

April 4, 2012

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 11:00 a.m. with Chairman Tom W. Bruce presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Tom W. Bruce, Marty Ertman, Jerry Shepperson, and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioners Lenard D. Seeley and Randy Rossman were not present for the special meeting.

ONEOK Pipeline

Brad Borrer, Oneok Pipeline Communications Supervisor, and Mick Urban, Oneok Pipeline Government Relations, met with the Commissioners to discuss progress on the Bakken Pipeline. Mr. Borrer began by providing background details of the 500 mile long pipeline project, which is proposed to travel through Weston County. Once completed the 12 inch pipeline will have the capacity of transporting 60,000 to 110,000 barrels of Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) per day. Mr. Borrer stated that Kansas and Texas are the two main receiving sites for the NGL which will be collected. Chairman Bruce requested a GIS map for Weston County prior to Oneok beginning construction in the county. Mr. Urban stated that the company will work with the Road & Bridge Department and the Homeland Security Coordinator once the project moves closer to Weston County. Currently the pipeline construction is approximately 88 miles North of Sundance. Fire hazards were discussed as well as noxious weed control, re-seeding of the construction areas and monitoring of the pipeline. Mr. Borrer explained that after the pipeline is completed there will be one Oneok employee per 100 miles of pipeline dedicated to monitoring. Commissioner Shepperson expressed the extreme importance of private property rights. Mr. Urban addressed a letter from Cindy Delancy, Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA); detailing the fact that pipe for the project will be offloaded in Nebraska. This will not allow Weston County to collect the use tax for the stored pipe. Mr. Urban explained that Nebraska has a facility which will add a necessary protective coating to the pipe before installation; Wyoming does not have a facility which offers this service. Commissioner Ertman requested all Weston County Roads crossed by the pipeline be bored to a depth of ten feet as required by the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Commissioner Ertman also requested a copy of the emergency response plan and directed Mr. Urban to deliver a copy to Doug Jorrey the Homeland Security Coordinator.

The hour being 11:40 a.m. Chairman Bruce opened the meeting for public comment.

General questions regarding pump stations and cathodic protection were answered by Mr. Urban. Block valves will be installed every ten miles; these valves will allow a section of pipeline to be isolated. Bill Lambert, concerned citizen, cautioned that other products are allowed in the pipeline and advised the Commissioners to double check any agreement to make sure they are notified of any changes. Nicky Groenewold, concerned citizen, discussed land with sink holes and caverns on the proposed pipeline route. Mr. Urban stated that the geological studies would help determine the best route for the pipeline. Additional topics including environmental issues, the NEPA process, and Federal Lands within Weston County were discussed. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Attest: Mamie C. Krank
County Clerk

Tom W. Bruce
Chairman