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*“Yet the ethanol industry is under tremendous pressure going forward. Fuel markets worldwide are demanding a less carbon intensive product. And renewable fuels produced elsewhere are seeking to meet that demand squarely. Carbon capture and sequestration represent the most economical way, by far to lower carbon scores and meet the developing demand. Without carbon capture and sequestration, our state’s renewable fuel industry is at a disadvantage and future opportunities at risk. **One can’t be for ethanol and be against carbon capture at the same time. That is a position which doesn’t exist in the real world.**”*

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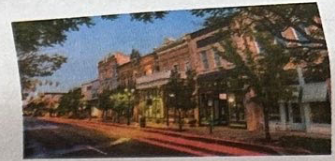
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Projects like carbon capture create strange alliances that challenge us all to really understand what is happening and who is behind it.

For example, anti-pipeline farmers in South Dakota are working with a group that advertises itself as the "South Dakota Easement Team."

The "South Dakota Easement Team" is an anti-ethanol group based out of the law offices of Domina Law in Omaha, Nebraska. It has been noted in the recent

past that Domina Law attorney Brian Jorde "is working with the Sierra Club" in opposition to a proposed state-of-the-art carbon capture pipeline, according to a media report

Jorde and the Sierra Club's Jessica Mazour "co-host weekly Zoom strategy sessions for landowners who oppose the pipeline." They've also filed legal documents with the South Dakota PUC accusing pipeline developers of not following the letters of the law.

While Jorde tries to pretend that

he is a friend to farmers and landowners, his close alliance with the radical Sierra Club, a longtime opponent of the ethanol industry, demonstrates his true motivations.

The Sierra Club "opposes further deployment of corn-based ethanol." It also complains that Americans may be "stuck with corn ethanol forever."

South Dakota farmers and landowners won't be fooled by Jorde's "Easement Team" front groups that are based in his Nebraska law office.

See the screen grab below from the South Dakota Easement Team website, which directs people to the phone number for the Domina Law office; Jorde's Nebraska headquarters.

South Dakota Easement Team

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