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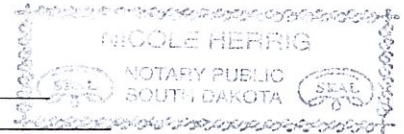
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# Aberdeen City Council will consider seeking party status in Summit pipeline application

By Elise Sand, Aberdeen Insider

The Aberdeen City Council is pondering whether to seek party status in a Summit Carbon Solutions' construction application before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

A decision will be made after a Jan. 17 public information meeting about the proposed carbon capture pipeline. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Dakota Event Center, 700 S. Lamont St.

The council briefly discussed its next steps during its first meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 6 at the Municipal Building.

City Attorney Ron Wager said a notice of a potential quorum will be posted so all on the council can attend the meeting, which is being organized by the PUC. Then, he said, the board can discuss what, if anything, it wants to do during its Tuesday, Jan. 21 meeting. The deadline to pursue party status is Friday, Jan. 25.

Wager said party status would give the city all of the rights and obligations of being a party in the case. That would mean hiring a law firm to take on the legal work.

"I would not be able to handle that," Wager said. "We'd be looking to retain local counsel."

Even without being an intervener, the city will be able to offer feedback in the case.

Summit's proposed pipeline would run through five states and 23 eastern South Dakota counties. Plans call for the \$8 billion project to collect carbon dioxide emissions from ethanol plants in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska and store — sequester — it underground in western North Dakota.

There's also a pipeline meeting in Redfield on Jan. 17. It's at 6 p.m. at the Redfield School Auditorium, 111 E. Sixth Ave.

## Two city council seats up for election this year

This year's city council election is on June 3. The election will be held jointly with the Aberdeen Public School Board, if needed. County elections are only during

even-numbered years.

Five-year terms will be up in the Southwest and Southeast districts. They are currently held by Justin Reinhold and Tiffany Langer, respectively. Reinhold said he is not running for reelection because he's building a new house and will no longer live in the Southwest District. Langer was not at the meeting.

Petition circulation begins March 1 with all paperwork due to the city finance office by 5 p.m. March 25. Candidates need 50 signatures from residents within their districts. New candidates take office July 1.

In other action, the council:

- Approved the reappointment of Jack Hollinsworth, Jeff Mitchell and Kurt Preszler to the Residential Contractor Board. Doug Karst and Duncan Ferreira were appointed to one-year terms. Austin Holscher and Nathan Solomon were appointed alternate board members for a year. Community Development Director Ken Hubbard said the board meets as needed and last met about five years ago. The appointments fill vacancies on the board.
- Approved the rezoning of the Aberdeen Central High School campus from medium-density residential to municipal, state and county use.
- Approved a \$109,512 payment to Climate Control for heat exchanger improvements at the city's water treatment plant. Public Works Director Stu Nelson said he expects work to be wrapped up in February.
- Approved the purchase of 43 desktop computers from ByteSpeed for \$33,196. ●



Reinhold



Langer

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**WHAT:** Notice of Public Meetings regarding Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codrington, Davison, Edmunds, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Minnehaha, Miner, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Turner, and Union.

### WHEN AND WHERE

**MITCHELL:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CT  
Mitchell High School Performing Arts Center,  
821 N. Capital St., Mitchell, South Dakota.

**SIoux FALLS:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., CT  
HUB Auditorium, Southeast Technical College,  
2001 N. Career Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**DE SMET:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., CT  
De Smet Event Center Theater, 705 Wilder Lane, De Smet, South Dakota.

**WATERTOWN:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., CT  
Kampeska Hall, Ramkota Hotel & Watertown Event Center,  
1901 Ninth Ave. SW, Watertown, South Dakota.

**ABERDEEN:** Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., CT  
Dakota Room, The Dakota Event Center,  
720 Lamont St., Aberdeen, South Dakota.

**REDFIELD:** Friday, January 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., CT  
Redfield School Auditorium, 111 E. Sixth Ave., Redfield, South Dakota.

Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold public input meetings at the above times and places on an application filed by SCS Carbon Transport LLC (Applicant) to construct a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) transmission pipeline (Project). The Project, which has been named the Midwest Carbon Express pipeline, is approximately 2,500 miles of pipelines for the transportation of CO<sub>2</sub> from ethanol plants across 5 states, including 15 in South Dakota, to sequestration sites in North Dakota. The main line of the proposed route enters South Dakota in Lincoln County at the Iowa/South Dakota border and extends in a northwesterly direction, exiting the state at the South Dakota/North Dakota border in McPherson County. Major components and associated facilities planned in South Dakota are expected to include pump stations, main line valves, launcher-receiver sites, and approximately 16 total miles of temporary and permanent access roads as part of the Project. In addition to the main line and other components, the proposed Project includes lateral and trunk lines connecting ethanol plants throughout the eastern part of South Dakota to the main line. The total proposed length of pipelines through South Dakota is approximately 698 miles and will cross the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codrington, Davison, Edmunds, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Minnehaha, Miner, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Turner, and Union. Applicant estimates the total cost of the proposed Project in South Dakota to be \$1,351,563,747.

The purpose of the public input meetings will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the meetings, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the auditor in each of the above listed counties pursuant to SDCL 49-41B and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the docket, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at [puc.sd.gov](http://puc.sd.gov) under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, 2024 Hydrocarbon and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Dockets, HP24-001.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meetings or may be obtained from the Commission's website. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CT, January 24, 2025. The Commission will also accept comments in writing from anyone, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the final decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by putting on testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments.

Following the public input meetings, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider issues raised by any party or the Commission itself. At such a formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses, and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-28, a permit from the Commission for the construction of a transmission facility may supersede or preempt any county or municipal land use, zoning, or building rules, regulations, or ordinances upon a finding by the Commission that such rules, or regulation, or ordinances, as applied to the proposed route, are unreasonably restrictive in view of existing technology, factors of cost, or economics, or needs of parties where located in or out of the county or municipality. Without such a finding by the Commission, no route shall be designated which violates local land-use zoning, or building rules, or regulations, or ordinances.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, these meetings will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at (605) 773-3201 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

The Commission's contact information is: Ph (605) 773-3201; [puc.sd.gov](http://puc.sd.gov); [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us); 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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was when they handed out a paper and, on the front and back, they wrote how they felt what happened, and people took it and ran with it like it was gospel. So much conjecture to it. This ain't good for anything. I can't go by feelings. You need facts," Benson said.

Any other information about

students is confidential because it involves juveniles, he said.

Disciplinary action and court-related information about minors is not public information under state law.

The concerns were vetted, law enforcement was involved and it was determined no laws were broken on school grounds, Benson said.

"We handled it based off policy, we involved legal counsel and we involved law enforcement," Benson said. ●

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