

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
OCTOBER 5, 2011

The Niobrara County Commissioners' Special Meeting was called to order on October 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Arlene Zerst Rapp and Greg B. Starck, County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, ONEOK Partners representatives Brad Boyer, Mick Urban and Megan Lewis, Niobrara Electric Association Manager Sheldon Albertson, Niobrara County Assessor Elaine Griffith, Road & Bridge Foreman Fred Thomas, Niobrara Chamber of Commerce Director Jackie Bredthauer, Town of Lusk Mayor Pat Smith, Town of Lusk Council member Nola Blackburn, Progressive Pathway representatives and landowners Patrick Wade, Dan Hanson and Cheryl Lund and landowners Ronda Pfister, Russ and Sena Pearson, Dean Fosher, John Bruch, Michael Kane and Bruce Kilmer.

The group met to discuss the proposed pipeline that would run through eastern Niobrara County. ONEOK Partners is planning to construct a \$430 million to \$500 million, approximately 525-mile, natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline that will transport raw, unfractionated NGLs from natural gas processing plants in the Bakken Shale play in North Dakota to the company's 50% owned existing Overland Pass Pipeline.

ONEOK is proposing that construction will begin in the second quarter of 2012 with the pipeline in service by the first half of 2013. A 12" diameter pipeline will be buried approximately three feet below the ground surface and will initially transport up to 60,000 barrels per day (bpd). With additional pump facilities, the pipeline has the potential to transport up to 110,000 bpd.

The landowners and Progressive Pathway members brought up concerns they had regarding easements. Some landowners addressed the issue of surveyors not giving the appropriate notification to cross their land.

Pat Wade explained that Progressive Pathways' intent is not to fight the pipeline, but to work with ONEOK to negotiate the best terms and conditions for the land owners and protect their property rights.

Sheldon Albertson had questions about the location of the booster station because he has to order a transformer and it could take up to a year to get here.

Most of the audience was in agreement that communication between the landowners and surveyors/ right of way locators has been vague and difficult at best.

ONEOK stated they would have a debriefing with the company after this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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*Richard A. Ladwig*  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

*Becky L. Freeman*

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