. There is a meeting next Friday at 3:00, Pioneer Room at the Capitol. It would be a good idea to have a resolution in by then.

Randy Fricke wanted to know if there was any rescue equipment for CO2 emergencies. No one knew of any. Gas engines won't run without oxygen. Curtis Juntz said he spoke with the Bismarck Fire Chief. There is no equipment, no plan, and no training in case of a pipeline rupture. The PSC should be sent a letter.

Kevin Seher spoke about the pipeline and the amount of pressure in a 2 ft pipeline. Jeff Burgess from Linde Gas (Praxair) spoke about CO2 under pressure and that is how they make dry ice. There is a CO2 shortage. CO2 is used in many industries but companies make more money selling it the government so it has become hard to get. There is no easy way to shut down a pipeline once it has ruptured. Many miles of valves would have to be closed, slow process.

SuAnn Olson, District 8 spoke about the potential loss in property values if the pipeline is allowed. No one wants to live next to a CO2 pipeline. Galen Becker brought up how many miles CO2 can drift after a rupture. Over 16 miles. Donna Magrum, an insurance agent brought up the fact that many insurance companies would not cover a CO2 rupture because it is considered a hazardous material. One man said that his insurance co told him they would not renew his insurance if it had a CO2 pipeline.

A vote was taken of the residents. 27 voted a unanimous NO. We will support Burleigh County Rule and support their zoning ordinances. Under discussion was to issue letters to the PSC and to Burleigh County. Also, to get ahold of Mitch Flanagan about adopting our own township resolution. The Board will talk on Monday.

Kurtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kirby seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RESOLUTION 24-01

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CROFTE TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH, NORTH DAKOTA
Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project

Whereas, the Board of Crofte Township Officers is committed to ensuring the health and safety of Crofte Township residents and

Whereas, the Board of Crofte Township Officers are aware of the landowners right to use their property as they see fit within the confines of the Burleigh County Zoning Ordinance and

Whereas, the possible use of Eminent Domain to acquire the needed acreage for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project.

Now be it resolved by the Board of Crofte Township Officers is opposed to the use of eminent domain to acquire property for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline Project.

Now be it resolved by the Board of Crofte Township Officers is in support of Burleigh County Zoning Ordinances.

Now be it resolved by the Board of Crofte Township Officers is opposed to the placement of any Hazardous Liquid Pipeline within the territory of Crofte Township without following the current zoning regulations as adopted by Burleigh County.

Be it further resolved the Crofte Township "Secretary is hereby authorized to file this resolution for record in the office of the County Recorder, Burleigh County, North Dakota.

Adopted this 24 day of January 2024

CERTIFICATE

I, Brenda Scher do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary for the Crofte Township, in the County of Burleigh, North Dakota, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Crofte Township at a special meeting of January, 19, 2024.