

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING
JANUARY 26, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Special Meeting was called to order on January 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerbst Rapp, Greg B. Starck, County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, ONEOK Partners Government Relations representatives Steve Johnson and Mick Urban, ONEOK Partners Corporate Communications representative Brad Borrer, County Attorney Doyle J. Davies, Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas, Town of Lusk Mayor Pat Smith, Town of Lusk Council members Nola Blackburn and Mark Kupke, Niobrara County Assessor Elaine Griffith, Assessor's Office/Landowner Janette Starck, Niobrara County Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator Kester Akers, Niobrara County Sheriff Rick L. Zerbe, Landowners Pat Wade and Dan Hanson, Town of Lusk City Attorney Dennis C. Meier, Lusk Herald reporter Brandie Bartelt, Lusk Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief John Eddy, and Town of Lusk employee Todd Skrukud.

Chairman Ladwig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to allow ONEOK Partners the opportunity to present information regarding their proposal to build a Natural Gas Liquids pipeline through Niobrara County.

Chairman Ladwig turned the floor over to Steve Thompson, ONEOK partner. Mr. Thompson gave a brief history of the company and informed the group about ONEOK's proposal to construct an approximate 500-mile natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline through easternmost Montana and Wyoming, including Niobrara County, where it will connect to the Overland Pass Pipeline in northern Colorado.

Mr. Thompson discussed the construction of the pipeline, where they would like to install it, what federal and state regulations they must adhere to and any environmental, cultural and/or wetlands surveys they would need to complete. He stated that the pipeline will be laid underground all the way with 2-3 pump stations to be installed. He further stated that this year they plan to be permitting and surveying and hope to begin construction by 2012 and be in operation by 2013.

Some questions posed by members of the audience included who would be doing archeological surveys-someone from their company or someone familiar with this area; can the landowner still use land for its existing purposes, what will the impact on the population be, and where will the pipe be unloaded?

Mr. Thompson stated that ONEOK Partners has someone who will do the surveys and will visit with local residents in the area. He also said that the landowners can continue to use the land for its existing purposes as long as no permanent structures are erected over the pipeline. He expected around 200 total construction employees up and down the pipeline with approximately 10- 20 men crews. He also said that the pipeline would be railed in and unloaded, however he was unsure where it would be unloaded.

The issue of permits for crossing county roads was discussed as well as planning and zoning requirements.

There being no further comments, Chairman Ladwig adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard A. Ladwig
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman



Attest:

Becky L. Freeman
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk