

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, IL,
ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Delbert Kreps at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Patsy Davis, Tom Rodgers, Tom Bergmeier, Gary Stansbery, Harry Douglas, Jan Fleming, Mark Hanson, Katherine Phillips, Wayne Bollin, Andrew Asbury, Dennis Castlebury, Pat Cramer and Delbert Kreps. Visitors included Holly Wilde-Tillman, John Simon, Danielle Anderson with Navigator, Rachel Mast, and several members of the community. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Kreps gave the invocation. Ms. Wilde-Tillman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several members of local operator unions spoke of the CO2 pipeline. They stated Navigator's technology is above and beyond. They want it done right and done safely. Navigator has hired the most experienced engineers and operators to work the pipeline, who have many years of experience, and are highly trained and qualified. Steve Finney arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Danielle Anderson from Navigator CO2 was in attendance who gave a presentation and answered many questions of the committee. Their job is to bus the CO2 from one spot to another. There will be 31 miles of pipeline in Hancock County. The county will receive around \$600,000/year in payments because it cannot be taxed in Illinois. It also brings commerce to the county. They would need a 50-foot permanent easement on the route with an additional 60-foot temporary easement. The landowners will get 20% payment upfront and 80% before construction starts. They also have the option of a one-time lump sum, whichever the landowner prefers.

The pipeline is at least 5 feet underground plus 1 foot below any tile, etc. The safety of the CO2 pipeline was discussed. The pipe normalizes the ground temperature. There is plume dispersion modeling which can forecast impact areas. There have thicker pipe walls and closer valve spacing. They will install a warning tape 2 feet above the line in the ground. They will have fiberoptics along the trench line to listen for any leaks. There is a control room that tracks the pipeline 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. CO2 is nonflammable. They are working on a phone alert system if there is a compromise.

It was asked if there was any time that the \$600,000 would sunset. Ms. Anderson explained that usually there is a 30-year contract and then renewed. She does not know the legal terms. It differs from county to county.

If there is a malfunction there would be an immediate crater in the earth from the pressure, there will be frost along that foot print, and then a cloud. When it starts precipitating it will go to the ground. There is no damage to the earth once it hits the ground. People who are exposed to this would have trouble breathing, nauseousness, and headaches.

Joseph Murphy was on the phone to explain the litigation. The cost for Hancock County to intervene will be in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range which will be split up between all the counties involved. Mr. Menn made a motion to enter into the resolution approving intervening in the CO2 pipeline. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Hanson, Fleming, Bergmeier, Finney, Bollin, Asbury, Phillips voting yes, and Douglas, Rodgers, Cramer, Davis, Stansbery, and Kreps voting no. Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps expressed that option 1 with the EMS is not feasible. We have had 6 directors in the last 8 years.

Discussion about the ambulance was ensued. Both options financially were discussed. It will cost an estimated \$1.2 million to run the ambulance in Hancock County. Citizen safety was expressed if we did not have an ambulance in the county. Option #3 was also mentioned where we could have Mr. Simon as a consultant for \$200/hour.

Ms. Phillips made a motion to go with Option #1.

It was expressed that we are not ready to make an absolute decision tonight. We need to know if we are going to sell the ambulance building, and we need to figure out funding.

Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Menn, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Bergmeier, Finney, Davis, Asbury, Stansbery, and Phillips voting "yes". Douglas, Bollin, Cramer, Castlebury, and Kreps voting "no". Motion carried.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Douglas with Ms. Fleming seconding. All members present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk