

January 29, 2025

Attention: House Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing

Subject: Opposition to eminent domain

I have testified that my financial offer for over one mile of Summit Carbon easement is the equivalent of 10 gallons of milk per week for 99 years. My heirs cannot settle for milk money. I am oppose to eminent domain based on the following timeline & testimony.

Timeline of Events:

October 7th, 2021- Richland County parcel illegal survey conducted on Sec 03 T135N R51W. I happened upon a surveyor leaving my cornfield when driving by. I notified NDSU Ag Department, they told me that Tom Bray with the TRC said they were only on land they were given permission. This is totally false.

The surveyor said when he was pressed hard by me that he was dropped off and was to call a cell when he was to be picked up. Wade Boeshans and Jimmy Powell were notified in emails on October 7th, 2021, and replied, Powell acknowledged the issue via the NDSU Ag Department, of which I have a copy.

December 2021- When I went to pay my Richland County taxes, I inquired at different departments in the courthouse if anyone had heard of Midwest Carbon Express, they said they had not.

February 2022- I went to Richland County EMS, Brett Lambrecht and asked if he had any proposed pipeline maps, he said he had none and was not aware of who Midwest Carbon Express was.

March 2022- I went back to Richland County EMS office and still no maps. I was given Jay Volk's number in Iowa which I called and was told they would get back to me. He never returned my call.

April 2022 - My closest family member was diagnosed with cancer, due to extended trips to Mayo at Rochester MN my Midwest Carbon Express/ Summit Carbon communication became very intermittent. I was still trying to find out what was going on and there was no response to me either via phone or e-mail.

July 11th, 2022- letter from Dimeo's offices stating they had made numerous attempts to obtain voluntary consent to access my property to determine a beneficial route for proposed pipeline. This is completely false, I had no phone calls or voicemails or missed calls, etc. nor did they physically come to my door (Ring Camera) . As I noted above on October 7th, 2021 I caught them surveying my land Powell already acknowledged in the e-mail noted above. This was parcel Sec 03 T135N R51W. I called 701-638-1032 , Summit's Bismarck number and I left a message that I did not want the pipeline on my land.

April 22nd, 2023- I attended the PSC Wahpeton hearing and discuss with Summit representative (Powell) that I did not want the pipeline on my land for the reasons I already stated. I did not testify in front of the Commission at that meeting.

June 2nd, 2023- Bismarck PSC hearing. I testified in front of the Commission I had a conversation with Jimmy Powell (Witness in attendance) where I explained in detail the current route would harm my development quarter. I had the appraisal with me and he said "Summit Carbon had paid way more than 30,000 an acre before and it shouldn't be a problem," I explained to him I had an alternative route which would be my CRP/ pasture quarter. He said if it was possible they would look into it. I never received a response from anyone.

May 24th, 2024- Wahpeton PSC hearing. I testified in front of the Commission period to summarize this testimony I requested the pipeline be removed from the middle of the best producing quarter of land (Sec 14T135N,R51W) to the outside perimeter of the ease of farming and protection of the most productive land. I testified about the value of the development quarter (Sec 03 T135N, R51W) in the question and answer part after my testimony, Commissioner Sherri Haugen- Hoffert asked me which one of my two parcels is the most important to you to have a reroute? I testified that it would be the development quarter Sec 03 T135N R51W (160 acres).

The offer I received from Summit is the financial equivalent to 10 gallons of milk a week for 99 years, ironically this same amount of money my mother received when she milked cows on this land in the 1950s. If I accepted this offer, I would be accepting "milk money" for my heirs born and unborn in exchange for a 99 year lease to a multibillion dollar pipeline.

June 25, 26, 27 and July 1st 2024- Wade Boeshans called and said they would investigate a reroute survey on the farming quarter of land, Sec 14 T 135 N, R51W. A survey was done with the proposed route from the center of this quarter to the east border. I discussed with Boeshans the development land value of my home quarter of land, Sec 03 T135N R51W

that I was in the fastest growing school district southwest of Horace. Rural water was already in place for development.

The next generation within four to six years is poised to develop this land. He said it was **“too late.”** I reiterated that it couldn't possibly be too late because I had brought it to Summit's attention multiple times beginning in 2021 as noted above in my timeline notes. If you grant eminent domain, it forces my descendants and unborn heirs to accept 10 gallons of milk per week for giving up a one mile easement to a multi billion dollar private investors.

September 16th 2024 -Bismarck PSC working session. I attended public comments were closed. I wore a name tag that showed my name location and “Unresolved.”

I respectfully oppose eminent domain based upon my tragic circumstances.

Regards,

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