

**HUTCHINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 07-008**  
**KEYSTONE PIPELINE PROJECT**

Moved by Stern, seconded by Sandhoff to authorize the adoption of the following resolution. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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WHEREAS, the Hutchinson County Commissioners have as part of its mission the desire to improve the lives and provide for the safety of the citizens of Hutchinson County and to maximize the tax base of the County; and

WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners are aware that TransCanada, a North American energy infrastructure company, intends to build a 2,148 mile crude oil pipeline, named the Keystone Pipeline as a timely and innovative solution to meet the need for energy in the United States, which shall traverse rural property in Hutchinson County, South Dakota on the route from Hardisty, Alberta to Wood River and Patoka, Illinois and Cushing, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners are aware that receiving oil from a reliable and secure onshore oil source such as the oil sands of northern Alberta will help reduce the United States' reliance on oil from offshore sources such as the Middle East and will help bring added competition to the world oil markets thus improving the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners believe that transporting oil by underground pipeline is the safest and most reliable way to transport oil to production facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners are aware that a portion of this oil pipeline will run through the eastern portion of South Dakota in Marshall, Day, Clark, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Hanson, McCook, Hutchinson and Yankton counties and that the line will run on land acquired by easement through negotiations between TransCanada and private landowners; and

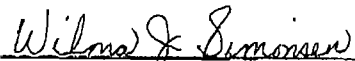
WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners are satisfied that TransCanada will be required to take all steps necessary to obtain permits from both federal and state regulatory agencies and county authorities to ensure the safety of the public and the environmental protection of the land; and

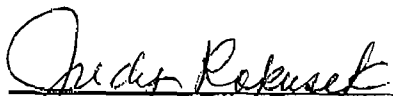
WHEREAS, Hutchinson County Commissioners calls on TransCanada to respect the rights of landowners across South Dakota and be a good steward of the land which it shall cross; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Hutchinson County Commissioners do support the Keystone Pipeline Project and believes that TransCanada will be a positive corporate neighbor, a good steward of the land, and a positive contributor of the economy of South Dakota during the construction of the pipeline and beyond.

Roll Call Vote:

Laffey-Yes  
Stern-Yes  
Rokusek-Yes  
Henke-Yes  
Sandhoff-Yes.

  
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Wilma J Simonsen  
County Auditor

  
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Judith Rokusek  
Chairman of the Board