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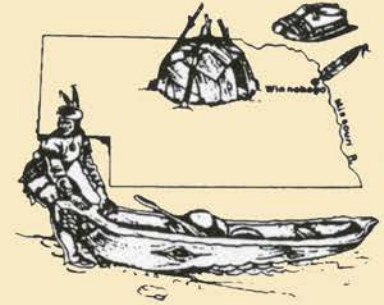
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## The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Requests Environmental Impact Study Be Conducted on Proposed Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Tribal Council unanimously approved a resolution requesting an environmental impact study be conducted on the proposed Summit Carbon Pipeline and Navigator Heartland Greenway Carbon Pipeline. The Council is asking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Woodbury County Commissioners, Dakota County Commissioners, and the Iowa Utility Board to require such a study be done prior to any issuance of permits for the carbon dioxide pipelines.

The resolution states that “The Winnebago Tribe has consistently opposed the issuance of pipeline permits that could negatively impact our lands or water... An Environmental Impact Study would outline the effects of the proposed pipelines on the environment and should provide sufficient information to evaluate the relative merits of the proposed pipelines and alternatives. The permit-issuing bodies cannot make reasoned or informed decisions without this information. Nor can the general public.”

The proposed pipeline construction would take place north of the Winnebago Indian Reservation but would cross at the Missouri River, where the Tribe is downstream. “CO2 is deadly when inhaled, what happens when this pipeline fails? The pipeline construction path is placed on the ancestral lands of the Nebraska Tribes, what happens when they disturb our ancestors’ burial sites? There is just too much unknown for these pipelines, that’s why it’s important that this study be conducted. It’s our duty to protect mother earth,” said Winnebago Tribal Secretary, Lorelei DeCora.

The Winnebago Tribe sent the resolution and a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Woodbury County, and Dakota County Commissioners, with the documents officially filed with the Iowa Utility Board. The Council requested that each entity provide a response to the Tribe in writing.

Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan added, “The Winnebago Tribe stands in solidarity with area farmers who oppose these pipelines and the use of eminent domain to acquire access to lands without landowner consent. The health, well-being, and rights of everyone is important to us all.”

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