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1. The Niemi grandparents homesteaded nearly a century ago. Throughout time, the Niemis have endured blizzards, droughts and harsh economic conditions and have still paid real estate taxes, mortgages, etc. regarding this ranch.
2. The property owners should not bear any liability and the entire liability is 100% the pipeline company and the company should have a bond posted the entire time of the project. The bonds need to be easily accessible by the property owner.
3. There has to be a reclamation bond. Absolutely no exceptions! As property owners have seen too many times, foreign corporations do not clean up their mess.
4. The de-commissioning of the pipeline has to be stated procedure with the PUC permit and a sunset date. When de-commissioned, the pipeline company has to remove the pipe and reclaim the soil.
5. No covenants or restrictions on the surface of the property that the pipeline is buried.
6. Also, general pipeline property owners' concerns relative to the soil and habitat of Harding County including, but not limited to, the Native American and paleontology issues.