

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

May 23, 2006

Resolution No. 06-228

Motion by Commissioner Branning

Second by Commissioner Krause

Support For Minnesota Department Of Agriculture's Development Of Pipeline Mitigation Plans For Organic Farms

WHEREAS, Minnesota Pipeline has proposed to locate a major oil pipeline (MinnCan) across Dakota County with a design capacity of 60,000–165,000 barrels per day; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2006, a Eureka Township organic farm owner appeared before the Physical Development Committee of the Whole to express concerns about the pipeline and the proposed alignment through her organic farm; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Environment and Natural Resources Management Plan, a chapter of the Dakota County Comprehensive Plan, supports the principles of sustainability used by organic farms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline has the potential to have an operational impact on organic farms through which it passes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline potentially threatens the organic certification of all or part of the organic farms through which it passes; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is developing pipeline mitigation plans for minimizing the impact of pipelines on organic farms; and

WHEREAS, the County Board supports the use of environmentally safe methods for installing pipeline in Dakota County as described in County staff comments on the proposed MinnCan Project, which were submitted to the Public Utilities Commission on April 7, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the development of mitigation plans by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which recognize the unique characteristics associated with organic farming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages the Public Utilities Commission to consider mitigation plans developed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to mitigate impacts to organic farms; and

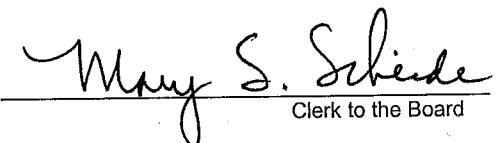
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to submit this resolution to the Public Utilities Commission by May 30, 2006.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
County of Dakota

YES		NO	
Harris	<u> X </u>	Harris	<u> </u>
Gaylord	<u> X </u>	Gaylord	<u> </u>
Egan	<u> X </u>	Egan	<u> </u>
Schouweiler	<u> X </u>	Schouweiler	<u> </u>
Turner	<u> X </u>	Turner	<u> </u>
Krause	<u> X </u>	Krause	<u> </u>
Branning	<u> X </u>	Branning	<u> </u>

I, Mary S. Scheide, Clerk to the Board of the County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Dakota County, Minnesota, at their session held on the 23rd day of May 2006, now on file in the County Administration Department, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal of Dakota County this 25th day of May 2006.


 Clerk to the Board